



# Idaho Miniature Horse Club

## October 2021 Newsletter

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President: Maria Redinger  
Vice President: Heather Bunting  
Secretary: Valerie Marshall  
Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Robin Willeman, Jamey Robbins, and Felicia Humpherys

Minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Jennifer Smith's house, 1323 N KCID Rd., Middleton, ID.

Maria brought the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Those in attendance: Valerie Marshall, Robin Willeman, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Lois Cant, Pam MacFarlane, Sharon Dudley, Janet Fries, Maria and Brock Redinger, Heather and Jim Bunting, Kelli Phillips, Donna Gramarossa, Jennifer Smith, Felicia Humpherys, Loretta Hall, Jennifer Waugh, and Brenda Paladini.

Secretary minutes: Heather motioned to approve the minutes from last month, Jamey seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report: August's Beginning balance: \$4,534.06. Deposits are \$350.00 by donations for hi-point buckles. Expenses are \$475.00 for insurance. Outstanding checks/bills include \$50.00 for the Western Idaho Fair awards. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$4,934.06. Jamey made a motion to accept the report, and Felicia seconded. Motion passed by the club. Jamey also made a motion to allow the executive board to decide if a discount can be applied for members who attend the First-Aid clinic, only if the show numbers are good enough. Brenda seconded the motion, and the motion passed by the club.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**By-Laws Committee** – Jamey and Sharon reported more changes made to the by-laws. Most changes were little word changes or making a sentence simple. In Section 305, they added that a virtual attendee does have full voting rights. In Section 801, they changed the Activities Committee to Fun Committee, took out Trophies and Ribbons, as well as Show Points, and made it all Year End Awards. Also added the VSC (Vital Statistics Committee). In Section 802, "by letter or Newsletter, solicit all members for volunteer to" was changed to "keep a written record of each of the committees". The sentence to ask those interested members to respond back to the president has been struck out. All committees are required to report their activity and/or suggestions at the next general meeting, instead of keeping minutes and submitting to the secretary for the club files. In Section 803 (Audit committee), it was struck out that "the committee shall audit the records of all committees and shall perform such other duties, as may be incidental to their office". Section 805 (Elections Committee) was renamed Ballot Counting Committee, and in the description it was added that "the ballot counting committee will be chosen at the November meeting and will consist of at least two current members, in good standing, and are not on the ballot". All changes discussed were approved by the members present.

**First-Aid Clinic** – November 6<sup>th</sup> at Al Birt Arena in Nampa, ID is when the clinic will take place. It will be an all day event. Price is \$159.00 per member, for the whole day. Last minute details to follow.

**Club show** – Some help is still needed. It was discussed that help was needed for trail set up, as well as the gate and scribing for judges. Leadline will be as close to 2pm as possible, and help with the buckets and prizes for that would be appreciated.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Silent Auction** – Please get any items to Maria or Kelli before set up on Friday evening at 630pm.

**Fun Committee** – Play date is set for October 16<sup>th</sup> at Al Birt Arena in Nampa, ID. Flyer and sign up sheets soon to follow!

**Reminder to get your point sheets accounted for and ready! November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Deadline to turn in your high point award sheets!**

**Christmas YEA Banquet** – Ideas are needed to start thinking about a time and place. December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am was decided. Star Riverhouse is an idea for a possible location. More details to follow.

**Nominations – Committee** needs to get in contact with those eligible for office positions. Members can send the committee their nominations. There needs to be a slate made by the October meeting, so it can be counted at the November meeting. Donna G., Jane S., and Lois C. are on the committee.

**Tack Swap/Sale** – Valerie brought the idea of a club tack swap/sale to the club. Club liked the idea and figured a date sometime after the play day would be best. Some ideas were if it should be opened to the public or stay within the club. If it is opened to the public, should people pay for a spot? A place also needs to be decided on.

**Felicia brought up some of the ISHSA rule changes** that were submitted. One was that those driving in Youth Roadster should wear helmets. That was voted as a no. They believed it was of personal preference for the youth/parents to make. Another proposal was for changes for gait calls in driving classes. That was voted as a no. They are sticking to the PtHA gait calls. The last proposal sent in regarding minis was that headers should be allowed in all driving classes (including Roadster) at line up for safety reasons. That was voted as a yes.

