

HOOFBEATS

Edited by Heidi Young, entries from club members ...

TIME TO RENEW

If you have not yet renewed your membership this year, this will be the LAST newsletter you will receive (and we will miss you).

Membership forms are on our website: www.gaitedhorseclub.com

2018 Calendar of Events

Mon, Feb 12	Club meeting at Anne Martin's house in Nampa 11255 Greenhurst, Nampa (208) 870-2201
Mon, March 12	Club meeting, location TBD at Feb meeting
Wed, March 21	American Cruisers FIRST practice: 6 pm
Wed, March 28	American Cruisers 2nd practice: 6 pm
Wed, April 4	Drill team AND Expo participants practice: 6 pm
Mon, April 9	Club meeting, location TBD at March meeting
Wed, April 11	Drill team AND Expo participants practice: 6 pm
Sat, April 14	Idaho Horse Expo Club demonstration (both teams) and evening Spanish drill team performance

Idaho Horse Expo Demonstration

From Heidi: Our club will have its usual gaited horse demonstration on Saturday, April 14th, mid-day. In this half hour demo, we take time to explain about each breed in the arena and try to mix in something entertaining. Both drill teams will also perform.

Ideas include a very simple duet with our resident Quarter Horse and good sport Jennifer. Maybe a race with several cruising along the arena rail — but must stay IN gait. Count on Jan with her wine glass and Nick with his hat trick. Who else has a skill they'd like to share or maybe you'd just like to participate... If so:

Please contact me NOW so we can make appropriate plans to include you and your horse. All participants MUST attend the two practices in April on the 4th and the 11th, around 6 pm. These will be out at the Old 3K arena, now called High Desert Arena at the end of Blessinger road.

If any other club members with an American gaited breed horse wants to try a fairly simple drill routine, please contact me right away. If members have friends with a gaited horse and they'd like to joins us, the club could approve a \$5/one-month membership for these folks so they are covered by our insurance. They'll have fun and want to join our fun group anyway.

From
Catherine
Weber:

As new president I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! My goal this year is to have our website updated with a page on local day trips for riding and some information on each place. I also would like information on camping and overnight spots. I also would like to add play days for our members: fun time for us to play games or work cattle etc. Last year was a great one for potluck/meetings and we would like to continue that this year.

2017 in Review

2017 began with about \$5,500 in our account and finished with about \$4,800. Major events and decisions:

- A total of \$800 was donated between Idaho Horse Therapy, Ride for Joy and FOSH from our fund raising efforts at the end of 2016.



- Club tee shirts were purchased courtesy of Lois Murphy. Get yours to wear at events.



- In April the club gave informative demonstration about gaited horses at the Idaho Horse Expo. Many club members showed off our breeds and skills.





- Spanish gaited team was invited to perform at the Expo's evening show.



- Club members walked in the parade through Star, Idaho on July 4th.

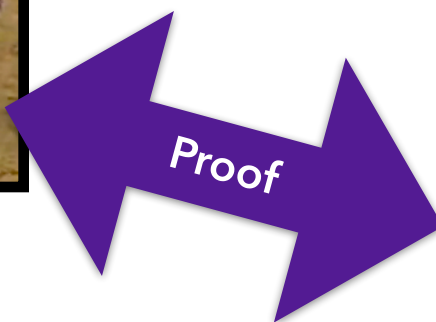
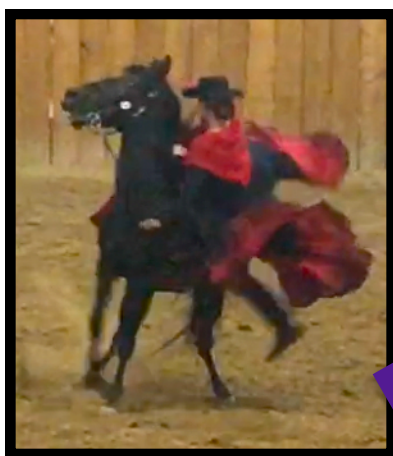


- June: cowboy dressage mini clinic taught by Linda Kaye Hollingsworth-Jones. 
- Lifelight club discount continues.
- Our annual fall benefit ride at Eagle Island went well with tons of auction items gathered by club members; but the event cost more than we expected.
- **100%** of the funds we raised at our benefit ride were donated to FOSH and Ride for Joy: \$800 !
- Fall campout at Castle Rocks state park is becoming an annual event.  Along with a recurring campout up at Bogus Basin in the summer.



- September: obstacle trail mini clinic at Karen Pachel's place.
- As usual: awesome holiday party held at the Webers.





THINKING OF YOUR HORSE AS BEHAVING BADLY DISPOSES YOU TO THINK OF PUNISHMENT. THINKING OF YOUR HORSE AS STRUGGLING TO HANDLE SOMETHING DIFFICULT ENCOURAGES YOU TO HELP HIM THROUGH HIS DISTRESS.

I knew something was "off" with Rico after his extreme behavior at our fall performance. I had Tiffany Grace come out and check him. Turns out he had stomach ULCERS, and some ribs quite out alignment. Imagine how much his gut was hurting him while dealing with the stress of the performance, the over-modulating speakers above him, plus me saying "go straight, damn it!"

NEXT ISSUE: BREED PROFILES