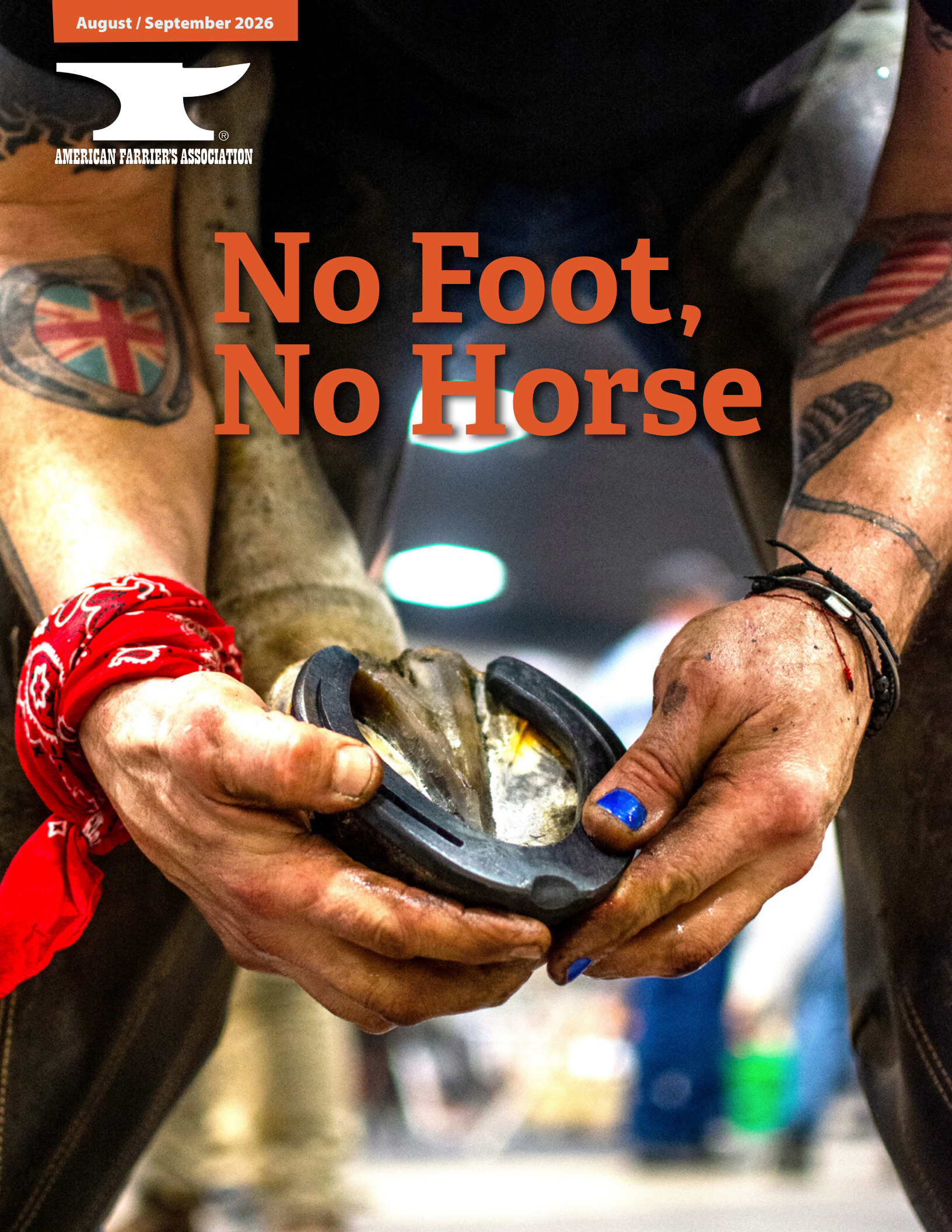


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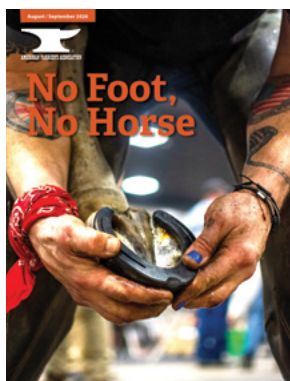
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Competing at the 2026 AFA Convention, Mike Poe painted his fingernails to show support for the Polished Man campaign, an effort to end physical and sexual violence against children.

