



HOOFBEATS

Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club



Website:

Membership forms, previous newsletters, articles of interest and lots of photos, plus a fuller calendar are all on our website: www.gaitedhorseclub.com

Facebook:

Search for "Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club" or click www.facebook.com/groups/636027703108388/ and ask to join. Club members, and non-members can post pictures or share quickly and easily with. We also have a PRIVATE page for members only.

Lifelight Insurance:

Group sign up is done in May/June to get a group discount of \$15 off the typical \$60/year cost. www.lifelight.org

Our AWESOME volunteer officers:

PRESIDENT

Catherine Weber

TREASURER

Anne Martin

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VICE PRESIDENT

John Franden

SECRETARY

Janet Zandersmith

Committee Chairs

Insurance: Lois Murphy
 Drill Mistress: Heidi Young
 Newsletter: Heidi Young
 Camping Trips: Anne Martin
 Website: Margaret Carroll
 Education/playdays: Nick & Catherine
 Sunshine: Janet Zandersmith
 Idaho Horse Council liaison: Heidi Young



CALENDAR

Monday, February 11 th	Club meeting 6:30 pm
Monday, March 11 th	Club meeting 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 20 th	Expo prep for both drill teams
Wednesday, March 27 th	Expo prep for both drill teams
Wednesday, April 3 rd	Expo prep for ALL performers
Monday April 8 th	Club meeting 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 10 th	Expo prep for ALL performers
Friday, April 12 th	Expo opens 10 am, pm breed preview
Saturday, April 13 th	Expo all day, club mini presentation #1?, evening SHOW with Spanish team performing
Sunday, April 14 th	Expo last day, club mini presentation #2?
Monday, May 13 th	Club meeting 6:30 pm



Profiles of our volunteers:

Returning President, Catherine Weber:

I am married to Nick Weber, the culprit that got me into this horse thing. Nick retired and started getting into horses and I decided that if we were going to have special time together that I needed to enjoy his hobby. Nick and I now enjoy our hobby together and we have ridden in some beautiful areas.

I also have 4 children and one granddaughter. I am owner and operator of Silverhawk Aviation Academy, an aviation flight school in Caldwell. Silverhawk celebrated it's 20th anniversary in 2018 and I love my job.

Goals for the club this year: I would like to continue having the meetings with a potluck and riding before or afterwards when the weather gets nice. I also would like to do a bigger camping trip where it would be affordable for all to join. You could set up a tent, camper or stay in a cottage. Try to have accommodations to fit everyone's need.

I think we do a nice job having a variety of events. If you want to do drill team, trail rides, camping trips, education, playdays and getting together with other riders, we offer it all.

I would love to encourage every member to get involved and ride more this coming year in our activities.



Previously our Treasurer, Anne Martin:

I am retired and married for 30 years to David, also retired. My previous professions are an operating room nurse, stay-at-home mom and administrative secretary at a local charter school. I have two adult daughters and one granddaughter, age two.

My non-equine activities: skiing, cooking, reading, sewing, gardening, and spending time with family, as well as my Mom who is in a local memory-care facility.

I've been a horse owner for 20 years. We quickly learned how much we had to learn about riding and owning horses after we bought our first horse, a three year-old green quarter horse. Since then, I have enjoyed a continuous learning process as a rider and horse owner. About 16 years ago, I rode my quarter horse on a horse camping trip with two friends who rode gaited horses. Once home, I immediately started looking for a gaited horse. My first gaited horse was an 18 year-old Walker gelding, Smokey, who had an awful conformation and was very pacey, but still quite sweet. He was also pretty low priced. Live and learn! 14 years ago, I bought a young Missouri Fox Trotter; Rose. We have grown and learned much together. She is an awesome trail horse and will do just about anything I ask of her: I LOVE her! After my husband decided to concentrate on his golf game and sold his horse three years ago, I decided it was time to buy a second horse for me, so Rose would have a companion and I would have a back-up ride as Rose got older. She is 19 this year. After two purchases that ended up not being good fit, I brought home a five year-old Rocky Mountain mare last July. We have a little work to do as she is young and needs more experience, but I am very pleased with her, and think when we can log lots of miles this year, we'll be a good pairing.

Anne Martin, continued

My primary horse related interests are local trail riding and camping, though I had ridden drill some with the Ada Sheriffs Posse-ettes. I've been in a few parades as well, but find as the years go by, I do not tolerate heat very well. So I try to ride in cooler temperatures, in the mountains or very, very early in the summer. I'm a wuss when it comes to my creature comforts so camping includes a horse trailer with living quarters. 😊

I have previously held the office of Treasurer and President, and Chairman of our Camping Committee. I have also been very involved in previous club fundraising efforts (Fun Rides).

Returning Secretary, Janet Zandersmith:

Janet graduated with a business degree, majoring in Transportation Management from the University of Colorado, moved to Idaho in 1975 to work for HJ Heinz in transportation, marketing and IT for almost 25 years. She has worked towards an MBA from Boise State, with a major interest in marketing.

After retiring from corporate life, she started her 3rd career in 1998 in real estate management, owning a brokerage in McCall Idaho for eight years. She sold that business in 2005 and focused on her semi-retirement doing her favorite things in life: rescuing and riding horses, skiing and tennis, and spending time with her hubby Doug at their "Broken Wallet Ranch" in Star. They currently own 11 horses, five of which are rescue thoroughbreds from all over the country, that are in the process of being re-habbed to become productive members in the hunter/jumper arenas. They also have three Tennessee Walking horses, one Missouri Fox Trotter, and two quarter horses who are retired.

The entertainment at the Broken Wallet Ranch is from the five BLM donkeys who roam the fence-lines to keep the coyotes at bay. Our newest Christmas addition to the ranch is a ten-week old blue merle aussie/mix puppy, Jedi, who will be trained to be a trail riding buddy.

The Zandersmiths favorite get-away is to their ranch in Donnelly to camp out, Dutch oven cook and ride horses! Oh, and it is extra nice having Gold Fork Hot Springs a short jaunt away and at night it is a spectacular star show in the night time sky!

My appreciation to the Southern Comfort Gaited club for your trust in allowing me to be Secretary. A key goal I have this year is to get more people involved in going on multi-day horse trips and camping out — sharing in the camaraderie of friends and horses. Life doesn't get any better than that!

Returning Vice President, John Franden:

John has been riding horses since he was in elementary school. What really cemented his love of horses and riding was going on real cattle drives when he was in Jr. High.

He has owned Tennessee Walkers for 30years and has been a member of the Southern Comfort Gaited club for almost 20 years. His primary interest is trail riding.



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