



*Treasure Valley Whips
Carriage Driving Club*

THE LASH

OCTOBER 2025

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.

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CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS:

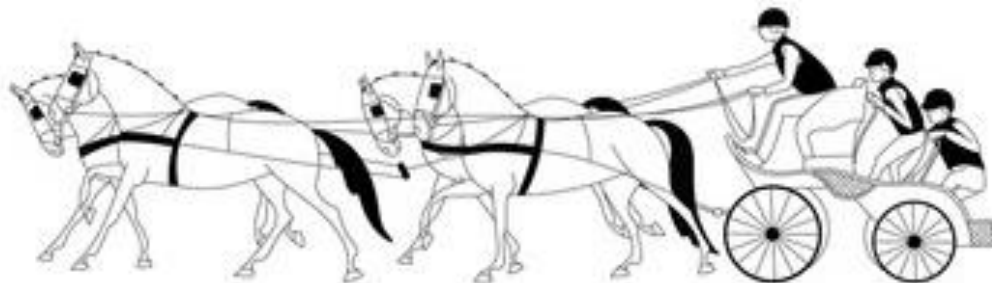
- Chair: Mary Van De Bogart
- Vice Chair: Robin DeLong
- Secretary: Jamey Robbins
- Treasurer: Kathy DeLong
- Newsletter Editor: Jamey Robbins

Letter from the Chair

This has been a good year for the club so far. We've had lots of drivers participating in a variety of events, and we have some good ideas for next year. Be sure to be ready with your suggestions for 2026 at our January planning meeting! I have had a wonderful time driving my little Splash with some of the nicest, kindest, most helpful folks that I know. I have been particularly happy with the way that our committees are beginning to take charge of planning, organizing, and carrying out many of our activities.

Before we curl up by the fireplace to reminisce, we have our annual Fall Pleasure Driving Show coming up at the end of October. We are crossing our fingers and hoping for a weekend of splendid fall weather; unfortunately the newly replaced footing in the indoor arena is not suitable for the smaller driving equines. With any luck, the show will go on outdoors.

-Mary Van De Bogart



Calendar of Events

- Oct. 26-27 – TVW Fall Pleasure Driving Show – Link to entry form: <https://forms.gle/xifVrH3fGS7usomn8>



This year's Western Idaho Fair Light Horse Driving Show went well. Tess Eastman did a great job as superintendent and worked hard to make it a good show. Thanks Tess!



After the Western Idaho Fair, Patricia Demers held a clinic hosted by Willow Grove Conservatory. There were some excellent lessons with lots of fun learning. Willow Grove hopes to host Patricia Demers again next year. Take advantage of this very knowledgeable clinician when she returns in 2026.





TVW FALL DRIVING SHOW

OCTOBER 25 & 26, 2025

BIRT ARENA, NAMPA, ID

Judge: Adrienne Baisch

Please Pre-enter using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/xifVrH3fGS7usomn8>

- STALLS MUST BE ORDERED through Melinda Birt BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 by 10:00 p.m. at birtarena2@gmail.com or call 208-466-1820
- **SHOW CLOTHES** including hats, gloves & aprons are required on Saturday only. Aprons not required for ground drivers. Costumes are permitted for Musical Freestyle
- **ADS RULES WILL APPLY WITH EXCEPTIONS AS NOTED. PLEASE FOLLOW TVW SAFETY GUIDELINES – PNEUMATIC OR SOLID WHEELS ALLOWED – HELMETS REQUIRED FOR ALL JUNIOR DRIVERS AND FOR ALL DRIVERS ON SUNDAY**
- Points earned in Open classes will apply to the championship/reserve championship in the size division that the equine is entered in.
- All equines are welcome.
- Horses driven in cart must be at least three years old.

SHOW DIVISIONS: Championship and Reserve shall be awarded in each division:

- **SECTION A VSE/Small Pony:** 9.2 hands and under (singles and pairs)
- **SECTION B Pony:** Over 9.2 hands and under 14.2 hands (singles and pairs)
- **SECTION C Horse:** 14.2 hands and over (singles and pairs)
- **SECTION D Green:** Ground driving, any size equine - no cross entry with sections A, B, and C or Open classes

Entry Fees: \$10 per class for members, \$12 per class for non-members, \$5 per class for ground drivers & juniors (18 and under) **Stalls:** \$50/weekend (Friday 6 pm – Monday 9 am); **Electrical hook-ups:** \$10/day

Awards: Ribbons 1st – 4th each class; Champion and Reserve Champion awards for each division. Special Awards for Junior Driver and Turnout with Helmet.