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Representing professional farriers, veterinarians, suppliers and horse owners, the American Farrier's Association is the oldest and largest membership organization for the farrier industry in North America, and the only one with internationally recognized standards of competency through our certification programs. Setting the standard for excellence in hoof care, the AFA provides professional development, certification, leadership and resources for the benefit of the farrier industry and the welfare of the horse.



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Executive Director's Report

Hello, AFA Family – can you believe it? It's almost FALL!

Fall traditionally means sweatshirt weather, bonfires and football... but in our world, it also signals the end of the long, hot, slog of summer – and therefore is something to be excited about and celebrate every year!

And phew — what a relief it is! From flies, from the heat, from long, tiring days — and more than likely – from irritations by and between clients. It's not new news that every summer brings a bit of that — but the important thing is... we've made it. Together!

And, with cooler weather on the horizon, there's also some change on the horizon here at the AFA — so I thought I'd use this opportunity to share some of that with you!

First, if you've called the office anytime recently, chances are you've spoken to our Administrative Assistant, Liz. Unfortunately for us and fortunately for her (!), she has recently gotten married and moved to California to be with her new husband who is stationed there in the United States Navy. While we are excited about her new adventure, we are sorry to lose her friendly attitude and great work with many of our admin tasks, most noticeably on our social pages. However, change brings opportunity, and I am so very excited to share a couple things. One, "fan-favorite" Susie Fennell is back in the office during this transition to help ensure no balls get dropped and you continue receiving the great service you expect when you call in. (So please take a moment to call or email to say hello to Mrs. Susie!).

Second, as of this writing, the hiring process is moving full speed ahead, and we have so many outstanding candidates to sort through and interview. When that's complete, we'll announce our new team member via eblast, social and, of course,

here — so stay tuned! It's fun to welcome new talent and new energy to our team — and doing so actually makes us better. It helps us stay sharp, innovate and work towards continuous improvement, all of which is mission critical in the association world.

In other "change is on the horizon" news, you've probably seen over the past year and a half the Communications Committee's initiative to work towards a redesign of *No Foot, No Horse*. Beginning with a member survey in the first quarter of 2025 and culminating in a focus group onsite in Little Rock in March, the committee is working towards implementing several of your ideas, such as making room for more educational articles, photos, learning tools, etc. and streamlining some of what may be redundant or unnecessary. With a goal of revealing a fresh, new look (and an educational centric re-do!) in Mobile in March, we are taking small steps in the right direction beginning with this issue and this letter.

We realize it's important to hear from your leadership. You've asked for that to continue, and it will. However, there are many people in key leadership roles in this organization, such as Committee Chairs, Officers and regional Board members, and their voices are so important to our association. So going forward, these first few letter pages will be less "oh we're hearing from her again" and more "oh good, I've been wondering what was going on with that program/committee/project" ... and we're excited to make your feedback a reality in this space!

What else is news to know? Well of course I have to mention our 55th Annual Convention coming up in Mobile! With exhibitor registration opening this month and competitor and attendee registration opening in October – it's not an exaggeration to say, "it's that time again!" (How does that happen, anyway?!) And I have to say — this year is going to be an outstanding one! The enthusiasm is high for our return to Mobile, and



the nearly complete speaker list has the *wow* factor you've come to expect (with the addition of several more lecture spots in the schedule!). We're also excited to be bringing some new and fun elements to our 55th annual event, so please be on the lookout for those as the months leading up to March click off!

