

NGHC FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

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NORTHWEST GAITED HORSE CLUB

We Now Have a Newsletter!

The Northwest Gaited Horse Club is proud to now offer a quarterly newsletter to its members. In addition to our web site at www.nwgaitedhorse.com, this newsletter will help communicate club activities and all the fun happenings with its members.

In each issue we would like to feature a great gaited horse story or informative and educational articles that our members may have. This is a wonderful opportunity to share experiences with other gaited horse enthusiasts. Articles can include a particular horse, breed, event, farm, or individual.

Do you have any fun photos that you would like to share with this newsletter or our web site? It can

be of a beautiful trail ride, a unique pose of your favorite equine companion, a show picture, or just plain having fun with your horse!

There are a lot of folks that just can't get enough of gaited horses and would love to see how diverse and versatile they are.

You just might inspire someone to switch breeds or bring another horse into their family!

Please email us at info@nwgaitedhorse.com if you have a story and or photos that you would like to share in our next issue. We look forward to hearing from you!



Membership Dinner on November 8, 2003

Before everyone gets too busy with the holiday season, we wanted to have an opportunity for club members to meet in person and just have some fun. We found the Olive Garden restaurant in Tukwila, WA can handle

reservations for a large group and was a good central location for both north and south members. If you are interested in attending, please contact us by Thursday, November 6 so we can make reservations accord-

ingly. We look forward to meeting you and hope you can attend!

(*Please note: Individuals will be responsible for their own food and drink tab.)

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Special points of interest:

- Club get together dinner
- Possible Lonnie Kuehn gaited horse clinic
- Gaited horse schooling classes
- 3rd annual EGHC all gaited show
- Club web site: www.nwgaitedhorse.com



www.nwgaitedhorse.com/classifieds

New Online Classified Ads

The NGHC web site now offers a new online classified ads section!

We are now providing an easy to use web-based tool to list horses for sale, tack for sale, breeders listings, natural gaited horse trainer listings, horse related services, and miscellaneous equipment.

It is easy to create and submit your own ad along with a photograph if you

choose. Your ads can include automatic hot links to your email address and/or web site.

Potential buyers can reach you with the contact information you provide or they can send a reply to your ad in a form that resides just underneath your ad.

This service is free to club members and is also available to non-club members for a \$5 per ad

fee. Non-members have the option of paying for their ads online using PayPal or mailing a check to NGHC.

We hope this new service is helpful and provides a good resource for gaited horse products and services!

Try it out at:
www.nwgaitedhorse.com/classifieds

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The NGHC had a booth at the EquiMasters event held at Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, Washington. Club officers were there to answer questions, hand out literature, and accept membership applications. Several well known clinicians attended the event including John Lyons, Clinton Anderson, and Peggy Cummins, along with a huge variety of

vendors from around the country. Our booth was located in Breed Alley where expo attendees could see horses close up and personal and learn about the various breeds of horses. Several people came by the booth to get more information and a few purchased memberships on the spot!

Brighton Ridge Farm of Renton WA, performed a

mountain horse breed demo that sponsored the NGHC and invited people to stop by the booth and get more information.

“Champ” the miracle horse performed in the breed demo and showed that a horse can recover from a severe founder. Many people came to the booth afterwards to see Champ and learn more about founder.

Trail Riding and Camping with Horses Clinic



Learning about trail riding with your horse!

Our first clinic by Ken Wegner, owner of K&S Saddlery, was an interactive clinic designed for trail riders of all skill levels to review and demonstrate trail riding techniques, camping skills, gear and equipment for a safe ride. Ken has a wealth of knowledge to share and a passion for enjoying and preserving

our wilderness areas.

Topics included: necessary trail gear for people and their horse; trail safety and first aid; feeding your horse and yourself; hobbling, picket lines; respect for the wilderness.

We had a surprise guest, Dick Woodfin, author of "Trail Riding and Pack

Trips in Washington", that demonstrated how to use a compass and shared some of his favorite places to go trail riding!

Also a special thanks to our gracious hosts at Horse Haven Stables in Snohomish, WA.

We hope you enjoyed the clinic and will post photos on the web site soon.

Would You Like a Spring 2004 Gaited Horse Clinic?

Several people have asked if we are planning any kind of Gaited Horse Clinics? We would like to find out how many members might be interested in such a clinic.

