

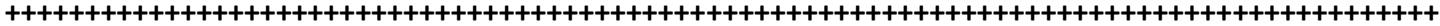


# Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

## November 2023

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### Calendar of Club Rides and Events

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

- **Tuesday, November 14, 11:15am:** Club dine-around at Catfish Country, Bartow
- **Thursday, November 16 until Wednesday, November 29:** Campout at Green Swamp West (Ashley)
- **Saturday, November 18, 10:00am:** Club ride at Green Swamp West (must contact Karen Turbeville in advance)
- **Saturday, November 18, 9:00am:** Alternate club ride at Marshall Hampton, Thornhill Rd. Jeff Kreitman, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 25, 9:00am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Jeff Kreitman, trail boss
- **Saturday, December 2, 9:00am:** Club ride at Alafia River Corridor South Preserve (Old Welcome). Jeff Kreitman, trail boss
- **Sunday, December 3, 1:00pm:** Decorating/Prep gathering at Mary Futch's. Mary Lou Waugh, coordinator
- **Saturday, December 9, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Jeff Kreitman, trail boss
- **Sunday, December 10, 4:30pm:** Club Christmas party
- **Saturday, December 16, 9:00am:** Club ride at Colt Creek. Jeff Kreitman, trail boss
- **Monday, December 18 until Sunday, December 31:** Campout at Green Swamp West (Ashley)
- **Saturday, December 23, 9:00am:** Club ride at Gator Creek. Trail boss Janet Schneider
- **Saturday, December 30, 10:00am:** Club ride at Green Swamp West. Karen Turbeville, trail boss
- **Saturday, December 30, 9:00am:** Alternate club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Trail boss Janet Schneider
- **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 Janet Schneider, 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

**Reminder: We do not have a regular club meeting in December—we have a Christmas party instead!**

**WELCOME to newest member Jordan Weaver--** Jordan is in the Orlando area, and has her own barn cleaning and sitting business in Central Florida. See her ad in the Classified section.

**Do you enjoy our club?** Have you renewed your membership? The club year began in August, and we have a number of people who have yet to re-up.



The **Colt Creek Poker Ride on November 4** was, thanks to you, a great success. Sixty riders took part, and 19 club members worked very hard to pull it all together. The Friends of Colt Creek and the park manager have already asked if we're willing to do it again.

**The Christmas party is soon!** Mary Futch has very graciously offered her home again on Sunday, December 10. Plan to arrive at 4:30 for social time, with dinner set for 5:30. A decorating/setup committee will be 1:00pm Sunday, December 3, with Mary Lou Waugh as coordinator. Please let her know if you can help.

The next **Dine-Around** will be at Catfish Country, 2400 EF Griffin Rd., Bartow on **Tuesday, November 14**. There will be no dine-around in December.

The first camping trip to **Ashley Campground at Green Swamp West for Thanksgiving** (Thursday, November 16 until Wednesday, November 29) starts this week. If you want to day ride, you must contact Karen Turbeville in advance. Ditto for the

**Christmas** (Monday, December 18 until Sunday, December 31) campout and day rides.

**Mary Lou Waugh** has planned a temporary **obstacle course** for the Green Swamp West campers and day riders, and encourages others to bring their own horsey challenges to add to it. She and Maureen George are also making **stick horses** and will have competitive classes, like pole bending, the best buckler, egg & spoon, etc.

The new **picnic table for Tenoroc** is almost finished, and we'll plan to ride there on **Saturday, December 9** to place it in the parking area after the ride. Consider bringing a lunch to help christen it!

If you frequently go to any of the **Florida State Parks**, think about buying an **annual pass**. They are currently on sale 50% off until January 13, 2024-- \$30 for an individual and \$60 for a family. You may purchase one from any state park office.

The club is about to get its own **personalized 2024 calendars!** Each month has a different picture of a club ride or event. They will be on glossy paper, sized at 8 ½" by 11". We've ordered 20; cost will be either \$9 or \$10 each. If you want one, please contact Janet Schneider to get on the list. We should have them within 2 weeks.



**Water, Wings & Wild Things** is coming up on Thursday, January 18. It's time to line up 3 or 4 bomb-proof horses and a host of people to corral the 2500 expected second-graders. Please sign up to help with Janet Schneider.

**Sammie Turbeville** has volunteered to replace the water spigots in the 2 camping areas in Green Swamp West—23 in Ashley, and 9 in Cumpressco, probably in January. Stay tuned for work party details.

Sammie Turbeville gave us all some good advice on ground manners (horses, not humans!) at the November meeting.

- We must be the “leader of the pack” to our horses, keeping the horse out of our space.
- Don’t let the horse push through gates or doors.
- Rather than popping the horse on the chest to move it back, tap the knees for a better result and learning experience.
- Trainers strongly advise against giving treats, as they can encourage the horse to nip or become aggressive.
- Teach your horse to yield. Use gestures, taps or physically move into its space—you should be able to move the horse forwards, back, or laterally.
- Pay attention to your horse’s attitude and take its mood into consideration—horses can have bad days too, and training/riding may have to be modified for safety’s sake.
- Teach your horse to stand, whether you’re on the ground, mounting/dismounting, or in the saddle.

We appreciate all those members who not only stay in touch with each other but also let the officers know when somebody has been injured or has some sort of issue. We try to keep tabs on folks and let them know they are not forgotten! Please remember, though, that we are not mind readers—if you’d like the club to know about an injury, upcoming surgery, celebration or other life event, please reach out and alert our secretary, Janet Schneider.

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** still needs our emotional support.

**Gail Pieniak** has finished treatment; we have our fingers crossed that this is the last.

**Mike Charron** is still healing with his broken leg.

**Rae Gayer** and her mom were in a car accident that banged them up pretty badly. They’ll be fine, but they’re very sore.

**Cathy Botts** had a fall in her barn and dislocated her shoulder. An upcoming surgery will hopefully put her right soon.

**Louise Short's** Paint pony smashed her into the stall wall, giving Louise a head injury. She'll be out of the saddle for several weeks.

**Linda Allison** is now a great-grandmother!

**Mary Lou and Dave Waugh's** grandson is home from serving in Iraq.



## 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/>.

**Barn Cleaning, Barn Sitting & Equine Exercising:** Lend-a-Hand Barn Services is a local small business offering cobweb removal, stall refreshing, dusting & more. Equine services include drop-in feeding & stall mucking, and walking/lunging horses. Check us out on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/lahbarnservices/>

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Other Family Member(s)      Date

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