



February, 2012

2012 Officers

President – Sandy Young
Vice President – Phil Carroll
Secretary – Kellie Case
Treasurer – Margaret Carroll

Next Meeting

Monday, February 13th at Sandy Young's home, 6800 E. Greenhurst Road, Nampa ID 442-9445 or c. 867-4084. Directions to Sandy's home: From the intersection of Greenhurst Road and Robinson Road turn east on Greenhurst. Go approximately 1/2 mile and turn north onto a private drive. This private drive is the first drive to the north when driving east from the Greenhurst/Robinson Road Intersection. There is a white sign with red letters that says Paso Fino horses by the driveway. 6:30 PM, potluck, bring your favorite dish, 7:00 sharp meeting begins.

Committees

Trail Rides – Audrey Hult, John Franden
Sunshine – Sue Harwell
Membership – Jan Gibson
Education and Clinics – Nya Bates, Sandy Young
Ways and Means –
Newsletter – Margaret Carroll
Website – Margaret Carroll, Barb Recla
Liability Insurance – Nya Bates

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A note from our new president, Sandy Young

Only a couple years ago I was sitting at a Christmas luncheon with a group of gaited horse friends looking at the next year and what it had in store, when it was suggested that we consider utilizing what the SCGH drill team had already started and launch a gaited horse club. We obviously did that. So now what do we do?

First I want to say thanks for giving me this opportunity to lead the SCGHC. I hope I can continue to build on the great start our club has gotten in the last two years. Thank you to our past officers and members for all you did as you shared your talents, energy and enthusiasm with everyone. And thank you to the new officers for taking on your leadership and supporting roles. Every organization will have it's highs and rough spots as we figure out what works and doesn't work. But we can use them as opportunities to make adjustments, move ahead and do more of what we all want. This club will forever be a work in progress.

Next is that I can't do this on my own. I'll need the support of the other officers and I need you, the members, to let me know what you want, don't want, what is working and what isn't and so on.

So with that said, Answer some questions for me. Please call, e-mail, have lunch with me, go on a ride and chat, whatever. I want to hear from you!

What do you want from your club?

What is it that attracted you to this club?

What keeps you involved with it? Or not involved with it?

What is missing from the club that you would like to see or do?

Are there any things you would like to see changed about the club?

What's working and what isn't working? (This question is not about who's right or wrong. It's just about identifying things that are working or not. Plain and simple.)

What talents do you have to offer the club so we can infuse your energy and enthusiasm into the many different things that we can potentially do as a club?

Are you a leader, director and organizer or do you prefer to be a support person?

Do you want to attend events as a participant? Or do you like to be part of creating and running an event? Note: either way it's great!

Are you interested in the social aspect of a club? If so, what are some things we could do to encourage social time with our members? Note: things don't all have to be horse oriented.

Are you interested in learning more about horses and horsemanship or are you satisfied with the knowledge & skills that you have?

What are some of the things that you want to learn about? (Keep adding to your list and let me know what they are as you add to it this year.)

Do you have anything that you would be interested in teaching or sharing with club members?

Does your business or do you know of a business (any business) that would be interested in offering something to club members for a discounted price, (creating more benefits for being part of this club and boosting their business)?

One thing I know for sure, is that this club will only grow and be able to offer benefits to it's members if the members are willing and able to participate at some level. Only you know what works best for you, but find a way to share your energy with the club. For some of you, it may be that you only have time to be a participant in a few things. For others, it may be that you have the time and inclination to take on more. I want to encourage you to do what you feel like you can comfortably do. What I don't want to have happen, is to have things fall on the shoulders of a few. This club will be built around what the current members want and are willing to do. Sometimes it's alot and sometimes it's not. Either way, it's OK. It will change from year to year as the membership & leadership changes, and people's interests, needs and wants shift. So even though we will be "going with the flow", we can also influence where and how that flow occurs.