Additionally, it's an important time of year for two other reasons that I need to share with you. The first is that you are quickly running out of time (September 1) to submit your nominations for the leadership roles we are electing this year: the office of the President and a Board seat in each Region. I came across a quote the other day that said, "Success is not defined by individual achievements, but by collective determination and vision," and I would say that through the decades, AFA leadership has been a great example of that. Of course, while Board service can be frustrating — particularly when a vote doesn't go the way you wanted it to — it can also be hugely rewarding.

The AFA Board absolutely sets the vision for this organization, and the collective determination of our leaders is formidable. So, if this sounds interesting to you — or if you know the perfect person to contribute to our vision and future growth — now is the time to nominate! More information on the process can be found on Page 6 of this issue, and it is my hope that you'll take a moment to do so!

Moving on, I also want to call your attention to the nomination period for our annual Achievement Awards that opened in July! Like every year, we are in awe of members of our community who don't simply give back, but who literally pour into our trade and our association relentlessly. These individuals not only make us better, but they also make our profession better — and they deserve to be honored! More information on this year's Awards can be found on Page 6, so please take some time to reflect on the people who are making a difference, and help us recognize their achievements in Mobile in March!

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish our American Farriers Team and Apprentice Team safe travels and the very best of luck at the International at Stoneleigh in September!

We have had so much fun watching the growth and progress of both Teams as they've traveled to practices in Alabama, Tennessee and New York (plus numerous other times on their own), and we cannot wait to see how they make us proud in England. It's been said that Team contests are some of the greatest learning experiences available to farriers, and we agree. So please join me in wishing David, Garrett, Sam H., Nate, Sam S., Wesley, Andrew, Grant, and Jacob good luck and a trip of a lifetime!

With that I'll wrap this up by leaving you with a great quote that says: "Embrace change, for it is the catalyst that propels us forward and fuels our growth."

Change is healthy. It drives innovation and forward momentum. And it is not something to be feared, but to be embraced.

Since 1971, the AFA has done this, and adjusted our sails when necessary, and continued to grow and flourish and thrive — and I have no doubt that our future will be the same.

Cheers to our AFA family!

Martha Jones, Executive Director
American Farrier's Association



AFA News & Press Releases

Nominations for Achievement Awards Are Open

Has someone in the farrier community made a lasting impact on your journey? Whether they've been a mentor, an inspiring leader, or simply someone who consistently goes above and beyond, now is the time to recognize their contributions.

Nominations opened on July 15 for the 2027 AFA Achievement Awards. Help us celebrate the individuals whose dedication, leadership, and service strengthen our profession every day!

Submitting a nomination only takes a few minutes, but the recognition lasts a lifetime. Award recipients will be honored during the 2027 AFA Annual Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

There are nine award categories, and you're welcome to submit nominations in as many or as few categories as you'd like. Adding a special note supporting your nomination also adds a personal touch and will be placed alongside the individuals' name when voting begins in December.

Visit AmericanFarriers.org/page/achievement-awards to submit your nominations today!



Honor a Mentor with the Silent Anvil Award

The AFA is also accepting honorees for the Silent Anvil Award, a meaningful tribute to AFA members who passed away during the current calendar year and left a lasting legacy within the Association and the farrier profession.

Established by the Historical & Memorial Council, this award recognizes practicing farriers who were active AFA members at the time of their passing. To nominate someone, submit a nomination form along with a personal statement highlighting their contributions and impact.

Recipients will be honored during the AFA Annual Convention in March in Mobile, where attendees will be able to see their name plates added on the Silent Anvil. Head to the Silent Anvil page on our website to submit your honoree today at AmericanFarriers.org/page/silent-anvil



Leadership Nominations Are Open

The nomination period for the 2027 Board and Officer Elections will officially close on September 1, 2026.

Strong leadership is essential to the continued growth and success of the AFA. The Board and Officers help guide the organization's priorities, initiatives, and future direction, and your participation helps ensure the Association remains in capable hands.

If you know a dedicated member with the vision and commitment to help lead the Association — or you're considering serving yourself — now is the time to get involved.

