

APRIL 2015
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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: Barb Recla
Treasurer: Kathy DeLong
Newsletter Editor: Mary Van De Bogart

**THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING will be held
at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 20, at the
Sunrise Café in Middleton.**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Sarah Cummings:

Salutations from your new chair, Sarah Cummings. As the weather is getting better we are excited to get out and start driving or for us newbies, ground driving! There are many activities planned; shows, clinics and recreational play days. I am looking forward to seeing all of you!

MARCH 18 MEETING MINUTES

Barb Recla:

The March 18, 2015 meeting was called to order by Sarah Cummings at 7:08 p.m. at the Middleton Sunrise Café. The minutes stand approved as distributed. April 1 is the deadline to give information or articles to Mary Van De Bogart for the next newsletter.

Financial and Membership Report: Kathy reported a beginning balance on January 21, 2015 of \$5583.59 and an ending balance on March 18, 2015 of \$3,907.48. Expenses included airfare for Megan Sibiga, a deposit to the Idaho Center, rental to Birt arena, insurance to Equisure, and Alpine storage. Income included memberships from nine individuals and two families.

There were no new members or guests present.

Correspondence: Kathy received the club copy of *The Whip*. She also did the end of year report, N990, for the IRS.

Committee reports: Drive in the Park: Amanda gave us more info about the event to be held June 13 and 14. Entries open April 15. She will have entry checklists to help people fill them out. Several drivers of multiples (not sure this is correct term) wanted higher level combined test classes. Some will split 4's to drive pairs in the marathon. Kathy is getting decorations ready. We will need many volunteers.

Old Business: We had a good turnout for the February 28 practice day at Birt arena.

Amanda, Sarah and Darrel will check out the storage locker and decide what to keep and relocate and what to discard.

New Business: More information will be coming on these events in the newsletter.

March 28 practice day: will include dressage in the morning and cones in the afternoon. It is open only to members.

April 25-Arena Driving Trial

April 26-Scurry

May 16 and 17-Megan Sibiga Clinic

May 30-Playday at Phillips Dead End Ranch in Buhl

Open Forum: John Munson would like to hold a "scurry". He suggests those unfamiliar with the term google it and learn. He is also planning to hold some future events at his new arena.

We had a lively discussion on laws regarding trucks, trailers, CDLs, etc.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2015, same time & place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MARCH 28 PRACTICE DAY

Christine Sword:

We had a wonderful day. It was pretty windy but all the horses did great. Amanda set up a dressage course in the indoor arena before she went to get her horse. I think we had 5 people driving their horses, and 1 person ground driving. After a great potluck some left and the rest of us played in the cones course in the outdoor arena and did some cooling off and de-spooking down the drive way. This was a great opportunity to work on your driving skills and de-spook your horse in the wind, lol.



TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW)
2015 ARENA CARRIAGE DRIVING TRIAL - For all equines

BIRT ARENA, HESTEHAVEN AND LEWIS LANE, NAMPA, IDAHO

April 25, 2015 (Saturday)

JUDGE: TBA

OFFICE OPENS: 8:00a.m; DRESSAGE starts at 9:00a.m.

*The Arena Driving Trial is a daylong event, featuring three phases: 1. Driven Dressage, 2. Marathon Obstacles and 3. Obstacles (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)*

Secretary: Amanda Horton; (208) 761-2758; e-mail: leoblair2001@yahoo.com

**** PRE-ENTER BY E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE SHOW TO
AVOID A \$20 POST ENTRY FEE ****

Divisions/levels: Training and Preliminary;

Classes: horse (over 14.2 hh), pony (12 hh up to 14.2 hh) and small pony/VSE (under 12 hh).

Entry Fee (member rate/non member rate): \$40 (\$60 for non TVW members); Extra Dressage tests (next level up) \$15.

Dressage Information: ADT Training Level test #2, ADT Preliminary Level test #2. Test can be downloaded from http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/dressage_test.asp (towards the bottom of the page), at treasurevalleywhips.org website or contact organizer.

