

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB PLAY DAY

FEB. 28TH & MARCH 28TH, 2009

10:00 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 without horses to experienced drivers.** The February 28th & March 28th play days will be held at the Birt Arena facility in Nampa, Idaho (see directions at bottom of the next page). 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. The indoor arena is available for 20 minute individual sessions and we will also have some group sessions for those wanting to get experience with others in the ring. 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, riding their horses as well as those who are just coming to get more information or catch a carriage 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.

The play days are open to the public, but membership is rewarded with a discount. Cost is \$10 per member bringing up to 2 horses; \$15 for a non-member bringing a horse (\$15 per horse). 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!

THIS YEAR WE WILL INCLUDE THE SCURRY CHALLENGE AFTER LUNCH!

NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE BIRT ARENA FACILITY – THE BIRT’S INSURANCE REQUIRES THIS – PLEASE COMPLY