

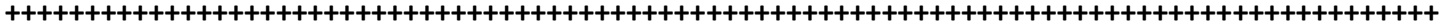


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

August 2023

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events

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

- **Saturday, September 2, 8:30am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, September 9, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Road. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Tuesday, September 12, 11:15am:** Club dine-around at Mike’s Grill, Bartow
- **Saturday, September 16, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Monday, September 18, 6:00pm:** Club dinner & business meeting at the north Lakeland Golden Corral
- **Saturday, September 23, 8:30am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Mike & Barb Charron, trail bosses
- **Saturday, November 4:** Poker Ride at Colt Creek. Del Jones, coordinator
- **Thursday, November 16 until Wednesday, November 29:** Campout at Green Swamp West (Ashley)
- **Monday, December 18 until Sunday, December 31:** Campout at Green Swamp West (Ashley)
- **Thursday, January 18, 2023, 8am-1pm:** Water, Wings & Wild Things

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.

Check the **“Upcoming Events”** section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>; You can also use the **“Events”** section of the Club’s Facebook page (depending on your device, click on **“About”** and scroll down to events OR click on **“More,”** then on **“Events”** from the drop-down menu).

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

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News



We had somewhere around 46 people at the Annual Membership Meeting and Barbeque on August 26 for a VERY fine time! Many thanks go out to almost everyone: **John and Louise Short** for hosting; **Mary Futch** for the tables and chairs; the set-up crew of **Mike and Denis Charron, Cindy Jones, Cathy Botts, Barbara and Steve Lassiter, Kathy Grinstead Everly, and Janet Schneider; Susan Buchanon** for ordering and picking up the meats; **Donna Fellers** for the door prizes; and all the people who took the tables and chairs out and in general cleaned up the mess afterwards. Teamwork is great!

Your officers do a huge amount of work to keep the club healthy and ensure our members feel valued. It's always nice to be able to reward their commitment to us! Mike, Susan and Del were presented with gift cards as a very small token of our appreciation at the annual meeting.

Guess what? After the **August election** Mike Charron is still President, Del Jones is still VP of Trails, Susan Buchanon is still Treasurer, and Janet Schneider is still Secretary!

August is the start of **the new club year and membership renewals are now due**. The form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

We like to look back when finishing a club year for our past activities and achievements. This year is no different; we hope you'll take the time to look over the **2022-2023 report** attached to this newsletter.

There were 16 people at the July dine-around at Cracker Barrel. The next **Dine-Around** will be at the Mike's Grill, 1037 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow on **Tuesday, September 8. RSVP to Carla by Friday, September 8th**.

The club has been invited back to Polk County's "**Water, Wings & Wild Things: KIDS Festival 2024**" for those wonderful 2,500 second graders. It will be held at Circle B Bar on Thursday, January 18, from 8am to 1pm. Members again voted to participate, so we'll need:

- 3-4 kid-savvy horses for the "petting zoo"
- people to serve as shepherds for the kids and guards for the horses
- staff for the table of horse equipment and supplies

If you're interested in helping, please contact Janet Schneider.

Save the date! Del Jones has set the **club's Colt Creek sponsored event** for Saturday, November 4, as a Poker Ride this year. Del's going to need our help, so put it on your calendars.

Karen Turbeville has reserved 2 weeks each at the **Ashley Campground at Green Swamp West for Thanksgiving** (Thursday, November 16 until Wednesday, November 29) and **Christmas** (Monday, December 18 until Sunday, December 31). All are welcome to camp all dates or a mixture of dates. If you do leave overnight, please break down your camp totally so someone else may use the campsite. You **MUST make reservations through Karen**.

The **weekday pickup rides** are still ongoing. They aren't always advertised, so if YOU want to ride during the week please email Janet, who can pass the message along to the club with your desired ride place, day and time.

Do you follow our Facebook page or web page?

All our events, news, and tips are listed. You can even review our club!

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 has had a setback and is back in treatment.

Gail Pieniak is still in treatment and also needs our prayers.

Cheryl and Jeff Kreitman had a great trip back to England to visit Cheryl’s family.

We congratulate **Barbara and Steve Lassiter** on their 50th wedding anniversary! They celebrated by taking a European river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest.

Kay and Marty Losey will be putting their home (including a 7-stall barn) on the market in December. In the meantime she has a lot of tack and equipment for sale at a reasonable price. If you need something, call Kay and she’ll see if she has it for you.



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!

Florida Sport Horse Club August 2022-July 2023 Year-End Report

Members are commended for their active participation and continual connection with each other during another challenging year. Weekend rides have been very well attended, and there have been an average of 2 to 3 pickup rides during the week.

The club began the year with 64 memberships and ended with 70.

Community Activities/Work Parties:



- 🐾 Funded Eagle Scout Oliver Hund's proposal to place 10 new **mounting blocks at Lower Green Swamp.**

- 🐾 The club sponsored Colt Creek's third **Veterans Day Scavenger hunt** on December 3, 2022, with 41 riders and 20 club members as workers.



- 🐾 13 club members showcased their love of horses to around 2,500 Polk County second-graders at Circle B Bar's "**Water, Wings & Wild Things.**"
- 🐾 Kathy Grinstead and Mike Charron supported the **Bunch Ranch Day Without Disabilities** in March.



- 🐾 The club sponsored a stall at the **Hope Equine Rescue.**

- 🐾 10 club members brought horses and equipment to show kids and adults at **Tenoroc's Youth Fishing Derby** in April.

