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IDAMHC Newsletter

Maria Redinger, President
Pam MacFarlane, Vice President
Felicia Humpherys, Secretary Lynne Wing, Treasurer
Lois Cant, Jane Steele, and Robin Willeman, Directors



Minutes of July and August meetings should appear in the next newsletter.

IDAMHC's next meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 14, in Middleton at the Sunrise Cafe.

IDAMHC's ISHSA show is September 16 at the Al Birt Arena, so we'll be setting up obstacle courses starting at 6:30 the evening of Friday, Sept. 15. Your help is welcome!

October 7 is our pot luck and games event.

October 21 is IDAMHC's annual Halloween Hauntings Play Day.

Equine Events for Miniature Horses at the Western Idaho State Fair 2017

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Tuesday, August 22	Western Idaho Fair Light Horse Driving – Pleasure	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 23	Western Idaho Fair Light Horse Driving – Obstacle	10:00 a.m.
Friday, August 25	Western Idaho Fair Registered Light Horse Show	
	Halter Classes begin at noon. Trail is from 1:00 to 5:45 p.m.	

Star 4th of July Parade

Wow! What an impression the club made, with at least 23 humans and 18 horses! Leading the parade with the club banner were two energetic young men, Jackson and Dylan Phillips. Right behind them were festively decorated carts, with Lee Clark driving Jackpot, and Lois Cant driving Blu. Driving Moe for the first time in a parade was LeeAnn O'Leary, accompanied by a new friend in the cart and by Jamie O'Leary as a header. Expertly driving Joey, Jamey Robbins entertained the parade crowd, walking and trotting serpentine. Walking the parade route were Kelli Phillips and Persias with Millie, Sarah Phillips with Stryker, Courtney Phillips with Pokey, Maria Redinger with Comanche, Valerie Marshall with Chance, Andrea Thompson with 4-H members Kai and Mary and two Miniatures, Amy Humpherys with Gabby, Donna Bernardelli with Splash, Felicia Humpherys with Elsa, Cassie Edelman with Casper, Jane Steele with Sky, Lynne Wing with Foxy Boy, and Pam and Pete MacFarlane with Idol. Not only did we have fun and hear lots of oohs and awes, but we also won the prize for Best Horse Group.

Thanks, Jamey, for sharing your brother's photo, showing kids surrounding Joey and you along the parade route!

If anyone didn't receive photos of you and your family by email from me, please let me know, and I'll resend them. Pete took many more photos than are shown here, and I will send them to you as higher quality files. --- Pam





Registry Shows in Blackfoot and Logan

Contributed by Valerie Marshall

Even though there haven't been any recent local shows in the Treasure Valley for minis, both June and July have been quite busy! June 22nd-25th Felicia, her family, Robin Willeman, Maria Redinger and myself all went to Blackfoot, ID and showed in all classes that we could! Same goes for when all of us also went down to Logan, UT July 20th-22nd for their AMHR/ASPC show. Classes range from Amateur, Open, COOL, under and over, height and age. There's also the usual classes that we would do in this area plus some like versatility, jumper and hunter, draft mini driving, or even chariot races!!

The separate clubs that put these shows on also try to keep the kids involved and usually have other things for them to do, like duck races!! It is always super fun to watch all the others show (amongst showing yourself), meeting new people, and you ALWAYS learn new things. But to wrap it up and highlight the big wins!... Royal got Best of Show Miniature at this last show in Utah. Maria got highpoint Amateur Miniature. Jane and Sky got Supreme in their Western Stock halter classes. Both Felicia and Jane got multiple grands and reserves in their halter classes. Amy also got a couple reserves with her horse T in halter. All in all it was a pretty great show and so was Blackfoot back in June!

Can't wait for more!!



Robin and the show string

Robin was being the ultimate show mom!!



