

THE LASH ~ SUMMER

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS

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AN AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY
AFFILIATED CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB
FOR RECREATION, COMPETITION AND
EDUCATION OF DRIVERS OF EQUINES OF
ALL ABILITIES.



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GREETINGS AND WELCOME!

This is the fourth issue of *The Lash*, the newsletter of the newly formed Treasure Valley Whips driving club. The TVW is a non-profit association with the purpose of recreation, competition and education of drivers of all types of equines. This club is organized to aid those that are interested in developing driving skills that will provide the basis for safe and sound driving habits and skills that can lead the driver to better enjoy recreational driving and competitive driving, depending on interest. Drivers of varying interests and abilities are welcome and will be included in TVW activities.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2006

This year has been a great start for our driving club. Many events and activities have been held and many more are planned. None of this is possible without membership support. There are many “overhead” expenses involved in a club of this nature not the least of which is the club’s liability insurance. There are also equipment needs that so far have been met by the generosity of individuals in the club. This was certainly appropriate for a club in its first year, but we must start making plans for the future to determine if there is sufficient support to continue. We are therefore beginning our 2006 membership drive. As an incentive to non-members to join, and for current members to renew, **in the future, all TVW events will remain open to the public, but members will enjoy membership discounts for entry and other participation fees.** We believe that those who join and thus help pay overhead costs should benefit from that investment. **For example, we will need to increase our play day participation fee to \$15 per participant with a horse(s), but will discount that price by \$5 for members – so members will pay \$10. Non-member participants without horses will pay \$5. There will be no charge for members attending without horses.**

Thanks to Tracey Kehne, Lana and Bruce Jackson for their 2006 membership renewals. Enclosed is a membership drive memo and form. Please use it and spread the word!

CLUB MEETINGS –

We need to get our regular club meetings on schedule. Location is one of the problems facing us in this

decision. Also, whether we want some “horseless” educational meetings in addition to our business meetings. We could also combine these but would then need a facility to watch videos, etc. Any of you that can scope out some possible locations, let me (Amanda) know by calling (761-2758) or e-mailing me (my preferred method) at leoblair2001@yahoo.com

In the meantime, many of us will be at the Fair on Aug. 23rd. Let’s try to have an informal meeting immediately after the last pleasure driving class that evening. We can gather by the stalls. See you at the fair!

Western Idaho Fair Pleasure Driving Show – August 23-24, 2005

Many members will be showing at the fair. We hope to have some membership information there as well. Even if you are not showing this year, come on out and support the group.

Pleasure driving classes start at 3:00 on the 23rd and cones & obstacle classes start at 10:00 on the 24th.

RECENT EVENTS –

Summer Play Day & Tish Lewis Clinic

An incredible day of driving, including a clinic and barbeque (complete with a bluegrass band) was held at Robin and Randy Raptosh’s lovely ranch south of Nampa on July 31, 2005. Although the weather was seasonably “warmish”, it failed to wilt the fun and enjoyment of a wonderful day. The turnout was great and the accommodations were awesome! Randy and Robin really know how to put on “the state fair” as Randy referred to the event and we are indeed fortunate to have them as a part of this club. The

amount of work and resources they contributed to this event was way above and beyond the call of duty, and all who attended are very grateful for their generosity. Thank you Robin and Randy from all the Whips!!!

Thanks are also in order for Tish Lewis, an accomplished horsewoman of many stripes, including carriage driving, who donated her time to lend her wisdom to drivers during morning lessons. We are very grateful to Tish and hope to see her more often in the future.

Several of our standard play day amenities were set up: The popular bomb proofing area as well as a cones course and two marathon type hazards. In addition, a lovely driving track was mown around the property. It was beautiful to drive on the turf and roads through trees and around the fields. This was all for those to use at will during the day. What a treat!

Karl Morris drove his beautiful Morgan 3-in-hand to a wagonette and gave rides throughout the morning. Actually, he was driving a 3-½ -in-hand, because the suckling colt of one of the mares was tied onto the hitch as well. Thanks to Karl for bringing them for us to enjoy.

Several folks brought their greener horses for the experience and everyone practiced safety first! What a great group! The facility lends itself to allowing folks to work with young horses, including a round pen and a smaller arena perfect for a controlled drive of a young horse.

The barbeque was wonderful and the food, the hill top view, the band and the company made this an incredible day. If you weren’t able to attend, make sure to do so the next time you have the opportunity – you won’t be sorry!

(Robin and Randy also hosted a play day in May that I was unable to attend but was also a great success although not as well attended. Everyone knows better now! Show up when you get a chance to go to the Raptosh's! We are hoping to have more events there in the future.)