**Door prize was won by Janet Fries!**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11<sup>th</sup> – IDAMHC/Who Dun It Open Horse Show, Birt Arena, Nampa, ID

September 11<sup>th</sup> – PNQHA Ranch Show, Mountainview Arena (POSTPONED)

September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – ISHSA Fall Double Point Open Horse Show, Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID

October 16<sup>th</sup> – IDAMHC Hallowed Hauntings In Hand Play Day, Birt Arena, Nampa, ID

Next meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at Jennifer Smith's house (1323 N KCID Rd., Middleton, ID) at 630pm.

Jamey motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Heather seconded. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by your Secretary, Valerie Marshall

The following is an old poem that I had printed, framed, and given at the Christmas party several years ago, not long after I lost a horse. Last week, I had already inserted it in this newsletter when Valerie thoughtfully posted it on Facebook for Heather. It has several versions, but this is my favorite, and it's worth sharing. --- Pam

In memory of all the horses we've known and loved.....

## *Just a Horse*

*From time to time, people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a horse,"  
or "that's a lot of money for just a horse."*

*They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent,  
or the costs involved for "just a horse."*

*Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse,"  
but I did not feel slighted.*

*Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse,"  
and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse"  
gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.*

*If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand  
phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."*

*"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship,  
trust, and pure, unbridled joy.*

*"Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience  
that make me a better person.*

*Because of "just a horse," I will rise early,  
take long walks, and look longingly to the future.*

*So, for me and folks like me, it's not "just a horse,"  
but the embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future,  
the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.*

*"Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts  
away from myself and the worries of the day.*

*I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse,"  
but a thing that gives me humanity  
and keeps me from being "just a woman."*

*So, next time you hear the phrase "just a horse," just smile,  
because they just don't understand.*

*--- Author Unknown*



### *Nominations for 2022 Board of Directors*

The Nominations Committee is currently contacting all members to nominate officers. So, please expect communication from either Donna Gramarossa, Jane Steele, or Lois Cant. Do be sure that anyone you nominate has agreed to the nomination. Your input is important. Hope you plan attend the meeting on October 14 to see the slate of nominees, including officers, and one two-year Director!

Here is the committees list. If you'd like to be part of one or more of these, or if the assignment isn't a good one for you, please contact Maria Redinger.

- \*Audit Committee: Brenda, Robin, Donna B.
- \*Horse Expo Committee: Jamey, Donna B.
- \*Clinics Committee: Valerie M., Felicia
- \*Nominating Committee: Jane, Donna G.
- \*Youth Committee: Maria, Felicia
- \*By-Laws Committee: Jamey, Lois, Sharon, Felicia, Robin, Pam
- \*Show and Awards Committee: Maria, Donna B., Felicia, Tess
- \*Show Points and Year End Awards Committee: Valerie M., Heather, Sharon
- \*Newsletter editor and club website publicity: Pam
- \*Play Day Committee (aka Fun Committee): Heather, Jamey, Donna B.
- \*Year End Banquet and Christmas Party Committee: Donna G., Brenda, Sharon
- \*Vital Statistics Committee (VSC): Donna B., Kelli
- \*Facebook page: Maria
- \*ISHSA Representative: Heather
- \*Club SWAG: Kelli

### *Calendar of Events*

- \*General Membership Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Jennifer Smith's
- \*Halloween Hauntings at the Birt Arena, Nampa: Entry form with the schedule and explanation of games is included in this newsletter.
- \*Treasure Valley Whips is hosting a Horsemanship 101 groundwork clinic on October 23 and 24. Registration form with information is included in this newsletter.
- \* November 15: Point totals are due for Year End Awards
- \*November 6: All Day Advanced Equine First Aid Clinic sponsored by IDAMHC: flyer is attached.
- \*November General Membership Meeting: Date to be announced: Ballots will be counted and the winners of the election will be announced.

## Western Idaho Fair

### Oh, this was a very emotional show!

By Maria Redinger on Facebook



I pulled old man Ricky out to support the mini classes. Not expecting anything. He surprised me twice! He showed that age can't stop his pep in his step! Pulling a 1st in a class of 4 mini 4yrs older gelding, then grand champion overall gelding mini! Then we place 1st in the trail class and recieved the Overall Trail Hi-Point! Not gonna lie my eyes leaked just a little.

Thank you to all who put in time and work for the show! Thank you to my Hi-Point Sponsor  
KAREN SCOTT & FAMILY.



