

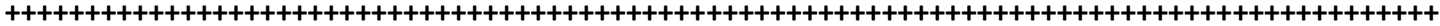


# Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

## March 2024

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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, 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, 8:30am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, April 6, 8:00am-1:00pm:** Tenoroc Fishing Derby horsey meet-&-greet
- **Tuesday, April 9, 11:15 am:** Club dine-around at the south Lakeland Beef O'Brady's, 4810 South Florida Ave.
- **Saturday, April 13, 8:30am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Trail boss Janet Schneider
- **Monday, April 15, 6:00pm:** Club dinner & business meeting at the north Lakeland Golden Corral
- **Saturday, April 20, 9:00am-3:00pm:** Desensitization Clinic with George Cardoso
- **Saturday, April 27, 8:30am:** Club ride at Alafia River State Park. 14326 South County Road 39 (NOT the Preserve!). Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, November 9, 9:00am:** Colt Creek Poker Ride

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 Bo and Elaine Barton!

The **Desensitization Clinic** with George Cardoso on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Kreitmans' home in Polk City is full! It is **limited to 20 participants**; there is no limit on those wishing to audit. Those who still need to pay their registration fee **must send their \$30 by March 30 to Susan Buchanon**.

If you'd like to be added to the wait list, please contact Janet Schneider. If those registered now haven't paid their fees by March 30, we will open those unclaimed spots to others. Checks should be made out to the Florida Sport Horse Club.

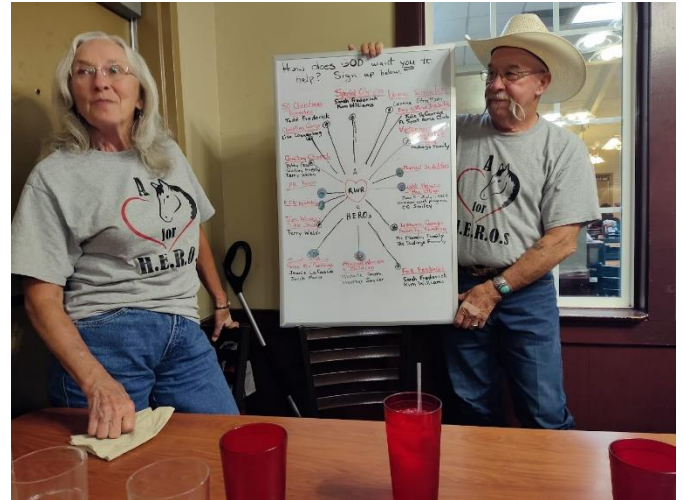
The next **Dine-Around** will be on **Tuesday, April 9** at the south Lakeland Beef O'Brady's, 4810 S. Florida Ave. RSVPs to Carla Hart by Friday, April 5, please. **If you have a suggestion** for Carla, let her know!

The **Bunch Ranch "Day without Disabilities"** on March 9<sup>th</sup> was another success. Kathy and Cowboy Everly brought their horses, and Mike as usual was a star in mounting the riders.



We've been invited to have our usual horsey meet and greet at the **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Tenoroc Youth Fishing Derby** on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Want to help? Contact Janet Schneider.

The **weekday pickup rides** aren't always advertised, so if YOU want to ride during the week please email Janet. She can pass the message along to the club with your desired ride place, day and time.



**Kathy and Donnie (Cowboy) Everly** presented an overview of their great programs at Rockin' W Ranch at the March meeting. Kathy is well known for her work with Special Olympics, but together with Cowboy has branched out into hosting events for Christian fellowship, Cowboy church, veterans, and others with disabilities—in addition to offering riding lessons and more. They call their programs "A Heart for H.E.R.O.s (Horses Empowering Riders and Others), and it's huge! They NEED volunteers to assist with all their programs and perhaps provide leadership. Interested? Call Kathy, and be sure to check out the Ranch's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057879090424>) and web page (<https://rockinwranch.wixsite.com/rwranch/special-olympics>).

