



IMHC January 2024 Newsletter

Congratulations to the officers guiding the club this year!

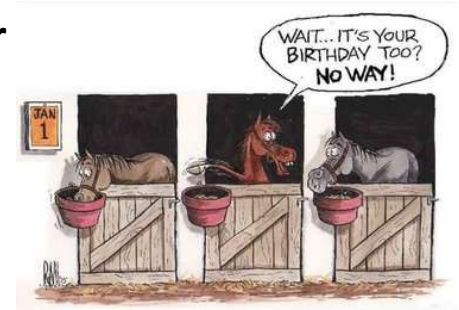
President: Heather Bunting

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Secretary: Valerie Marshall

Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Jamey Robbins, Sharon Dudley, and
Maria Redinger



Wrapping up 2023 and looking forward to 2024

IMHC won 2nd place in the horse entries at the Emmett lighted parade.
Congratulations to everyone who represented the club!



*Jennifer Green, Donna Bernardelli, Lou Green, Valerie Ellis,
Jamey Robbins, Valerie Marshall, Maria Redinger, and Brock Redinger*

Emmett lighted Christmas parade in the books. It was Zip's first parade and he did great! Good old reliable Ricky for Brock and silly Bernie for Val... ---Maria



Middleton Christmas Parade!!



Took Ricky, Chance, and Zip with Maria Redinger and Brock. The sun felt nice, but the wind was cold!
– Valerie Marshall



Check off first time for Middleton Christmas Parade!
– Jennifer Smith

Donna Bernardelli in the Toyland Parade, ready to make more toys in Sant's workshop



Idaho Miniature Horse Club Year End Awards Banquet

We had a fun afternoon at the Idaho Miniature Horse Club year end awards banquet. River and I won Reserve Champion Open Show Driving Mini, 3rd Open All Around Mini, and 4th Minis Just For Fun (an activities based award). It was a good year, and we are looking forward to 2024! – Heather and Jim



Photo by Heather and Jim

A good year for the ponies and Brock! 2023 IMHC Year End Banquet in the books. Brock showed 3 minis this year and got awards for 2 of them, Ricky and Bandit. Thank you to Idaho Miniature Horse Club and it's committees for making this a fun year. Thank you to all who sponsored awards. – Maria



Thank you Idaho Miniature Horse Club for the Year-End awards banquet and awards!!!

Beach Rox Chasing My Chance

Reserve Sanctioned In-Hand Mini
4th Sanctioned All Around Mini
9th Minis Just For Fun

Redhills Shiloh

3rd Open Show In-Hand Mini/Pony
6th Open All Around Mini/Pony
10th Minis Just For Fun

I also got recognized as a Super Star Volunteer! – Valerie



Thanks to Jamey Robbins for the photography at this celebration!



Tamara Cook



Melody Walker



Barb Miskell



Amy Humpherys



Jamey Robbins



Sarah Harrigfeld



Lou Green



Jennifer Green



Robin DeLong

ISHSA Awards

A good night for Brock at the ISHSA Awards Banquet. Thank you all for the support. Big thank you to [Jamey Robbins](#) for letting Brock ride [Shady the Wonder Horse](#) for 2023. – Maria



For year-end, Bernie and I got 3rd in Miniature Halter Geldings, 3rd in Showmanship Miniature, and 4th in 4 and Over In Hand Trail! Not too shabby for the buckskin pony! – Valerie



My Handsome Chancey by Valerie Marshall

AMHR All Star Certificates

Reserve Champion (behind Maria Redinger) in Adult Costume 38" & under
3rd place in Open Halter Obstacle 34" & under
3rd place in Aged Gelding 34" & under
4th place in Model Gelding 34" & under
4th place in Open Hunter 34" & under

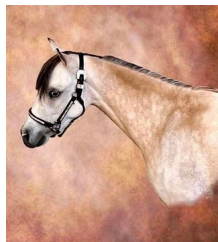


All Star Certificates



Sobie
8th Youth Showmanship 13-17 Under
7th Youth Versatility Over

Maddie:
Champion Western Stock Halter Jr Mare 2 and Younger Over
8th Western Stock Mare Grand Champion & Reserve Over
7th Owned, Bred & Shown By Exhibitor Over
4th Solid Color Mare Over



