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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS**
A CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB
FOR EDUCATION,
COMPETITION AND RECREATION
FOR CARRIAGE DRIVERS and
EQUINES OF ALL ABILITIES
AN AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY
AFFILIATED CLUB

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CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS:

Chair: Amanda Horton
Vice Chair: Barbara Cerio
Secretary: Victor Hill
Treasurer: Kathy DeLong
Newsletter Editor: Mary Van De Bogart

CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Membership Director: Joan E. Lyons
Phone Tree: Susan Welch

NEW MEMBERS:

Liz and Dale Fleming, Mary and John Munson,
Robin Hennis, Al and Phyllis Ellert,
Robin Willeman, Merisa St. Clair

THE NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday,
7/21/2010 at 7 PM, at the Casa Mexico Restaurant,
Middleton, ID

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Mary Van De Bogart:

Well...so it's a *late* spring quarterly issue! Spring has been late this year, right? Hope you're all full of summer plans and ready to take advantage of the good weather when it comes!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Amanda Horton:

A lot is coming up for the club and its members. Summer is finally here and many of you are preparing for the fair pleasure driving circuit. A few members are hitting the CDE circuit and many others are just enjoying recreational driving. I am trying to do all three! I hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer.

Fall will be upon us before we know it which means that the Sixth Annual Pleasure Driving Show in late October is right around the corner. We need an organized person with basic computer word processing skills to volunteer to be secretary. Help will be available and all the paperwork necessary has been organized into a handy binder for reference. All the forms are available in electronic format as well. I urge you all to consider this opportunity to serve your club and learn a new skill. Our events don't put themselves on and new blood is always needed, welcomed and supported.

Fall is also the season for our election of our officers. Our by-laws provide for staggering our elections of officers. This fall the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are up for election. I have made it known that I will not be running for re-election to the Chair position. I would ask that members who may be interested in leadership positions to feel free to ask me questions about the position requirements which are also listed in the TVW's By-laws.

At our last meeting we discussed having an educational component at some of our meetings especially in the winter time. I have already arranged to have a farrier address basic skills that a recreational trail driver as well as a competition

driver should be aware of. His name is Byron “Dave” Eames and you can find his contact information near the end of this newsletter. We will be scheduling this and other “mini clinics” throughout the winter. Another idea is for one on harnessing and harness fit. Think about things that would be helpful to you or things that you think you could help others with.
Happy trails everyone!

**Minutes of the Treasure Valley Whips meeting
May 26, 2010 at the Casa Mexico Restaurant,
Middleton Idaho 7:00 PM (unofficial)**

Members Present: Carmen Baker, Kathy DeLong, Cyndi Eaton, Sandy Hill, Vic Hill, Amanda Horton, Joan E Lyons, Ellen Short, Lee Van De Bogart, Mary Van De Bogart, Susan Welch, Robin Willeman, Rose Williams.

Guests: Colleen Sisson

Call To Order: 7:05 PM

Minutes of February 20, 2010 meeting presented in writing: 0 additions or corrections

Motion: Joan E Lyons / 2nd: Lee Van De Bogart, Motion to accept as read. Ayes unanimous; Meeting minutes accepted as read.

Financial Report: Kathy DeLong read the financial report. Motion to accept as read: Joan E Lyons / 2nd: Susan Welch. Ayes unanimous. Financial report accepted as read.

Introduction of new member: Robin Willeman. Colleen Sisson guest at present time.

Correspondence: Vic Hill: Nothing to report.

Committee reports: Amanda Horton: “Thank you to Jan McEnroe for fundraisers (silent auction + non-member participation in bomb-proofing clinics”. Both were HUGE successes!

Mary Ruth Marks Clinic/ ADT- financial success in spite of less attendance than 2009

Club needs Ad Hoc committee to brainstorm ideas for new events, e.g., scurries, cones classes, etc. Volunteers: Rose Williams, Susan Welch, Mary Van De Bogart, and Amanda Horton.

Amanda Horton will ask Birt Arena to move April 2011 Clinic weekend one weekend earlier to avoid Easter and Dressage weekend.

Western Idaho Fair: Rose Williams: Geraldine Pearson to judge Fair in Boise this year. Fair commission requests \$250 from TVW to defray costs of judge’s fees. Motion to approve the financial support: Amanda Horton / 2nd: Joan E Lyons. Ayes unanimous, Motion carried.

Awards for working class – Amanda Horton suggested Buckle Nose Halters (1 per class, 3 classes total up to \$105) \$35 max /award.

Amanda Horton volunteered to order. Motion: Rose Williams / 2nd: Ellen Short, Ayes unanimous, Motion carried.

Possible Summer Events discussed:

Castle Creek Drive – Need info from Jan McEnroe
Carolyn Phillips ranch for TVW members only
Eagle Island Day Drive

All info will be forwarded to Mary Van De Bogart for posting on the TVW Web Site.

OLD Business: Rousing Thank You to Amanda Horton for so much preparation- all is well with I.R.S.

Vic Hill volunteered to scan available club records (all year’s records) on to CDs for archiving.

NEW Business: Amanda Horton: ISHSA is offering more driving classes on show bills, which are proving to be easier for drivers to schedule.

