

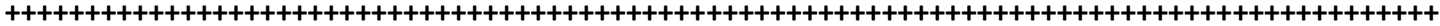


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

January 2024

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events

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

- **Thursday, January 18, 8am-1pm:** Water, Wings & Wild Things
- **Saturday, January 20, 9:00am:** Club ride at Colt Creek (Middle Lakes). Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, January 27, 9:00am:** Club ride at Walk in Water. Trail boss Myra Bell
- **Saturday, February 3, 9:00am:** Club ride at Hampton Tract (Rock Ridge Rd). Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, February 10, 9:00am:** Club ride at Sidney Dover Conservation Park. Trail boss Janet Schneider
- **Tuesday, February 13, 11:15am:** Club dine-around at Golden Corral, 5722 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven. RSVPs to Carla by Friday, February 9.
- **Saturday, February 17, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Trail boss TBD.
- **Thursday, February 22 through Sunday, February 25:** Club campout at Colt Creek.
- **Saturday, February 24, 9:00am:** Club ride, potluck and meeting at Colt Creek. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, March 2, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, March 9:** Bunch Ranch Day without Disabilities

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

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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).

News

Another **club campout** has been planned for Thursday, February 22 through Sunday, February 25, at Colt Creek State Park. **We're hoping to make it a membership drive** as well by inviting nonmembers to join us both for the campout as well as the potluck and meeting on Saturday the 24th. **PLEASE NOTE: You must make your OWN camping reservation** through the park—cost is \$5 plus tax per person. We hope to have a good turnout.

Water, Wings and Wild Things is January 18! Polk County is expecting around 2400 second graders for the day. We thank those folks who stepped up to volunteer. It's a very rewarding event once one gets past the fright of facing that many kids.

The **Friends of Colt Creek** are having their annual public meeting on **Saturday, January 20, at 2pm** at the Blue Heron Pavilion. It would be great to have a large equestrian presence.

The next **Dine-Around** will be on **Tuesday, February 13** at the Golden Corral, 5722 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven. RSVPs to Carla Hart by Friday, February 9, please. **If you have a suggestion** for Carla, let her know! In selecting a restaurant, Carla looks at quality of food, cost, amount of parking, ability to seat and serve a large crowd, and location. We're grateful for her willingness to be our dine-around coordinator.

There have been at least **2 serious incidents** (one of which was our own Barbara Charron) at the **Hampton Tract** with dogs spooking horses on the trails nearest Rock Ridge Road. Mike has been in communication with SWFWMD about it; its representative, Chad Hughes, has forwarded the information to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement. FWC Dispatch can be reached at 813-558-5050 in the event there are any further

incidents involving loose dogs. If you see the dogs, take a picture of them if you can; FWC needs a description of the dogs AND location to help pinpoint the dogs' owners.



Club members have voted to renew sponsorship of a stall at **Hope Equine Rescue**, and the plaque honoring the club's 2023 commitment will remain.

A couple of the club's **personalized 2024 calendars** are still available. If you want one, please contact Janet Schneider. The cost is \$10.



Work on the **Polk Parkway extension** is underway and affecting the **Marshall Hampton Reserve**. So far the entrance remains in its original location, but once the contractor completes the new entrance (further south on Thornhill) our normal parking will be closed. We have been assured that access will NOT be removed.

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:



Healing prayers go out to **Willie Armstrong**, Michele's husband. Willie has had to fly home (Canada) for surgery and followup treatment, while Michele will have to move between Florida and Canada until things settle down for them. Michele's sister Kim will be helping out with the animals, and may join us on a few rides.

Barbara Charron had a bad fall at the Hampton Tract and broke several ribs. She'll be out of the saddle for a few months.

Ellie Crowder is home and doing much better. We have our fingers crossed that she continues to improve.

Gail Pieniak has entered a new treatment. Fingers crossed.

Karen Turbeville had knee surgery and has tentative approval to begin riding again in a week. Rae Gayer and Cathy Botts continue to heal from their accidents.



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: _____

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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