Office opens at 8 am on Saturday and Sunday

Additional rules:

1. All harnesses, equipment and vehicles will be subject to a safety inspection. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to take every precaution to ensure the safety of others. The Management reserves the right to reject, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and award prizes without claim for damages. Two- and four-wheel vehicles are allowed in all classes.
2. Contestants experiencing an equipment breakdown may request a 3-minute gate hold.
3. In all cases, the Judge's decisions are final.
4. All persons involved in the competition (drivers, passengers, grooms, officials, etc.) must keep safety foremost in their minds. Having the horse under control at all times not only is a safeguard for a driver and his passengers, but for everyone involved in the sport.
5. The horse must never be left unattended while put to a vehicle. A bridle with reins attached and passed through the saddle turrets must be in place whenever a horse is put to a vehicle. Failure to comply will incur elimination. Bridles should be adjusted to fit snugly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other pieces of harness.
6. All Junior drivers must wear properly fastened protective headgear. It must be fitted and the harness secured. Failure to comply will incur elimination. Junior drivers under 14 years of age must be accompanied in the carriage by a knowledgeable adult horseman.
7. Protective headgear is required for all drivers and passengers during cones competition on Sunday. "Loaner" helmets will be made available.
8. The driver may not lead the horse while hitched to the vehicle.
9. Instructions given to drivers, grooms and passengers by the Judge, Superintendent or Volunteers are to be considered final. Failure to comply may be cause for elimination.
10. ADS rules will be utilized as a guideline in this competition. Each competitor is responsible for knowing and understanding ADS rules.
11. Wire-wheeled and pneumatic-tired vehicles may be permitted in any class. Check reins are allowed.
12. The gate will remain closed in Obstacle Driving Classes until the competitor comes to a walk.
13. It is the responsibility of each driver to ensure that harness and vehicle are in good repair and structurally sound. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that his horse(s) are physically fit to fulfill the tasks required of them. All animals must be serviceably sound.
14. The driver must always be the first person to enter the vehicle and the last to leave. Passengers must never be left on the vehicle while the driver is dismounted unless the passenger has taken control of the reins
15. Drivers must strive to maintain a safe distance from other vehicles during the competition as well as in the warm-up and parking areas.
16. An appropriate whip shall be carried in hand at all times while driving. The thong of the whip must be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse. A driver not in compliance with the above shall be penalized at the discretion of the judge. The whip salute is used to acknowledge the judge at the start and finish of an individual test or at the start of any Obstacle Driving Class.
17. Cruelty to or abuse of any animal by any person is forbidden. An offender is subject to elimination. Cruelty or abuse includes but is not limited to: excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive.
18. The driver must be prepared to enter the ring or obstacle course when the class is called. After a reasonable wait, management may announce the class start. At class start, the gate or course will be closed and any entry not in the ring or at the course start will be excluded from the class.

SATURDAY MORNING

INDOOR ARENA at 8:30 am DRESSAGE

1. **SECTION D GREEN** - to be driven in a reduced size court.
2. **OPEN Training level** – AT Training Level Test B
3. **OPEN Preliminary** – AT Preliminary Level Test B - *** *May cross enter with class 2, but must declare prior to the start of the show which dressage counts towards the championship award*

not to start before 10:00 am

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.

***SPECIAL JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARDS IN EACH SECTION FOR BEST TURNOUT WITH HELMET!**

4. **SECTION A - VSE/Small Pony**
5. **SECTION B - Pony**
6. **SECTION C – Horse**

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.

7. **SECTION A - VSE/Small Pony**
8. **SECTION B - Pony**
9. **SECTION C – Horse**

SUPER REINSMANSHIP: Competitors enter the ring individually, complete figures at a prescribed pace and negotiate a few cones set in a small course. The competitors receive a numerical score, 80% of which is based on handling of reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance of the driver, 20% based on conditions of harness, vehicle and neatness of attire,

ADS Test Pattern #1 will be used.

