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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS

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AN AMERCIAN DRIVING SOCIETY
AFFILIATED CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB
FOR RECREATION, COMPETITION AND
EDUCATION FOR DRIVERS OF EQUINES OF
ALL ABILITIES.



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GREETINGS AND WELCOME!

The Treasure Valley Whips carriage driving club (TVW) is a non-profit association with the purpose of recreation, competition and education of drivers of all types of equines. This club is organized to aid those that are interested in developing driving skills that will provide the basis for safe and sound driving habits and skills that can lead the driver to better enjoy recreational driving and competitive driving, depending on interest. Drivers of varying interests and abilities are welcome and will be included in TVW activities.

FEATURE ARTICLE:

Sami Nelson, of Kimberly, Idaho will be with us at our February Play Day and will be our judge at the Arena Driving Trial the next day. She will be offering instruction at the play day to help those with questions and coaching needs. We hope that this assistance will increase the confidence level of those who aren't quite sure if they want to tackle an arena driving trial or those who just want to increase their driving knowledge. Sami has graciously submitted this article for our benefit in the meantime:

TACTICS OF DRIVING DRESSAGE:

or

WHY AM I BEHIND THIS HORSE STILL LEARNING DRESSAGE By Sami Nelson

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED:

Driving your horse should be......well.......Fun. A getaway in the great outdoors for clearing of the mind. Quality time with that wonderful individual: Your Horse. Quality time with a wonderful friend or family member working and learning as a team. Or as in my case: My retirement teaching job and still.......Fun. That decision made, with whip and lines in hand and feet planted on the ground you are told... In order to be really successful and <u>SAFE</u> you and your horse must learn:

Dressage:

In former times, friendly partnership between man and horse was of vital importance, whether for transportation, for the dissemination of culture or for warfare. Nowadays (and for the foreseeable future), the horse is used primarily as an instrument of sport, show, or for rambling at ease in the country. There are many Drivers/Riders

who, when they buy a horse, take his goodwill for granted. The art of training a horse to obey his driver cheerfully and willingly is the fruit of centuries of research, and is in danger of being lost forever, not withstanding the fact that Our safety and the Safety of our Equine Partner/s is of utmost importance. This training is called Dressage.

With this in mind, beginning our year of driving, may I review for us all, (I being the person who needs it the most), a few training stages we need to have firmly planted in the horse's memory.

Does the horse stand tied quietly? Does the horse walk quietly when being led, stop when you stop, and back a few steps when asked in hand?

Is your horse trained on the single and /or double longe line and responsive to your voice commands?

Do you use Vienna Reins and work no longer than 5 to 10 minutes in each direction on the longe?

Do you understand the importance of Work in Hand and Long Reining for the suppleing and collection of your horse? Has your horse been ridden or still being ridden for training? Pleasure? Has your horse been ground driven extensively (without and with blinkers/blinders, winkers etc.) by you, his favorite person, so he is familiar with your voice, and hands?

And if your horse is already been "Harnessed up" and "Put To" does he move forward with energy and willingness?

Does he balance well in the turns and travel straight on the straight lines and on the curves? (This oxymoron we will talk about).

These few logical beginning steps to driving your horse in balance and harmony, are tactics you will continually refresh in your mind and that of your horse in order to keep that wonderful partner sound and happy well into his older years. Quiet Obedience, Forward in Rhythm, Suppleness, and above all straight, will be the things we can help you with and look for at our Club Play day and ADT in February at the Birt Arena in Nampa. Come and join us for Lots ofFUN!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2006

Last year was a great start for our driving club. Many events and activities were held and many more are planned. None of this is possible without membership support. There are many "overhead" expenses involved in a club of this nature not the least of which is the club's liability insurance. There are also equipment needs that so far have been met by the generosity of individuals in the club. This was certainly appropriate for a club in its first year, but we must start making plans for the future to determine if there is sufficient support to continue. We are therefore beginning our 2006 membership drive. As an incentive to non-members to join, and for last year's members to renew, in the future, all TVW events will remain open to the public, but members will enjoy membership discounts for entry and other participation fees. We believe that those who join and thus help pay overhead costs should benefit from that investment. For example, we will need to increase our play day participation fee to \$15 per participant with a horse(s), but will discount that price by \$5 for members – so members will pay \$10. Non-member participants without horses will pay \$5. There will be no charge for members attending without horses.

Thanks to all of you who have already paid your 2006 membership fees. This newsletter contains a membership form. Please use it and spread the word!

UPCOMING EVENTS-

TVW CLUB MEETING -

There will be a horse-less meeting of the club on February 2nd at the Dancing Dog Coffee House at 6:00 p.m. I have enclosed a menu from the Dancing Dog so if you wish, you can order a snack or dinner in advance. That will enable their staff to prepare for us coming. The Dancing Dog is located at the northwest corner of Meridian Rd. and Franklin in Meridian.