Open Positions:

- President
- Regional Directors for all five AFA regions

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominees and nominators must:

- Be active AFA members in good standing.
- Reside in the region they represent.

Presidential candidates must also:

- Hold an AFA Certified Farrier (CF) Certification or higher level.
- Have maintained AFA membership for at least 5 consecutive years.
- Have completed a full term as a Standing Committee Chair, Board Director, or Chapter President.

Nominations can be sent to Chairman Don Gustafson, CJF, at dwlg@earthlink.net. Your nomination helps shape the future of the AFA and the profession we serve.



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Craig Stark, CJF — Certification Committee Chairman, (918) 857-0771; Brian Strelow, CJF, TE, FE, EE — Pre-Certification Committee Chairman, (678) 873-2555. Online Registration through the AFA Certification Calendar required for all Certifications

August 14-15

Idaho Pre-Certification

Location: 5328 W. Nursery Ln.,
Spirit Lake, ID 83869

ONLINE registration only –
americanfarriers.org

Pre Cert Instructors: Wes Sharp, CJF and
Kyd Kelley, CJF

Contact: Aaron Krieg – akrieg3@gmail.com
208-660-3454

August 14-15

Wisconsin Certification

Location: KC Farrier Service, W11586 Czech
Ave. Coloma, WI 54930

All levels/areas offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org

Examiners: Mark Thorkildson, CJF, AWCF
and Daniel Jones, CJF

Contact: Noah Yoder – Noahy2006@
gmail.com

August 27-28

Colombia Certification

Host: Asociacion Colombiana De
Herradores ACOHE

Location: Coliseo Salomon Armel Londoño,
Corregimiento Cerritos Via La Virginia,
Pereira, Risaralda 660008, Colombia

Examiners: Dusty Franklin CJF, AWCF, ASF
and Craig Stark, CJF

CF, CJF and CTF offered, ONLINE

registration only - AmericanFarriers.org

Contact: Edward Calle Torres, MVZ, CJF, TE –
edwardcato@hotmail.com

September 11-12

Rhode Island Certification

Host: Southern New England
Farriers Association

Location: Ocean State Equine, 11 Windsor
Ave., North Scituate, RI 02857

Examiners: Mark Thorkildson, CJF, AWCF
and Mike Poe, CJF AWCF

All levels/areas offered; ONLINE registration
only – americanfarriers.org

Contact: Michael Paparo – mbpaparo@
hotmail.com, 401-651-3282

September 11

Oregon Tester Update

Host: Oregon Farriers Association

Location: Oregon Farrier School, 13000

Finlay Rd., Silverton, OR 97381

Examiners: Sam Durham CJF, DipWCF and
Brian Buckner, CJF

Contact: Beau Whitaker – whitakerlivestockco
@gmail.com, 541-777-2110

September 11-12

Oregon Certification

Host: Oregon Farriers Association

Location: Oregon Farrier School, 13000
Finlay Rd., Silverton, OR 97381

All levels/areas offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org

Examiners: Sam Durham CJF, DipWCF and
Brian Buckner, CJF

Contact: Beau Whitaker – whitakerlivestockco
@gmail.com, 541-777-2110

September 18-19

Ontario Certification

Host: Ontario Farrier's Association

Location: Synergy Farm & Forge,
732 Ferguson Rd., Ashton, ON K7A4S7

All levels/areas offered; ONLINE registration
only – americanfarriers.org

Examiners: Francis Dufresne-Cyr and
Brad Snyder, CJF

Contact: Mark Struthers –
info@ontariofarriers.ca, 613-229-4826

September 25

Oklahoma Tester Update

Host: Five Star Horseshoeing School

Location: Five Star Horseshoeing School
807 Northeast Johnson Rd.,

Minco, OK 73059

Examiners: Francis Dufresne-Cyr, CJF
and Brad Snyder, CJF

Contact: Dusty Franklin – dfranklincjf@
yahoo.com, 405-209-7420

September 25-26

Minnesota Certification

Host: Minnesota Farriers Association

Location: University of Wisconsin-River
Falls, (UWRF Lab Farm 1) 1475 S. Wasson
Ln., River Falls, WI 54022