### So proud of my Chancey!

By Valerie Marshall on Facebook

We got 5th in Showmanship ages 19-35 (out of 10+), 3rd place for In-Hand trail (out of 16), 2nd place in Halter Mini Geldings over 4yrs, and Reserve Grand for Mini Geldings... Which lead us to get Overall Champion Miniature High Point and Overall In Hand Champion.

Thank you so much to the In Hand Champion sponsor Butch Mowdy with Equine Kindergarten, as well as the sponsor for Champion Miniature- Idaho Miniature Horse Club  
The metal signs are pretty awesome and will be going on the barn.





## IDAMHC/WhoDunIt/ISHSA Open Show

Here's an enormous thank you to club members who worked and showed, and to Maria and Jamey for sharing these treasured photos on Facebook. See more on the Idaho Miniature Horse Club Facebook page, including video!



*Maria with Brock showing Ricky*



*Waiting for a class*



*Halter class*



*Jim and Heather*



*Robin*



*Rene'*



*Felicia and Amy*



*Louise*



*Brenda*



*Jennifer G. and Jane*

## ISHSA Fall Double Point Show

### **We had an awesome show for the end of the year.**

From Felicia's Facebook post



Amy and Socks took 1st under both judges for the youth mini/pony showmanship and got to go back for the championship showmanship class. She took her first high point driving award with Socks. She got Reserve High Point Driving Mini/Pony 40" and Under.

Me and Elsa had our best go to date on in hand trail and she took High Point Driving Mini/Pony 40" and Under.

Mom and Irish took 1st under both judges in halter and they are getting better and better in driving. Maddie took 2nd under both judges in halter out of a class of 8.

### **Chancey was a good boy today!**

From Valerie's Facebook post

Third under both judges for halter, second under both judges for showmanship -which meant we went back in for Champion showmanship- we didn't place, but he did great with that pattern as well! There was either 22 or 24 total in the championship class. And trail we also got third under both judges!

Good end to this crazy horse show year I think!





# IDAHO MINIATURE HORSE CLUB PRESENTS HALLOWED HAUNTINGS OCTOBER 16, 2021



**Open to all miniature horses and ponies. Al Birt Arena, Nampa**  
**Entries taken after 9:30 a.m., Games to start at 10:00 a.m. \$10 per person.**  
**Bring your own lunch and drinks. Checks are payable to IDAMHC**

Exhibitor name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, each participant agrees to hold harmless the Idaho Miniature Horse Club and its members, Al Birt Arena, and its owners or agents, for any bodily injury or property damage or loss in connection with this event. One adult signature required. \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASSES (youth and adult division for each class)

### Cauldron Course

Before start time decorate your own cup (provided). Race against the clock as you take your horse over a jump, move one cup of water from one bucket to another, dress in a costume bag, and take your horse back over the jump. Best time wins.

### Scary Sock Race

As a group, race across the arena, put a sock on your horse's leg, and run back across the finish line.

### Candy Race

With your horse, race to the bucket of candy, grab a handful of candy (one hand only), run it to the bucket at the starting line. The person with the most candy is the winner. Ties broken by the number of candies dropped along the way. Everyone keeps the candy they bring back to the starting line.

### LUNCH (BYOL)

### Red Light, Green Light

The game we all knew as kids. Start at one end of the arena with your horse, try to make it to the finish line first as Red Light and Green Light is called. During Red Light, if you or your horse moves, go back to the starting line.

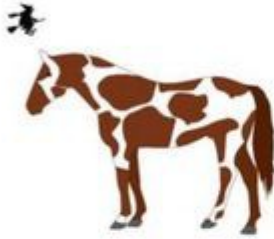
### Monster Mash Cones

A new take on musical chairs. Instead of sitting on a chair, you run to a cone with your horse and put your foot the X on the cone. Last person with the last cone wins.

### Costume Class

Judged by our wonderful volunteers. Bring your A game for this class!!!

## HORSE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



Giraffe horse



Dragon horse



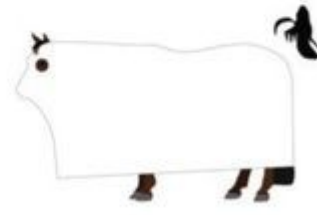
Maleficent



Inmate horse



Hula horse



Ghost horse



Unicorn



Super Horse



Fred Flimstone



Baseball Horse



Scuba horse



Starlight

*Horse*DVM™

# Let's Revisit the Basics!

Horsemanship 101: Ground Work with Leo Van Sistine

Sponsored by the Treasure Valley Whips Carriage Driving Club

October 23-24 Birt Arena, Nampa

General Topics: New Horse Basics... Ground Working... Problem Solving

Cost: \$50.00 per 3.5 hour session. Juniors 18 and under \$40.00. Juniors must wear helmets (we will have loaners).