TVW Play Day – Feb. 25, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa

TVW Arena Driving Trial – Feb. 26, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa

TVW Play Day – March 25, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa

TVW Arena Driving Trial – March 26, 2005, Birt Arena, Nampa

See enclosed information on the play days and Arena Driving Trials. Both of these events are meant for education and schooling. This year, we will allow as many ground drivers at the arena driving trial as we can accommodate time-wise.

TVW Linda Fairbanks Clinic, April 29-30, 2006, Birt Arena, Nampa.

This is going to be a wonderful event whether you participate with a horse in lessons, or just audit one or both days. Linda is an excellent clinician who communicates well with drivers of all abilities. You will not want to miss this clinic! There will be opportunities for individual lessons

as well as demonstrations. More information will be available soon. Do not miss this wonderful learning opportunity, regardless of your skill level.

PAST EVENTS –

Western Idaho Fair Pleasure

Driving Show – August 23-24, 2005 The Whips were well represented at the Fair last summer and members swept many of the awards. The classes were ably judged by Gerry Pearson of Oregon. Gerry does a wonderful job and is helping the fair management improve the classes each year.

TVW Recreational Drive & Competitive Endurance Drive

Sept. 24-25, 2005, Oreana, Idaho -An intrepid few converged upon the Teeter Ranch near Oreana in Owyhee County last September for the first annual TVW Recreation and Competitive Endurance Drive. We had a contingent of National **Endurance Drive Association drivers** come up from the Reno, Nevada area to help us with our inaugural event. We learned lots and hope to have a bigger event this fall. Thanks to Jan McEnroe for her Herculean efforts in making this event a wonderful success. These events take an amazing amount of work and many members volunteered time and effort for the cause, but Jan coordinated it all and she has our thanks.

TVW Play Day & TVW Pleasure Driving Show – Oct. 22-23, 2005,

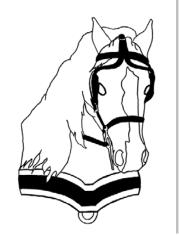
Birt Arena, Nampa Well, we must have been doing something right because the weather

was stunningly beautiful for our fall play day and carriage pleasure driving show. Once again, Tish Lewis of Murphy donated her time all day on Sunday to judge our show. A wonderful time was had by all. The best was saved for the last when the Double Jeopardy cones class was held. Two drivers compete with each horse, changing the reins after the first driver finishes the course to allow the second driver a chance. The whole thing is timed, the fastest winning. The peels of laughter emanating from the arena were a testament to the participants' enjoyment of the event. Yee-haw! We included ground driving and "outrider" events to be as inclusive as possible. This was a wonderful way to close out our club's first year. It will be a hard act to follow, but we plan on doing so!

As indicated above many of the Play Days, Shows, ADT's and Clinics will be held at the Birt Arena in Nampa. Stabling and RV hook-ups are available at Birt's for those traveling from out of the area.

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 the third stoplight from the freeway (just past Mercy North and McDonalds); this is Stamm Lane. Take a right at Happy Valley Road and continue on to Amity and take a right. Follow Amity to Southside Blvd and take a left on Southside (just over the tracks). Follow Southside approximately 2-3 miles to Lewis Lane and turn right. Within 1/4th of a

mile you'll see a blue private lane sign, HESTEHAVEN, turn right. Follow the private lane (past the NO TRESPASSING sign). The parking area is straight ahead by the arena.



©CS HAPPY TRAILS! (And trials, too! ∅)

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS

A CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND INFORMATION

The Treasure Valley Whips (TVW) carriage driving club was started in the fall of 2004 in order to promote the sport of carriage driving over a broad spectrum from recreational pleasure driving to formal competition. In its first year (2005), the club sponsored seven play days, three arena driving trials, a carriage pleasure driving show, two cross country drives, a clinic and barbeque, and an endurance drive. We publish a newsletter, in which we report on club events and notify members of upcoming events. We plan on continuing these types of activities for 2006. Check out the latest copy of the club's newsletter, The Lash, for more information.

In order for the club to exist and offer these popular events to the public, it relies on membership to pay the basic overhead costs, e.g. insurance, equipment, supplies, etc. Many members have donated a significant amount of their time and resources to starting this club up, but its continued existence must be guaranteed by a strong membership.

In the future, all TVW events will remain open to the public, but TVW members will enjoy membership discounts for entry and other participation fees. We believe that those who join and thus help pay overhead costs should benefit from that investment. For example, we will need to increase our play day participation fee to \$15 per participant with horse(s), but will discount that price by \$5 for members. Non-member participants without horses will pay \$5 and there will be no charge for members attending without horses.

JOIN THE FUN – JOIN TODAY!

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

c/o Amanda Horton

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(208) 342-1243 <u>leoblair2001@yahoo.com</u>

NAME If Family membership- names of family Members:	E-MAIL address (only if you would like to receive information via e-mail):
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	<u>TOTAL</u> :
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TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW) – 2006 ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SERIES - For all equines

AL BIRT ARENA, NAMPA, IDAHO DATES: FEB. 26TH & MARCH 26TH 2006

OFFICE OPENS: 8:00a.m; DRIVERS' BRIEFING 9:00a.m.

