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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: Jan McEnroe

Vice Chair: Donna Knipe

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, March 19, at the
Sunrise Café in Middleton.**

NEW MEMBERS:

Tammy Jackson

Brenda DeLong

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Mary Van De Bogart:

This is a very brief newsletter; we have had some changes to our spring schedule, and I wanted to get the word out.

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Barb Recla:

The meeting, held at the Sunrise Café in Middleton, Idaho, was called to order at 7:06 by Mary Van De Bogart. She was substituting for Jan McEnroe. There were 12 members present. We had two guests, Richard Cummings and Jake Steele, the Munson's grandson. New member, Brenda DeLong, was counted among those present.

We didn't have a copy of the minutes to read at the meeting, so Amanda Horton made a motion that approving the minutes be deferred to the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Financial report by Kathy DeLong:

For the accounting period of 11/20/13 to 1/15/14

Beginning Balance: \$4141.15; ending balance: \$4258.41

Expenses: \$87.74; Income: \$205.00

A major expense we need to approve is our insurance with Equisurance. The cost was \$899.90 in 2013. Amanda made a motion that we renew the insurance up to \$1000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Correspondence: We received a letter from ADS.

Committee reports

Bombproofing playday: Feb. 22, 2014. We need a lot of volunteers. The Roughriders, who have helped in the past, will not be doing so this year. We discussed having activities for people waiting in line (hot drinks, photography). (Maybe we could copy the idea used by some stores—having people take a number and wait at the location of their choice until their number is up.)

Club insurance for 2014: Jan, Kathy and Amanda will discuss what events need to be covered.

CAA Driver Proficiency Program sessions (Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and 15): The session held Jan. 11 was well-attended. John would like to have the evaluator come to our area in March. We need to pick an arena suitable for the test with room for a simulated road and a real, but not heavily trafficked road nearby.

ADT March 22: Amanda is organizing this and needs volunteers. After some discussion, she will ask Linda to judge.

New Business:

HDT A drive in the Park (June 7-8): Amanda is looking for sponsorships and volunteers. One of the judges will be Ruth Graves; Keith Yutzy will build the course. Daryl is building ten panels from wood poles to be used as hazards. Jan would like us to hold a silent auction during the event. Dressage and cones will be Saturday and the marathon will be Sunday. We want to encourage the public to come out and enjoy watching the events. Amanda would like someone to organize the volunteers. Kathy and friends will be in charge of decorations.

The Des Arab Club would like to use our slot at Birt arena on April 26. Since we won't be using it this year, we'll let them do that.

Budget: We need to be sure our budget can cover the events we agree to sponsor. Amanda made a motion that we have officers and organizers of various events meet to go through

the budget and report back to members. The motion was seconded and passed.

Amanda reported that the Des Arab club will hold a Class A USEF show on May 8-11 that will include some driving events. The show is open to Arabs and half-Arabs only. She would like to loan them some equipment for this show. Also, they could use volunteers to help.

Gabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2014 at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Recla

CHANGES TO SPRING ACTIVITIES:

Mary Van De Bogart:

We were originally scheduled to have an Arena Driving Trial on March 22; but no one that we talked to were ready for such a thing this early in the season. So, after much discussion, we have decided to have a schooling playday instead, which should offer some opportunities both for very green horses and drivers, and for the more experienced.

We are planning to set up the dressage arena for practice (and will be available to work with new drivers who are unfamiliar with driven dressage).

We're also planning an obstacle type course that will be suitable to drive through, long-rein through, or even just lead your horses through; probably something similar to the "Town and Country" cones course. We'd also like to set up a standard cones course to practice in.

If weather permits, we will set up some of the stuff outside; also, we can lead / long rein / ride in the outdoor trail course (It is not set up for driving a horse put to a vehicle). If the weather is bad, we will set up the dressage arena in the morning, followed by an obstacle course, and finishing up with the timed cones.

We will be having a potluck lunch, so plan on bringing something and having a good meal with us. John Munson will be speaking to us about the upcoming CAA examinations at lunch time. There will be no charge for this event. Those under 18 will need to have a parent sign a liability waiver, and need to wear a helmet if they are driving or riding on a vehicle, or riding..

This will be a very good opportunity for those of you with green horses, or for green drivers, to come and work in a low-stress setting; as well as for the more experienced folks who just haven't quite got it together yet this wet spring!

We have our two-day weekend back in April (April 26-27), as the other group decided that they didn't want it after all. We will be discussing what to do with these days at the business meeting March 19th. Amanda Horton, who usually organizes and runs our ADT's, will be out of town.

PRACTICE TIME AT BIRT ARENA:

We still have Birt Arena on Thursday afternoons from 12:00-4:30. This is a great opportunity to come out and practice. The charge is \$30 per month, or \$10 per session. There have only been a few people working out there all winter; but we've made some good progress!