All levels/areas offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org

Examiners: Eric Gilleland, CJF, TE, FE and
Mark Thorkildson, CJF, AWCF

Contact: Mark Thorkildson, CJF, AWCF –
m_thorkildson@yahoo.com, 612-387-8685

September 25-26

Oklahoma Certification

Host: Five Star Horseshoeing School

Location: Five Star Horseshoeing School
807 Northeast Johnson Rd.,
Minco, OK 73059

All levels/areas offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org

Examiners: Francis Dufresne-Cyr, CJF
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Contact: Dusty Franklin – dfranklincjf@
yahoo.com, 405-209-7420

September 25-26

Tennessee Pre-Certification

Location: Equine Surgery Center at Thor-
sport Farm, 3079 Armstrong Valley Rd.,
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

ONLINE registration only –
americanfarriers.org

Pre Cert Instructors: Jared Brown, CJF and
Brian Beasley, CJF, DVM, DACVSMR

Contact: Leslie Jones, CTF –
lesliejonesfarrier@gmail.com, 615-476-2996

September 26-27

California Pre-Certification

Location: Happy Trails Riding Academy
2773 E. Oakdale Ave., Tulare, CA 93274

ONLINE registration only –
americanfarriers.org

Pre Cert Instructors: Sam Durham, CJF,
DipWCF and Brian Bonnel, CJF

Contact: William Bradley, CF –
calprofarriers@gmail.com, 559-362-0436

October 4

Kentucky Certification

Location: Bluegrass Horseshoeing, 825
Antioch Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065

CF, CJF and CRP offered, ONLINE

registration only - AmericanFarriers.org

Examiners: Eric Gilleland, CJF, TE, FE and
Brian Buckner, CJF

Contact: Zeke Evans – horseshoes92@
gmail.com 5026458911

Host: Derby City Horseshoeing Association

October 10

Indiana Certification

Host: Indiana Farrier's Association

Location: Richard Gingerich's Shop,
13121 N. 700 W Nappanee, IN 46550

Examiners: Jacob Manning, CJF
and Jennifer Horn, CJF
All levels/areas offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org
Contact: Richard Gingerich –
richardpgingerich@gmail.com,
574-354 1449

October 17

Pennsylvania Certification

Location: Three D Ranch LLC.
233 Purdy Rd., Burgettstown, PA 15021
All levels/areas offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org
Examiners: David Sierra, CJF and
Lori McBride, CJF
Contact: David Bentrem, CJF – dbhorseshoeinginc@gmail.com, 412-580-4458

October 23-24

South Carolina Certification

Host: South Carolina Farrier Association
Location: Palmetto Equine Veterinary Ser-
vices, 451 Jenkins Cir., Townville, SC 29689
Examiners: Justin Frank, CJF, FE, DipWCF
and Eric Gilleland, CJF, TE, FE
CF, CTF, and CJF offered; ONLINE
registration only – americanfarriers.org
Contact: Dusty Newby, CJF – dustynewby@gmail.com, 864-992-0020

November 6

Ohio Certification

Host: Southwestern Ohio Farriers Association
Location: Diamond Mill Farm, 5252
Diamond Mill Rd., Germantown, OH 45327
Examiners: Lori McBride, CJF and
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Calendar of Events

We encourage you to contact the local host of any event you were planning to attend to see if it is still taking place. Thank you!