Weiser River Trail Drive

A few members were able to participate in the Weiser River Trail drive in May but I have not received any reports about this activity. This was an overnight trip and sounded wonderful. If any of the participants wants to fill us in, I know a lot of us would be interested in hearing how it went!

March Arena Driving Trial, March 13, 2005 – Canyon County Fairgrounds.

A group of members converged upon Caldwell for the third in our series of schooling arena driving trials this past winter. The day was warm and perfect for the event. Cathy Peterson, a local ridden dressage trainer who also drives and is studying the driven form of her art, was our judge. Many of the participants were back for the third time, and their practice really shows. It is so rewarding to see the growth in ability and confidence in all who participated. We will have more ADT's this coming winter, but hopefully, we will be able to locate an appropriate facility to have a driving trial or a combined driving event. Finding a location that can provide either a partial marathon (as in a driving trial) or a full marathon (as in a combined driving event) is the trick – and the draw - of having

such events. It is really FUN to drive a marathon.

Results:

Training Level –

- Single VSE (mini): 1st Kim Rule 84.45; 2nd Susan Marler 84.74
- Single Horse: 1st Cal Clevenger 124.84
- Pair Horse: 1st Karole Peterson 142.45

Preliminary Level –

- Single Horse: 1st - Rose Williams 83.12

Best Dressage: Susan Marler 42.54

Best Cones: Rose Williams 14.2

Best Hazards: Cal Clevenger 22

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Our next ADT will be Sunday, February 26th, 2006.

CALANDAR OF EVENTS – TVW AND OTHERS:

Western Idaho Fair Driving Show

– Aug. 23rd (3:00pm) –24th (10:00am), 2005. Shop Arena, Western Idaho Fairgrounds, Glenwood & Chinden, Garden City/Boise.

Eastern Idaho Fair, Blackfoot -

Saturday, September 10, 2005: Eastern Idaho State Fair Single Horse Pleasure and Cones
The Eastern Idaho State Fair has graciously added some driving classes the last Saturday of the State Fair in Blackfoot. This includes a pleasure class, and several cones courses.

For more information contact Staci O'Connell at 208-232-4839, or sdo3242@cablone.net

TVW Recreational Drive & Competitive Endurance Drive – Sept. 24-25, 2005, Oreana, Idaho - More information will be available soon. There will be two events or levels, one a recreational drive and the other a competitive endurance drive. Distance will be at least 20 miles for the competitive drive, shorter distances available for the recreational drivers. This is a spectacular area in Owyhee County and is wonderful facility including turnouts for the horses, bathrooms and showers for the “campers”. Stay tuned – you don't want to miss this event!

TVW Play Day – Oct. 22, 2005, Birt Arena, Nampa
TVW Pleasure Driving Show – Oct. 23, 2005, Birt Arena, Nampa

NOV & JAN PLAYDAYS – TBA (no events in December)

???2006 Horse Affair, Western Idaho Fairgrounds – Club Booth????? Feb. 17-19, 2006

TVW Play Day – Feb. 25, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa
TVW Arena Driving Trial – Feb. 26, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa
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TVW Linda Fairbanks Clinic, April 29-30, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa. Linda is an excellent clinician who

communicates well with drivers of all abilities. You will not want to miss this clinic!

As indicated above many of the Play Days, Shows, ADT's and Clinics will be held at the Birt Arena in Nampa. Stabling and RV hook-ups are available at Birt's for those traveling from out of the area.

Directions to the Birt Arena from I-84: Take the Garry Blvd. exit (exit 38) and turn south at the end of the off-ramp (toward Nampa). Take a left at the second stoplight from the freeway (at the corner of Mercy North and McDonalds); this is Happy Valley Road. Take Happy Valley road to Amity and take a right. Follow Amity to Southside Blvd and take a left on Southside (just over the tracks). Follow Southside approximately 2-3 miles to Lewis Lane and turn right. Within 1/4th of a mile you'll see a blue private lane sign, HESTEHAVEN, turn right. Parking area is straight ahead by the arena.



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HAPPY TRAILS! (And trials, too! ☺)

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS

A CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND INFORMATION

The Treasure Valley Whips (TVW) carriage driving club was started last fall in order to promote the sport of carriage driving over a broad spectrum from recreational pleasure driving to formal competition. This year, the club has sponsored six play days, three arena driving trials, two cross country drives, a clinic and barbeque, with more play days, a pleasure driving show and an endurance drive yet to come in 2005. We publish a newsletter, in which we report on club events and notify members of upcoming events. We plan on continuing this activity level and more for 2006. Check out the latest copy of the club's newsletter, *The Lash*, for more information.

