



March, 2014

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## Next Meeting



*Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Café Middleton,  
Idaho, 200 E. Main St. 585-9700.*

*Meeting at 7:00 PM, come earlier if you want to  
eat.*

## This and That

✚ Next meeting, March 10th, 7:00 pm at  
Sunrise Café, Middleton

### FACEBOOK NEWS –

For those of you who joined the Facebook Group, Southern Comfort Gaited Horses, Heidi Young has graciously created a new Group, [Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club](#), where members can post pictures, and find out about events of the club. If you joined our original group, please find your way to the new group and join. The original group will go away eventually so please join the new group.

# March Spotlight: Julie Gibson

I was an animal nut from the get-go. I drug home puppies and kittens as a child and begged for horseback riding lessons until my parents gave in at age 10. My friends and I would ride rental horses every weekend on the river in Southern California. I got my first horse at age 20, an un-broke young Arab. That didn't work so well....

I had several horses over the years and when Mark and I met-my daughter had a Quarter/Arab and we acquired a young Quarter Horse together. We had several Arabs and then got in to hunting dog field trials. We graduated into gaited horses and haven't looked back!

In the past we had 3 Tennessee Walkers, a Fox trotter and a Kentucky Mountain horse. We currently have 2 Tennessee Walkers- Chance's Sunny Delite, (Sunny) a palomino and her daughter, Chance's Shakin Moonlight ( Millie), a bay tabiano, born last June. I got Sunny last April from a breeder in Montana, so we are still learning about each other.

Every horse has taught us lessons, some good, some not so good. My

last walker Tonka, I got at age 3 and kept until 14. He was a 14 hand chestnut with a flaxen mane and tail. He had a show stopper gait and I did Parelli with him and turned him from a show horse into a trail and field trail horse. We certified in search and rescue and we spent many hours on trails and out camping.

Mark's favorite horse was the son of Coin's Hard Cash, he was a big guy at 16-1 hands but gentle and sweet as can be. He was always in gait and was a joy to ride.

Our horses would like to get out more! We are looking forward to learning the area and trail riding as well as getting Millie turned into a well- mannered riding companion. We joined Southern comfort to meet new friends and learn about riding areas in our new state!

Mark and I moved to Idaho in August of 2012, when he retired from State Parks in California. I had a dog training business for 27 years and have been a search and rescue dog handler for 21 years. We love to travel, camp, hunt and fish in addition to riding.

Julie Gibson

# Calendar

## March

10 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton

## April

5 Tough Sucker Endurance Ride,  
Oreana, ID  
5-6 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with  
Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena  
12 IMO Training Ride TBD  
14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, TBD  
18-20 Horse Expo, Nampa ID  
26 IMO Ride TBD  
26 Tough Sucker II Endurance Ride,  
Oreana, ID

## May

11 Clinic, Al Birt Arena, TBD, Southern  
Comfort  
12 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton  
17 MO Ride TBD  
18 Diabetes Trail Ride, Eagle Foothills  
23-25 Owyhee Fandango, Endurance Ride,  
Oreana, ID  
30-June 1 TMRC Trail Challenge

## June

7 MO Ride TBD  
7-8 Thistle Creek Ranch Novice  
Challenge  
9 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton  
14 Buckskin Challenge, SWIT & DR  
14-15 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with  
Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena  
28 Silver City Ride, SWIT & DR  
28 MO Ride TBD  
28-29 Thistle Creek Ranch Open Challenge

## July

10 Oregon Coast, Nehalem State Park,  
Southern comfort  
14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton  
19 MO Ride TBD

## August

9-10 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with  
Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena  
11 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton  
16 MO Ride TBD  
30-31 Old Selam, SWITDR, Centerville

## September

6 MO Ride TBD  
8 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton  
27 MO Ride TBD  
27-28 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with  
Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena  
28 Blazer Horse Assn. Poker Ride,  
Cowboy Campground, Idaho City

## October

5 Southern Comfort Poker Ride TBD  
12 Playday, Western Riding Club  
13 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton  
28 Trail Horse and Challenge, Western  
Riding Club

## November

1 Playday, Al Birt Arena  
8 Owyhee Chills No Frills, Oreana  
10 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00  
Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton

## December

8 Christmas Party, TBD

TBD Impromptu Rides monthly to:

Bogus Basin  
Eagle Foothills  
Avimor  
Wilson Creek/Hardtrigger Canyon  
TBD Camping, Idaho City Cowboy Campground