*Royal, Best of Show Miniature,
with Valerie Marshall and Robin Willeman*



Maria and Comanche in Costume Class



High Point Amateur Maria, and Ricky



Felicia, Best of Show



Amy, People's Choice Youth Award



Jane and Sky, Supreme Western Stock Mare



Felicia and Elsa Western Pleasure Driving Stakes Over



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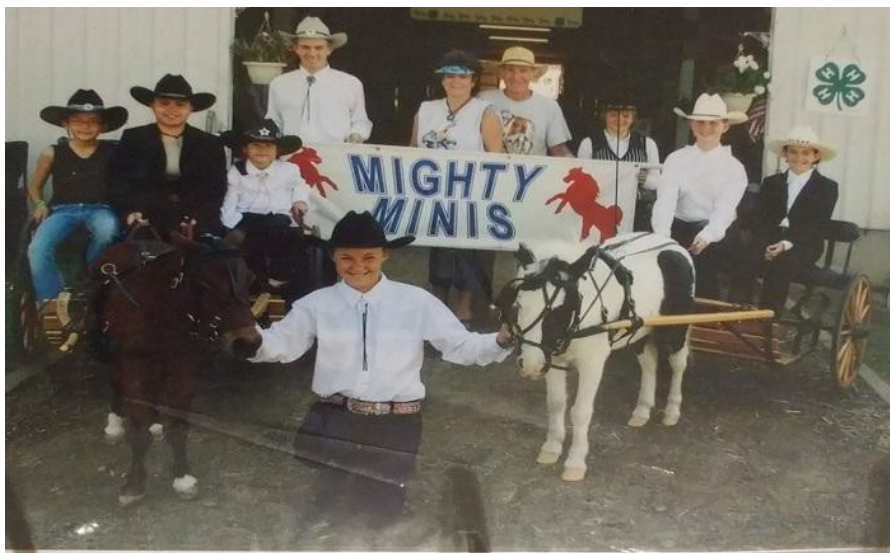
Introducing: **MARIA REDINGER**

Meet our President – Maria Redinger. Maria has been our President since 2016 and all of us are still trying to figure out where she gets all her energy. She is a person who has found a way to multi-task her working career, her family, her horses and serve on the board of not just one but two horse organizations.

My love for horses started when I was just a little girl playing with Breyer horses with my best friend Ciara. We grew up together on horses. We did Gymkhana, rode in pastures, rounded up cattle, and played with sheep.

When I was 15 years old, my 3 siblings and I were taken away from my mother and were given to my Aunt and Uncle, Kathy and Jim, as our Guardians. Our Aunt and Uncle had miniature horses. I had never heard of a such a thing before then. They had a little sorrel mare named Rosie and a stud named Dusty. They sure were cute. Soon after we had moved in, my Aunt and Uncle got another mare named Misty; she would become my first mini.

We went to our first AMHR show held in Walla Walla, WA., in 2004. I watched with big eyes and my dream of showing a mini had begun to build. I said to myself, "I can do this." We then met Bob and Sharon Vance of Carousel Farms Miniature Horses. They had a 4-H club for Minis, "Mighty Minis". I could not join fast enough. I worked hard on all the books to get completed within a very short time so that I could show at the fair. Misty and I became a team right away; it was like we were meant for each other.



My first year was rough, as I was a very competitive child. I quickly learned that you win some and you lose some and that all judges are different. Misty and I did 4-H shows, parades, birthday parties, open shows, and one of my very first AMHR shows. Misty was one of the best minis I ever worked with. She became my sister Valerie's first mini and taught her everything she needed to know. I am still in touch with her current owner today.

My senior year of high school when Misty became Valerie's 4-H horse, I got a new partner. Bob and Sharon bought a couple stallions to help a lady out who couldn't take care of them anymore. They invited me over to look at them and asked which one I liked the best. I arrived very excited to see them. The first was a sorrel and was a bit shy. The second one came right up to me with his nose to my face looking at me with the biggest brown eyes I ever seen. I fell in love with my new partner Mr. Ricky in 2005.

Ricky and I became a very strong and competitive team. We finished my last year in 4-H together and started doing the open shows. We went to many many shows. I often let the young 4-H kids who needed a good horse to learn on use Ricky to show. He loves the attention. I moved to Bob and Sharon's place after I graduated in 2006. By this time I recognized them as my grandparents. I played, helped train, and showed almost all their minis, lol.



I then met my now husband Casey in college. We had karate class together. I was the Assistant to the teacher, I carried a 2 yr degree black belt. I guess you could say he fell in love with the fact that I kick his butt, lol. We went to many tournaments together and formed a very strong relationship. After college graduation Casey and I moved to Colton, WA. I, of course once settled in, searched for the nearest mini club and events. I then could only find one in Spokane, WA. I still showed Ricky in all Washington shows I could.