- 🐾 We held an **Obstacle Challenge** at M&M Show Horses in Webster June 3 with about 20 members and guests.

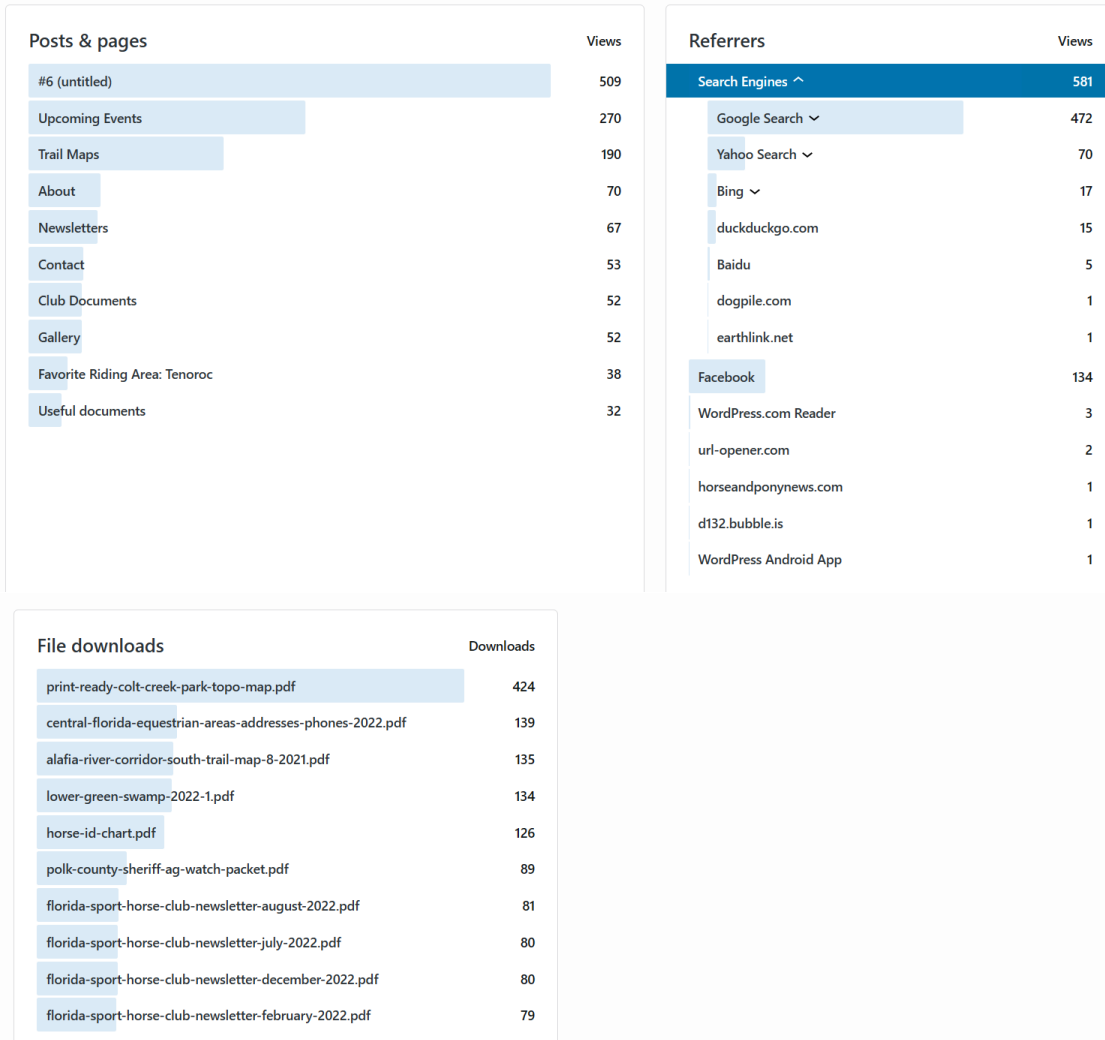


- 🐾 Three members participated in **Lower Green Swamp Preserve's annual pine planting** on June 10.

Other Activities:

- 🐾 Guest speaker Marian Ryan of PolkForever educated club members of the "Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Referendum ballot that was on the November 2022 ballot.
- 🐾 Founding member Donna Fellers was awarded a Lifetime Membership for her dedication and service to the club.

- 👉 The monthly club dine-arounds continue to be well attended under the leadership of Carla Hart.
- 👉 The web page is receiving reasonable traffic, with 1,754 visitors in 2023 as of August 17. More people are finding the page through Google than other avenues, with Facebook following. The new Colt Creek map has already been downloaded 424 times.



- 👉 Increased Facebook followers to 1,561 on August 22, 2023. Each year has shown an increase:
 - 1,313 on July 30, 2022
 - 1,132 on July 31, 2021.
 - 830 on July 31, 2020, and
 - 513 on July 30, 2019

- 👉 Continued a club ad, to run 4 times in the next year, in the Horse and Pony Newspaper. Articles were placed periodically:
 - September 2022 issue ***“The Florida Sport Horse Club Ends Another Successful Year”***
 - February 2023, ***“Florida Sport Horse Club at the 2023 Water, Wings & Wild Things Event”***
 - March 2023: ***“Group Trail Rides: Dream Come True or Nightmare?”***





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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**The newsletter is sent electronically and is posted on the club's web page each month. If you do not have access to email or Internet, please contact the Club Secretary so it can be snail-mailed to you.