

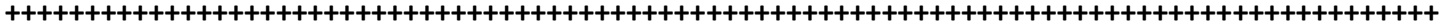


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

February 2024

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events

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

- **Saturday, March 2, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail boss Janet Schneider
- **Saturday, March 9, 9:00am:** Club ride at Upper Hillsborough. 41404 CR 54 Zephyrhills. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman. **NOTE: You MUST RSVP in advance to get the gate code!**
- **Saturday, March 9, 10:00am-12:00pm:** Bunch Ranch Day without Disabilities
- **Tuesday, March 12, 11:15am:** Club dine-around at the Pantry, 2122 U.S. 92 Suite 6, Auburndale
- **Saturday, March 16, 8:30am:** Club ride, potluck and meeting at Colt Creek. **Park at Middle Lakes;** trail boss Janet Schneider
- **Saturday, March 23, 8:30am:** Club ride at Walk-in-Water. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, March 30, 8:30am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, April 6, 8:00am-1:00pm:** Tenoroc Fishing Derby horsey meet-&-greet
- **Saturday, April 20, 9:00am-3:00pm:** Desensitization Clinic with George Cardoso
- **Saturday, November 9, 9:00am:** Colt Creek Poker Ride

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

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PLEASE NOTE: After the time change on March 10 the Saturday ride start time will be 8:30am!

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

**WELCOME to new members
Laura and Gary Bondurant!**

The club will host a **Desensitization Clinic** with George Cardoso on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Kreitmans' home in Polk City. It is **limited to 20 participants**; there is no limit on those wishing to audit.

The day will begin with discussions of how horses think and see the world, and the role riders must play in being leaders for their equine partners. There will then be mounted practices that allow the riders to practice what they've learned.

George recently conducted this class for the Friends of Lake Louisa at \$110 per person—the club will be charging **\$30 per participant and \$10 for auditors (lunch is included)**.

Twenty people registered at the March meeting; those people **must pay their \$30 fee by March 30 by sending it to Susan Buchanon**.

We have started a waiting list of those who would like to participate; if you'd like to be added, please contact Janet Schneider. If those registered now haven't paid their fees by March 30, we will open those unclaimed spots to others. We may add a repeat date if we have enough participants.

We had a great time at the January 18 **Water, Wings and Wild Things**, with 1,862 second graders with 247 chaperones/teachers from 21 schools. Many thanks to Mike, Rae, Cathy, Judy & Charlie, June & Scott, Mary Lou, Barbara Lassiter, Janet DelCastillo and Janet Schneider for all their work.



Course Objectives:

1. Develop rider and horse confidence and trust.
2. Understand how your horse views you in the pecking order and how it effects training.
3. Recognize the importance of the one-rein stop and how to apply it.
4. Identify the 5 parts of a horse and how to move them individually.
5. Understand the horse's "reactionary" response and what affects it.
6. Identify sight, sounds, touch, & multi-sensory stimuli.
7. Demonstrate proper rider position (seat) for maintaining balance.
8. Exposure to several stimuli while increasing intensity and safety.
9. "Making the right thing easy and the wrong thing hard".
10. Understand and demonstrate "release of pressure" as a reward for positive choice.

Checks should be made out to the Florida Sport Horse Club.

The **campout at Colt Creek** this past weekend was excellent! The weather was good, there were few bugs, and very little could beat the food. Friday night's dinner consisted of smoked/grilled chicken by SammieTurbeville, with yellow rice and salad supplied by Cheryl Kreitman. There were other dishes as well, and lots of cake. We had 32 people for Saturday's potluck and meeting, with even more great food and company. We even had a beautiful moonlight ride on Saturday night.

The next **Dine-Around** will be on **Tuesday, March 12** at the Pantry, 2122 U.S. 92, Auburndale. RSVPs to Carla Hart by Friday, March 8, please. **If you have a suggestion** for Carla, let her know!

The **Bunch Ranch “Day without Disabilities”** is coming fast on March 9th. Kathy Everly is bringing her horses, and walkers are needed. We’ve got some volunteers for the 10am to noon session, but more are always welcome. Contact Mike if you can help.

Members have voted to hold another **Colt Creek Poker Ride** on November 9 since the last was such a success.

It would be great to be able to have another day of **pony rides at Colt Creek**, too. Melody Cazort is polling members to locate reasonably bomb-proof horses; we’d need a minimum of 5. If you have a horse who would serve, please let Melody know.

We’ve been invited to have our usual horsey meet and greet at the **29th Annual Tenoroc Youth Fishing Derby** on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. We’re hoping to have a couple of horses for the kids to pet as well as a table of horse supplies/equipment for them to see. Want to help? Contact Janet Schneider.



