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September, 2013

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**Website, Calendar**–Margaret Carroll, Barb Recla

**Liability Insurance** – Nya Bates

## This and That

✚ Next meeting, September 9, at Sunrise Café, Middleton. 7:00 pm

✚ Spotlight for September - Susan Browning

## IMPORTANT:

- POKER RIDE info on Page 4. Please read ASAP.
- Donation Receipt Form, Page 5
- FLYER – Page 6

*Please send the information on any donations you secure to [magscarroll@q.com](mailto:magscarroll@q.com)*

*I will collect donations at the next meeting*

# Next Meeting



*Monday, September 9, Sunrise Café  
Middleton, Idaho,  
200 E. Main St. 585-9700.*

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

*We have talked with the Sunrise Café and the room has been secured for the September Meeting.*



Happy Birthday  
September 25 – John Green  
September 27 – Sarah Green

# Spotlight - Susan Browning

1. Tell us about your first horse? Breed? Age? Your Age? (Child, Preteen, Teen, Young Adult, Mature, ....)

My first horse was "Rusty." He was 1/2 Morgan and 1/2 quarter horse. I was the fourth of five girls. By the time I was born Rusty had already raised my three older sisters and numerous neighbor kids. My mother says I started riding before I could walk. Rusty had to be put down when I was fourteen. He was in his 30's. He gave us all he could for as long as he could. I still miss him. He truly built my character more than my parents will ever know.

2. How did you get involved with gaited horses?

I got into Paso Fino's thru my best friends in the whole world, Gail and Paul Springer. Having been an avid quarter horse and/or Morgan preferred steed my whole life, I remember when Gail first introduced me to her Paso's. I thought to myself "how tiny" they couldn't possibly be able to hold up on a mountain trail. Boy, was I wrong. I like to say "once you go Paso, you never go back." I am a convert to gaited horses since about 2000.

3. What are your favorite types of riding? What is your favorite event to participate in with your horse? Your favorite Southern Comfort Event?

My favorite type of riding is mountain trails especially Bogus Basin. I am new to SCGHC and so far my favorite event was the drill team exhibition at the Idaho Center in July.

4. How long have you been a southern Comfort Member? Why did you join?

I have been a SCGHC member since June of 2013 because my dear friend Sandy Young invited me to join.

5. How many horses own you? Tell us something about them we have not heard before.

I own one El Viajar Pisadas (18 years old) AKA "Keno" registered Paso Fino buckskin gelding.

6. Tell about one of your favorite horses. What makes him or her special. Describe the horse. Size? Color? Age? Breed? Sex? What does the horse do well?

I bought him from Cindy at the West Winds Ranch. He is "my little pony" and he is not very big but he is "all heart." He is amazing on mountain trails. I always say if there is some place where he won't go, I better listen to him because he'll go where a mountain goat wouldn't.

7. If your horse could describe you what would (s)he say? What makes you a good human? What would your horse want you to do more? Less?

I hope Keno would say I've been good to him - we've had fun and that he loves me - that he is happy and he loves his other mother, Dottie Green, where he now resides and she takes primo care of him. We're both grateful for that. If I can't have him out my own back yard he is at the next best nest.

8. If you could ride anywhere in the world, where would you ride? Why?

If I could ride anywhere it would be Kauai, Hawaii, where I plan on living when I retire on 2023. I have ridden there but wish I had Keno there.



## A letter from the President

Dear Members-

We are a month away from our Annual Poker Ride and there is still a lot to do. The biggest way you can help this event is to come to our next meeting. We need volunteers and donations. If each member reached out through their personal network: friends, work associates, frequented businesses, etc. and got two donations- that would be awesome. We have a lot of members and if each person just made a small commitment of two donations- WOW!!!! All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501-C7 organization. Margaret is attaching the donation form to this newsletter- call if you have any questions.

We have the registration form, liability release and the flyer on our website. Contact all of your friends and fellow clubs to let them know that this is a fun event and for a great cause! Print off the flyer and post it at your local arena, vet's office, tack/feed supply store or on your own website if you have one.

I appreciate your help and if you have any questions or need more information on how you can help- please contact me 208-989-0718.

Thank you and I look forward to even more success this year!

Shawnda Kasma

SC Members are asked to secure two donations for the raffle. In past years the club has had a lot of wonderful donations and the raffle has been very successful bringing in money for the club. In addition, you, the members, have the option of making a basket for the raffle. Baskets have been very successful too but this year you can decide if you would like to make a basket.