Snow:
5th Western Stock Halter Youth Mare & Gelding Over 17 and Younger
7th Western Stock Jr Mare 2 and Younger Over

Bling:
Reserve Champion Produce of Dam 38 & Under



Elsa:
Champion Cool Halter Obstacle
Reserve Champion Cool Adult Western Country Pleasure Driving 38 & Under
3rd Cool Driving Obstacle 38 & Under
4th Western Stock Sr Mare Age 3 and Older Over
8th Cool Western Country Pleasure Driving 38 & Under
9th Western Country Pleasure Driving Stakes Over

*We had an awesome year -- Felicia, Amy, and Jane
Can't wait for the 2024 show season!*

Hoof Pigment Plays No Role in Structural Integrity

By [American Farriers Journal Staff](#) posted on November 17, 2023 Posted in [Clients](#), [Education](#)

Source: [The Chronicle of the Horse](#)

Are black hooves stronger than white hooves?

John Dollar documents in *The Handbook of Horse-Shoeing*, published in 1898, that hoof color is a critical indicator of durability and strength. The late Doug Leach refutes the anecdotal observations in a September 1981 article in *American Farriers Journal* with his research that finds there is no difference in water content, chemical composition, hardness or compressive strength.

It appears the myth still holds weight in some circles, leading *The Chronicle of the Horse* to tap frequent *AFJ* contributor [Steve Kraus](#), CJF, for answers. "The only difference between white hooves and dark or black hooves is pigment," the [Cornell University farrier](#) and lecturer tells the publication. "The pigment has nothing to do with the structural integrity of the foot."

As Leach noted more than 40 years ago, the outer two-thirds of the hoof wall contains pigment, while the inner one-third adjacent to the lamellae is unpigmented. There would be increased breakdowns created by shear force if white hooves were weaker.

"Hoof strength is almost like the difference between hardwood and softwood, when you think about it," Kraus tells *The Chronicle of the Horse*. "So, hooves that are under stress, that don't hold up well, are like a soft wood that is damaged easily and maybe even rotting a little bit because it's attacked by microorganisms. Whereas, a good solid foot is more like hardwood and not easily damaged or cracked."

Mills Consilient Horsemanship

posted on Facebook by Leo Van Sistine

"With anything there is to do with horses, there are about a hundred different ways to get it done.

Maybe 70 or 75 of those ways will work...

But maybe only 10 or 15 of those ways are a good deal for the horse.

My point is...

Not everything that's effective is a good deal for the horse.

Not everything suits every horse.

There is more than one right way.

There are some things that you won't understand or agree with.

That doesn't make them bad.

There are some things you may think are the best way right now.

Later, you'll come to see that maybe they weren't as good as you thought.

Keep learning, keep trying. It will come."

-Ronnie Willis

Boones Little Buckeroo

Little Kings Buck Echo 06/01/90 - 12/27/23

33 years is a long time to be famous for trotting above level and flagging your tail, tossing your head, snorting and being bigger in might than any other horse in the world ~ all at 28.25" tall!

The Echo Attitude was the Real Deal! If you were there, you know exactly why he won that year! ECHO. ECHO. ECHO the crowd roared as he trotted around the ring. Never has there been a crowd so involved in a final class that I ever witnessed. 1994 was one of the best years of the miniature horse industry- a record was set- and has YET to be beat! To my knowledge, Echo to date was the smallest miniature stallion to win AMHA World Grand Champion Senior Stallion. But, that is not the only reason Echo was famous- he was small, but consistent! Echo's titles started as a foal and continued on every year after by winning classes himself, being part of the Get of Sire World Champs- 3 times, Produce of Dam World Champs- 3 times, and Sire of many world champion get and grand-get in halter, driving, and versatility too!

