

WINTER 2011  
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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:** Jan McEnroe  
**Vice Chair:** Susan Welch  
**Secretary:** Robin DeLong  
**Treasurer:** Kathy DeLong  
**Newsletter Editor:** Mary Van De Bogart

**CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

**Phone Tree:** Susan Welch

**NEW MEMBERS:**

**Welcome to Chris & Mike Pharris, of Nyssa, OR!**

**THE NEXT MEETING** will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 16, at the Sunrise Restaurant, Middleton, ID.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

**Jan McEnroe:**

Happy New Year from your newly elected chair, Jan McEnroe. I know we are all looking forward to 2011 driving activities. We have a lot of exciting activities to choose from: field trips, ADTs, road drives, shows, camp outs, clinics, games, trail activities, recreational drives/rides, CDEs, obstacle courses, other ideas?

WooHoo!! Believe it or not spring is quickly approaching. We are all anxious to spend more quality time with our equine friends. And, our equine friends are getting anxious to get out and go. Many of us will also want to work slowly to get our equines reacquainted with driving since they have been on sabbatical for a few months. It is time to start thinking about pulling out our vehicles and preparing them for the season ahead. We need to at very least give them a safety check to prevent the preventable. This means making sure metal, wood, and leather on our vehicles are solid and secure as well as making sure the wheels are safe and secure. It is also a good idea to check all nuts and bolts and pull the wheels to check bearings. If the vehicle is equipped with brakes then you will want to check fluid levels. If you have a vehicle with a trim kit then pay special attention to the wood you cannot see. Moisture buildup under the trim can rot the wood. Whew! That should give us something to pass the winter days....and before long, it is spring!

I wanted to make sure to invite every single member whether you drive or not to come out to our TVW functions. There are good friends and food along with lots of fun!!!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at next meeting. Come out and let's hear your ideas for the new year!!!!

Happy Driving/Riding  
Jan

### **ROSE WILLIAMS RETIREMENT PARTY**

There will be a retirement party for Rose Williams on Friday, January 28th, 6:30 pm at Donna Knipe's house. It will be a potluck, with cake provided. Cards are fine; no presents, please. RSVP to Susan at 887-6838.

### **BOMBPROOFING CLINIC AND PLAYDAY**

Our first playday and bombproofing clinic will be on February 26 at the Birt Arena. Signup & setup will be from 9:00-10:00, with the bombproofing arenas open from 10-3. After 3, there will be open driving opportunities. More information on this event is included in this newsletter.

### **BOMBPROOFING CLINIC AND ADT**

In March, we will have another bombproofing on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, followed by an ADT on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. These will be held at the Birt Arena.

### **MEGAN SIBIGA CLINIC APRIL 16 & 17**

Megan Sibiga of Lebanon, Oregon has agreed to be our 2011 Spring Clinic/ADT clinician and judge. Megan is one of the most accomplished west coast drivers, has an excellent ridden and driven dressage background and has been professionally training for the last 10 years. Some of our members may have seen her at last fall's Arabian Sport Horse National Championship show in Nampa where she trained and showed the National Champion Ride and Drive Pleasure Driving horse and she won the National Champion Reinsmanship award. She also won two other Res. National Championships and two additional Top Tens - all in Pleasure Carriage Driving. She also won the US National Championship Intermediate Level Combined Driving award given by the American Driving Society. She is an excellent teacher and many of her students top the field in west coast competitions.

### **CLAY MAIER CLINIC**

A date has been confirmed for the Clay Maier clinic; it will be held on November 4, 5, and 6.

### **HARNESSING AND SAFETY CLINIC**

A harnessing and safety clinic was held on November 6 at Eagle Island State Park. It was lightly attended, but there was a lot of good information (and, as usual, good food!)

