

HOOFBEATS

Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club

September 2023

What a Summer

SCGHC members were busy with fairs, parades, camping trips, and local rides. Enjoy the news!

A Fair To Remember

Several club members volunteered at the Western Idaho Fair in the information booth. We provided two volunteers per 4-hour shift, which included daytime and evening shifts.

Information booth volunteers included:

SCGHC Members		Cowboy Campground Members
Lois Murphy, Organizer	Barb McGann	Micki Keiser
Sue Baughman	Jean Olson	Monica Kindelspire
Cindy Church	Jean Olson's brother Mike	
Jennifer Eld	Tracy Schroeder	
Jessie Eld	LaRae Sizer	
Tiffany Foley	Victor Valencia	
Jan Gibson	Catherine Weber	
Derek Johnson	Nick Weber	
Lisa Johnson	Heidi Young	
Carla Kirkpatrick	Janet Zandersmith	
Anne Martin	Janet Zandersmith's helper	

We did our best to answer every question, but there was some bad news that we had to deliver to this year's fairgoers...there was no kettle corn booth at the fair this year. Despite that devastating news, we had a great time and met some nice, interesting people.

What does the club receive for the volunteer hours? Money! That's right. We earn money for the club coffers. That money is used for club activities, which can include a free class or other sponsored event. Those who volunteered get a small stipend that can be applied to a club event. The club also sponsors the awards for the Western Performance Gaited Horse classes.

Speaking of the Gaited Horse classes, we made our presence known. Melissa Mathiasen won grand champion. Lois Murphy and Jean Olson also participated in the gaited classes, along with some other Treasure Valley community members who have gaited horses.

We look forward to next year's fair, and we encourage all of you to participate!



I Love a Parade

Three diehard club members along with two of their friends participated in the Wagon Days parade in Ketchum on Sat, Sept 2nd. This unique parade features non-motorized vehicles and is a display of museum-quality wagons, stagecoaches, and carriages. Equestrian teams also participate. If they smile pretty and exhibit good horsemanship, a group can win a monetary prize.

One of the parade highlights is the Lewis Ore 20-mule team wagon that is often the hit of the parade. Our group was a hit, as well. Congratulations to Heidi Young, Lauren Zimmerman, Janet Zandersmith, Denise DeCoster, and Lyndsey Wesler on your third place prize!



Participating in the parade has been a long-standing tradition for our group. Members either trailer to Ketchum the day of the parade, or they make a short vacation of it and camp. You don't have to be in the parade to support our club...plan a weekend in Ketchum next year and cheer from the sidelines!

Tetons or Bust

Club members had a fantastic time riding the west side of the Grand Tetons in Driggs, Idaho, and the trip wasn't limited to Idaho, since a few rides went into Wyoming. We boarded our horses at Elaine Johnson's wonderful *Ears the Place Equine Inn* and most camped at Elaine's. (Two members stayed in Driggs.)

The inclement weather (unseasonable rain) didn't deter us from riding, so rain gear was essential for a couple rides. Elaine was our guide and shared her knowledge of the local fauna and flora as we rode the rocky, muddy, and sometimes steep terrain. One ride climbed to nearly 8000 feet. Each day concluded with a happy hour and potluck in camp, and one night we dined on fine cuisine at the local airport restaurant as we watched executive jets take off.

Several members posted pics of our daily rides on the SCGHC private Facebook page, and here are a few:



If you want more details about the trip, reach out to Sue Baughman, Cindy Church, Jan Gibson, Anne Martin, Jean Olson, Victor Valencia, Heidi Young, and Janet & Doug Zandersmith to hear their firsthand experiences.

Did You Know?

Each summer, our group plans two or three camping trips to locales in Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and sometimes other states. Be sure to attend our meetings or watch the meeting minutes for more details.

Steve Rother Horsemanship Clinic in Nampa

There are still a few spots left in the 3-day Steve Rother horsemanship clinic September 16-18 at Birt Arena in Nampa. The clinic includes groundwork and riding techniques. We'll have a tack sale during the event, and we've planned some potluck get-togethers. Contact Heidi Young for more information.

Next Meeting is September 11th at Anne Martin's house

We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings. It's a great time to catch up with others, learn about new equipment, plan an upcoming ride, chat about horse behavior, and eat some yummy food. September's meeting is at Anne's home.



August 2023 meeting

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

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