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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**

<http://www.treasurevalleywhips.org>



**CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS:**

**Chair:** Sarah Cummings  
**Vice Chair:** Merry Jo Schreffler  
**Secretary:** Mary Munson  
**Treasurer:** Kathy DeLong  
**Newsletter Editor:** Mary Van De Bogart

**THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING will be held  
at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 16, at Mary  
and John Munson's new place. The address is  
24875 Lansing Lane, Middleton.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

**Mary Van De Bogart:**

At the last meeting it was decided to have Megan Sibiga for a clinic on May 21-22 and a Beginners' Clinic / Practice ADT on April 23-24; but Megan has a conflict on that date. She is available on April 23-24, so we will discuss switching these dates at the business meeting. I have taken the liberty of including the entry forms for the clinic with the April dates in this newsletter; but be aware that there is a possibility that it may not be approved.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

**Sarah Cummings:**

To all Treasure Valley Whips,

Spring fever is here! I hope everyone is ready to get out and work with your fellow equines! We just had our bombproof play day, which was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped! We have some fun activities coming up and I hope to see everyone there.

Sarah

**JANUARY 23 MEETING MINUTES**

**Barb Recla:**

The January 2016 meeting of the Treasure Valley Whips was held at Mary and John Munson's house after members enjoyed a potluck lunch. The meeting was called to order at 1:12 by President Sarah Cummings. There were 13 members present. The minutes from the September and November meetings were accepted.

Financial report for November 1, 2015-January 23, 2016:

Beginning balance: \$2338.20

Ending balance: \$1857.06

Income: Memberships-\$240.00

Expenses: ADS Club membership-\$60.00; upcoming expense of approx. \$700 for insurance

Kathy e-filed Form 990N for our non-profit status on Jan. 10, 2016 for 2015.

Year End Treasurer's report:

Income: Memberships-\$805, Entries and Event fees-\$10,390.00, Donations, silent auction, T-shirt sales-\$389; for a total of \$11,584.00

Expenses: Arena/facility rental \$4840.46, Supplies, postage, printing \$440.47,

Judges/clinicians/sponsorships \$7247.26, Awards \$1483.55, Food \$207.91, HDT Refunds \$310, Insurance \$766.91, EMT Services HDT \$200; for a total of \$15,496.55.

Our account was down \$3912.55 for the year.

(We didn't have a fundraiser last year and we lost about \$3000 on the June show.)

Amanda made a motion to accept the two financial reports. Motion passed.

There were no new members or guests.

Correspondence: the auction that used to be in Sisters is now in McMinville, there is a clinic at the Spokane fairgrounds.

Old business:

Feb. 27 Bombproofing: Lee, Mary and Sarah worked with Linda to lay out the arena on a grid. They made a map for each grid spot to show where everything goes. The plan is to have it less crowded and not so overwhelming for the horse. The main hazards are either built or being built. Mary and Valerie are in

charge of concessions. Valerie can purchase from a food service vendor. Mary will bag treats to sell for people to feed to the llamas. Everyone who handles a horse needs to sign a waiver. Amanda has wristbands to give people who have signed so we know. The flyer will be linked to Birt's Arena calendar. Sarah will prepare a list of jobs and get members to fill them. On February 6 there will be another planning meeting at 2:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome. (Sorry, I don't have the location)

#### New Business:

The club has several days reserved at Birt arena. March 26 will be a practice day with open driving and a derby outside, April 23 and 24 are tentatively scheduled for a beginners' clinic with different members sharing information with new drivers and some fun events for those with more experience. The club needs to charge a little to people to pay for the arena rental.

Amanda made a motion that we have Megan Sibiga hold a clinic on May 21 and 22. Megan can stay with Amanda to help the club cut down on costs. We will need to charge \$90-95 per lesson. Megan receives \$60 and we need to pay her airfare and food expenses. Amanda substituted her previous motion to read that we hire Megan and charge enough to break even. Motion passed.

#### RETURN OF THE BOMBPROOFING PLAYDAY

##### *Amanda Horton:*

The Whips again put on a successful bomb-proofing play day after a year hiatus. A new format was developed by the event committee lead by Mary and Lee Van De Bogart, Sarah Cummings, Kathy DeLong, John and Mary Munson and Merry Jo Schreffler. The new format put an end to long lines and chaos just as was hoped and the participants seemed to enjoy it.