It is my intention as president, to help this club grow in many ways. I have a strong educational focus and would like to see our club benefits include many opportunities to grow as horsemen/women. I would like to see the benefits offered our club members encompass educational opportunities, health and wellness for horse and human, social events/rides, fun fund raising events that support our club and a "cause" (like the SPCA or rescues), promotion of the gaited horse breeds thru different events (such as the Expo, parades, demos, shows, etc.), expand our newsletter or web site to include articles of interest to our members, and more. Our benefits also include discounts at clinics/seminars/lessons, on equine dentistry and vet visits, and members are covered by liability insurance at club events. So even though this club is in it's infancy and still getting things lined out, your membership gives you a lot of value that directly affects your pocket book and knowledge bank. This is an investment that has the potential to grow in value for you.

I appreciate you all so much and am looking forward to a wonderful year and many happy trails.

Sandy Young,

President of SCGHC

Calendar

February

- 1 All Breed Schooling Show, Al Birt Arena, South Idaho Paint Horse Association, 6pm
 8 All Breed Schooling Show, Al Birt Arena, South Idaho Paint Horse Association, 6pm
 13 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Sandy Young
 15 All Breed Schooling Show, Al Birt Arena, South Idaho Paint Horse Association, 6pm
 22 All Breed Schooling Show, Al Birt Arena, South Idaho Paint Horse Association, 6pm
 25 Bombproofing Playday, Treasure Valley Whips, Birt Arena

March

- 24 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 24 Bombproofing Playday, Treasure Valley Whips, Birt Arena

April

- 7 Tough Sucker Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID
 9 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 20-22 Horse Expo--Gaited Breeds Performance, Idaho Horse Park, Nampa ID
 28 Orienteering Training Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 28 Tough Sucker II Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID

May

- 5 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 19 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 20 Diabetes Trail Ride, Eagle Foothills
 25-27 Owyhee Fandango, Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID

June

- 1-3 Energy City Classic & Derby, Cowboy States Reining Horse Association
 8-9 Eagle Fun Days, Eagle
 11 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
 16 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
 23-24 Eagle Spring Fling, Eagle Foothills, SWITDR
 30 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD

July

- 9 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
11-14 City of Rocks Endurance Ride, SWITDR
21 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD

August

- 4-5 Pink Flamingo Camping Trip and Endurance Ride, Cascade
11 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
13 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
25 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
25 Buckskin Challenge, Pocatello, ID, SWITDR

September

- 1-2 Old Selam, SWITDR, Centerville, ID
8 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
10 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD
22 Orienteering Ride, Idaho Mounted Orienteering, TBD
25-29 Owyhee Canyonlands, Endurance Ride, Oreana, ID

October

- 8 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD

November

- 12 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, TBD

December

Christmas Party, TBD

Treasure Valley Whips

Bombproofing Playday
Sat., February 25
Al Birt Arena



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 24 - Phil Carroll
February 27 – Sue Baughman

Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club

Check One:

_____ New Membership

_____ Membership Renewal

Name (print)_____ Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Address_____ City/ST/Zip_____

Email Address_____ Birthday (month/day, Optional)_____

Emergency Contacts_____

Life Flight Member Yes_____ No_____ If yes, which Provider_____

Veterinarian Name and Phone Number_____

Your Horse's Name_____ Breed_____

What kinds of equestrian events are you interested in:_____

I agree to comply with Club By Laws and will help promote the Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club. I

understand that the officers of the Club shall make all final decisions on Club policies. I understand as a

member I may request to review club records and policies.

Please note the club calendar of events is published on the web site www.gaitedhorseclub.com

Signature of Applicant_____ Date_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age_____ Date_____

Please fill out Hold Harmless Agreement.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

Effective Calendar Year _____

NOTICE: This Document is a Legally Binding Contract Limiting Your Rights to Recover for Injury or Loss!

Nothing in this agreement is intended to limit the effect or replace the limitation of liability provided by Idaho's Equine Activities Immunity Act, Idaho Code 6-1801 et. Seq. This agreement is intended to extend greater protection to Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club. By signing this document you waive your rights to bring any legal claim to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for injury or death to yourself, your spouse, your children, or others for the loss or damage to property, however caused, arising out of the negligent or other tortuous acts of the officers or agents listed below, now or at any time in the future, caused by their actions or failure to act, or otherwise. You also agree to protect, defend, and indemnify the officers or agents listed below against all claims for injuries you caused to others in connections with any of their activities.

1. Definitions. Herein "SCGHC" means Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club, its officers, agents, activity coordinators, activity leaders;

"I" means the undersigned individual, all heirs, and the members of their family, including any minors whether or not accompanying the individual, and the personal representative, executors, and administrator of the individual.