Each session will be limited to 8 participants. You may sign up for multiple sessions with different horses.

Auditors are welcome at no charge. All participants must sign a waiver.

Saturday, October 23 Session 1: 9:00-12:30 Session 2: 1:00-4:30

Sunday, October 24 Session 3: 9:00-12:30 Session 4: 1:00-4:30

If you have them, bring a rope halter,  
12-14' lead rope, and a training stick.  
We will have some available to borrow.  
Email questions to:  
svduh1@gmail.com or  
merryjoetp@gmail.com  
or text 707-685-2422

To sign up for this clinic, use this link:  
<https://signup.com/go/bXwCQiD>  
or scan the QR code.



## Leo Van Sistine



is certified in the following programs:

Ken McNabb Journeyman Trainer:

CowboyDressage World Professional Association,

Trained Under:

Clinton Anderson Downunder Horsemanship,

Richard Winters Horsemanship,

Carson James Horsemanship, Brent Graff Horsemanship

Past experience:

Trainer for Yolo County Sheriff's Posse Search and Rescue (CA)

Vice President Sacramento Horsemen's Association

Leo has been a supporter of 4-H programs in California, Oregon, and Idaho.

He also travels extensively throughout Oregon, Washington and California doing 2 and 3 day clinics.

Leo resides at Ride 365 Ranch in Ontario Or., and is available for individual training sessions, lessons and evaluations offered at hourly rates at his residence or yours.





## Equine Health & Emergency First Aid Clinic

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Hosted by Idaho Miniature Horse Club

Meredith Bakula with Twisted Pine Training, LLC will be teaching this very educational class. This is their most comprehensive and popular course. The class will be one day covering: what your vet needs to know, conditioning a horse to accept treatment, taking vital signs, dealing with lacerations, punctures, colic, choke, collapse, casting, shock, hoof issues, recognizing pain in the horse and pain source identification, saddle fit for spinal health, injury prevention and so much more! There will be horses, big and little, to practice techniques for hands on learning. All attendees receive a certificate of completion and first aid manual. **Space is limited so pre-register ASAP. A \$50 minimum deposit is required to secure your spot in this class. Make checks payable to IDAMHC.**

The class will be in the indoor arena, however be sure to dress warm and bring your own lunch, snacks, and drinks.

**When:** November 6th, 2021 9:00am to 5:00pm

**Where:** Al Birt Arena (Indoor Arena), 2520 E Lewis Lane, Nampa, ID 83686

**Cost:** Current IDAMHC Member (\$109) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member (\$159) \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND BE SURE TO ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Checks Payable to IDAMHC

**\$50 Minimum Deposit is REQUIRED to Reserve Your Spot**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Applicable:

Current IDAMHC Member (\$109) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member (\$159) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form & check to: Heather Bunting  
11800 Sweet Ola Highway  
Sweet, ID 83670

Questions? Contact Heather Bunting at [heatherbunting1026@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbunting1026@gmail.com) or call (208)369-0931

Any bets on when the last fly will land on your horses this Fall?

How soon will the fly strips, traps, spray, and fly masks be out of sight until Spring?

**Classified ads** are on the club website [www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com](http://www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com). Also, let me know if you'd like to list items for sale or if you have sold anything that you listed so I provide current ads. 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 sent to Donna Bernardelli, Treasurer, and those under \$200 are free. Contact Pam MacFarlane at [pete\\_macfarlane@hotmail.com](mailto:pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com) or 208-922-1685.

## Loving Hands Equine Massage

Did you know that IDAMHC member Brenda Paladini has earned her Equine Massage Certificate through Western Montana School of Massage? Brenda offers massage service for Miniature Horses and regular size horses in the area.

The purpose of equine massage is to increase circulation, and to alleviate sore muscles, stress, and tension; of course, equine massage should never replace veterinary care or training, and Brenda strongly suggests that you inform your vet about massage being performed on your horse.

Prices are \$60.00 for a Miniature horse and \$75.00 for a regular size horse.

Contact Brenda at 406-599-2738 or [bpaladini12@gmail.com](mailto:bpaladini12@gmail.com).





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