BOMBPROOFING PLAYDAY:

Over 150 horses, mules, and ponies came to our 2014 Bombproofing Playday! Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who turned out in force and helped to make this popular event such a success! Here are some pictures from this event.



MORE BOMBPROOFING PICTURES:



CAA PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS:

(Editor's note: this information is from an e-mail sent out by John Munson, who has been hosting a study group for this exam this spring. If you are interested in taking the examination, contact John at 898-4147.)

In my most recent conversation with Jane Moody (our evaluator) and Jill Ryder (of the CAA) the simulated road layout will be used for the road test. This means that you will not have to take your horse on the road. I know that this caused much concern on the part of quite a number of our members.

Jane will arrive in Boise on Friday 04APR14. She has agreed to do a presentation for us on Friday night. This will be held in my barn where we have been meeting (24875 Lansing Lane, Middleton). During this session, Jane will carefully outline what she expects to see when she tests you so that there are no surprises for you or for her.

I'm not sure, at this point, just where we will do the road tests. If the weather looks to be good for that weekend we can do them all at my facility.

We will begin the testing at 9:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Each test will take approximately 1 1/2 hours. This means that we can schedule about 10 people for testing.

There will be no observers during the test. The only people that may be present for your test are you, your groom and Jane.

If you are going to take the test, please let me know ASAP so that I can begin to prepare an order of go. Again, I would remind you that the application form must be filled out and sent in to the CAA. In case you have lost yours, I have attached a PDF of this form. (Ed.-I have included this form later in the newsletter).

As I hear from those that are going to take the test, I will send you a PDF of the Level 1 and Road Driving Syllabus.





Carriage Association of America

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NOTE TO CANDIDATES: *It is strongly advised that some formal training with an approved CAA Instructor be undertaken to achieve the required standard, especially for Level 2 and above.*

EVALUATION APPLICATION FORM : Level 1, Road Driving, Level 2

Name (please print) _____ CAA Member? yes no

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Post Code _____

Tel.# _____ Fax.# _____ E-mail _____

Emergency contact _____ Tel.# _____

Evaluation for:	_____ Level 1 (CAA Member).....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Level 1 (CAA non-member).....	\$ 85.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Road Driving (combined with Level 1 evaluation above).....	\$ 30.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Road Driving (separately – CAA membership required).....	\$ 60.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Level 2 (CAA membership required) – Unit 1.....	\$100.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Level 2 (CAA membership required) – Unit 2.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Level 2 (CAA membership required) – Unit 3.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Level 2 (CAA membership required) – Optional Unit.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
	_____ Level 2 (CAA membership required) – Units 8 & 9.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____

Fee enclosed \$ _____

Payment by Check # _____ or American Express MasterCard Discover Visa
_____ - _____ - _____ Exp. ____/____/____ CCV _____

Billing address same as above or:

City _____ Prov/State _____ Zip/Postal _____

Planned date _____ Preferred location _____

Name of Driving Instructor(s) (a) Individual instruction _____

And/or (b) Instruction days/seminar (date, instructor, number attending) _____

Previous Levels/Units evaluated _____

This form must be signed by applicant or the parent or legal guardian of an applicant under 18 years Birth date (if under 18 years)I.....I.....

I, the undersigned, certify that I take the above test at my own risk. In the event of my receiving any injury or sustaining any damage, I have no claim against the Carriage Association of America or its employees or contractors.

Date _____ Signed _____

Please Note: It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that both harness and vehicle are in sound, clean and serviceable condition. Candidates will not be evaluated using unsafe or unserviceable equipment. (The Evaluator's decision is final.) Fees will NOT be refunded. Level III may be taken at the candidate's premises with the candidate's own turnout or one arranged for the evaluation.

**CARRIAGE DRIVING CLINIC
WITH
MEGAN SIBIGA**

**SPONSORED BY THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
MAY 17TH & 18TH, 2014
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 50 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 - 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 15th 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 17 -18, 2014

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? _____.

_____ **LESSONS - \$75 TVW member – nonmembers \$100** \$ _____

_____ **Stall(s) @ \$45** (Friday after 6 pm – Mon. 11 am) \$ _____

_____ **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**

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.**

Date _____ Participant's signature _____

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

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2014 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: ____

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 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 15	TVW Business meeting
February 21	Bombproofing Set Up
February 22	Bombproofing Playday
March 19	Business Meeting
March 22	Schooling playday
April 26- 27	???????
May 17, 18	Megan Sibiga Clinic
June 7,8	Horse Driving Trial "A Drive In The Park"
July 12	Lakeside Lavender Drive
September 9-12	Clay Maier Clinic
October 11	Driven Trec at Lakeside Farm
October 25,26	Pleasure Driving Show

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