Rose Williams: Appears to be need to present request to ISHA rules committee for more cones courses vs.

Obstacle courses.

Question: Do ISHA judges have “judges’ cards” like ADS judges?

Committee will look into questions posed: Amanda Horton, Rose Williams, Joan E Lyons, Susan Welch, and Linda Jones.

Rose Williams: Schedule for ISHA: Check web site. Several shows at Birt Arena are great for “training”.

SPECIAL Business:

Amanda Horton: Snake River Stampede Parade, Sat., 7/17. Info @ snakeriverstampede.com

Training program for Pleasure Driving Show Organizers on ADS web site

ADS Webinars can be downloaded @ ADS web site
OPEN Forum:

Cyndi Eaton reported on first weekend of Carolyn Phillip’s Pleasure Driving. Everyone welcome to second weekend over Memorial Day Holiday

Susan Welch: Asked for discussion regarding the change in fees for bomb-proofing weekend. Amanda Horton: No club vote necessary for fee changes – determination made by committee due to work involved. (E-mail from Amanda Horton 5/27/2010 to all members with explanation of fee schedule). Kathy DeLong: Bylaws are open-ended to allow flexibility in fees

Susan Welch: Who will Chair TVW Fall Show?

Committee: Rose Williams, Susan Welch, Karole Peterson, Mary Van De Bogart, Ellen Short, Kathy DeLong, Amanda Horton. Members are welcome to share ideas via committee members; however, it was

determined that committee members have to be extremely computer savvy to function in this capacity.
NEXT Meeting: Wednesday, 7/21/2010, 7 PM, Casa Mexico, Middleton, ID
ADJOURN: 8:40 PM with HUGE THANK YOU'S to all attendees for a VERY productive meeting!

MARCH PLAYDAY & ADT

The March playday evolved into an enormous bombproofing event, with over fifty assorted equines showing up to cross bridges, meet llamas, and become acquainted with lots and lots of scary stuff! It was a huge financial success for the club, and a good time was had by all. Those of us with any energy left enjoyed a schooling ADT on Sunday, which was lots of fun.

APRIL CLINIC AND ADT

The April clinic with Mary Ruth Marks was informative and exciting. (I learned that yes, Rosie Cotton can canter in harness; and yes, I can stop her if she pitches a little bucking fit!) The ADT events were interspersed with lessons for both days. Here are the results of the ADT:

Training Level Dressage: 1st - Robin DeLong 58.5; 2nd - Chris Knox 68.25; 3rd - Cyndi Eaton 72; 4th - Donna Knipe 72.75

Training Level Hazards: Ellen Short; Chris Knox 28.14 (HC)

Training Level Obstacles (Cones): 1st - Robin DeLong 0/0; 2nd - Janie Golden 0/0; 3rd - Donna Knipe 0/6; 4th Ellen Short 4.8/37.48 Chris Knox 0/0 (HC)

Training Level Overall - Ellen Short 133.62

Preliminary Level Dressage: 1st - Phil Knox 58.6; 2nd - Debbie Lyons 65.03; 3rd Mary Van De Bogart 78.6; 4th Cyndi Eaton 90.02

Preliminary Level Hazards: 1st - Mary Van De Bogart 27.66; 2nd - Debbie Lyons 36.78; Phil Knox 28.83 (HC)

Preliminary Level Obstacles (Cones): 1st - Mary Van De Bogart; 2nd - Debbie Lyons

Preliminary Level Overall: 1st - Mary Van De Bogart 109.26; 2nd - Debbie Lyons 115.41.

DEAD END RANCH PLAY DAY

May 22 was bitter cold and damp, but a few intrepid souls turned out to enjoy the excellent trails and hazards at Carolyn Phillips' Dead End Ranch. She offered a rain date on May 29; but torrential rains turned the footing in to soup; so the rain date was rescheduled for June 5. That was the day after we had funnel clouds and record rainfall in the Treasure Valley, so again it was a few intrepid souls who made it... We admire their determination, and appreciate Carolyn's hard work in planning this event even when the weather conspires against her!

TRAIL DRIVING REPORT - Jan McEnroe

The Wilson Creek Drive/Ride on March 21 was a huge success. We had 11 drivers and 13 outriders. The potluck afterwards was yummy and everyone had fun. All horses and riders/drivers were on their best behavior and did an excellent job. This was a really a fun event!!!!

We are planning a drive/ride this summer in the timbers; it will be sometime in July. As soon as we know more we will get the date to you. We are planning a drive/ride in the Castle Creek area the second weekend of October and a Bruneau drive/ride on the 7th of November.

I am looking into a competitive and non-competitive "test" trail drive/ride for fall of 2011, to be held out in Oreana (Tetter Ranch). Competitive Trail is a timed, judged event held over a set course, at a pace of 5 to 7 mph. Distances vary - 5 miles or more. The goal is to travel the specified distance within the min and max times allowed, with an equine that is fit and willing to continue on, and with the least changes in the equine's condition from the start to finish of the course. We have judges already lined up. This should be a fun event with a few natural obstacles. No special equipment is necessary. The advance heads up gives people time to condition their horses and get comfortable on the trail.