We received a very nice thank you note from **Hope Equine Rescue** for the club’s sponsorship of a stall, and the plaque honoring the club’s 2023 commitment will remain.

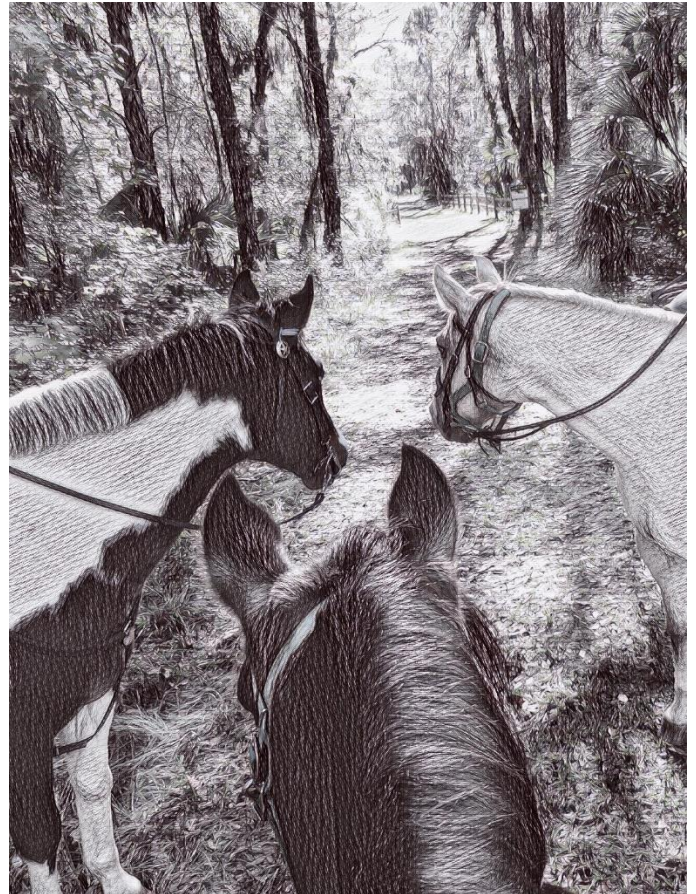
A couple of the club’s **personalized 2024 calendars** are still available. If you want one, please contact Janet Schneider. The cost is \$10.



The lovely Acorn Loop trail at **Marshall Hampton Reserve** is now gone. 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 new **Colt Creek trail maps** are FINALLY published! Pick yours up at the park office.

The new Colt Creek **equestrian shirts** are now available in the park office! We are pleased to announce that they feature the photogenic Shiloh, Dici and McCue.



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:



We are grieved to report that **Gail Pieniak** has entered her last days. She is at home. Please pray for a peaceful ending and grace for her and her family.

Healing prayers go out to **Willie Armstrong**, Michele's husband. Willie's surgery went well and he is recovering.

June and Scott Jansen have lost their Belgium cross, Tinkerbelle. It was very sudden.

Barbara Charron is recovering well, but it's a slow process.



Classifieds:



From Kay and Marty Losey: "As many of you know, we have moved and still have a lot of items left. Below is a list of the items.

Lawn sweeper, 200 gallon tank sprayer with a 28 foot boom, pallets, 30 gal. spray tank for chemicals, hay fork that fits on tractor to lift hay rolls,, cow tubs metal and rubber, cow metal feeders, automatic water floats, buckets, 8 head hay feeder which cover a roll of that weighs 250 pounds, hay ring for rolls, manure spreader that does 4 to 6 stalls, excellent condition, generators, solar fence chargers, many tools, socket sets, chemicals for weeds, many winter horse blankets all sizes and colors, feeders for horses who spill feed, running martingales, saddle racks, cage dryers, ropes, halters, bridles, bits, chin straps, face masks, english white saddle pads, stirrups, training halter with matching lead, leather halters and leather leads, all sizes of girths, training lunge lines, whips, martingales, bridles, new and used saddle bags, leg wraps, yellow arena lights, feed bags, hoof protectors, leg wraps, water bottle insulated bags that fit over saddle horn, saddle cushions, bits, saddle racks, flobee that trims dogs used once. wet vacs, 2 gallon 3 gallon and 5 gallon, 2 generators, 110 power gate opener for a 14 foot gate, big price reduction on all, 3 gas weed eaters, one battery weed eater, table vice and hand grinder to sharpen mower blades, many more items too numerous to mention Many of items like new.

Call 863-602-0192 with any questions . **Sale to be held March 9th at 1 pm.** 8240 Lake Lowery road, Haines City Just come and browse.

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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