

HOOFBEATS

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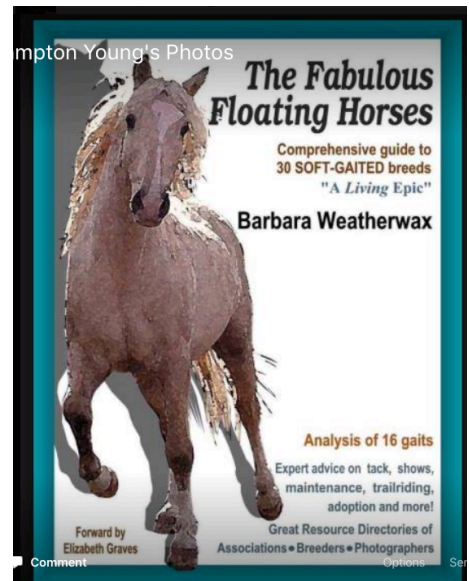
Facebook: Search for "SCGHC" or click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/636027703108388/> and request to be added. Here, club members can post pictures or share quickly and easily. This is a PRIVATE group, for members only. We have a public page as well, where anyone interested can see postings: "Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club Public Group"

Lifelight Insurance: Club members get a discounted rate of \$10 off the \$60/year rate for a family. We all renew together in the early summer for a policy date of July 1. www.lifelight.org

2017 Calendar of Events

June 12	Club meeting - location not known yet
June 17/18	Valdez clinic: OBSTACLES - Birt Arena
TUES July 4	Parade somewhere?
July 10	Club meeting
July 15	Stampede Rodeo Drill Team competition: Drill performances by both Spanish and American teams
August 12/13	Valdez clinic - LIBERTY PLAY - Birt arena
August 14	Club meeting
Sept 11	Club meeting
Sept 31/Oct 1	Valdez clinic - _____ - Birt arena
October 9	Club meeting
November 13	Club meeting
December ?	Christmas party

Nya Bates has several copies of the book by Barbara Weatherwax: Fabulous Floating Horses at \$50 each. Lots of info about all kinds of gaited horses in this book. Contact her at rocknya.bates@gmail.com



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Performs at Idaho Horse Expo

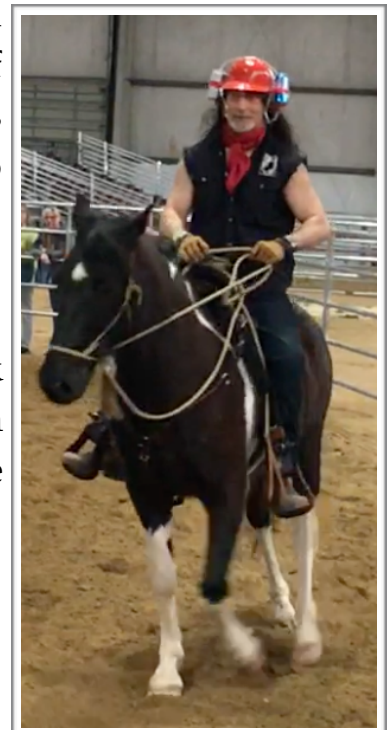


Jan Gibson on Contessa, April 22, 2017

Each April, the Idaho Horse Council sponsors a horse exposition in the Boise, Idaho area. This year, Pat Parelli was the guest clinician.

And each year, the Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club (www.gaitedhorseclub.com) puts on an educational seminar about gaited horses and performs as entertainment at the evening show.

Long-term club member, Jan Gibson, opened the seminar with her trademark parade around the arena with a glass of something delicious on her Paso Fino mare, Contessa.



Not to be outdone, our often irreverent club president, Nick Weber, demonstrated how easy it can be to “drink and ride” on his Spotted Saddle Horse, Cruiser. This delighted the large crowd even more.



Then the crowd was educated about the prevalence and popularity of gaited breeds over history. Did you know that before the 17th century, most horses in Britain and Europe and the colonies, were soft-gaited? A horse that trotted was called a “bone-shaker.” During the Civil War, the vast majority of cavalry horses were soft-gaited, covering great distances with the mounted soldiers. One General even said “rising to the trot is a heathen-ish invention of the English.” Lastly, many of our beloved western cowboys were riding gaited horses to fame and fortune.



History lesson complete, many of our club members demonstrated the smooth gaits of the Missouri Fox Trotting horse, Peruvian, Tennessee Walker, Rocky Mountain and Paso Fino. We even provided a Quarter horse for comparison of the gaits and smoothness.

The seminar was capped off with a performance by the club’s Spanish Drill team: Heidi Young, Sandy Young, Mandy Moore, Liane Kerting-Vick, Andriette Goudreau and Jan Gibson