UPCOMING SHOWS

There will be driving classes at several upcoming local shows. Here are some of them:

Saturday July 10 The Idaho State POA Club will offer Pleasure Driving, Obstacle Driving, Disciplined Rail Driving, Gamblers Choice, and Roadsters but for minis only. That show is at Al Birt.

Thursday August 12 8:30 AM Payette County Fair Open Harness Driving Horse, Mule, and Donkey Show, New Plymouth, Idaho.

Friday August 13 9:00 AM Owyhee County Fair & Rodeo All Breed Horse & Mule Driving Show, Homedale, Idaho.

Tuesday August 24 3:00 PM Western Idaho State Fair Light Horse & Mule Pleasure Driving, Boise, Idaho.

Wednesday, August 25 10:00 AM Western Idaho State Fair Light Horse & Mule Obstacle Driving, Boise, Idaho.

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS FALL PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW

There was some discussion at the last meeting about the format of this year's Fall Pleasure Driving Show; specifically, whether to drop the clinic in conjunction with the show, and if this was done, whether the show should be one day or two, and what classes should be held. A committee was formed to discuss this matter, including Rose Williams, Susan Welch, Karole Peterson, Mary Van De Bogart, Ellen Short, Kathy DeLong, and Amanda Horton. The committee met on June 10, and the decision was made to do a two-day show with one day of pleasure classes and dressage, and one day of games and speed events. Some of the new classes which were discussed were disciplined rail driving, musical freestyle, ride and drive, disciplined cones, and a costume obstacle class. Another meeting will be held on June 29th. If you have suggestions or comments about the fall show, please contact one of the committee members with them. Also, we have several positions which need to be filled, including Show Secretary, Ring Steward, and Announcer. If you would be interested in taking

on one of these jobs, please contact a committee member.

SUMMER EVENTS

We may have some summer get-togethers and trail drives; they will be posted on the club website at treasurevalleywhips.org as they are organized. Members will also be notified by either e-mail or phone tree.

IN MEMORIUM

We were sorry to hear that Karole Peterson lost her Morgan stallion "Booger" this spring. He was a "Stick Tucker" baby, and a true gentleman.

PONY FOR SALE

"Tiki Rose", a fourteen hand, thirteen year old brown and white pinto pony mare, is for sale. She is a sound, well-trained "Been there, done that" pony, who has competed successfully in both 4H and open shows in a multitude of disciplines, as well as being used for parades and lessons. She is broke to drive, and has been shown at the WISF in driving classes. She's about a "5" on the energy scale. Her owner would prefer that she go to a driving home. Asking \$6000; call Audrey Benton at 559-7151.

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TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

c/o Joan E. Lyons

351 Knob Hill

Eagle, ID 83616

(208) 939-6820 or leoblair2001@yahoo.com

NAME: _____

Names of family (if Family membership) – specify the other adult voting member:

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

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INDIVIDUAL \$25: ____ FAMILY \$35: _____

MEMBERS' ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I/we intend to participate in equestrian activities sponsored by or affiliated with the Treasure Valley Whips driving club. I am fully aware that certain inherent and unavoidable risks and dangers are involved in any equestrian activity. I understand that these risks, hazards, and dangers could result in my injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, or damage to my personal property.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

Being aware that these activities entail risks, hazards and dangers, I agree to accept and assume all responsibility and risks for any injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death and damage to personal property arising from my participation in these activities. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate fully aware of the risks, hazards, and dangers.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being permitted to participate in these activities, I agree, pursuant to the limitations on liability pertaining to equestrian activities contained in Title 6, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, not to hold the Treasure Valley Whips nor its members, volunteers, officers, or agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, ITS MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICERS, INSURERS OR OTHER AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, OR RIGHTS OF ACTION WHICH ARE RELATED TO OR**

ARISE IN ANY MANNER OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES. This release of liability includes, but is not limited to any negligent act or omissions of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers, or other agents, which may result in my personal injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, and damage to my property. **THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY ALSO EXPRESSLY EXTENDS TO, AND INCLUDES THE**

OWNERS/PROPRIETORS OF ANY PREMISES OR FACILITY AT WHICH THE EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES ARE HELD.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this document, I have given up substantial legal rights and/or possible claims which I might otherwise assert or maintain in the future including, but not limited to legal rights and claims for negligent acts or omission of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers or other agents and the owners/proprietors of the premises and facility. I further agree that the laws of the state of Idaho shall govern the terms and effects of this agreement and that proper venue will be the courts of Idaho.

I HAVE READ THIS PARTICIPANTS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS. I EXECUTE IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GURARENTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Date _____ Member's signature _____

(Parent/Legal Guardian signature required if member is under 18)

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
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Middleton, ID 83644

2010 TVW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **July 21, 2010** (Wednesday) – TVW Business Meeting @ 7:00 pm; Casa Mexico, Middleton, Idaho
- **October 23-24, 2010 (Sat. & Sun.)** – TVW Sixth Annual Pleasure Driving Show
- **Club Business Meetings** – various (up to six) as scheduled throughout the year