Please send me an email with donations as I will be creating a list for Shawnda. I will need name, address and the donation. Thank you

Margaret



## DONOR RECEIPT

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club

Donated Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Value: \_\_\_\_\_

SCGHC Tax Number: 75-3091696

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Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

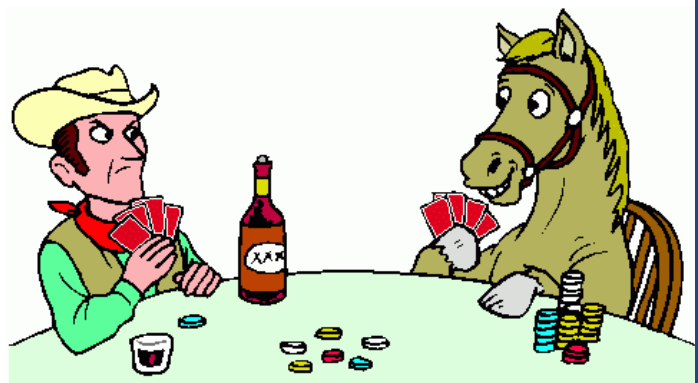
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(THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR A RECORD OF DONATIONS AND  
THANK YOU LETTERS AFTER THE EVENT.)

# ANNUAL CHARITY POKER RIDE TO BENEFIT

Idaho Humane Society  
Horse Rescue Ranch



## **Sunday, October 6, 2013**

Registration opens at 9:30- Ride starts at 10:00am

@ Eagle Island State Park  
4000 W Hatchery road Eagle, Idaho

Sponsored by Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club  
& Local Businesses

Come join the fun- Raffle, Silent Auction and Prize Money!!!  
Food will be available from 11:30am-1:15pm

Prizes:

Best Hand....\$100 Cash  
2nd Best Hand....\$50 Cash  
Lowball....\$25 Cash

*\*Must be 18 years of age or older to win Cash prizes\**



**Discount for Registering Early**

**Pre-registration RECEIVED BY Sept. 30**

\$5 per rider\* (includes 1 poker hand)  
\$5 for each additional hand

**Registration Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

\$10 per rider\* (includes 1 poker hand)  
\$5 for each additional hand

\*17 & under ride free but please register them

Length of Ride: 1- 1 ½ hours at walk and you may have a water crossing

Additional \$5 entrance fee into Eagle Island State Park not included

Sign- Up Forms can be found at the Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club Website  
@ [www.gaitedhorseclub.com](http://www.gaitedhorseclub.com)

# Calendar

## September

Aug 31-1	Old Selam, SWITandDR, Centerville, ID
7	IMO TBD
9	Club Meeting 6:30 Social and 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
10	Treasure Valley Whips Dutch Oven Feast, Al Birt Arena, 6:30 pm
14	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD
17	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD
21	IMO Wild Horse Butte
26	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD
28-29	Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena

## October

	Blazer Poker Ride TBD
6	Southern Comfort Poker Ride TBD
14	Club Meeting 6:30 Social and 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
19	Roughriders Poker Ride Wilson Creek
19	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD
22	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD
31	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD

## November

2	Playday, Al Birt Arena
11	Club Meeting 6:30 Social and 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
16	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD
19	Southern Comfort Trail Ride TBD

## December

Christmas Party, TBD



## TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS DUTCH OVEN FEAST

### ***Clay Maier (Rein Dance) Show, Dutch Oven Feast - \$30 (Birt Arena, Nampa, ID)***

Clay Maier (Rein Dance) Show, Dutch Oven Meal, live music (Birt Arena)

Tuesday evening ([September 10](#)), 6:30pm, Dutch Oven Meal, Equine Entertainment, & live music

