

Southern Comfort



Gaited Horse Club

February, 2011

2011

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Welcome

Welcome to all new members to Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club and welcome back to all current members. What activities should we sponsor this year? Nya has scheduled several clinics designed to meet our needs and teach us to enjoy our gaited horses more.

We need volunteers to sponsor events: trail rides, camping trips, and to expand past the educational ones already planned. Several opportunities to piggyback on events sponsored by other clubs are posted on the calendar. The "Whips" scheduled two desensitizing clinics. These increase the confidence your horse has in you, making other events safer and more fun. Idaho Mounted Orienteering offers great organized rides and another way to show off our horses. When we participate in events sponsored by other groups, it offers us the opportunity to publicize our club so that others will participate in our events and, if interested, join our club. This gives us a great excuse to wear our club shirts.

What would you like the club to provide? Socials, clinics, (what kind), trail rides, horse camping? With 32 members and about eight months of great riding, that offers us at least four folks available to sponsor each month. If two members get together to sponsor an event, this provides a back up if conflicts occur and we still can offer two events per month.

Phil

Next Meeting

The February meeting will be Monday, February 14 at Barb and Gabe Recla's home in Meridian, 3675 Lamont, West off Five Mile, South of Overland. Click on link below for directions. Bring a dish to share, eat at 6:30, meeting to start at 7:00.

Click on this URL for directions to Barb and Gabe's

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=3675+Lamont+Meridian+Idaho&sl=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=48.15347,113.818359&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=3675+W+Lamont+Rd,+Meridian,+Ada,+Idaho+83642&ll=43.581528,-116.439259&spn=0.043336,0.111151&z=14



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 24 - Phil Carroll
February 27 – Sue Baughman

I'm working from last year's birthday list so if you have a February birthday and I didn't list it here, I'll try to catch up when I have a new list. Hope all you February birthdays have a great day!!!!!!

Calendar

February

- 11 Gait Clinic, Nya Bates
 12 Gait Clinic, Diane Bromenschenkel Arena
 14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Barb & Gabe Recla
 14 First Aid Training, Southern Comfort Meeting, Recla Home
 26 Desensitization Clinic, Treasure Valley Whips, Birt Arena

March

- 14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 26 Desensitization Clinic, Treasure Valley Whips, Birt Arena

April

- 11 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 16 Tough Sucker Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID
 15-17 Horse Expo--Gaited Breeds Performance, Idaho Horse Park, Nampa ID
 30 Orienteering Training Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD

May

- Poker Ride & Raffle, Western Riding Club, TBD
 Weiser River Wagon Train Ride, Friends of Weiser River Trail
 7 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 7 Eagle Spring Fling, Eagle Foothills, SWITDR
 9 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 15 Diabetes Trail Ride, Eagle Foothills
 21 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 27-29 Owyhee Fandango, Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID

June

- Overnight Ride, Western Riding Club, TBD
 4 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 13 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 18 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD

July

- Twilight Ride, Western Riding Club, TBD
 9 Weiser River Trail Poker Ride, SWITDR, Weiser

Calendar

Continued.

- 13 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 23 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD

August

- Playdays, Western Riding Club, TBD
 6-7 Pink Flamingo Camping Trip and Endurance Ride, Cascade
 8 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 20 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 20 Buckskin Challenge, Pocatello, ID, SWITDR

September

- Day Ride, Western Riding Club, TBD
 3-4 Old Selam, SWITDR, Centerville, ID
 10 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 12 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 24 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 9/27-10/1 Owyhee Canyonlands, Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID

October

- Trail Challenge, Western Riding Club, TBD
 Poker Ride & Raffle, Southern Comfort, TBD
 Poker Ride & Raffle, Rough Riders, TBD
 Playday, Southern Comfort, TBD
 10 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD

November

- Turkey Hunt, Western Riding Club, TBD
 14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD

December

- Christmas Party, TBD

Please Note: The calendar is a work in progress, please email me with any changes or additions you would like to see on the calendar.

Gait Clinic

With Nya Bates

The SCGHC is hosting a series of Gait Clinics this winter and Spring.

The first Clinic will be Gait Recognition and will be held at Nya Bates home, 12763 Trail Drive Road, near Melba, ID on Friday evening (6 for pot-luck dinner and the clinic will begin at 7) February 11, 2011. She will address the varying factors which affect gait.

This presentation will include Judging standards, videos of all gaited breeds and educational information on Gait Recognition. The cost will be \$10 each for members and \$15 for non-members.

The Gait Assessment Clinic will be held in Nampa at Diane Bromenschenkel's indoor arena, 4608 Tio Lane, on Saturday, February 12, 2011 and will be by appointment as it is best to have one on one clinics to best insure the riding team's particular needs. This portion of the clinic will also be held Sunday if enough people are interested. The cost will be \$25 per horse for members and \$35 for non-members.

Depending on interest, she hopes to also have a clinic on shoeing/trimming for the gaited horse in the near future so, please contact her with your needs, desires and goals for you & your horses.

The Silver Spurs Riding Club is having a show in June (please see website calendar) so, for those of you that are interested in showing and need advice on class requirements, show protocol and appropriate tack/clothes, feel free to contact Nya.

As Clinic space is already becoming limited, please contact Nya should you be interested in this series and if she is not addressing your particular interest, feel free to contact her and discuss how best to suit your needs.

Nya Bates
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Membership.

Welcome to new members:

Audrey Hult, Kuna
Chris Sage, Nampa
Greg & Lou Schneider,
Ontario, Or

Sharon Prindel, Membership Chairman has Membership application packets available. If you know someone who might be interested in joining the club, contact Sharon and she will get a packet to them.

If you haven't yet sent in your 2011 Application and dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Silver Spurs Horse Show

The Silver Spurs is hosting a HUGE 2 day all-breed horse show, indoors at the Idaho Center Horse Park in Nampa. We are offering classes for gaited horses -- and the class sizes are always fairly small. We are wanting to "round up" more gaited horse exhibitors, that would LOVE to show indoors at the Horse Park.

Dates are June 11 and 12th, 2011. We will be offering english and western pleasure and equitation classes as well as gaited horse "trail." We give beautiful ribbons to 6th and trophies to first in each class. The HIGH POINT

Gaited Horse receives a great award at the end of the show too !!

This show is ISHSA approved, so you can earn year-end points with your gaited companion!! We offer 2 and 3 gaited pleasure classes, so there is something for a novice or green horse or rider, on up to the more skilled horses and riders!! Contact us for more information -- we KNOW that there are gaited horses and exhibitors in the Treasure Valley area -- let us know what it would take for you to come and show your horses with us !!

Connie Evans

Silver Spurs

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Please take a look at the new Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club Website and answer a few questions?

<http://gaitedhorseclub.com/>

<http://southerncomfortgaitedhorseclub.com/>

What, if anything, do you like about the content of the website?

What kinds of things would you like to see more of when we have time?

What else would you like to see on the website?