



IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

August 2015

Lois Cant, President - Pam MacFarlane, Vice President
Maria Redinger, Secretary - Cheyenne Hackney, Treasurer

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., Middleton Sunrise Café.

Introducing Robin Willeman

I can't remember a time in my life when I haven't had some form of a soft furry critter and many times not only a critter but multiple critters. My husband, myself, my teenaged son, and my mother-in-law have lived on the corner of Lake Hazel and Meridian Roads for the better part of twenty-three years and for most of the time I have owned some type of equine, sometimes big and sometimes small. I currently am in possession of twelve. I just picked up three silver dapple minis yesterday from a very petite ninety-three year old woman who just finally thought it was time for a horseless chapter in her life....I can hardly imagine that scenario.

Several years ago, along with my endearingly crazy compatriot, Robin Hennis, we fell into the unofficial role of equine rescuers. As all noble things seem to do, the word spread quickly, and I found myself picking a wide variety of equines all the way from Twin Falls and Grandview to Ontario and Fruitland, etc. There seems to be no end to equines that are in need of placement. Needless to say, I too often feel like the proverbial pinball in my attempts to manage my horses, my Great Danes, my cats, the irrigation, the weeding, the feeding, the brushing, and all the other farm chores that come with sustainability and horses....definitely not a money-making endeavor! I have to say with twenty pairs of eyes watching every step of where I go, that it is impossible to lay longingly amok in bed in the dead of winter. That being said, they give me a reason for getting going even when I'd rather not! So if you know of anyone that would be interested in a mini, please look me up; I currently have four available for adoption.

Robin Willeman (208) 887-3865 or robinwilleman@gmail.com

Are You Ready for Our ISHSA Open Show?

As you probably know, we are sponsoring an open show on Sept. 19 at the Birt arena. Already approved is the show bill, which is available on the ISHSA website. Thanks to our president, Lois Cant, many of the arrangements are finalized for the show.

Your help is welcome for these:

1. An assortment of interesting donations for the silent auction. You can make arrangements to deliver donations to Kat Hunt before the show by calling her at 208-310-6210 or e-mailing her at glupee11@hotmail.com. Items will also be accepted the day of the show. Items should appeal to a wide range of people and interests, not just miniature horse owners!
2. Set-up of obstacle/trail/hunter courses for the show. If you are able to help with that, please join us at the Birt arena at 4 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 18 for preparations.

Congratulations, Kim MacKinnon!

At the Phantasy Phun Open Show, Kim won the High Point Miniature Horse category. Her winnings included a show halter and a certificate.



Whimsical Cones Rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3

Join miniature horse friends for a fun time at Eagle Island State Park on Saturday, October 3, at 11a.m. Wear a decorated hat and win a prize for it! Prizes will be given in youth and adult categories. Have a good time driving through the cones course, and bring a pot luck dish to share. See you there! If you have questions, please contact Susan Welch or Kat Hunt.

Western Idaho Fair

Several club members are participating in the fair classes. If you didn't have a chance to enter the driving or halter classes, maybe you'd like to watch from the grandstand and encourage your friends! Here's a general schedule for the classes available for miniatures:

Light Horse Driving begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, with the Fun Day contests. Section C is for horses 40" and under, and there are many offerings for both single horses and teams. The courses include Canadian Maze, Pole Bending, Trail Challenge, and Harness Challenge. Then at 4 p.m., events are Pleasure Driving-Turnout, Pleasure Driving-Working, and Pleasure Driving-Reinsmanship. Pleasure Driving-Junior is offered for two youth age groups, and Pleasure Driving –Senior is offered for drivers 55 and over. The last event for the day is the Musical Free Style Driving.

Obstacle Classes are on Wednesday, August 26, starting at 10 a.m. with junior and senior drivers first on the prescribed course, then Gamblers Choice. Barrel Racing and Trotter (Sulky) Races complete the day.

The Registered Light Horse Show begins at noon on Friday, August 28. Miniature/Pony classes are first, grouped by age and gender. Trail classes are from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (In Hand for Miniature Horses). After 4:45 p.m., Showmanship classes will start. Our club is sponsoring two Halter trophies: one for High Point Miniature Gelding, 4 years and older, and one for High Point Miniature Mare, 4 years and older. Karen and Scott Gilworth are sponsoring a High Point Miniature Horse Award for Halter, Showmanship, and In-Hand Trail combined points.

Practicing at the Munson's

In July, club members and friends had an informal day of practice. Enjoying the day were Susan and Richard Welch, Kat Hunt, and Gwynne Shaw and Gary Purse. Thanks, Gwynne, for the photos!



AMHR Nationals will be held September 10-Sept. 20, 2015, in Tulsa Oklahoma. The **AMHA World Championship Show** is scheduled for Sept. 24-Oct. 3, 2015, in Ft. Worth, Texas. Both shows have had good live-streaming in the last few years, providing an opportunity to appreciate the talent and beauty of the Miniature Horse.

Events

Aug. 25, 26, and 28 Western Idaho Fair horse events

Sept. 6 (Sunday): ISHSA Show, Birt Arena, sponsored by TVPHC and IPHC

Sept. 9 (Wednesday): IDAMHC General Meeting, 7 p.m., Middleton Sunrise Café

Sept. 10-20: AMHR Nationals

Sept. 12 (Saturday): ISHSA Show, Birt Arena, sponsored by IBBA

Sept. 12, (Saturday): Poker Ride and Dinner at Eagle Island State Park presented by the Western Riding Club. Ride at 4:30; Dinner at 6:30; Prizes and Raffle Items; Tickets pre-ordered are \$40 riders and \$35 non-riders, which includes the \$5 park entry fee and prime rib or salmon dinner. For more info or to order:

charlenecooper43@yahoo.com, myronamsden@yahoo.com, or debbieamsden53@yahoo.com.

Sept. 18 (Friday): Set up equipment at the Birt arena for the Saturday show. Meet there at 4 p.m. to help.

Sept. 19 (Saturday): ISHSA Show, Birt Arena, sponsored by Idaho Miniature Horse Club; participate by showing, helping, and observing!

Sept. 24-Oct. 3: AMHA World Championships

Sept. 26 & 27 (Sat. and Sun.): ISHSA Double Point Show, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa; Miniature Horse classes are all on Saturday.

Oct. 3 (Saturday): Whimsical Cones, 11 a.m., Eagle Island State Park,; cones course, hat contest, youth and adult categories, sponsored by Susan Welch and Kat Hunt

Oct. 17 (Saturday): Halloween Hauntings Idaho Miniature Horse Club Play Day: Many classes for youth and adults, in hand and driving. Prizes for best costumes!!

Announcements

***Longtime Miniature Horse owner and IDAMHC member, Lee Clark, is downsizing horses and her Emmett property in order to move closer to more family members. Contact Lee at 365-9439 for information about the horses and property.

***Elections are coming soon. If you qualify for an office, according to the by-laws, please be thinking of which position you might want to hold.

***Keeping track of points for end-of-year awards? Kat Hunt will gladly accept your point submissions as you earn them. Keep sending them to her, and good luck to everyone who is competing for club awards!

Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles and photos of your activities with minis to Pam MacFarlane at pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com. Thanks!!

Advertising on Website

Items for sale (horses or other) can be added to the club website, including a photo. Items valued at \$200 or more cost \$5 (payable to IDAMHC) and those under \$200 are free. Contact Lois Cant or Pam MacFarlane.

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