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

Cones Information: Timed event, one possible multiple ("L" "double L" or serpentine); **Training**, minimum of 35 cm clearance;

Preliminary, min. 30 cm clearance. Scores will be based upon penalties for time and/or course penalties (balls down). No cantering in Training level.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Office opens 8:00; **Dressage** drive times will start at **9:00** and will be e-mailed before the show;

Marathon Obstacles immediately after Dressage; **Cones at 1:30**; awards after completion of cones, approximately 3:00.

AWARDS: Ribbons 1-4 in each class; also best dressage, cones, marathon obstacles; best in level.

ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED!

TVW APRIL 25, 2015 ADT ENTRY FORM

DRIVER: _____ **OFFICE: # assigned _____ ; paid? _____**

EQUINE(S): _____ 1. GROOM/NAVIGATOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____ 2. DIVISION: ____ Training or ____ Preliminary?

_____ 3. CLASS:
_____ Horse (over 14.2 hh);
E-MAIL: _____ _____ Pony (12 – 14.2 hh); or
_____ Small pony/VSE (under 12 hh).

PHONE: _____ 4. HITCH: ____ Single; or ____ Pair/multiple

ENTRY FEES: _____ \$40/60* (*Non-member fee)
_____ \$20 Post Entry Fee (see ADT prize list)
_____ \$15 Extra Dressage Test (next level up)
_____ \$45 Stall (Fri. 6pm-Sun) includes shavings

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____ (Make checks payable to: TVW)

PARTICIPANT'S ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I/we intend to participate in an equestrian activity 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 this activity entails 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 this activity. My participation in this activity 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 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 or its members, officers, volunteers, insurers, or other agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, ITS MEMBERS, OFFICERS, 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, 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 activity is held.

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ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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Driver's signature _____ Groom/Navigator's signature _____
(Parent/Legal Guardian signature required if participant/driver/groom is under 18)

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW)
CALIFORNIA SCURRY #1 - For all equines

BIRT ARENA, HESTEHAVEN AND LEWIS LANE, NAMPA, IDAHO

April 26, 2015 (Sunday)

OFFICE OPENS: 8:00a.m; SCURRY starts at 9:00a.m.

Secretary: John Munson; (208) 794-7509; e-mail: jcmuns@gmail.com

**** PRE-ENTER BY E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE SHOW TO AVOID A**
\$20 POST ENTRY FEE **

Classes: horse (over 14.2 hh), pony (12 hh up to 14.2 hh) and small pony/VSE (under 12 hh).

Entry Fee (member rate/non member rate): \$20 (\$30 for non TVW members)

Scurry Information:

Unlike European Scurries, the scurry that we will be doing is one of 5 "California Scurries." This scurry is not all about speed. The course is judged under optimum time, which requires drivers to complete the course, at trot, as close as possible to a previously set time decided by the measured length of the course. In this event, finishing under the optimum time incurs elimination. This event tests judgment of pace and accuracy, and novice drivers often beat their more experienced rivals because they do not go too fast.

The objective is to start from inside the box, run the cone gates in order and return to the box in the closest time to Optimum Time, without going under that time. The Optimum Time will be calculated by measuring the course and then applying the ADS Competition C speeds for Training and Prelim: Singles/Pairs = 180 meters per minute [mpm]; Tandem and Fours = 170 mpm; VSE = 160 mpm.

You may enter the arena at a walk, or trot, and will be allowed to familiarize your equine with the environment, but do not go through gates. Once you are ready, walk your equine inside the box [over the Finish Line], halt before the Start Line, and signal to the judge that you are ready. A whistle blast will indicate that you may start. As your horse's nose passes over the Start Line at the front of the box, the time starts. You track right to Gate 1 and drive the course in the pattern shown. No gates are numbered. If you knock a ball down you will incur a 2 second penalty for each ball displaced. After passing through the last gate, you enter into the box once again from the rear, over the Finish Line. As your horse's nose passes over the Finish Line of the box the judge stops the clock. You must then come to a full halt and stand your equine [still] inside the box for 5 full seconds. If your equine steps outside the box for any reason within the 5 seconds you are eliminated. Your raw time for the run, plus any penalties for balls displaced will be recorded by the judge. If your raw time is under Optimum Time, the run will not count.

