

CARRIAGE DRIVING CLINIC & ARENA DRIVING TRIAL
WITH MARY RUTH MARKS
SPONSORED BY THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
APRIL 24TH & APRIL 25TH, 2010
SATURDAY (8 – 6:00) - SUNDAY (8 – 5:00)
AL BIRT ARENA, NAMPA, IDAHO



MARY RUTH MARKS, VERONA, WI – Mary Ruth is a registered judge with the American Driving Society, conducts seminars and driving clinics, has produced a successful driving video series *Teach Your Horse To Drive*, and authored a handbook on tandem driving. She currently owns Equine Basics, an educational endeavor to provide solutions to horse owners throughout the Midwestern region. She is a successful competitor and drives and competes with singles through four-in-hands and is currently long listed for the USET Driving team for the World Pony Championship. She is very approachable, fun and a wonderful teacher.

CLINIC AND ADT FORMAT:

- Individual lessons, in a public format - Questions and discussion after each lesson.
- Group ADT course walks with Ms. Marks before each competition. (Dressage, Hazards & Obstacles - Cones)
- ADT will be held over both days. (Dressage on Sat.; Hazards and Obstacles-Cones on Sun.)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: SATURDAY: AM: Lessons; **PM:** Lessons and Dressage test walk and competition, ending by 6:00; **SUNDAY: AM:** lessons and Hazard course walk and competition; **PM:** Obstacle -Cones course walk and competition, lessons and ADT awards.

Divisions/levels: Training and Preliminary; **Classes:** horse (over 14.2 hh), pony (12 hh – 14.2) small pony/VSE (under 12 hh); singles and pairs/multiples in each class. Higher levels HC.

Dressage Information: Training Level Test #2 (1994); Preliminary Level Test #1 (1994): both adjusted to fit the arena.

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 if Preliminary) 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 Training level.

Cones Information: Training, minimum of 40 cm clearance; Preliminary, min. 35 cm clearance. Scores will be based upon penalties for time over the allowed time and/or course penalties (balls down). Possible multiple (“L” “double L” or serpentine).

Awards: Ribbons 1-4 in each class; also best dressage, cones, hazards; best in level.

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. 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.

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PARTICIPATION & PACKAGES: There are several ways to participate:

1. **LESSONS - \$90 each 45 min. lesson.** Includes audit and lunch both days for driver and one non-driver helper/groom; (**non members - \$105**)
2. **ARENA DRIVING TRIAL (ADT) –**
 - a. **\$75 entry fee.** Includes audit and lunch both days for driver and one helper/groom; (**non members - \$90**)
 - b. **\$50 entry fee if adding to a Lesson purchase or a Volunteer Audit.** (**non members \$65**)
 - c. **\$20 Post Entry Fee after 4/21/09**
3. **AUDIT: One day audit** including lunch that day: **\$ 25 TVW Members (non members - \$35);**
4. **AUDIT: Two-day audit** includes lunch both days: **\$40 TVW Members (non members - \$55).**
5. **JUNIOR AUDIT: \$10 each day** including lunch (**under 21**)
6. **Extra Helper/Grooms' Audit –\$10 One** extra helper/groom ticket may be purchased per day by lesson or ADT participants - *intended for non-driver helpers*
7. **VOLUNTEER AUDIT: Must be arranged prior to the event. Volunteers for assigned positions** (set-up, main dish, timers, scores, etc.) will get an audit for each day that they assist. Call or e-mail Amanda: leoblair2001@yahoo.com or (208) 761-2758.
8. **STALLS: \$45 ea.** (Fri. 6pm - 11am Mon.); bedding included.
9. **Electrical hook-ups - \$10/night.**

ONE WEEK ADVANCE PURCHASE IS REQUIRED FOR STALLS

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