

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB PLAY DAYS

FEB 23, MARCH 22 & 23, MAY 17, 2008

10:00 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 without horses to experienced drivers.** The 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. The indoor arena is available 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 or catch a carriage 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. This year, we will hold a few of our play days the same weekend as an arena driving trial (Feb. and May so far). 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 BUT AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED. There are 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 - PLEASE COMPLY

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 Flamingo (by the new mall); Then turn right on Happy Valley Road. Go several miles to Lewis Ln. and take a right. Follow Lewis past Southside Blvd. and within about a ¼ of a mile you'll see a blue private lane sign, HESTEHAVEN, turn right. Follow to the parking area by the arena.