

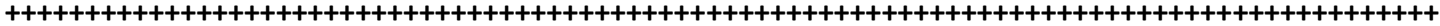


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

October 2023

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events

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

- **Saturday, October 21, 8:30am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman, trail bosses
- **Saturday, October 28, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Janet Schneider, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 4, 9:00am:** Poker Ride at Colt Creek. Del Jones, coordinator
- **Saturday, November 11, 9:00am:** Club ride, potluck and business meeting at Colt Creek. Meet in the equestrian campground. Janet Schneider, trail boss
- **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
- **Sunday, December 10, 4:30pm:** Club Christmas party
- **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 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

Welcome Karen Thomas back to the club! She dropped out for a bit with horse health issues, but has returned to us.

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** is soon! We're restricted to 52 riders/teams, and once the tickets were posted they were snapped up within 4 days. Club volunteers include:

- **Register** participants (Susan, Karen Turbeville, Elaine, Cheryl, Judy)
- **Grill** (Sammie and Dave)
- **Decorating:** (Cathy)
- **Photography:** Greg Collins
- **Food service** (Rae, Cathy, Melody, Mary Lou)
- **Club Table:** Louise, Cindy)
- **Scoring the hands** (Del will be on site for this, but we need a second person who knows the winning cards and/or a scribe to keep track of the entries. Mike?)
- And inevitably, **cleanup**. The plan is to use the park's UTV and pick up the buckets and signs from the trail Saturday afternoon once all riders are in. Pack up all supplies, and leave the area as clean as we found it.

The **November business meeting** will be at Colt Creek after the Saturday, November 11 ride. We'll do a potluck lunch around 11:30-12:00 before the meeting.

It's time to plan our Christmas party! 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 needed at 1:00pm Sunday, December 3, with Mary Lou Waugh as coordinator. Please let her know if you can help.

There were 17 people at the September dine-around at Beef O'Brady's in south Lakeland. The next **Dine-Around** will be at Catfish Country, 2400 EF Griffin Rd., Bartow on **Tuesday, November 10. RSVP to Carla by Friday, November 6th.**

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). You **MUST make reservations through Karen**. Day riders are also welcome, but will need to check with Karen for the date and time.

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.

Members selected a new community service project at our October meeting—a new **picnic table for Tenoroc**. The club placed a table many, many years ago at the equestrian parking area, and that table has now reached the end of its life. We've asked consent from Manager Danon Moxley, and will await his consent before buying the materials.

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.

SWFWMD has published an updated version of its **recreational areas**. You can download or request a free hard copy from https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/free-publications?keywords=recreation+guide&sort_by=title&sort_order=ASC.

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

Lake Louisa State Park has CLOSED its back equestrian entrance off Lake Nellie Road due to vandalism. The only way in is through the main entrance, and the only parking is all the way at the back of the park in the equestrian camping area. The small road leading off the main drive is TERRIBLE and requires an extremely slow speed if you want your horse to keep his teeth from rattling right out of his mouth. We have complained to the park office.

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 is still in treatment and needs our prayers.

DeeDee Conlon has a fractured vertebrae that is healing. We hope to see her soon on the trails.

Mike Charron had a skiing accident and tore his left knee up pretty badly. He'll be out of the saddle for a while. At least he can still drive!

Dawn Harper recently had a hip replacement surgery.

Cathy Botts has lost another horse.

Del Jones now has his Haines City house on the market and has moved his horses to Hudson.

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.

Karen Turbeville's new horse Ruby had a cancerous tumor that had to be removed. Ruby is doing well now and ready for camping. Karen, too has had a trying summer but is doing better.



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, 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: _____

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

 Other Family Member(s) Date

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