In order for the club to exist and offer these popular events to the public, it relies on membership to pay the basic overhead costs, e.g. insurance, equipment, supplies, etc. Many members have donated a significant amount of their time and resources to starting this club up, but its continued existence must be guaranteed by a strong membership.

In the future, all TVW events will remain open to the public, but TVW members will enjoy membership discounts for entry and other participation fees. We believe that those who join and thus help pay overhead costs should benefit from that investment. For example, we will need to increase our play day participation fee to \$15 per participant with horse(s), but will discount that price by \$5 for members. Non-member participants without horses will pay \$5 and there will be no charge for members attending without horses.

Therefore, the 2006 membership drive is already underway:

- **If you are a current member of the TVW (2005):** you may renew your current membership for \$25, instead of the regular \$30 for an individual membership. Family and Youth memberships will also enjoy a \$5 discount. This offer is effective now through October 31, 2005.
- **If you are not a member, and would like to join:** You may join for the remainder of 2005 and all of 2006 for \$40; Families \$55; and Youth (under 21) \$25. (Regular one year membership fees are: \$30, \$45 & \$15, respectively) **This will entitle you to discounts at the remaining play days (Oct. & Nov.), endurance drive (Sept) and pleasure driving show (Oct.) this year as well as all club events next year.**

JOIN THE FUN – JOIN TODAY!

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

c/o Amanda Horton

1410 W. Highland View Dr.

Boise, ID 83702

(208) 342-1243 leoblair2001@yahoo.com

NAME _____

INDIVIDUAL \$30: _____

If Family membership- names of family

YOUTH (under 21) \$15: _____

Members: _____

FAMILY \$45: _____

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SPECIALS -

PHONE (____) _____

Early Renewal for existing members

ADDRESS _____

(prior to 10/31/05):

\$5 DISCOUNT _____

Include 2005 w/ 2006 membership:

E-MAIL (only if you would like to

ADD \$10 _____

receive information via e-mail):

TOTAL: _____

MEMBERS' ASUMPTION 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.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

I understand that this is the entire agreement and that no representations or issues not covered herein are a part of this agreement. The terms of this agreement can only be modified in writing executed by all parties to this agreement.

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
CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**

Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
October 23, 2005 - Judge: TBA

Office opens at 8:30, Classes begin at 9:30

**TO PRE REGISTER EMAIL AMANDA AT leoblair2001@yahoo.com OR CALL
AMANDA @ 208 761-2758 – Stabling Available @ \$20 per day/night**

All classes will be offered in separate sections unless indicated as “OPEN”;

- Section A classes: small ponies and miniature horses (13.2 hands and under);
- Section B classes: large ponies and horses (over 13.2 hands);
- Section C. Multiples (any size) for morning classes. Afternoon classes, show in appropriate size section, A or B.
- **Other equines welcome**, just enter appropriate size category.

Entries: \$7.50 a class, \$30 per horse for all day. \$15 non-member fee. **Awards:** Ribbons 1st – 4th each class. **Champion and Reserve Champion Section A, B, & C.** (high point; **must show in Reinsmanship**; point system: 1st – 5pts; 2nd – 3pts; 3rd – 2pts; 4th – 1pt.)

SCHEDULE

9:30 am - Indoor Arena - Morning classes– hats, gloves & aprons required:

1. **Pleasure Driving – Turnout** - Section A. then Section B. then C.
2. **Pleasure Driving – Working** - Section A. then B. then C.
3. **Pleasure Driving – Reinsmanship** - Section A. then B. then C.
4. **Picnic Pleasure** – OPEN –Each exhibitor will show at a walk and working trot in the arena. The cart or carriage should carry some form of picnic lunch basket or other container and appropriate accoutrements. Then lunch break will be taken. The judge(s) will visit each entry to judge their picnic lunch spread back by their trailer or in another designated area (probably in the shade!) Awards will be announced during the lunch break. Judges may sample the “wares”. “Bribes” in the form of food are encouraged. To be judged on turnout, picnic set-up, imagination, food and the judge(s’) general whimsy.