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 the third stoplight from the freeway (just past Mercy North and McDonalds); this is Stamm Lane. Take a right at Happy Valley Road and continue on to Amity and take a right. Follow Amity to Southside Blvd and take a left on Southside (just over the tracks). Follow Southside approximately 2-3 miles to Lewis Lane and turn right. Within 1/4th of a mile you'll see a blue private lane sign, HESTEHAVEN, turn right. Follow the private lane (past the NO TRESPASSING sign). The parking area is straight ahead by the arena.

Each Arena Driving Trial will be a daylong event, featuring three phases: 1. Driven Dressage, 2. Hazards, and 3. Cones. 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) http://www.americandrivingsociety.com/ (See modified rules for Arena Driving Trials, Combined Driving Rules, Appendix A, section B. Arena Driving Trials)

Officials: Judges: February: Sami Nelson, Kimberly, Idaho; March: TBA

Organizer: Amanda Horton; (208) 342-1243; e-mail: leoblair2001@yahoo.com

*****PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL BEFORE THE EVENT TO LET US PRE-ENTER YOU. E-MAIL WORKS THE BEST, AND WE CAN COMPLETE MOST OF THE ENTRY THAT WAY. ******Stabling Available: \$20/day \$35/wkd (Fri pm to Sun)

Divisions/levels: Training and Preliminary; Classes: horse, pony/VSE; singles and pairs/multiples in each class.

Entry Fee (one fee for each show day): \$35 TVW members; \$55 non-members; <u>SOME</u> GROUND DRIVING PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ALLOWED AS TIME PERMITS - \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

<u>Dressage Information</u>: Training level, ADS Arena Driving Trial test; Preliminary level, ADS Arena Driving Trial test; Tests available on the ADS website: http://www.americandrivingsociety.com/forms/ADS Forms.htm

<u>Hazards</u>: 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 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 the hazards in Training level.

<u>Cones Information</u>: Timed event, one multiple ("L" "double L" or serpentine);

Training minimum of 50 cm clearance: **Preliminary** min 40 cm clearance. No

Training, minimum of 50 cm clearance; **Preliminary**, min. 40 cm clearance. No cantering.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Office opens 8:00; Drivers' briefing at 9:00 (mandatory); Dressage at 9:30; Lunch; Hazards at 1:30; Cones at 3:00; awards at 4:00 **AWARDS**: Ribbons 1-4 in each class; also best dressage, best cones, best hazards; in

addition, best overall in each level.

CONCESSIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE ARENA – POTLUCK ENCOURAGED – WATER, COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS PROVIDED <u>ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED!</u>

ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SERIES - ENTRY FORM SHOW DATE:

For horses, ponies and VSE's (minis) - Mules and donkeys welcome, too Sponsored by the TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW)

DRIVER:	EQUINE:	
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	DIVISION:Train; Prelim, GrdDrv	
E-mail:	CLASS: Horse;Pony or VSE	
Phone:	Single;Pair/MultipleJr. exhibitor	
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Fee (one fee per day per entry): \$35	member;\$25 Jr. member;\$55 non-members	
Ground Driver: \$15 member;		
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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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT I understand and acknowledge t		
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TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB PLAY DAYS

FEB 25, 2006 & MARCH 25, 2006 9:00 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 to experienced drivers. Many of them are held at the Birt Arena facility in Nampa, Idaho. 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. 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, as well as those who are just coming to get more information or catch a 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 and giving lessons at these play days depending upon participant interest.

This year, we will hold a few of our play days the same weekend as a driving show or arena driving trial (Feb. and March 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. There are electrical hookups 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 FACILTIY – THE BIRT'S INSURANCE REQUIRES THIS – PLEASE COMPLY

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **FEB. 2 -** 6 8 p.m. TVW CLUB MEETING; DANCING DOG COFFEE HOUSE, MERIDIAN
- **FEB. 17-19** HORSE AFFAIR WESTERN IDAHO FAIRGROUNDS
- FEB. 25 TVW PLAY DAY, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- FEB. 26 TVW ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SHOW BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- MARCH 25 TVW PLAY DAY, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- MARCH 26 TVW ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SCHOOLING SHOW, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- **APRIL 6** 6 8 p.m. TVW CLUB MEETING; DANCING DOG COFFEE HOUSE, MERIDIAN
- APRIL 29-30 TVW CLINIC LINDA FAIRBANKS, BIRT ARENA, NAMPA
- AUG. WESTERN IDAHO FAIR DRIVING SHOW
- SEPT TBA TVW & NEDA ENDURANCE DRIVE OREANA, ID
- OCT TBA TVW PLAYDAY
- OCT TBA TVW CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW
- OTHER EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SCHEDULED STAY TUNED!

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