10. **OPEN**

LUNCH BREAK – Bring your own lunch

“GROUND FLOOR” PLEASURE: Competitors enter the ring together on long reins at a walk. To be judged on the calmness and obedience of the horse, and the skill of the driver. To be shown both ways of half the arena at a walk and stand quietly. No cross-entry with classes 2-10.

11. **SECTION D GREEN**

CARRIAGE “STUFFED ANIMAL” PLEASURE: Judged primarily on suitability of stuffed animal to serve as a companion. One stuffed animal per vehicle. To be judged both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, and working trot. The stuffed animal must be standing, lying down, or seated and under control at all times. The driver should not hold the stuffed animal and the stuffed animal should not interfere with the driver in any way. The stuffed animal may be of any type. To be judged 60% on suitability of stuffed animal to serve as a companion, 30% on performance of horse, 10% on the overall impression of the turnout, including the stuffed animal. ****Entries with a stuffy not in control may be eliminated.*

12. **SECTION A - VSE/Small Pony**
13. **SECTION B - Pony**
14. **SECTION C – Horse**

MUSICAL FREESTYLE: Competitors select music and choreograph their own patterns and compete individually. Costumes are optional. To be judged on performance, appropriateness of music to turnout, inclusion of required elements, and overall impression. Halt and salute at beginning and end of routine. **GREEN “Ground floor” ground drivers must include: A. Walk; B. Trot; and C. Halt.** Each gait to be performed both ways of the arena. Strong trot, rein back, and lateral movements may be included at the discretion of the driver. **OPEN drivers must include: A. Walk; B. Trot; C. Slow trot; D Strong trot; E. Halt; and F. Reinbeck.** 4-minute time limit.

Competitors must furnish their own music on a CD **AND A COPY OF THEIR PATTERN** for the judge.

15. **SECTION D GREEN**
16. **OPEN**

SUNDAY MORNING

INDOOR ARENA at 8:30 am

***Penalties for all cones classes:

Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds/4 faults
Dislodging Marker or Obstacle	5 seconds /1 fault
Break to Canter	(1st) 5 seconds/5 faults
	(2nd) 5 seconds/5 faults
	(3rd) 5 seconds/5 faults
	(4th) Elimination

CONES "GROUND FLOOR": Ground driving cones/obstacle driving class. Walk or trot. A pre-set course will be set up and timed. Course penalties added to time. Best time wins.

17. **SECTION D GREEN**

Not to start before 9:30

CONES - TIMED:

Obstacle Rules: To be driven over a prescribed course of numbered obstacles. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Best time wins. Ties for first place will be decided by a drive off.

18. **SECTION A - VSE/Small Pony**

19. **SECTION B - Pony**

20. **SECTION C – Horse**

CONES – DOUBLE JEOPARDY: Same rules as Timed Obstacles except that entry consists of two drivers in one carriage. The 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. NOTE: in the event where only one driver can fit in the seat, the second driver will wait at start/finish and a header must be present.

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. DRIVERS MAY BE SHARED AND GO MORE THAN ONCE ON THE COURSE.

21. **SECTION A - VSE/Small Pony**

22. **SECTION B - Pony**

23. **SECTION C – Horse**

LUNCH BREAK – Bring your own lunch

CONES – TOWN AND COUNTRY: Cones course with objects beside cones that might be encountered on a drive out in the country or the town. Minimum clearance will be announced or posted. Course penalties added to time. Best time wins. The course will have a Halloween theme.

Penalties:	disobedience	(1st incident)	5 second/3 faults
		(2nd incident)	10 seconds/6 faults
		(3rd incident)	Elimination

24. **Town and Country - GREEN**

25. **Town and Country – VSE/Small pony**

26. **Town and Country - Pony**

27. **Town and Country – Horse**

BREAK

PROGRESSIVE CONES

- a. To be driven at the trot over a course of six numbered obstacles which will be adjusted to the following clearances: #1 – 20", #2 – 16", #3 – 12", #4 – 8", #5 – 4", #6 – 2"
- b. After passing the starting line, the entry shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, until finishing the course or dislodging an obstacle.
- c. Penalties

Dislodging an obstacle Accumulated points and time recorded to that point

Break in gait (to canter or walk) Accumulated points and time recorded to that point