There was a great turnout on Friday afternoon to help set up the bomb-proofing obstacles. A special thanks to

Kathy applied for insurance for 4 playdays, 2 clinics, and 2 non-sanctioned schooling shows.

Mary Van de Bogart was nominated to continue as newsletter editor and Mary Munson was nominated as secretary. Amanda made a motion to waive the election and accept the slate of officers. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2016 at the Munson's at 6:30 p.m. We hope to have a guest speaker, Sandy Young, who will talk about hay.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Submitted by Barb Recla

#### HAY EXPERT TO SPEAK AT MARCH MEETING

##### *Merry Jo Schreffler:*

Sandy Young is a hay broker here in the Nampa. She contracts with many hay growers here in the Treasure Valley and in Oregon with different types of hay. Her hay has been tested for sugar content and minerals like selenium to know what would be best for our horses here in the Treasure Valley. Please make sure to come to the meeting on March 16th Wednesday night at 6:30 at the Munson's and learn what you need to know to take care of your four-footed friend. Don't be late :)

Kathy and Gary DeLong for storing and hauling all of the sundry items (a large stock trailer full!) to and from the Birt Arena to their home in Vale, OR. The set up was very organized with the help of mapping out the arena into different "stations" where certain obstacles were designated. The whole process took about four hours and was low stress. That proved true for the clean-up as well.



The arena was limited to 15 participants per hour and that seemed to be a very workable number. Linda Kaye Hollingsworth-Jones volunteered to be head ring master all day to help anyone who needed it. Lee Van De Bogart wandered around with his backpack on, Judy Balkins cruised the parking lot on a bicycle with a lovely balloon and Mary Van De Bogart cruised around the arena with Cruiser the llama. Robin DeLong helped keep things tidy inside and out and Kathy DeLong guarded the gate. Janie Golden and I staffed the office checking all the participants in. Rose Williams and Joanie Lyons helped with the gate, Sarah Cummings, Merry Jo Schreffler and John and Mary Munson helped out everywhere! I know I probably missed some folks because so many came out to help. A huge thank you to everyone!!!



All in all the entire event was a huge success on all levels. Way to go Whips!!!



We sold 91 time slots out of a possible 105. The overwhelming majority were pre-registered with only a few no shows. We grossed about \$1700 after arena costs on the bomb-proofing alone not counting the costs and profits from the concessions. Valerie Ellis and her husband Michael Avalos organized and ran the concessions which were also a new touch this year. The chili baked potatoes were awesome!



These super pictures were taken by Pete MacFarlane, and sent to us by his wife, Pam. A huge thanks to them for sharing these wonderful photos! If you would like to see the rest of them, go to our club's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TreasureValleyWhips/>

## March 26, 2016 - TVW Driving Play Day Schedule & Rules

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Driving, ground driving, ground work for \$15 fee for members per turnout;  
\$25 for non-TVW members

- **9:00 am – 10:00 am** –set-up cones course and marathon obstacle outside, dressage letters up in main arena; office open for sign-ups
- **Noon – Potluck Lunch**
  - Please bring a dish to share. Coffee, tea, water and soda will be available.
- **Indoor arena:**
  - 20 minute practice slots – sign up day of play day
- **Outdoor arena:**
  - One driver at a time on course; self-regulated.

*Afternoon driving schedule is flexible and depends on demand*

### RULES

#### **1. Don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it!**

We all needed a lot of help when we first started and those of us who have been at this a while still need help. This is one of the main reasons to have this club – to help one another. Don't be shy! Members should be wearing name tags.

#### **2. Use caution and common sense even when there are no rules covering a situation!**

There are many levels of horsemanship and training at these events. You should not only be able to control your animal, but you must be aware of you and your animals' behavior as it may affect the other people and horses around you.

#### **3. Please observe a "walk-only" speed limit for horses in the parking lot area including the road along the parking lot and the arena.**

There are many green horses and drivers working by the trailers, let's help them out by creating a "wake-free zone". Boaters will understand ☺

#### **4. No tying horses in the indoor arena or along the outside rail.**

There is too much human and horse traffic for this practice to be safe at these events.