Casey and I then adopted a cat together, Trixie. About a year later we got our first dog Einstein. Then a year later I got another mini. Feather of Carousel Farm was a black and white mare who came from my grandparent's farm. I still showed Ricky as well. Feather and I became showmanship queens and could jump to the moon and back. The three of us won many awards and did many shows and events.

In 2012, Casey got a job here in Boise. We also got married July 21, 2012 and moved to Eagle, ID., in August of 2012. Again, once I moved and settled in, I searched for some mini peeps and events. I found the Idaho American Miniature Horse Club (IDAMHC). My first show was in September of 2012 and I showed both Ricky and Feather.



In 2013 Casey and I bought our house in Middleton, ID. We now had our cats Trixie and Tanzinite, dogs Ein, Gary, and Howie, and horses Ricky and Feather. I just started getting heavily into the club meetings and events. By this time I had also joined the Idaho State Horse Show Association (ISHSA). For my first year I was pretty much the only mini competitor. But I kept showing. I soon met a few new friends; Felicia and her family had a mini and were showing too!! The one became two.

In 2015, I became Secretary for IDAMHC. We were starting to get new members and more minis. It was a very exciting time for the club. My sister Valerie then moved in with us, bringing her little mare, Angel. Valerie showed Ricky and Angel and made a great team, they did very well and took many wins home. I could not be more proud of them. Valerie came home with the year end driving buckle from ISHSA just like I did in 2014. Sister power! I then learned that I was to be expecting a baby in 2016!



2016 I became President of the IDAMHC and was excited. Our club had many new members by this time who were very eager to learn and get involved. This year of course became a very busy year. I gave birth to my son, Brock, 7 weeks early. He was born 5/11/16 only weighing in at 3.8 lbs. Brock was in the NICU for 5 weeks, we got to bring him home at 5.2 lbs. right around Casey's birthday and Father's Day. I then had horse showing on hold until later that year. I then got my next mini who was born the same day as Brock, Comanche of Carousel Farm. He is also a black and white, and I hope Brock will grow up with him and show together just like I did with Misty.



2017 became my second year for being President of IDAMHC and first year of being Vice President for ISHSA. I put on my biggest horse show ever phew it was scary. Brock turned a year old along with Comanche. I have started a new 4-H club as well with 6 members. I recently went to my first AMHR show in over 10yrs. I showed Robin's horse Royal and Comanche. We did everything from halter, showmanship, trail, driving, obstacle driving, roadster and even costume. I ended up winning the Hi-Point Amatuer Award for the show. I was very excited.

I have had minis in my life a long time. Along the way of my adventures I have learned so much, met new friends and got many people addicted to minis like me, lol.

Today I would have to say I am very proud. I'm proud of my sister Valerie for all she has accomplished and grown. Proud of my son Brock who is a very cute and healthy little boy. Proud of my old man Ricky who is once again a 4-H project for a young girl. Ricky is 21 years old and still going strong. I'm very proud to be President of the IDAMHC, a club filled with many fun and entertaining people who have great personalities and love for mini horses and who are willing to spread that love with everyone they meet. I only hope I can continue to spread that love for many more years to come.

Just a side note: We, at the Idaho Miniature Horse Club, are so fortune to have someone like Maria as our President. She brings her energy, love for mini's, and expertise to our club and spreads it around. Thank you, Maria, for taking the time out of your VERY busy life and continuing to lead our group!

Many thanks to Lynne Wing for expertly formatting this article and forwarding it for publication!

Please see the Events calendar on the website www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com for meeting dates and current show bills. Keep sharing event information and corrections, photos, and articles about your experiences.

Advertising on Website: Items for sale (horses or other) can be added to the club website, including photos. Items valued at \$200 or more cost \$5 (payable to IDAMHC) and those under \$200 are free.

Contact Pam MacFarlane at 208-922-1685 or email at pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com to contribute an article, event information, or advertisement to the newsletter and website.

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Upcoming ISHSA Shows

Sept. 2: TVPH Club show; dress clothes not required; Al Birt arena

Sept. 9: Buckskin Who Dun It show; Hawaiian theme; dress clothes not required; Al Birt arena

Sept. 16: Idaho Miniature Horse Club show; Al Birt arena; meet there on Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. to set up obstacle/trail courses

Sept. 29-31: ISHSA Fall Double Point Show; Ford Idaho Horse Park

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