The greatest thing about Echo was his uncanny ability to pass his attitude on to his foals. They ALL had the Echo Attitude! You could simply walk into a field of horses and immediately pick out the Echo foals by their show off personalities, big trots and commanding presence- even as they aged.

Echo was one of the first Stallions to be Syndicated in the Industry. It is a sad day for us all- he brought so many people together all with the same goals and purpose. We just loved our little buckskin show off!

We are now at the end of the book that Marianne started back in 1976. The farm that once managed over 500 head of World Champions, National Champions and Congress Champion Miniature horses and Shetlands is now empty. Echo was the last Little King horse to graze on the pastures that created them.

The heavens are getting a big show today by one tiny little stud and I guarantee there are 2 old men up there just laughing it up!

Please feel free share any thoughts, memories, get or grand-get of Echo, we would love to reminisce the good old days!

*This article was published on Facebook by Little King Farm on December 28, 2023. To learn more about the Buckeroo line and Little King Farm, see littlekingfarm.com and the Little King Farm Facebook page, or Google the farm.
LKF dispersed in 2019.*

Announcements

On-line Equine Activity for Winter

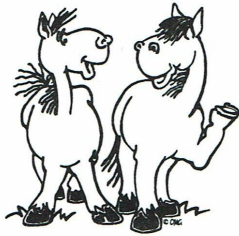
<https://www.equisarteshows.com/winter-warm-up>

Accumulate points from Jan. through March 17 with a variety of possible activities (excluding chores), and these are suggested on the website:

- Walking your horse
- Showmanship patterns
- Long-lining or ground driving
- Stretching
- Grooming
- Teaching tricks such as "smile"
- Liberty

Want to learn more about judging?

Through the Eyes of a Judge: Workshop sponsored by PNW Pinto: January 20 and 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Caldwell. See the PNW Pinto Facebook page for details and registration. Because of high interest, this will also be offered as a Zoom option.



Have you renewed your membership?

Jamey announced that the Whips club would like to share a double space with us at the Horse Expo in the spring. We would have the pen for our minis and ponies as usual. The Whips will pay half the booth fee. And Jamey mentioned that a driving exhibition might be part of the performances in 2024. Also, IMHC owns a set of driving cones/balls that are available to members who want to borrow them for a week at a time. Call Jamey to reserve the cones/balls. You are responsible for picking up and returning the cones to Jamey.

Several members have expressed interest in the online horse shows, such as virtualhorseshowseries.com and Online Mini/Pony Show. To help with that endeavor, Sharon has offered room on her property to set up patterns and obstacles so that handlers and horses could get together and help each other record the classes that are required for submission..

And posted on Facebook by [Hyde Away Ranch](#)

The dates for the 2024 Western Idaho Summer Kickoff (WISK) Show will be May 4 & 5. We are again planning to get 4 Judges. We are planning a Play Day on May 3, so after you arrive and are settled in, you can play with your horses on the obstacle course that will be set up as we had last year. Stay tuned for more information.



Committees

Audit Committee: Brenda, Sharon, Robin W., and Donna B.
Ballot counting: decided later in the year
By-Laws: Directors
Clinics/Fun Activities: Donna B., Jamey, Heather B., and Maria
SWAG: Maria
Horse Expo: Jamey
Newsletter/Publicity: Pam, Jamey, Maria, and Valerie M.
Nominating: assigned in October/November
Show: TBD
VSC: Donna B., Valerie E., and Jennifer G.
Year-end awards: Valerie M., Heather, Sharon, and Maria
Year end banquet: Brenda
Youth: Maria, Felicia, and Sharon
Parade Co-ordinator: Jennifer G.

Offered by Our Members

Loving Hands Equine Massage

- Did you know that IMHC 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.

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Want to submit something for the newsletter?

If you see obvious mistakes, please contact me so I can fix them and repost the newsletter.

Want to list equine-related objects for sale on the website? Want your business card added to the business page on the club's website (must be approved by the Board first)?

Contact Pam MacFarlane, 208-922-1685 (this is a landline, so no texts!) or pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com,
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