### **LONE FIR FRIESIANS FIELD TRIP**

Inga Thompson of Lone Fir Friesians invited the Treasure Valley Whips to spend a day at her ranch at Halfway, Oregon, on January 14. Four intrepid members from the Treasure Valley braved the fog and cold, and were joined by three more from the La Grande area. Inga drove two teams of Friesians, and the visitors got to ride on the bobsled, feed cattle, and even drive a little. After a great lunch, they headed home. We are invited back to visit again some time after the weather improves.

### **KARL MORRIS**

Karl Morris was born on December 5th in Oklahoma. Karl passed on November 12, 2010 in Caldwell. He will be missed by many. Chris and I met Karl in 1982 when we saw him at the Fair in Garden City where he was showing his stallion Booger Deluxe. We purchased my first Morgan driving horse from Karl in 1984. He had us in parades and shows in no time. Many who drive in this area purchased either a horse, a cart or harness from Karl at some point. Karl did not miss but one fair in all the years we knew him. Karl supported the fairs and parades in the area, including the Western Idaho Fair, Homedale, Ketchum and Snake River Stampede parades, just to mention a few. He and his family had many drives when they lived on Henry St. in Boise. It was always fun and the potluck after was always good eating with good company. Karl could be cranky; he spoke his mind (we did not always agree). I for one will miss this cranky old man and remember the horses and the people we met through him, and the fun times we had. I hope Booger and he are riding the sky overhead and having a ball. May we all live a full life and have family and friends who remember the good times and the rough times. May we all have friends to remember us and a horse to carry us so we can travel the sky ways. Thank you, Karl, for the knowledge you imparted to us and the memories you left with us. (Karole Peterson)

### **ISHSA CLASS ADDED**

The Idaho State Horse Show Association has added reinsmanship to their driving classes for 2011. Their Spring Double Point show will be on April 9-10 in Caldwell, with driving classes to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Whips are sponsoring these classes; be sure to come out and enjoy this additional opportunity to show your horses!

## AMANDA ELECTED TO ADS POSITION

Amanda Horton has been elected as a 2011 Director At Large for the American Driving Society. Congratulations, Amanda!

## NOVEMBER 17 MEETING

A TVW meeting was held on November 17, 2010.

Here are the unofficial minutes of that meeting:

Treasure Valley Whips

Nov. 17, 2010 7:00 pm

Casa Mexico Restaurant, Middleton, ID

Call to order- 7:08pm

Min of Sept- Motion to accept minutes./S/passed

Financial and Membership Reports-

a. current balance- 11-16-10 \$2651.74

b. deposits-\$1358.00

c. expenditure-\$1453.16 Motion made to accept treasurer's report./S/passed.

d. membership report 3 renewals

Intro of quests-Clyde from Emmett

Correspondence report - ADS membership up for renewal. Motion was made to renew our ADS membership for \$60./S/ passed.

Committee Reports

Fall Pleasure show was great. Sunday schedule was cancelled because of bad weather. Many great awards were handed out. Silent auction was a great success. Special thanks to Jan for all her hard work.

Old Business

Safety Clinic report-Held at Eagle Island Park, 4 drivers and 2 ground-drivers made it on 11-6-10. It was very interesting and informative.

Equipment purchased was received-20 competition cones/balls. Very nice. Will be enjoyed by all. Lee made a flat bridge and Robby donated plastic barrels. Thank you!

Birt Arena Schedule-2011 reserved dates:

Feb 26- all day both arenas

March 26&27-all day both arenas

April 15 6pm set up

April 16 & 17 Clinic and ADT?

Oct 21-6pm set up

Oct 22 & 23 Pleasure Driving Show.

A need for an event committee has come up.

Volunteers are Susan, Karol, Rosie, Kathy, Barb, Donna, and Joanie.

New Business

a. 2011 membership fees will remain the same.

Motion was made to remain the same as 2010./S/passed.

Individual \$25 Family \$35.

b. Dec 5, 1 pm A Christmas party will be held at Barb's house in Caldwell. It will be potluck.

c. Winter/spring events

i. bombproofing fees will be set by event committee.

ii. Some discussion on ADT and clinics.

