



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events

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

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

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- **Saturday, January 24, 9:00am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, January 31, 9:00am:** Club ride at Walk-in-Water. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Saturday, February 7, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton Reserve, Thornhill Rd. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Tuesday, February 10, 11:15am:** Club Dine-Around. Catfish Country, Bartow
- **Saturday, February 14, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Monday, February 16, 6:00pm:** Club dinner & business meeting at the north Lakeland Golden Corral
- **Saturday, February 21:** Colt Creek Poker Ride
- **Saturday, February 28, 9:00am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd. Trail bosses Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman
- **Friday, November 6-Friday, November 13:** Club campout at Tillis Hill.

Check the **“Upcoming Events”** section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/> or 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



The **2026 Water, Wings & Wild Things** was held Thursday, January 15 and was another one for the record books.

Fortunately the rain (mostly) held off, although it was pretty darned cold out there. A few saddle blankets were worn by humans... Our 3 horses, Blew

(TB), Magic (QH) and Apollo (mini) were absolutely fantastic with the kids. Our outstanding club volunteers were Janet DelCastillo, Judy Cloninger, Barbara and Steve Lassiter, Michele Armstrong, Rae Gayer, Mary Lou Waugh, Mary Futch, Cathy Botts, Karen and Steve Rossman, Mike Charron, and Janet Schneider. Janet D.'s friends Scotty and Linda helped each child and teacher receive a cartoon book that Janet has written and published.



The club has again voted to sponsor a stall at **Hope Equine Rescue**. Several of our members have adopted animals from this wonderful place, and we are happy to support it!

Are you missing a **plastic dish and serving utensil** after the club's Christmas party? If so, Mary has it. If it is not claimed it will be added to the club's party supplies.

January's Dine-Around was at Cherry Pocket, Lake Wales, with 15 people. The next will be **Tuesday, February 10 at Catfish Country, Bartow**. RSVPs to Barbara Lassiter by Friday, February 6, please. **And if you know of a good restaurant for our group, please let Barbara know!**

The 2026 Tampa Bay Derby (Grade 3) is scheduled for **Saturday, March 7, 2026**,



at Tampa Bay Downs in Florida. This 1 1/16-mile dirt race for three-year-olds is a key Road to the Kentucky Derby prep race, offering 50 points to the winner. It is part of the track's Festival Day lineup. [🔗](#)

Are you interested in a field trip to Tampa Bay Downs when the racing season starts ramping up? If so, please let Mike Charron know!

Rockin' W Ranch/A Heart for HEROs is looking for volunteers for Special Olympics—the season has started, and they have a record number of enrolled participants.

Please help Janet Schneider's stress levels by volunteering to help at the **February 21st Poker Ride!** We thank those who have already stepped up; and remember, you can still work AND ride if you'd like! Jobs include:

- **Parking:** (OPEN) 1 person to wave rigs and tell participants where to sign in before mounting
- **Registration:** Currently **Susan B, Cheryl, Debbie, Mary F., ???** Check in participants, give them gift bags and instructions
- **Horse holders:** (Open) For those people who bring their horses up to Registration (no horses allowed at the table)
- **Photographer:** Carol Jennings' daughter, and we could use another.
- **Trail monitors:** It would be great to have a couple of people riding the trail forward and back as a patrol to ensure everyone is okay. They could also take pictures!

- **Card Scorers** (teams of 2 people): Who can score poker hands? We have Jeff but need at least one more.
- **Grilling:** Filled—Sammie and Dave
- **Food Servers:** Cathy, ????
- **Club Table:** (Open) Promote the club!
To pick your job (or change), call Janet Schneider. If you want to ride and play, we can arrange it so you can work and still play. Camp for the weekend, too—but make your reservations soon, because only half the campground will be open that weekend.

Save the Dates! Cheryl Kreitman has reserved our **Tillis Hill** sites in November 2026. She has blocked out campsites 1 - 15 and stalls 1 - 30 for 7 nights in November of 2026, with an arrival date of Nov. 6th, departure date Nov 13th.