2. Release and Waiver of all Claims and Covenant not to Sue. In consideration of participation in the activities of SCGHC by me, by my spouse, children and other dependents, I irrevocably waive and release SCGHC and the owners of all facilities, equipment, and land used in SCGHC activities from, and WAIVE MY SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CLAIM OR DEMANDS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, including but not limited to, any claim of negligence, which I may have or acquire in the future against SCGHC on account of personal injury, property damage, death, or accident of any kind, arising from my involvement in SCGHC activities, however the injury or damage is caused, including, but not limited to, the negligence of SCGHC. I contractually release SCGHC and agree to hold SCGHC harmless from any and all liability for any claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, which result or may result in the future from activities sponsored by SCGHC or coordinated by SCGHC members. This release applies to all SCGHC activities in the future in which I may participate. This release shall be effective and apply to all my heirs and the members of my family, including any minors, whether or not they accompany me and my personal representative, executors and administrators.

3. Legal Actions Limitation. If SCGHC has to take legal action in relation to this Agreement, and SCGHC is successful in the action, the unsuccessful party shall pay SCGHC, in addition to all sums that the unsuccessful party may be called on to pay, a reasonable sum for SCGHC's attorney's fees and court costs. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho. Venue for any dispute or litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be in ADA County, Idaho District Court. Any modification of this Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in Connection with this agreement shall be binding only if in writing signed by each party or authorized representative of each party. There shall be no oral amendment or modification of this Agreement.

4. Acknowledgment of Risk. I hereby acknowledge and agree that activities of SCGHC are frequently inherently dangerous and have a high degree of risk. I acknowledge that by execution hereof, I am waiving and releasing all claims against SCGHC for any injury whatsoever. I agree to participate as a common adventurer, being personally responsible for my own safety and not looking to any others to protect me from harm.

5. Statement of Capacity and Understanding. I will not undertake any activity of SCGHC without becoming fully aware of the nature and extent of the risks inherent therein. By participation, I am voluntarily assuming the risks. I will not engage in the activities unless I am in good health and have no physical limitations, which could preclude my safe participation. I understand I am responsible for my own instruction in safety and providing for my own safety. I am of lawful age (18 years or older) and other wise legally competent to sign this agreement. I understand that the terms of this agreement are contractual and legally binding. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have carefully read this agreement, and sign of my own free will.

