

NORTHWEST MINIATURE HORSE CLUB NEWSLETTER

NWMHC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2024



Welcome to the New Year! 2024 holds great promise for the Northwest Miniature Horse Club. As we close 2023, we are thankful for our wonderful members, our amazing club, and of course for the beautiful miniature horses that we all love and cherish. 2023 was undoubtedly a very difficult year for our club. Rising prices, lower show attendance and recently discovered tax issues have all contributed to the club's financial deficit for the year 2023. As a result of our financial situation, we are no longer able to use the services of our show management team. We want to thank the T-3 Team for their many years of service to our club, Rinda, Gwen, and Sarah, you will be missed!


What does this mean for our club? Well, it means that we will be depending on volunteers to make this a successful show season and to keep our club going. We have a volunteer show management team of Sharon Bullington, Sharon Hardt and me for all three shows.. But we cannot handle all the work of running a successful show by ourselves. We need YOU, each and every one of our valued members, to help out this year! Lucky for us we already have many members stepping up to help fill the gaps.

But we still need MORE help and to have successful shows, we need YOU. We will be depending on our club members to volunteer to step up and take on one or more of the many jobs of running a show. We will need scribes for measuring, a ring crew to set up and take down obstacles and jump courses, someone to set up center ring, keep the judge stand full of snacks and to run errands, including picking up lunches for the judges and staff. All those jobs that T-3 used to do have now become our responsibility.

But most of all we need your financial support. This declining economy has been hard on all of us, and our club is no exception. The cost of arenas, judges, insurance, fees, and all the expenses of running a club have gone up. We will now need to provide all our own office supplies, including the computer, printer, paper, ink, pens, pencils, etc. We will need to get outside sponsors and class sponsors, organize fundraisers, donations to the general fund, donations of office supplies – there are many ways each of us can be part of helping our club recover and become strong once again.

I have no doubt that we will accomplish all of our goals and that 2024 will be remembered as the year when we all came together and worked as one so we can keep doing what we love. Showing horses, building lasting friendships, being part of a team, keeping dreams alive, sharing our passion with each other – I could go on and on about the many, many benefits we all receive by being a part of this amazing club, but I don't think I really need to. I think you already know.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Peterson
NWMHC President




NWMHC Winter Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
 February 3rd 2024
 High Rocks Restaurant
 915 E. Arlington St.
 Gladstone, Or.97027

*Silent Auction
 Bring an item*

*Special guest
 Chris Bickford
 Ask the Judge*

Come support your club
**Fun begins at
 10:00am**



2024 SHOW SEASON

CAPITAL CITY
 APRIL 27-28, 2024
 SALEM, OR 97301

WESTERN WASHINGTON CLASSIC
 MAY 25-26, 2024
 RIDGEFIELD, WA 98642

GRAYS HARBOR
 JUNE 15-16, 2024
 ELMA, WA 98541

WESTERN REGIONAL
 AUGUST 2-4, 2024
 RANCHO MURIETA, CA

OREGON STATE FAIR
 DATES TBD

AMHA WORLD SHOW
 SEPTEMBER 20-28, 2024
 FT. WORTH, TX

AMHA HOURS PROGRAM

The Mini Hours program is a great way to earn rewards for time spent with your Miniature horse. The Mini Hours program will allow you to log time spent doing what you do with your mini. Whether it be grooming, playing, therapy work, parades, or training, turn in your time spent and receive rewards from AMHA. Created for any age member, this program recognizes the personal achievements and benefits of multiple activities you do with your horse on a routine basis. Whether you participate in trail drives, train and compete in shows, walk in parades, perform therapy work, or enjoy just grooming your mini, each hour will count toward your lifetime achievement record and enable you to receive recognition and awards from the AMHA.

Enroll and start earning prizes today!
 Here is the link <https://www.amha.org/mini-hours>

Introducing The New High Point Buckles

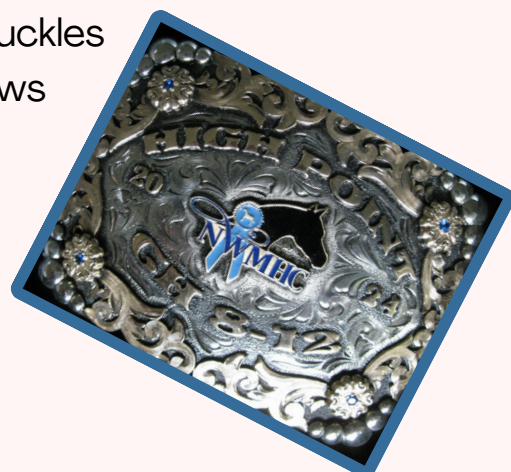
The NW Miniature Horse Club (NWMHC) will be offering these beautiful belt buckles as their Three Show High Point Series awards. Buckles will be awarded in the following categories: High Point Amateur, High Point Carriage, High Point Driving Horse, High Point Performance Horse, High Point Cool, High Point VSE, High Point Youth with Single Horse, High Point Youth with Multiple Horses, High Point Youth 7 & Under, High Point Youth 8 - 12, High Point Youth 13 - 18

Look at what you could win in 2024!
The Northwest Miniature Horse Club will be offering Series High Point Belt Buckles for the NWMHC Sponsored Shows

Capital City
April 27-28
Salem, OR

Western Washington
May 25-26
Ridgefield, WA

Gray's Harbor (Can-Am)
June 15-16
Elma, WA



Thank you Suzi Durdel and Linda VanFleet for making these buckles possible!

THE MARK BULLINGTON VERSITLITY AWARD



The 2023 winner is Sarah Houts
 The Northwest Miniature Horse Club's goal for 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.
 To read more about Mark and the program requirements please check out the NWMHC website
<https://www.nwmhc.com/bullingtonaward>

A few moments from the 2023 fall banquet





DECEMBER RECAP

WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME FUN THINGS OUR MEMBERS DID TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Danna and Moonlight took part in the Jacksonville Parade. It was rainy (off and on), cold (more on than off) but oh, so fun! Danna thinks there was about 13 minis in all that show up with their brave (or crazy) owners. Thank you guys for taking the time to go spread some Christmas joy with the horse.



Helynn Clapp-Emory decorated her barn which is just stunning. Great job!



It was a family affair for Amy and her kids as they took Louie to the Christmas parade.



While Eileen Watland took her little Santa horse to the hospital to spread some Christmas cheer!



Kristen Downs from her visits to senior centers and care homes.



Some house keeping info

The 2024 membership forms are now available on the website. Plus the class sponsorship forms. They are printable.

We are working on the online form you can fill out, but for now you will need to print and send it with your payment.

Please send forms along with payment to
Sharon Bullington, Treasurer

We want to hear from you!

What would you like to see in the newsletter? More health topics, funny pictures, show updates, non-show things. The possibilities are endless.

Please email any and all ideas to bethwhite82@yahoo.com

Have you checked the website lately for updates

<https://www.nwmhc.com/>

As well as follow NWMHC on Facebook.

Happy
New Year