Special Business- Officer nominations and elections

Elected was Jan McEnroe for Chairman

Susan Welch for Vice Chairman

Robin DeLong for secretary

Kathy DeLong for treasurer

Congratulations to all for accepting these important offices.

Open Forum

Carl Morris passed away at 79 years old. He will be missed.

Tish Lewis has donated her judging services for free for many years.

Motion was made for the club to pay her membership dues for the 2011 year./S/passed.

Susan and Jan are driving every weekend, usually on Sun somewhere. Call for more info about when and where.

Jan presented Amanda with a collage of picture of her horses as a Thank-you for her many years of service to the club.

Next meeting- Jan 12, 2011 at 7pm at Casa Mexico Restaurant

Adjourned 8:25pm

## JANUARY 12 MEETING

A TVW meeting was held on January 12, 2011.

Here are the unofficial minutes of that meeting:

January 12 TVW Minutes

Treasure Valley Whips

January 12, 2011- 7pm

Casa Mexico Restaurant, Middleton, ID

Call to Order: 6:55 pm

Minutes of Nov 17, 2010 meeting deferred until next meeting.

Financial and Membership reports-Treasurer

a Financial Report

current balance-11-12-10 \$2681.74

deposits -\$150

expenditures -\$126.59

Motion to accept the financial report. /S/passed

b Membership report- 6 new, 4 renewal.

Intro of guests-Chris and Mike from Nyssa and Clyde from Emmett.

Correspondence report

a. Report from Amanda Horton- Insurance renewal has been given to the treasurer to pay. Cost is about \$900-1000.

Motion was made to allow Kathy to pay the bill when it comes due/S/Passed.

Committee reports

a. Event Committee-Discussed Feb 26 bombproofing playday.

Set up Friday night, \$20/horse for non-member, \$10/horse for member

Outside arena will be used as a driving bomb proof arena. 2 people may ground drive, or lead their horses through with 5 riders in there. Motion was made that once hooked up only 1 horse in the driving arena at a time/S/passed.

Motion was made for no more than 9 horses at a time in outdoor arena, 2 of those being ground driven. Gate person has final say. S/passed. Any arena should be walking was decided by unanimous consent.

Old business

a. Birt Arena Schedule-2011 reserved dates:

Feb 26-all day both arenas (bombproofing)

March 26 & 27-All day both arenas

(Bombproofing on 26th, ADT on 27th)

April 16 & 17-Clinic with Megan Sibiga

October 21-6 pm set up

October 22 & 23 all day both arenas (Pleasure driving show)

New business-

Road Driving Playday at Saddle Tramps March 12, 2011

IHSA-Motion was made to support spring and fall double point shows with \$50 each show, April 9 & 10./S/ passed.

Clay Maier clinic- Jan is still working out the details for a clinic this fall. Seems to be a lot of interest.

Special Business-Rose is having a retirement party on Jan 28, 6:30pm.

Open Forum

Set Next Meeting- Feb 16, 2011, 7pm. Motion to move meeting place to Sunrise Cafe, warmer and nicer facility./S/passed

Adjourn 8:22pm

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*(This article was submitted by a club member with a request to include it in the newsletter.)*

## **TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HORSE OWNERS**

(from "Notes from All Mosta Ranch", Flathead Beacon, September 15, 2010.)

- 1) My life is likely to last 30-40 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
- 2) Give me time to understand what you want of me. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
- 3) Don't be angry with me for long and don't ignore me as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
- 4) Talk to me. Quietly. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
- 5) Before you hit or strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to.
- 6) Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me or that I might just not understand what it is you are asking of me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak. Make sure your horse has a complete medical exam by a veterinarian at least once a year!
- 7) Please take care of me when I grow old, and don't ignore me or throw me away. You, too, will grow old.
- 8) On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.
- 9) Prepare for disasters. Make sure that you have a plan for your horse in the event of a fire, flood, storm, or tornado.
- 10) Plan for your horse's future in case something happens to you and visit [humanesociety.org/petsinwills](http://humanesociety.org/petsinwills) for more information.