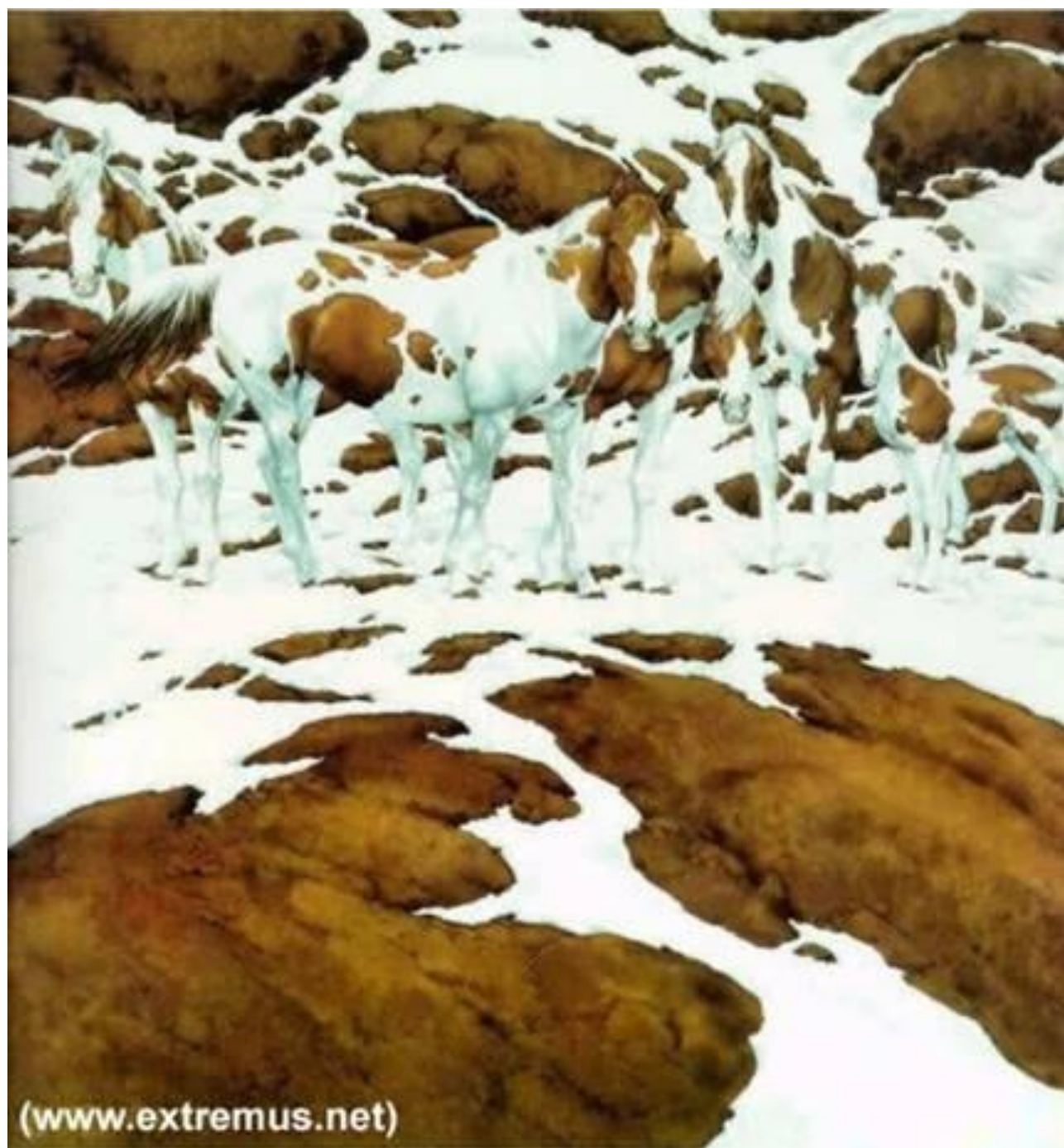
X Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

If above named individual is under 18 years of age: Parent or Guardian Consent: I as parent or guardian of the above named minor under 18 years of age, hereby consent to the terms and conditions set forth in this Release and Waiver of Claim form. I authorize his or her signing it, and covenant not to sue. If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with law of any jurisdiction, the validity, legally and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

X Signature _____ Date _____

Print Your Name _____



Can you find seven horses?

Thank You

Ed. Note: I asked Phil to write a note to you, the members.

Thank you club members for your help and participation during the past two years. Southern Comfort makes it easier to find companions for equestrian events, both those sponsored by the club and those sponsored by sister organizations. Our ability to do that and know about events comes only from inputs from members. Equestrians in Southwest Idaho are lucky in the number of organizations and events sponsored by them. We have great trails and venues that we may take for granted but having had the experience of living in other states, Idaho is better. Many states have no government land like state parks, national forests and BLM land. We have miles and miles of trails on these lands as well as generous private land owners making more trails available to us.

Southern Comfort has the opportunity to preserve these resources. One way involves using those resources. We send messages to decision makers every time we use them that they are important to us. Secondly, we need to let those decision makers know that we need their cooperation. M3 Corporation provides

permission forms to ride on their expensive properties. Drop in, meet Mary May and get permission and thank her for making these resources available. Get involved with BLM and the national forest service managers. Follow their rules concerning certified hay. Let the Idaho Horse Council know what is important to us.

We all need to help Sandy lead your club. Volunteer to host as event. It really doesn't take much effort. All you really have to do is send an email to the club saying I'm hosting a trail ride at North Eagle [Saturday](#) December, 22 at 1:00. Fill in the blank portions with your event. I like an RSVP only so that I'm not the only one to show up. Volunteer to head up committees about matters important to you. It helps to set up groups of members and prospective members so that it's easy to invite folks. Don't forget members that don't use email or only use it sometimes.

Thanks again for helping me.

Phil

Thank you to our outgoing officers, Phil, Sandy and Dottie. Welcome to our new officers, Sandy, Phil and Margaret.