

NWMHC

SPRING
2015

Presidents Message

CHECK OUT
THE NEW
AWARD
PROGRAM

Hello NWMHC Members,
I am happy to announce we have made a lot of progress over the last 2 meetings. We have some new BOD members and ALL of our committees are full! This is the first time in a couple years we have an amazing amount of support and workers trying their hardest to make this the best season ever! All of our show dates are set and we have started a new Schooling Clinic and Show this April in West Linn OR. We are also adding a 2 day AMHR/ASPC/ASPR show to our already existing Emerald Valley Classic. This is much need show to our fellow members and a great opportunity for us to generate more members and income. The new portion of the show has had a huge response of sponsors so we feel very comfortable moving forward. Please check up on all your BOD members and contact personnel on our website along with more information on show dates and premiums as they become available. The website is very vital part of getting information to you and will be kept up to date as best we can. Please send fun pics to us as well so we can post them on our website and our face book page!
If you have any questions or comments please direct them to the appropriate committee chairman or to myself. Because of you we are still the largest and strongest cub in the nation!
Good luck to all of you on your upcoming shows and foaling season.
Sincerely, Lisa Pichler – President gallerytrainingcenter@gmail.com

Mark Bullington Versatility Award Program

The goal of this program is to stimulate club membership and interest by recognizing and rewarding youth and amateur members who participate in a variety of miniature horse related activities.

Program Requirements:

Open to youth and amateur

Must be a current year member of NWMHC

Open to both registered and non registered miniature horses

Must participate in 2 or more separate categories for award eligibility

Participants to record activities and submit form

[Click here for more info.](#)

Events

**Schooling Show and
Clinic. April 11-12
West Lynn, Oregon**

**Emerald Valley Classic
May 23-25. Eugene OR.**

**Can –Am Classic
June 19-21. Spanaway
WA**

**AMHA Regionals
July 22-23. Eugene OR.**

**Way out West
Aug 22-23. Central
Point, Or**

**AMHA WORLDS
Sept 24 - Oct 4
FT Worth, TX**



Shirts and Decals



[Click here to order!](#)

Coming soon, our new Versatility shirts.



Thanks Jamie Bethany for the design

Feature Farm

Would you like your farm featured? Please send write up with photos to
VINTAGEFARMS@MSN.COM

Let the
Gelding Fund,
Pay you to
show your
Gelding

This spot is reserved for our feature Farm. Send in your info with a photo and we will randomly pick a farm per issue to spotlight. Members only.



Attention
Youth



There will be a youth Meeting and Pizza feed at the schooling clinic on Saturday, April 11th at Noon.

Contact Summer at
loopsydaisybaby@aol.com



The Awesome youth/Gelding award is back! At each show we will award one youth with their awesome gelding a cool prize. Youth will have to enter their gelding by filling out a nomination form and writing a small story about their Horse. One winner per NWMHC show will be awarded.

Forms will be uploaded to website soon.

GELDING INCENTIVE FUND

1. Owner must be a current member of the NWMHC. Points accumulated from the date membership paid.
2. Points are awarded per NWMHC point system
3. Horse must have been born in the Northwest. Horses born outside the Northwest receive one-half points. "Northwest" is defined as AMHA Region 8, British Columbia and Alberta, Canada.
4. Horse must compete in at least THREE (3) – sponsored shows. Points can only be earned from Gelding specific classes.
5. A portion of each Gelding class entry fee will be allocated to the Gelding Incentive Fund:
\$3.00 per horse per judge in Open Gelding classes
\$2.00 per horse per judge in Amateur Gelding classes
\$1.00 per horse per judge in Youth Gelding classes.
6. All payouts will be made to the owner of the horse and distributed at the Year-End Awards Banquet.
7. Only NWMHC – sponsored shows are eligible for accumulation of points. Points will be awarded based on the horse only.

Membership

Remember you need to be a NWMHC member to Qualify for our year end awards. Youth Must show at two shows and everyone one else must show at three shows.

The versatility awards also require Membership.