#### **5. Open Driving in the Indoor Arena - use sign up sheets for determining arena use.**

There will be a sign-up sheet for drivers to use to determine when they may use the indoor arena. There will be some group driving time (no more than 6 at a time) and some individual time available.

#### **6. Children are welcome, but please supervise your charges.**

Make sure your child's activity is not spooking the horses and that your child is not playing in an area where there is horse traffic. We want these kids to grow up to be drivers!

**CARRIAGE DRIVING CLINIC**  
**WITH**  
**MEGAN SIBIGA**  
*SPONSORED BY THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS*  
**APRIL 23<sup>ST</sup> & 24<sup>ND</sup> 2016**  
**AL BIRT ARENA, NAMPA, IDAHO**

**CLINIC FORMAT:** Individual lessons: Cones & marathon obstacles available depending on interest.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: SATURDAY 8:00 am start; SUNDAY 8:00 am start.** Schedule assigning lesson times will be made early the week of the clinic and distributed to participants.

*Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch each day  
Coffee, tea, soda and water will be provided*

**1. LESSONS - \$95 each 50 min. lesson. Non TVW members - \$110**

**2. FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY TO RESERVE LESSONS.** Lesson slots are limited and will be filled on a first come basis with paid entry. If fees are not received then the entry will be placed on a waiting list until the fees are received. TVW members will be given priority over non-members.

**3. STALLS: \$45 ea.** (Fri. 6pm - 11am Mon.); bedding included. **ADVANCE PURCHASE IS REQUIRED FOR STALLS**

**4. ELECTRICAL HOOK-UPS - \$10/night.**

**5. REFUND POLICY:** Organizer will refund fees paid if the lesson slot is re-sold. Stall cancellations before May 16th will be refunded; cancellations after that dates the stall fees will be forfeited unless re-sold.

**TVW MEMBERS NOT TAKING LESSONS ARE STILL INVITED TO BRING THEIR HORSES AND USE THE FACILITIES AT BIRT'S THAT AREN'T BEING USED FOR LESSONS.**

**Send Entries to:**

**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CLINICS**  
c/o Amanda Horton  
1410 W Highland View Dr.  
Boise, ID 83702  
(208) 761-2758 or [leoblair2001@yahoo.com](mailto:leoblair2001@yahoo.com)  
**NO DOGS OR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PLEASE**

**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS  
SPRING MEGAN SIBIGA CLINIC  
ENTRY FORM – APRIL 23-24, 2016  
Birt Arena, Nampa, ID**

Participant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any scheduling preference for lessons? \_\_\_\_\_.

# \_\_\_\_\_ **LESSONS - @ \$95 each - \$\_\_\_\_\_** ; Non TVW members \$110 each \$\_\_\_\_\_.

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Stall(s) @ \$45** (Three days, two nights) \$\_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Electrical hook-up @ \$10/night** \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

***PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED IN ENTRY TO RESERVE LESSONS; OTHERWISE  
ENTRY WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST  
(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "TVW")***

**SEND ENTRIES & ALL FEES TO:**

**Amanda Horton  
1410 W Highland View Dr.  
Boise, ID 83702**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this activity, 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, MEGAN SIBIGA or their volunteers, insurers, or other agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, MEGAN SIBIGA, THEIR VOLUNTEERS, 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 THIS ACTIVITY.** This release of liability includes, but is not limited to any negligent act or omissions of the TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, MEGAN SIBIGA, their 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 ACTIVITY IS HELD.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

*c/o Kathy E. DeLong*

2147 9<sup>th</sup> Ave E

Vale, OR 97918

(541) 473-2494 or [kathyerniedelong@gmail.com](mailto:kathyerniedelong@gmail.com)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

May we send your newsletters via e-mail to save postage? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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)**

## **TVW 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>January 9</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Planning meeting – Bombproofing playday</b>
<b>January 23</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>TVW business meeting and election</b>
<b>February 27</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Bombproofing Playday</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Driving Playday</b>
<b>April 23-24</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Megan Sibiga Clinic?</b>
<b>May 21-22</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Beginners’ Clinic – Practice ADT?</b>
<b>June 4-5</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>“A Drive in the Park” HDT</b>

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