



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

**Rides begin promptly at the specified time.
Please be mounted and ready!**

- **Saturday, January 21, 9:00am:** Club ride potluck & business meeting, at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, January 28, 9:00am:** Club ride at Alafia River Corridor Nature Preserve
- **Saturday, February 4, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Saturday, February 11, 9:00am:** Club ride at Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek
- **Tuesday, February 14, 11:15am:** Club Dine-Around at Beef O’Brady’s, 1070 Wedgewood Estates Blvd., Lakeland
- **February 16-21:** Campout at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **February 18, 9:00am:** Club ride, potluck and business meeting at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road
- **February 25, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa State Park

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



Circle B Bar's "Water, Wings & Wild Things" was a wild time, when thousands of Polk County second graders descended on the club members who came out to highlight the joys of horse ownership. Elaine Summerhill, Mike Charron and Janet DelCastillo brought horses; Barbara & Steve Lassiter, Rae Gayer, Cathy Botts, Judy Cloninger, Donna Fellers, Karen Turbeville, Jerre Wilson, Mary Lou Waugh and Janet Schneider found it a little scary to see groups of 50-60 kids headed our way, rather than the smaller 10-15 kids-to-a-group that we expected. But the kids were incredibly well behaved and asked lots of questions. We were a hit! Pictures are on our Facebook page.



Hope Equine Rescue in Winter Haven needs volunteers in a variety of jobs. Most important of those is just grooming the 50+ horses they have on site. Cheryl and Jeff Kreitman recently signed up and find it very satisfying to help others. Please consider signing up to help—it's only 3 hours per week.

And speaking of Hope Equine, members voted to sponsor a stall at the rescue for 1 year. "Our" stall will have a plaque mounted on the door to recognize the club's contribution.

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.

Karen Turbeville is coordinating a multi-club **campout at the Hampton Tract** (Rock Ridge Road) from February 16-21. This is a Triple B event. If you seriously plan to attend, go to Facebook's "Triple B Friends and Forum." Click on events, find the Hampton Track campout & click on "going". This is the only way Karen can keep up with who wants to camp. There are limited sites so it's a "first come basis". The trailer parking will be close, with tight pens. If someone's horse needs a 20x20 pen, this will not be the campout for them. There will be daily rides, nightly campfires, with grill night on Saturday. Bring your burger & a side-dish to share.



We had 20 people at the January dine-around at the Broadway Diner in Bartow, and even had cake to celebrate Rae Gayer's birthday. The next **club Dine-Around** will be at Beef O'Brady's, 1070 Wedgewood Estates Blvd., Lakeland (across from the north Lakeland BestBuy) on for Tuesday, February 14. **RSVP to Carla by Friday, February 10th.**

Our **NEXT business meeting** will be at the Hampton Tract on February 18 after the ride. We'll have a potluck lunch around noon, followed by the meeting. Please come! You **MUST** RSVP Karen Turbeville via telephone or email in order to get the gate code.



Since Facebook changed to Meta, it's tougher to find the "events" portion of the page. Where you'll go to find events depends on your device, but here are the 2 ways we've found that work:

1. Click on **"About,"** then scroll down. The events will be **below** Bio, Details, Description, Page Transparency and Reviews.
2. Click on **"More,"** then **"events."**

Are you interested in another **cow sorting** or **obstacle day**? A number of people have said so! Del Jones is investigating the cow sorting, and we have a couple of people asking about an obstacle day. We know of Nancy Slater in Lake Wales, and Susan has been to a place in Webster.

Colt Creek State Park update: The Friends of Colt Creek held its annual meeting on January 7 and shared some big news. Colt Creek has been awarded \$8.6 million for new facilities and enhancements. Currently under consideration is a "Ranch Headquarters" that could be placed across the road from the Maintenance Barn. The headquarters would consist of offices, recreation hall/educational space, a camp store and a 24-stall barn for the proposed equestrian concessionaire. Also proposed is a paved trail that would go completely around Mac Lake and down to the Headquarters. Karen Turbeville asked about extending the water line further into the equestrian campground; she was asked to investigate costs and work up an estimate for the Friends. Janet Schneider has also been in touch with Park

Manager Scott Duncan to ensure that horses would have trail access along the proposed paved trail around the lake.

The proposed **Colt Creek pony rides** are off for the month of February—the pavilion is booked with weddings. We've been asked if the morning of March 25 could work; please keep this date in mind as we check to see if appropriate club horses are available.

We have again been asked to take part in **Tenoroc's Youth Fishing Derby**, which will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 8am to 1pm. This would be a meet-and-greet with one to two horses and some equipment. Would you like to help?

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

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.

We've been asked to consider having **pony rides** at Colt Creek on March 25 in the morning. If we do this, are YOU able to help?

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!**



Tips & Activities by Members:



Ellie Crowder is back in the hospital and having a very challenging time. She asked us to convey her thanks for all you've done for her; please keep up the prayers and her place in your hearts. Cards sent to her home make a HUGE difference in helping her feel loved and supported.

Congratulations to **Myra Bell** and **Lisa Loewenberg** on their new grandbabies!

Congratulations to **Kathy Grinstead** on her marriage to Donnie Everly on December 18.

David Albizu's hip surgery has been postponed for a second time. That's a demoralizing thing in itself, so please send good thoughts his way.

Gustavo Albizu is competing in a major team roping event in Jacksonville the weekend of January 28. We wish him luck!



Barbara Charron has a new horse—a 6-year-old Arab name Tru Beau.



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, Plant City. 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!



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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: _____

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Emergency contact name & phone: _____

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

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