After 5 seconds you can walk out of the box and when ready you can re-enter the box again for your second run. All the rules for round one are the same for your 2nd round. Your best time is counted as your final time. After your second round you leave the ring at trot.

Tentative Schedule: Office opens 8:00; Scurry drive times will start at 9:00 and will be e-mailed before the show. We will do a potluck for lunch.

Awards: Ribbons 2 in each class.

Volunteers: Please contact the Secretary if you would like to volunteer.

General Rules

The gates of cones are set at 6 feet 6 inches apart and are set the same for all entries.

No numbers are placed on the gates. Course plans will be posted at the arena entrance.

No groom is required for singles, but may be carried. Multiples must have a groom or grooms.

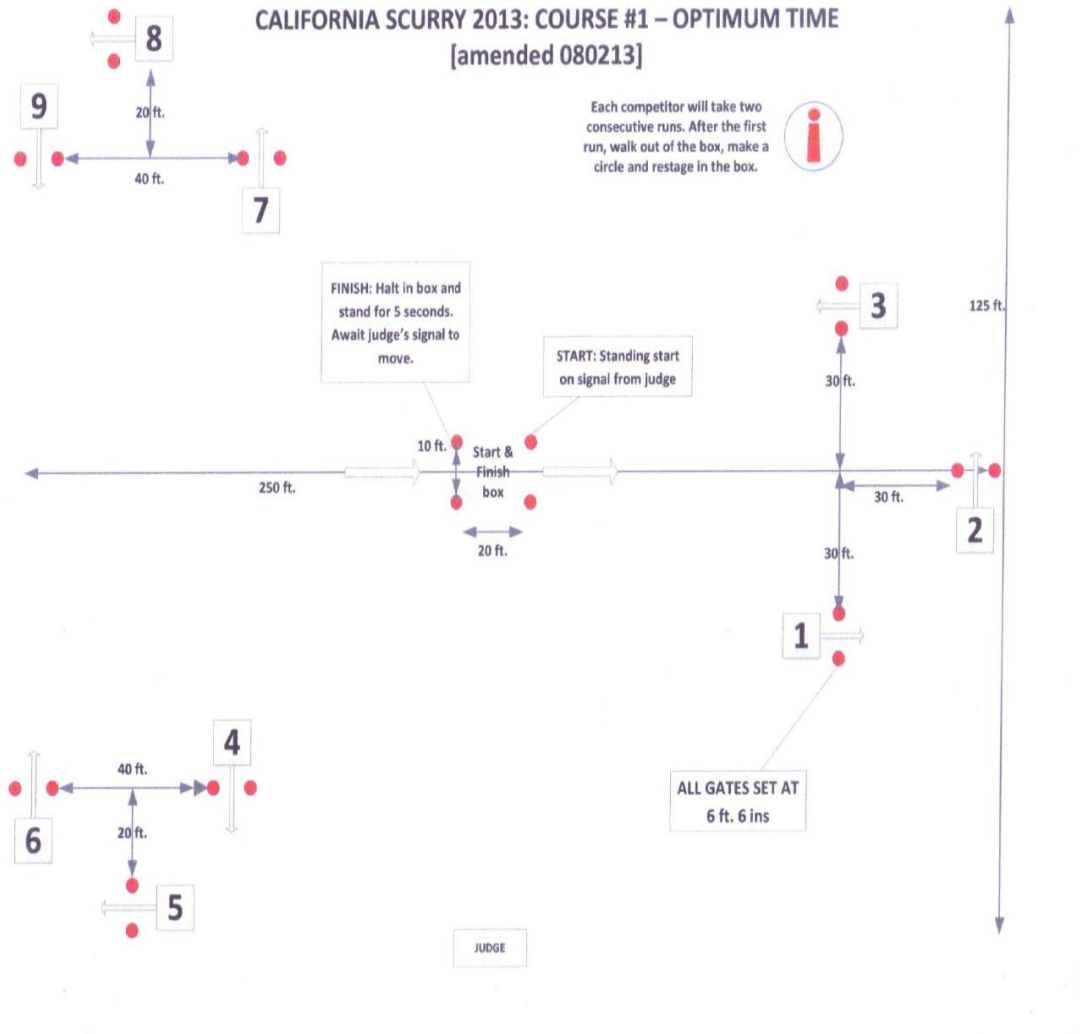
It is advisable to carry a whip for safety.