LUNCH BREAK ***Afternoon classes are casual dress*******

Outside Arena

5. **Pick Your Route Obstacles** - Section A. then B.
6. **Gambler’s Choice Obstacles** – Section A. then B.
7. **Ground driving “trail” class** - OPEN – Open to equines not yet shown in driving. Will use the obstacles from the previous class but will have a set course. Will not be timed. Shown at walk through the obstacles. Judged on manners, willingness and obedience.
8. **Timed Marathon type hazards** - Section A. then B.
9. **Ground Driving - marathon hazards** – OPEN – same criteria and eligibility as class #7 but will use the hazards from class # 8.

BREAK - 15 minutes

Indoor Arena

10. **Cones – Timed** - Section A. then B.
11. **Cones – Double Jeopardy** (two drivers per carriage) - Section A. then B.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS – CLOSE OF SHOW

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS ON REVERSE

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

(Complete specifications in the ADS pleasure driving rules)

Turnout: To be judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. Judged: 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of the harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression. 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

Working: To be judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. Judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition and fit of the harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

Reinsmanship: To be judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers selected for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of the driver; 25% on the condition of the harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

Pick Your Route: To be driven over a course of obstacles with no set route. The obstacles are set at 2.5 meters (8'3") wide. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle to the finish line, choosing his/her own route. Each obstacle is to be negotiated once and only once but may be approached from either direction. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time – Lowest score wins.

Gambler's Choice: Each driver will have the same amount of time to drive an unnumbered course driving as many obstacles as possible, each one assigned and marked with a specific point value. The object is to amass the highest total points within the time allowed. After passing through the starting line, the driver may drive the obstacles in any order and any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice, but not in succession. No score for obstacles disturbed by the horse/carriage or incorrectly completed. Disturbed obstacle cannot be re-driven. No circling/refusal penalties. Once the time limit expires, a signal will sound. Driver must then go through the finish markers. High score wins. Lowest time will decide ties.

Timed Marathon Type Hazards: Two marathon type hazards will be set up. Exhibitor will pass through start/finish gate of hazard #1, drive through the lettered gates of the hazard in order, A, B, C, and D and come out start/finish gate. Timer will signal when ready for driver to drive the second hazard. This process is repeated until the Exhibitor has driven the hazards #1, #2, #1, and #2. Lowest (fastest) score wins.

Cones – Timed: Traditional cones/obstacle driving class. A pre-set course will be set up and timed. Minimum clearance will be approximately 16". Course penalties added to time. Lowest score wins.

Double Jeopardy: Entry consists of two drivers in one carriage. First driver goes through the start and drives the course to the finish marker. After passing the finish marker and coming to a COMPLETE HALT, the second driver takes the reins and drives back through the start/finish, through the course backwards and again through the start/finish markers. The reverse course will be marked with numbers on different colored markers. Best time wins; course penalties are to be added to the time. Failure to come to a complete stop to change drivers may result in a 10 second penalty at the judge's discretion.

**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW) – 2006 ARENA DRIVING
TRIAL SCHOOLING SERIES - For all equines**

AL BIRT ARENA, NAMPA, IDAHO

DATES: FEB. 26TH & MARCH 26TH 2006

OFFICE OPENS: 8:00a.m; DRIVERS' BRIEFING 9:00a.m.

Directions to the Birt Arena from I-84: Take the Garrity Blvd. exit (exit 38) and turn south at the end of the off-ramp (toward Nampa). Take a left at the second stoplight from the freeway (at the corner of Mercy North and McDonalds); this is Happy Valley Road. Take Happy Valley Road to Amity and take a right. Follow Amity to Southside Blvd and take a left on Southside (just over the tracks). Follow Southside approximately 2-3 miles to Lewis Lane and turn right. Within 1/4th of a mile you'll see a blue private lane sign, Hestehaven, turn right. Follow to the parking area straight ahead by the arena.

Each Arena Driving Trial will be a daylong event, featuring three phases: 1. Driven Dressage, 2. Hazards, and 3. Cones. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about combined driving events (CDE's) and for those who are familiar with the sport to work on their skills. Dress is informal and helmets are recommended for drivers and anyone riding on a cart/carriage. ADS rules will be followed (as much as is practical) and are available on-line at <http://www.americandrivingsociety.com/> (See modified rules for Arena Driving Trials, Combined Driving Rules, Appendix A, section B. Arena Driving Trials) **Officials:** Judges: TBA

Organizer: Amanda Horton; (208) 342-1243; e-mail: leoblair2001@yahoo.com

*******PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL BEFORE THE EVENT TO LET US PRE-ENTER YOU. E-MAIL WORKS THE BEST, AND WE CAN COMPLETE MOST OF THE ENTRY THAT WAY. *******

Divisions/levels: Training and Preliminary; **Classes:** horse, pony/VSE; singles and pairs/multiples in each class.