Disobedience Accumulated points count, no time recorded

Off course. Accumulated points count, no time recorded

28. **SECTION A - VSE/Small Pony**

29. **SECTION B - Pony**

30. **SECTION C – Horse**

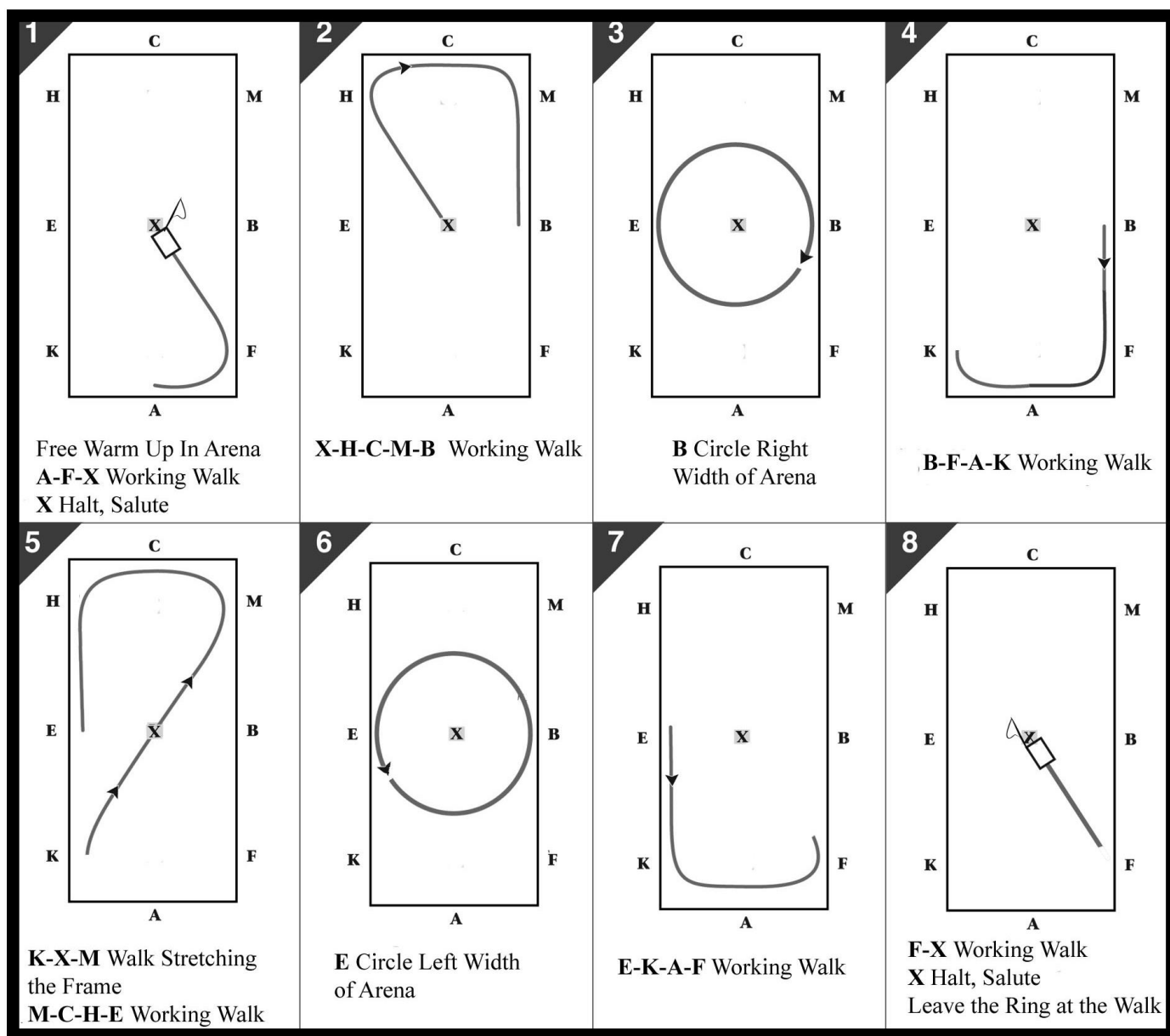
BREAK

~ SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS ~

“Ground Floor”

Ground Driven Dressage Test

Court Size 15x30 Meters



TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (year) _____ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION c/o Kathy E. DeLong

2147 9th Ave E Vale, OR 97918
(541) 235-1585 email kathyerniedelong@gmail.com

NAME: _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

INDIVIDUAL \$25: _____ FAMILY \$35: _____ ONE DAY _____

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)