[Click Here to download membership form.](#)

Important

If you have any up coming events or News you would like to share in our Newsletter please send information. We also will be having a classified ad section. One ad per owner, you can have a small photo. There will be four Newsletters per year; spring, summer, fall and winter.

[Click here, for the newest Directors report from our AMHA meeting in San Diego. Thank You Polly!](#)



By Sue McCoy

News & Happenings in Southern Oregon

The 2015 show year kicked off in So. Oregon, with the SOPtHA Silver Buckle schooling show series. The first in the series was held on Feb 7th at the Central Point Expo. Miniature horse attendance was pretty good despite the down pour of rain that hit our area causing flooding. The sun came out and, it was an awesome day filled with friends and fun with minis. Huge ! Thank You to Diane Dorigan, as Judge, great tips and advise.

In Feb, the Shasta Valley Wildlife Refuge opened up and some of us from So. Oregon made the drive down to Montague, Ca. and did a group drive. What a beautiful area and a great drive, so much so that we did it again the following weekend.



March 21st in Klamath Falls, the Oregon Performance Horse Club is holding their Wooly Bear Show. This sounds like another great show to attend and see friends or make new ones.

April is approaching fast. The 3rd in the SOPtHA Silver Buckle Schooling shows will be on Sat April 4th. Held at the Central Point Expo. Come down and join us for the day. For more info, contact SOPtHA on facebook.

Grants Pass is also happy to have Trainer Rachel Williams here. Looks like we will keep her busy and hope she feels welcome. Of course we are all looking forward to the AMHR (May 21/22) & AMHA Emerald Valley Classic (May 23-25).

Test for Dwarfism in Miniature Horses

The gene responsible for dwarfism in Miniature Horses is called the aggrecan gene (ACAN).

DNA testing for 4 mutations of the gene is being offered at the University of Kentucky Animal Testing and Research Laboratory. The mutations were found by a PhD student, John Eberth, at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center. John is studying under Ernie Bailey PhD, professor of genetics and genomes at the Center.

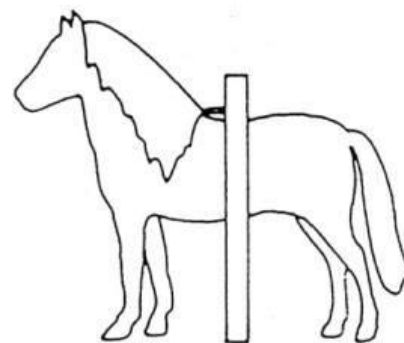
The 4 mutations of the gene are different from skeletal atavism which is a type of dwarfism seen in the Miniature Horse and Shetland Ponies. ACAN mutations are also dissimilar from osteochondrodysplasia dwarfism seen in such breeds as the Freesians. The mutated genes are named D1, D2, D3 and D4.

Since horses that are carriers of ACAN mutations do not exhibit any of the characteristics of dwarfism, it's encouraging that tests are available now to discover which of the mutations is present.

One of the mutations causes early abortion or absorption of the fetus. Two of the mutations produce a dwarf foal with many physical problems.

Researchers strongly advise against breeding carrier males and females together. Results of such a breeding are serious health issues.

For information on the testing, check online at www2.ca.uky.edu/gluck/AGTRL.asp#dwarfism; Kathryn Graves PhD, assistant clinical professor and director of AGTRL at ktgraves@uky.edu or call 859 218 1193.



The height of a miniature horse is the vertical distance from the last hairs of the mane to the ground when the animal is standing squarely on a level area.



Kayla [Nicholson] & Chad Alstad
February 28th 2015



You can read all about the NWMHC Winter meeting by clicking the horses below.



Don't forget to bring your Auction Item for the Gelding Incentive Fund to the Emerald Valley Classic in Eugene in May.

We will also be having a youth Auction at one of the shows, to benefit the years Youth activities.

Keep Updated with our Club info on our website at

WWW.NWMHC.COM

And our Facebook page below:

[NW Miniature Horse Club](#)

This is my first attempt at a newsletter, so please bear with me! If there are things you would like to see here let me know. I am looking for someone to cover Washington Mini horse events and things as well as some one in the Portland – Salem metro areas. I have Southern Oregon covered.

Thanks,
Dawn

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