

Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter **July 2023**

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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, July 22, 8:30am: Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- Saturday, July 29, 8:30am: Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Del Jones, trail boss
- Saturday, August 5, 8:30am: Club ride at Colt Creek
- Tuesday, August 8, 11:15am: Club Dine-around at the **Lakeland Cracker Barrel**
- Saturday, August 12, 8:30am: Club ride at Gator Creek
- Saturday, August 19, 8:30am: Club ride at Tenoroc
- Friday, August 25, 9:00am: Decorating and party prep at the Shorts'
- Saturday, August 26, 4:00pm: Annual membership dinner & 35th anniversary celebration at the Shorts'
- 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)

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).



Health Notice: a story in the July 18th Lakeland Ledger highlighted the hazards of blue-green algae pose to our horses, especially in this very hot weather. The algae creates toxins that has killed several dogs; while there are no known reports that horses have died, the algae CAN make horses ill or adversely affect their skin. If you ride through standing water, think twice about allowing your horse to drink and wash his legs down after dismounting. More information can be found at https://ihearthorses.com/blue-green-algae-and-horses-heres-what-you-need-to-know/.

We had 12 people at the June dine-around at Fred's Market. The next **Dine-Around** will be at the Cracker Barrel, 4343 Lakeland Park Drive in Lakeland on **Tuesday**, **August 8**. **RSVP to Carla by Friday**, **August 4**th.

Our August meeting is always a special one, as we forego the usual 3rd-Monday date and instead have our **annual August 26**th **membership barbeque**. We'll have brisket, pulled pork and pulled chicken from Polk City BBQ as well as a club birthday cake. Plan on bringing a potluck dish to share, and watch for the eVite that will arrive in your email around August 12. Louise and John Short have very graciously offered their home in Waverly (just below LegoLand) this year. This is the **club's 35**th **anniversary**!

Help is needed on Friday, August 25 to set up for Saturday's party at the Shorts. It's going to be hot, so we've set the time for 9am. We'll need to set up the tables and chairs plus whatever else Louise needs us to do. Please let Janet know if you plan to come.



There was a bit of a show-and-tell at the business meeting. Janet Schneider brought the new cantle bag given to her by the club (she loves it!) to show all that she carries in it. Pictured is a rain slicker, lead line, swiss army knife, zip ties, shoe lace, and first aid supplies including vet wrap, quik-clot, gauze, band-aides with alcohol wipes and antibiotic salve—all contained in 1 bag. She also carries an emergency medical card for herself, Coggins, and any needed permits (like at Marshall Hampton) in a separate saddle bag. This stuff has come in handy more than once out in the woods.



Janet also shared blank medical cards with the group. These can be stored in a fanny pack or saddle bag, so if a medical emergency occurs the EMS and trail buddies have the info to help her

faster. She has a few left; if you'd like one, talk to her at the August BBQ.





The last items shared at the meeting were small plastic dragonflies. We don't know if they really work to scare away biting flies, but they sure look cute bobbing off the horse's bridle! Janet still has a few of these to give away; the only "price" is that you take a picture of your horse wearing it and send it to her. See her at the August BBQ.

Your current officers have agreed to serve another year (elections will be at the August meeting), but nominations from the membership are welcome. If you would like to serve, please contact Mike.

August is the start of the new club year and membership renewals will be due then. We hope you'll renew—the new member/renewal form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

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:



Donna Fellers has graduated to a cane and is making great strides (pun intended) toward complete recovery. She will be able to make her trip to Canada in September!

Ellie Crowder is home! She no longer needs a 24-hour caregiver AND has been able to bring her dog home.

Gail Pieniak is still in treatment, we think, so please don't forget her.

Congratulations to **Karen Turbeville** on her new Rocky Mountain mare "Ruby," a 16.2 hand beauty.

Janet Schneider has been working on a new trail map for Colt Creek, which is now in the "maps" section of the club's web page.





Classifieds:



Erik Lundquist of Leaning Tree Ranch is available for **horse training** as well as **riding and driving lessons**. Your place or his. 6140 lke 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, 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 & Pon	y for an extra \$10.	Yes	
	Total paid:	Total paid:		
Address:				
 Email:	Birth	Birthday:		
Home phone:	Cell:			
Emergency contact name & phon	ne:			
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Signed (include legal guardian if under	19 years of age) Date			
Other Family Member(s)				

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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