We do not have to wait for Heaven to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness.

*It is here on earth and has four legs!*

**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB PLAY DAY**  
**FEB. 26TH & MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**POTLUCK LUNCH – BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

*Coffee & doughnuts - Soup or Chili provided*

The Treasure Valley Whips hold several play days each year. **These events are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about driving, from beginners without horses to experienced drivers.** The February 26<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup> play days will be held at the Birt Arena facility in Nampa, Idaho (see directions at bottom of the next page). There are several areas that can be used at the facility, depending upon the weather. We typically include a “bomb-proofing” area with lots of flags, plastic, tires, etc. to get our horses accustomed to, usually while leading them through the area. This makes the play day an excellent place to bring a green or young horse for some experience. After 3:00 or so the indoor arena is available for carriage drivers for 20 minute individual sessions and we will also have some group sessions for those wanting to get experience with others in the ring. We also set up some driving courses (e.g. cones, hazards, & dressage) for participants to learn and to practice. Our participants include folks who are leading their horses, ground driving them, driving hitched to a vehicle, riding their horses as well as those who are just coming to get more information. The club also sets up an information table with all sorts of articles, magazines, pamphlets, catalogs and other educational information about driving.

The schedule is kept fairly unstructured, so that the participants can set their own pace, but occasional demonstrations and lessons may be offered as well.

The play days are open to the public, but membership is rewarded with a discount. Please bring a dish to share in our Potluck Lunch!

**Cost is \$10 per member bringing up to 2 horses each (\$5 for each additional horse; \$20 for a non-member bringing a horse (\$20 per horse).**

These fees are used to defray the costs of the facility rental, insurance, equipment, etc. Members get a discount, because they invest in the club to fund the overhead expenses. If you are not a member, look into joining. The club needs members to cover annual expenses, and you will ultimately benefit financially!

**NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE BIRT ARENA FACILITY – THE BIRT’S  
INSURANCE REQUIRES THIS – PLEASE COMPLY**

## Feb. 26 & March 26, 2011 - TVW Play Day Schedule & Rules

- **9:00 am – 10:00 am** – Event set-up & office opens for sign up
- **10:00 am – 3:00 pm** – **Bomb-proofing**
- **Noon – Potluck Lunch**
- **3:00** – Take down Bomb-proofing equipment in indoor
- **3:30 – 5:00** – indoor arena open to drivers signed up for time slots.

### 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 driving (hooked to a carriage) in the indoor bomb-proofing area- Riding and ground driving allowed only if not objected to by the others in the arena at the same time.**

There will be an opportunity for carriage driving in the bomb-proofing area in the outdoor arena later in the afternoon; a schedule will be posted.

#### **5. Do not overload the bomb-proofing area – no more than one horse per obstacle – please comply with the directions of the person controlling the gate.**

Many of the horses going through the obstacles are green and are reacting (shying, etc.) to what they see. This is the whole point of the exercise. Please leave plenty of room between horses and be careful with the tack you have on the horse to avoid getting snagged on the hazards. Further rules may be posted; the Gate attendant has control.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. 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.

#### **8. 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!

**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

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**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)**

## **2011 TVW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- **January 28** – Rose Williams Retirement Party RSVP 887-6838
- **February 16** – TVW Business Meeting, Sunrise Restaurant, Middleton
- **February 26 (Saturday)** – TVW Bomb-proofing/Playday, Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **March 26 & 27** – TVW Bomb-proofing/Playday (Saturday) and Arena Driving Trial (ADT) (Sunday), Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **April 16 & 17 (Sat. & Sun.)** – TVW Megan Sibiga Clinic and ADT, Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **October 22-23 (Sat. & Sun.)** – TVW 7th Annual Pleasure Driving Show , Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **November 4-6 (Fri. pm, Sat & Sun.)** – TVW Clay Maier Clinic , Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho

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