



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

Rides begin promptly at the specified time.

Please be mounted and ready!

- **Saturday, November 19, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail boss Mike Charron
- **Tuesday, November 22-November 28:** Campout at Green Swamp West, Ashley campground
- **Saturday, November 26, 9:00am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek
- **Saturday, December 3, 9:00am: RESCHEDULED:** Veterans Day ride at Colt Creek
- **Sunday, December 4, 10:00am:** Decorating party at Mary Futch's to prepare for the Christmas party
- **Saturday, December 10, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm:** Christmas party at Mary Futch's home
- **Saturday, December 17, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Saturday, December 24, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa
- **Monday, December 26-January 1:** Campout at Green Swamp West, Ashley campground
- **Saturday, December 31, 9:00am:** Club ride at Green Swamp West
- **Saturday, January 7, 9:00am:** Club ride at Kissimmee River State Park
- **Tuesday, January 10, 11:15am:** Club dine-around at Broadway Diner, Bartow
- **Thursday, January 12, 9:00am-1:00pm:** Water, Wings & Wild Things horsey meet-and-greet for 2nd graders
- **Saturday, January 14, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc
- **Saturday, January 21, 9:00am:** Club ride at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, January 28, 9:00am:** Club ride at Alafia River Corridor Nature Preserve

Do you have suggestions for riding in other areas? Please contact Trail Boss Del Jones.

Take time after each ride to relax—bring your lunch or snacks and share some quality time with club members. Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly. Many riders have been joining in on the various weekday rides.

Check the **"Upcoming Events"** section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the **"Events"** section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page.

News



Oliver Hund is hard at work building the **new mounting blocks for Lower Green Swamp** that the club funded at the October meeting. The rest of the 10 blocks should be built and installed by the end of the year.

We're trying it again on December 3 to hold the **Colt Creek Veterans Day ride**. Again, if you can work that day **PLEASE let Janet Schneider** know ASAP. If you'd like to ride as well, register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/466445650497>.

The club's **Christmas party** will be at Mary Futch's house on **Sunday, December 11 at 4pm**. Friends and family are welcome; look for the eVite that will come by email soon. The club will provide the meat and drinks; please bring a potluck dish to share. A few people have donated door prizes, so if you have something to contribute (nice), please bring it that night to add to the pile. We'll have a new club Christmas ornament for all who attend.

The **Christmas decorating party** to be held at Mary's has been **MOVED to Sunday, December 4th**. While 10:00am has been set as a start time, you may come whenever you like that day to help. Check your membership rosters for the address.

We had a great time at the **club Dine-Around** on November 8 at Fancy Q. We thank Carla Hart for coordinating! There will be NO dine-around in December, but we will go to the **Broadway Diner**, 1380 N. Broadway, Bartow for Tuesday, January 10. RSVP to Carla by Friday, January 6th.

Want a club shirt? We now must have an order of 6 shirts or more to place it. Email AnnMarie Connor at nascaramc@yahoo.com.

It's time to **renew your free permits** with Polk Parks for Gator Creek, Marshall Hampton and Sumica. Just call 863-534-7377 with the names of your horses and riders, driver's license



number, and dates of your horses' current Coggins. The very efficient Lisa Padgett will mail them to you. While you CAN ride Marshall Hampton without the permit, you risk being asked to leave if you can't produce the permit while on the property. Most importantly, getting the permit gives Polk Parks an idea of how heavily horse people are using the properties so that we can be included in future plans for trails in the county.

Our help is requested from a Texas A&M Professor: "Howdy! I kindly request your assistance in helping me distribute this survey to identify key areas to focus on for development of an **equine manure composting online course**. We hope to close the survey in two weeks."

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The **Green Swamp Christmas parade** will be December 10. Robin Berning is planning to attend and is happy to have any club members park at her house and ride with her in the parade. If you're interested, please contact Robin directly.