Topics could include: trail and pleasure riding; problem solving and horse management; gait recognition-gait training; proper riding position; performance training and shoeing; training your own horse; and special needs.

We are considering sponsoring a clinic with Lonnie Kuehn. She prides herself in teaching both horse and rider to achieve the goals they have in mind, by educating them on how to get the most out of their horses. Lonnie has a very diverse background with various gaited horse breeds, is a judge, and supports the flat shod TWH horse.

Learn more about Lonnie Kuehn at her web site:

www.pleasuregaitfarm.com

We need to determine if we would have enough horse and rider combinations that would attend and if there is enough interest to sponsor a clinic at this level.

If you think you might be interested in participating in or auditing such a clinic please call us at 425-922-1957 or email at info@nwgaitedhorse.com.



Would you like to participate in a clinic given by Lonnie Kuehn?

Gaited Horse Schooling Classes

With our fun annual all gaited horse show becoming increasingly popular, we have a growing interest in gaited horses attending schooling shows and novice riders wanting to gain more experience and confidence in the ring.

To help meet this demand, we are working with the Equestrian Center of Cedar Downs,

located in Maple Valley, WA.

Cedar Downs has a current English/Western schooling show schedule for 2003-2004 and classes are open to gaited breeds.

Show dates are on the following Saturdays:

Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 29,
Dec 13, Jan 10, Jan 31,
Feb 14, Feb 28, Mar 6,
Mar 20

To view the class list and entry form, please visit:

www.cedardowns.net/engwest03-04web.htm

If you would like to attend a schooling show with other club members, please contact us and we can help to arrange a club schooling show day.

Be sure to check our web site for updates!

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2004 3rd Annual Evergreen Gaited Horse Classic

The annual Evergreen Gaited Horse Classic has become a very successful, fun, and educational event for both exhibitors and spectators alike.

With 83 horses attending and 476 rides in classes this year, we found the covered outdoor arena at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe was

getting too small for many of our classes.

As a result, we are reserving the main 100' x 250' indoor horse arena and stables at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA for 2004. This will ensure our exhibitors and horses have the room they need while providing conven-

ient access to the show office, stalls, and warm up arena. The higher ceiling in the stables and arena should also prove to be cooler than Monroe!

There are RV hook ups along with many hotels and restaurants nearby.

Our Icelandic horses will now be able to have their



Western Washington Fairgrounds Stables, Puyallup, WA

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Have fun and learn!

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The Northwest Gaited Horse Club is a non-profit 501(c)(7) organization. Our vision: To promote all naturally gaited horse breeds in the Pacific Northwest for pleasure or show; to provide support and encouragement to gaited horse owners and enthusiasts; while prohibiting artificial action devices, additional weight, or evidence of soring.

This club is for people who love naturally gaited horses, want to learn more about them and their gaits, have fun, and meet other people who feel the same. Having a horse is not a requirement. The only limitation would be that only gaited horse breeds could participate in the "gaited horse shows" or clinics. Trotting horses are welcomed at trail riding events, etc.

We look forward to growing the gaited horse community here in the Northwest and welcome your ideas and participation!

Best Regards,
Kim Brighton—President

2004 Annual Evergreen Gaited Horse Classic *continued*



Western Washington Fairgrounds
Main Arena, Puyallup, WA

flying pace class in the main arena and all horses will have room to spread out in the bigger open classes.

The sound system at this facility is much better and the volume can be controlled. Exhibitors will now be able to hear the announcer from their stalls and

both arenas.

We will continue to feature an evening breed demonstration performed by the various gaited breeds attending the show and this event will be promoted to the public. The breed demos are very well received and draw spectators from quite a distance to learn about gaited horses.

Our goal has been to provide a set of classes for each specific breed along with open and schooling classes. This format provides a good variety of classes to choose from while helping to educate spectators about the breeds.

We also have a small plea to Paso Fino, Peruvian Paso, and

Foxtrotter owners to please contact us regarding your breed's classes at our show. It was difficult to obtain confirmation on attendance and class descriptions. We want to ensure that we have breed specific classes for you with enough horses to make a class. Otherwise we need to dedicate the time to our open and schooling classes.

If your natural gaited breed wasn't part of our show in 2003, we would love to have a representative to participate on next year's show committee in support of breed specific classes and the demo.

Please contact us soon so we can start planning schedules!