February seems to be the time for the Southern Draft Horse Association to do some serious pulling! Steve Rossman's brother is heavily involved in this sport, and there are a lot of events near to us:

Dade City, FL (SDHA)

February 7 @ 12:00 pm
Southern Draft Horse Association, Inc. Pioneer Museum 12pm, Saturday, February 7th, 2026

Inverness, FL (SDHA)

February 8 @ 12:00 pm
Southern Draft Horse Association, Inc. Citrus County Fair Grounds, Inverness, FL 12pm, Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Tampa, FL (SDHA)

February 11 @ 12:00 pm
Southern Draft Horse Association, Inc., Tampa State Fair, Tampa, FL State Championship, 12pm, Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

Fruitland Park, FL (SDHA)

February 14 @ 12:00 pm
Southern Draft Horse Association, Inc. Windy Acres Farms Fruitland Park, FL 12pm, Saturday, February 14th, 2026

Bushnell, FL (SDHA)

February 15 @ 12:00 pm
Southern Draft Horse Association, Inc. Sumter County Fair Grounds, 12pm, Sunday, February 15th, 2026

Oxford, FL (SDHA)

February 21 @ 12:00 pm
Southern Draft Horse Association, Inc. Florida National Championship Oxford, FL - New location 5M Arena 12pm, Saturday, February 21st, 2026

If you're interested in a **club shirt**, please contact Barbara Charron. They are available in a variety of colors and styles, and are sold at cost.

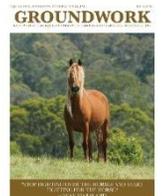


Remember the club's web page if you need the club's calendar, find a trail map or read the most recent newsletter.

<https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>.

Do you have an idea for a topic or guest speaker at one of our business meetings? If so, please let Mike Charron know.

Lori Shank is reminding members of a free online magazine from the Equine Collaborative International. Click on the below link to find it.



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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.

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!

Follow our Facebook page or web page to all our events, news, and tips are listed. You can even review our club!



Tips & Activities by Members:



Cathy Botts has a friend with an older mini who needs a good home. The original owner has passed, and the current holder knows little about equines.

We congratulate the new horses in the club! **Elizabeth Rivera** has adopted Willie from Hope Equine; **June and Scott Jansen** have a “new” donkey and draft horse, and **Sunny Cagle** now has a mustang.

Cheryl and Jeff Kreitman, with Susan Buchanon, had a great time at the recent Roger Haddock Memorial Ride at Lake X. They say it is an unforgettable, wonderful experience.



Classifieds:



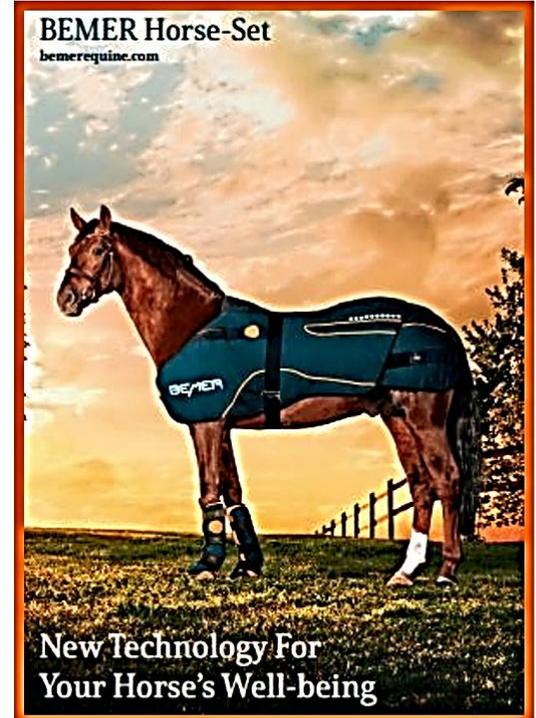
Ray and Sunny Cagle raise quality hay in Groveland from the “Hay Hay Ray” company. Several of our members swear by their Tifton, and they also have alfalfa and Coastal. Call Sunny at 407-467-7000 for more information.

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.

Marianne Mozelle now has a coloring workbook based on her horses, and a movie coming out this spring called “Reins of Life.” It would make a great Christmas gift for youngsters, and proceeds will go to future family movies

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!



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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: _____

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Emergency contact name & phone: _____

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 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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