We offer a gentle reminder that people should be respectful of other members by following our trail etiquette guidelines. The ones that impact the most people are basic:

- Being ready to ride at the designated time. Plan on arriving at the trail head at least 15 minutes before ride time—more if you know you need it to prepare your horse. We all have times where something happens to make us late (traffic, blown tire, unruly horse), but if this happens **PLEASE LET THE TRAIL BOSS KNOW ASAP!** It's very hard on the other horses to wait, especially if everyone else is already mounted.
- Riding as a group: Especially when we have a larger bunch, it's easy to get strung out. Some space, of course, is good—but not several hundred feet. We don't want to lose anyone! If you're in front and getting ahead you can slow your horse down, stop and wait, or turn around and walk back to the group. For those in back, please speed up slightly (without running up on the group) to catch up. And if you have to stop, please holler out and let everyone know so we don't leave you behind.

The January 12 “**Water, Wings and Wild Things Kids Festival**” at Circle B Bar isn't that far away! We need 3-5 dead-broke horses to use for show-and-tell, as well as 3 people per horse to keep the expected 2500 second graders safe as they rotate

through the exhibitions. We'll also have a table of horse “stuff” for the kids to see. We'll have to be set up and on station by 9:00am and remain until 1:00pm. We are happy to bribe you with food. If you can help, please let Janet Schneider know—she'll have to forward names to Polk Parks at the appropriate time.

Colt Creek's Ranger Heather Coleman is delighted that the club is interested in bringing pony **rides** back to the park. She's planning an “Animal Day” to accompany our rides. The 2 dates being considered are Saturday, February 18 or Saturday, February 25.

The **weekday pickup rides** are still going strong. They aren't always advertised, so if YOU want to ride during the week please contact Karen Turbeville.

If you see unfamiliar faces at our rides and events, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join us a few times before they decide to become a member. **And remember—guests must sign a hold harmless that the trail bosses will provide. Please escort the guests to the trail boss of the day!**

Do you follow our Facebook page or web page? All our events, news, and tips are listed. You can even review our club!



Tips & Activities by Members:



Ellie Crowder has been diagnosed with a serious condition and will be at Moffitt Hospital in Tampa for at least a month. Please continue to send cards and support her way.

Congratulations to **Cathy Botts** on the acquisition of her new mare!

Greg George has learned that while Grazon weedkiller works great (particularly on creeping indigo) and is safe for livestock and horses, you cannot use the manure as compost for 2 years afterwards or bad things happen to the plants near the composted materials. You must also be VERY careful not to use too strong a solution or you can kill your entire pasture off.



June Jansen's lovely horse, Ms. Scarlett, has lost her battle with EPM.

Sharon Fields has just bought a new horse, who will soon be arriving from Kentucky.

Del Jones continues to recover slowly from his injuries. Be sure to send some love his way.

Janet DelCastillo has been asked to bring her mini to Dundee Elementary on November 16 to talk to the second graders.



Barbara Charron's Flame is doing better after suffering a front leg injury, colicking and getting cast in his stall, and fracturing a splint bone in a back leg.

Mary Futch recommends Raney's for fencing work.

The **Environmental Lands Referendum** that was on the November ballot has passed, providing funds to protect more of our wild spaces for the next 20 years.



Classifieds:



Erik Lundquist of Leaning Tree Ranch is available for **horse training** as well as **riding and driving lessons**. Your place or his. 6140 Ike Smith Road, Thonotosassa. 352-457-4110.

Safe Horses for Parties, Weddings, Community outreach, pictures and/or therapy. Reasonable rates; call Marianne Mozelle, 863-255-7300.

Hand-crafted soaps from advanced certified soap maker Jane Gavin: essential oil soaps, and others. She now makes a Farriers' soap, inspired by Wayne Elkins and Dani Horton. She also has an all-natural citronella soap that is excellent for horses. Check out her web site at <https://www.soapforthesoul.com/>.

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. Follow us on Facebook and visit us online at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!



Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc
Membership New/Renewal Form
August through July, 20__ to 20__



Please complete the form and return it with your check, **payable to the Florida Sport Horse Club,**
 Welcome to our club!

Name(s) _____ Single \$15.00
 _____ Family \$25.00

Joining before September 30? Add a 1-year subscription to Horse & Pony for an extra \$10. Yes _____

Total paid: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact name & phone: _____

For and in consideration of the activities, services and fees paid, Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc. (FSHC) of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise for or against the FSHC for the activities of the Association. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in the activities of the FSHC. The Participant gives this release freely and voluntarily.

 Signed (include legal guardian if under 19 years of age) Date

 Other Family Member(s) Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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