Walk; trot and canter are allowed paces. See specific course rules for details.

Everyone riding on a cart or carriage must wear an approved helmet at all times.

You get 2 goes per course.

The Course



TVW APRIL 26, 2015 SCURRY ENTRY FORM

DRIVER: _____ OFFICE: # assigned _____ ; paid? _____

EQUINE(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

CLASS:

_____ Horse (over 14.2 hh);

_____ Pony (12 – 14.2 hh);

_____ Small pony/VSE (under 12 hh).

HITCH: _____ Single; or _____ Pair/multiple

ENTRY FEES: _____ \$20/30* (*Non-member fee)
_____ \$20 Post Entry Fee (see ADT prize list)
_____ \$45 Stall (Fri. 6pm-Sun) includes shavings

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**CARRIAGE DRIVING CLINIC
WITH
MEGAN SIBIGA
SPONSORED BY THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
MAY 16TH & 17TH, 2015
AL BIRT ARENA, NAMPA, IDAHO**

CLINIC FORMAT: Individual lessons: Possible cones & marathon workshops 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 - \$75 each 45 min. lesson. Non TVW members - \$100

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 – Sun evening.); bedding included. ADVANCE PURCHASE IS REQUIRED FOR STALLS

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

5. REFUND POLICY: Organizer will refund fees paid if cancellation occurs before May 10th; after that date refunds will be issued if the lesson slot is re-sold or at the discretion of the organizer. Stall cancellations before May 13th will be refunded; cancellations after that date 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**

MEGAN SIBIGA CLINIC ENTRY FORM – MAY 16 -17, 2015

Birt Arena, Nampa, ID

Treasure Valley Whips Carriage Driving Club – treasurevalleywhips.org

Participant Name(s): _____ TVW Member? _____

Address: _____

Horse(s) name(s): _____

- Do you have any scheduling preference for lessons? _____.
- Do you have any interest in group cones or marathon obstacles? _____.

- # _____ **LESSONS - \$75 TVW member – nonmembers \$100** \$ _____
- # _____ **Stall(s) @ \$45** (Friday after 6 pm – Sunday evening) \$ _____
- # _____ **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:

**TVW Clinics
1410 W Highland View Dr.
Boise, ID 83702**

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Date _____ Participant's signature _____

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

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

c/o Kathy E. DeLong

2147 9th Ave E

Vale, OR 97918

(541) 473-2494 or 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: ____

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TVW 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 21	TVW Business meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
Through March 31	Tuesday Practice at Birt Arena 12:00-4:30 (fee required)
February 27	Bombproofing Playday Setup, Birt Arena
February 28	Bombproofing Playday, Birt Arena
March 28	Practice day with dressage, cones, hazards, Birt Arena
April 25	Arena Driving Trial, Birt Arena
April 26	California Scurry, Birt Arena
May 16-17	Megan Sibiga Clinic, Birt Arena
June 13-14	“A Drive in the Park” HDT, Ford Idaho Horse Park
August	Megan Sibiga Driving Camp
October 24, 25	Pleasure Driving Show

Treasure Valley Whips
c/o Mary Van De Bogart, Newsletter Editor
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