**Kathy and Cowboy are also in need of ponies** to add to their stables. We sympathize with them in the loss of Bo, one of the horses who was just at the Day without Disabilities. Bo colicked and couldn't be saved. He has left a huge hole in their program.

If you know of one or two kind ponies who would be good with supervised children, please

contact the Everlys. They would provide an outstanding home.

### Do you follow our Facebook page or web page?

All our events, news, and tips are listed. You can even review our club!

**Do you read Horse and Pony News?** The club has had articles in the January, February and March issues, and another is scheduled for April. Read the current issue online at

<https://www.horseandponynews.com/>.

**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!**

## We May Be Crazy...But the Club Makes it Fun!

By Janet Schneider



One of the best things about a good club is the fun we can have with other horse-crazy people. While I enjoy solo riding, I have also realized that riding with other like-minded individuals carries a lot of benefits.

Several years ago I hunted around for other people with whom I could ride and found the Florida Sport Horse Club. It was a pretty small group with monthly meetings and scheduled rides at least once per month. I liked that there didn't seem to be any back-biting between the members, people with grade horses and second-hand equipment weren't shunned, and safety on the rides seemed to be a prime consideration. So I joined.

The club has grown a fair amount since then but hasn't lost the "small town" hospitality that first attracted me to it. The organized rides (mostly in Polk County) are



now held every Saturday, with frequent pickup rides during the week. We still have a monthly business meeting and have added a monthly "dine-around" at local restaurants.

We try to have a few community service/outreach projects each year; these have included funding the new mounting blocks at Lower Green Swamp, placing picnic tables at trail heads, contributing to Colt Creek's equestrian campground water line and pavilion, and showcasing our horses to kids at the Tenoroc Fishing Derby and Polk County's annual "Water, Wings and Wild Things."

At last count we have 14 different breeds represented in the club, and why we try to hold the organized ride speed to around 3 miles per hour. The gaited horses may have to slow down and the quarter horses spurred



so we can ride as a group, but it works for us. Everyone must provide his/her own mount; none of our members have horses to "share." Non-members are welcome to participate in a few rides before deciding whether to become a member.

To learn more about the Florida Sport Horse Club, visit our website (<https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportHorseClub>) pages. You can also email your questions to [floridasporthorseclub@gmail.com](mailto:floridasporthorseclub@gmail.com).



## Tips & Activities by Members:



**Gail Pieniak** has lost her battle with cancer. We will miss her bright smile.

We grieved with Ellie Crowder at the loss of her husband Ben.

**Barbara Charron** strongly recommends Farnum's OTC Jug Electrolyte Paste. She credits the product with Mike's and her success in Endurance, as it encourages the horses to continue drinking as well as replenishes necessary nutrients. It may also stop colics from developing in hot weather.



June and Scott Jansen are looking for a donkey as a companion animal. Please let them know if you hear of one.

Janet Schneider recently read an article from Applied Animal Behaviour Science (Vol. 271, February 2024) that documented research into **whether blindfolding horses in emergency or high-stress situations** such as barn fires helped to evacuate them. Two studies were conducted to examine the impact of blindfolds on ease of handling. The studies found that generally blindfolded horses required more time and greater lead rope pressure for handling, and displayed higher frequencies of avoidant and refusal behavior. While the studies weren't done during actual emergencies, the outcomes indicate that blindfolding the horses didn't help and added additional time to the "rescues."

Astrid Evans has shared that the South Creek Foxhounds are hosting another **Hunter Pace** in Dade City on April 7. Information is available at <https://www.southcreekfoxhounds.com/event/hunter-pace-16/>.



## 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. **Barn sale is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 to 3 pm.**

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 to numerous to mention Many of items like new. Call 863-602-0192 with any questions . 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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 Other Family Member(s)      Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

**Florida Sport Horse Club**  
**c/o Susan Buchanon**  
**9210 Evans Road**  
**Polk City, FL 33868**  
**starlabuchanon@yahoo.com**

\*\*The newsletter is sent electronically and is posted on the club's web page each month. If you do not have access to email or Internet, please contact the Club Secretary so it can be snail-mailed to you.