

Driving Lessons

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Subject: **Driving Lessons**

Introduction:

It is not the intention, of this report, to teach the art of Driving but to give a broad outline and reasons for its existence.

Author's Foreward:

It has been, for some time, a requirement in our clan to take a course in the trolly art of Driving. After study, I felt that a reported recommendation to be of value to all trolls.

Driving Lessons teach:

- control
- discipline
- dexterity
- conservation of energy
- renewal of fuel resources.

Defining:

- Control: Firm control is essential in that during the actual drive vectors and velocities do not present a danger to others.
- Discipline: The ability, through practice, to abide by the rules of the sport.
- Dexterity: Constant training in all aspects of the sport improves manual dexterity and provides continued pleasure.
- Conservation (of energy): It is the energy of the individual in this case. Wild swings tend to deplete a troll of his/her energy levels of a night of sport. Secondly, it refers to fuel resource conservation in that wild swinging trolls tend to use more fuel to accomplish their aim.

Equipment: The Driver:

The dimensions of the "Driver" vary from troll to troll as it must be fitted to the individual. Usually from the troll's slightly bent over form, it is the distance, at a 40 degree angle, outwards from the gripped hands to the ground.

The driver is best made of maple or better yet ironwood though it is much harder to fashion. The head of the driver should be the size of a large troll's closed fist attached to a slightly flexible shaft.

Fuel (ammunition):

It must be emphasized that, although it is a renewable resource, the fuel is limited and all efforts to conserve should be made. The preferred fuel or ammo is ferrets. They are tightly rolled into a ball with the tail innermost and wrapped with thin vine. They (the ferrets) maybe stacked in a bark bucket for a short time. However, they tend to get somewhat messy after a short while so you are encouraged to make rather rapid drives.

The wrapping vines are designed to release at mid flight allowing the ferret to open out into a missile like attitude. The trailing tail imparts guidance and a flatter trajectory.

Cautions:

It has been noted that certain "Ball Trolls", sent to retrieve the "balls," have been injured playing a game called "Catch a Fallin' Ferret. Please remember that ferrets have no sense of humour. In fact, after being driven, they become extremely "PO'd." Since Driving is played at night and the ferrets are like arrows, descending teeth first, out of the darkness, you can see this could be dangerous and should be discouraged unless, of course, the catchers are from another clan. Research is on going into determining a method to illuminate the ferrets while in flight.

Addendum: The preceding report has been filed by the Memory Toad Attendant (MTA) at the request of the author still recovering from FFS - Falling Ferret Syndrome.

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