Entry Fee (one fee for each show day): \$35 TVW members; \$55 non-members; membership available at \$30 for individuals, \$15 for youth (under 21) or \$45 for family

Dressage Information: Training level, ADS Arena Driving Trial test; Preliminary level, ADS Arena Driving Trial test; Contact organizer for more information. Tests available on the ADS website: http://www.americandrivingsociety.com/forms/ADS_Forms.htm

Hazards: Two marathon type hazards will be set up. Exhibitor will pass through start/finish gate of hazard #1, drive through the lettered gates of the hazard in order, A, B, C, and D and come out start/finish gate. The exhibitor will be signaled when the timer is ready for them to drive the second hazard. This process is repeated until the Exhibitor has driven the hazards #1, #2, #1, and #2. No cantering in the hazards in Training level.

Cones Information: Timed event, one multiple ("L" "double L" or serpentine);

Training, minimum of 50 cm clearance; **Preliminary,** min. 40 cm clearance. No cantering.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Office opens 8:00; Drivers' briefing at 9:00 (mandatory); Dressage at 9:30; Lunch; Hazards at 1:30; Cones at 3:00; awards at 4:00

AWARDS: Ribbons 1-5 in each class; also best dressage, best cones, best hazards; in addition, best overall in each level.

CONCESSIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE ARENA – POTLUCK
ENCOURAGED – WATER, COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS PROVIDED

ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED!

ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SERIES - ENTRY FORM

SHOW DATE: _____

For horses, ponies and VSE's (minis)

(Mules and donkeys welcome, too)

Sponsored by the TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW)

DRIVER: _____

EQUINE: _____

Address: _____

Height: ___ Age: ___ Breed: _____

DIVISION: ___ Training; ___ Preliminary

E-mail: _____

CLASS: ___ Horse; ___ Pony or VSE

Phone: _____

___ Single; ___ Pair/Multiple ___ Jr. exhibitor

GROOM/NAVIGATOR: _____

Fee (one fee per day per entry): ___\$35 member; ___\$25 Jr. member; ___\$55 non-members
(Membership available at the show - \$30 individual; \$15 Youth (under 21); \$45 family)

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Date _____

Driver's signature _____

Date _____

Groom/Navigator's signature _____

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

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB PLAY DAYS

OCT. 22, 2005; FEB 25, 2006 & MARCH 25, 2006

TBA – November & January dates

9:00 am – 4:00 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 to experienced drivers. Many of them are held at the Birt Arena facility in Nampa, Idaho. 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. 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, as well as those who are just coming to get more information or catch a ride. 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 are offered as well. As our club grows, more and more members are available for putting on demonstrations and giving lessons at these play days depending upon participant interest.

This fall and next year, we will hold a few of our play days the same weekend as a driving show or arena driving trial (Oct., Feb. and March). Hopefully, the play day will give participants a chance to practice on Saturday before the show or trial on Sunday in the winter months. The Birt’s also now have completed their stable that includes 18 wonderful stalls. This will enable folks who want to come from out of the area with their horses to participate, as well as those of us who would like to overnight our horses for the show or trial the next day. The stalls will be available for rent. There are also electrical hook-ups for RV’s available as well. Contact the show/trial organizer for more information.

The play days are open to the public, but membership is rewarded with a discount. Cost is \$10 per member bringing a horse(s); \$15 for a non-member bringing a horse(s); Play days are free to members coming without horses and \$5 for non-members coming without horses. 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**

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **AUG. 23-24** – WESTERN IDAHO FAIR DRIVING CLASSES – BOISE
- **SEPT. 10** – EASTERN IDAHO FAIR DRIVING CLASSES – BLACKFOOT
- **SEPT. 24-25** – TVW ENDURANCE AND RECREATIONAL DRIVE – OREANA, ID (OWYHEE COUNTY)
- **OCT. 22** – TVW PLAY DAY – BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **OCT. 23** – TVW PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW – BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **NOV. TBA** – TVW PLAY DAY
- **DEC.** – NO EVENTS PLANNED – HAPPY HOLIDAYS
- **JAN. TBA** – TVW PLAY DAY
- **FEB. 17-19** – HORSE AFFAIR – WESTERN IDAHO FAIRGROUNDS
- **FEB. 25** – TVW PLAY DAY, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **FEB. 26** – TVW ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SHOW – BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **MARCH 25** – TVW PLAY DAY, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **MARCH 26** – TVW ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SHOW, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **APRIL 29-30** – TVW CLINIC – LINDA FAIRBANKS, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA

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