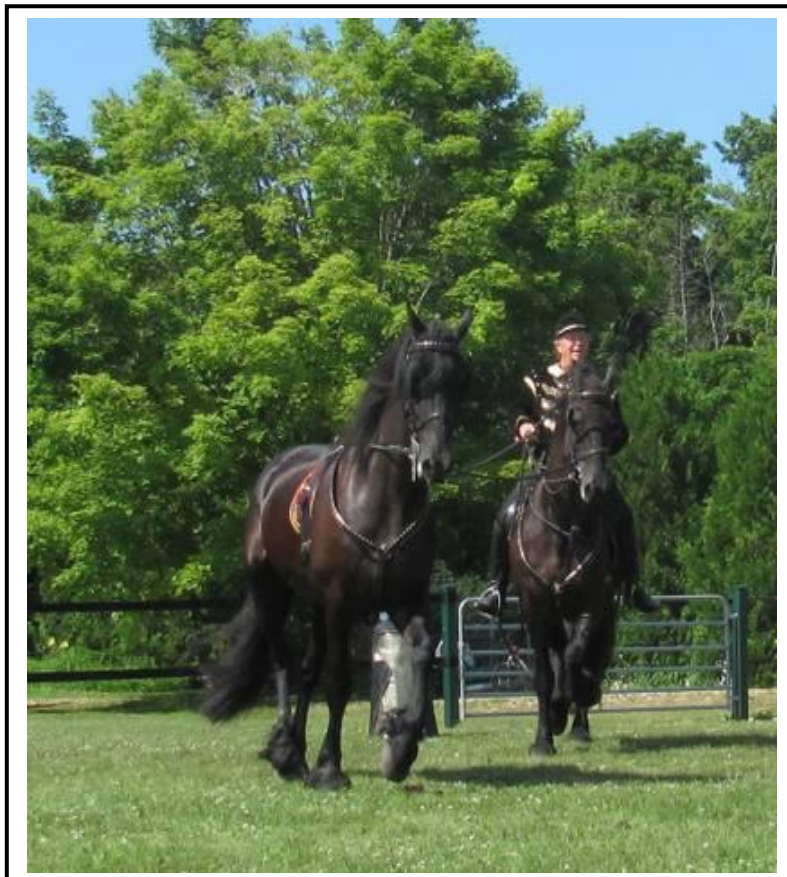
Cost is \$30, Birt Arena in Nampa

You need to pre-register for [Tuesday](#) evening so we have a food count (Jan

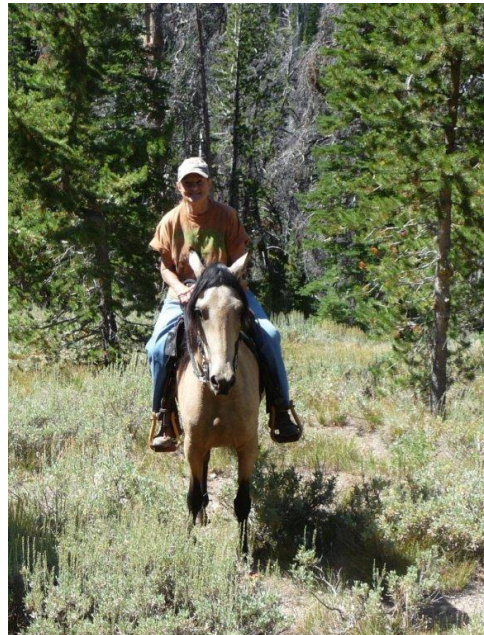
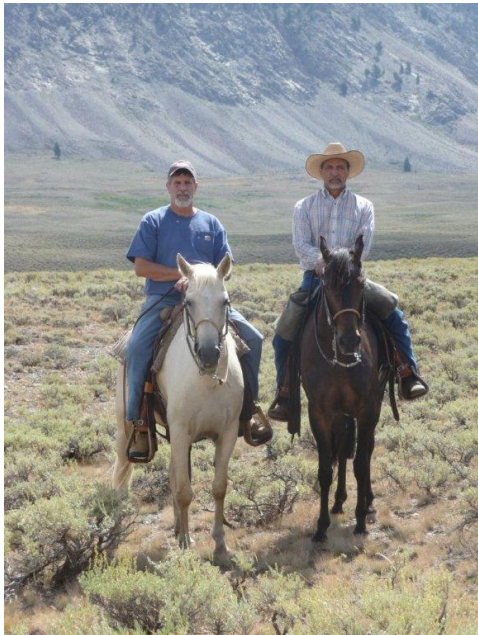
McEnroe [mudopie@clearwire.net](mailto:mudopie@clearwire.net))

Clay Maier (Rein Dance) as seen on RFD-TV, performs at the Kentucky Horse Park, and performed at the World Equestrian Games as well as The Queen's Jubilee

Come out and enjoy a special evening with food, music and Equine Entertainment







*Jan Gibson, Lawrance Valdez, John Garro*

*From Jan – “Copper Basin is kind of between the White Clouds & the Frank Church Wilderness areas.....very rough getting in w/mtr.home/trailers, but oh sooooo worth it”!*

***Many of you shared this on Facebook but it is worth reading again***

Dear Drivers,

My most valued possession is inside the trailer behind my truck. He stepped into that rolling steel box because I asked him to and he trusts me. He's a living, breathing creature, and all 1200lbs of him are precariously balanced on four tiny hooves as my truck and trailer wind down the road. Sometimes I have 3 animals back there, tripling my weight and stopping distance. Other times I have a debilitated animal, barely alive after being rescued from a life of neglect. I may drive slower to compensate so that they don't go crashing to the floor.

My horses are not a load of lumber, a boat or camp trailer, and I cannot stop quickly or turn sharply without risking their safety and their lives.

Know that I will do just about anything to avoid hitting the brakes with a horse in my trailer. However, if your Honda is hidden in the blind spot behind my horse trailer and I do have to stop suddenly, you're too close to stop without ending up in the trailer with my horses.

When I make those wide turns, I need them to prevent my horses from scrambling. Please give me room and time to turn.

And that large distance between me and the car in front of me? It might look like enough room to fit three sedans bumper to bumper, but it's actually the distance I need to stop

softly and safely without my horses falling.

Those times when we're headed up a hill, my speed is as fast as I can (or want to) go. Your Honda can't push us up this hill. I promise I'll move to the right lane when it becomes available or pull over if I find a safe spot on the shoulder, but until then I ask for your patience and some space. Furthermore, I'm usually already doing the speed limit. Don't pull out in front of me because you automatically assume a truck and trailer is going slower than regular traffic.

Lastly, my set up weighs 3 tons, empty, and that much weight prevents me from swerving safely. Horses are an additional live weight that shifts and moves with each little movement of the truck and trailer. When you pass me going 80mph uphill on a blind corner, you don't just put my horses at risk: Your driving threatens the lives of the oncoming driver, my passenger, me, you, and everyone in the cars behind us.

So next time you see a horse trailer, assume an animal's in there. Please give them some space and offer some patience. By driving safely, we'll all get where we're going.

Thank you, horse owner