August 21-22

VTFA Annual Contest

Host: Vermont Farriers Association
Location: Vermont State Fairgrounds,
175 S. Main St., Rutland, VT 05701
Judge and Clinician: Iain Ritchie DipWCF
Contact: Rachel Lundsted, CJF –
rlundsted11@gmail.com

August 22

HPFA Clinic

Host: High Plains Farriers Association
12294 10th Ave SE, Bismarck, ND 58504
Clinician: Remington Leach, CJF,
CRP, DipWCF
Contact: Jake Stonefield – 605-690-4517

August 28-29

GPFA Clinic

Host: Georgia Professional
Farriers Association
Location: Mike Freemans Arena,
10 Peebles Farm Rd., Chatsworth, GA 30705
Clinician: Craig Trnka, CJF
Contact: Chris Gilham 678-485-9860

August 29-30

45th Annual ESFA Contest and Clinic

Host: Empire State Farriers Association
Location: Southlands Foundation.
5771 Rt 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
Clinician: Cody Gregory, CJF, ASF,
FWCF Hons
Contact: Tom DuBois – tomdubois109@
gmail.com

September 9-13

2026 World Championships at Spruce Meadows

Host: World Championship Blacksmiths
Location: Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce
Meadows Way SW Calgary, AB T2X 4B7
Judges: Ian Gajczak (Scotland) and
Travis Koons, CJF (USA)
Contact: World Championship Blacksmiths
– christinetrnka@aol.com

September 10-12

MWFA Annual Contest

Host: Midwestern Farriers Association
Location: Saunders County Fairgrounds,
635 E 1st St., Wahoo, NE 68066
Judge: Todd Walker, CJF
Contact: Mark Edmister – sunsethillsfarrier

@gmail.com, 402-643-5255

September 11-12

FIG Fall Clinic

Host: Farriers of Idaho Guild
Location: 8755 W. Joplin Rd., Meridian,
ID 83646
Clinician: Blane Chapman, CJF
Contact: Charlie Zamagni – 208-283-8586

September 11-12

MAPF Fall Clinic

Host: Missouri Association of
Professional Farriers
Location: Missouri Forget Me Not Horse
Rescue and Sanctuary, 918 Heritage Rd.,
Linn Creek, MO 65052

September 11-12

Forge of a Lifetime

Location: 900 Big Mount Rd.,
Thomasville, PA 17364
Contact: 717-668-5166

September 17-19

Cornbelt Classic Farrier Competition

Hosts: Iowa Professional Farriers Associa-
tion and Land of Lincoln Horseshoers
Location: Big 4 Fair Grounds, 499 Green-
wood Ave., Nashua, IA 50658
Judge: Bodie Trnka, CJF
Contact: Matthew Ostergard, CJF – 815-
297-7367, matthewostergard@outlook.com

September 19

NCHA Farrier Clinic

Host: North Carolina
Horseshoers Association
Location: Broyhill Equestrian Preserve, 1500
Laurel Ln., Blowing Rock, NC 28605
Clinician: Scott Strong, CF
Contact: Kathy Walker – 336-407-1081

September 22

IFA Clinic

Host: Indiana Farriers Association
Location: Janssen Veterinary Clinic,
2420 W. 236th St., Sheridan, IN 46069
Clinician: Troy Wood, CJF
Contact: Dustin Shuck – 765-490-0686

September 24-26

MEFA Annual Clinic

Host: Mideastern Farriers Association
Location: Hocking College, 3301 Hocking

Pkwy., Nelsonville, OH 45764

Judges: Andrew Neilson, CJF and

Chris Gilham, CJF

Contact: Levi Runnion, CJF – 740-255-2375

September 25

FAWS NW Triple Crown Fall Contest

Host: Farriers Association of
Washington State
Location: Triple H Arena, 639 Penning Rd.,
Chehalis, WA 98532
Judge: Shayne Carter
Contact: Max – 360-786-6575

September 26-27

FAWS Fall Conference

Host: Farriers Association of
Washington State
Location: Triple H Arena, 639 Penning Rd.,
Chehalis, WA 98532
Contact: Brian Strelow, CJF –
straydogforge@gmail.com, 360-320-8826

September 30-October 4

2026 Virginia State Fair

Host: World Championship Blacksmiths
Location: State Fair of Virginia,
13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047
Judge: Adam Fahr, CJF
Contact: World Championship Blacksmiths
– christinetrnka@aol.com

October 2-4

Donkey Welfare Symposium

Location: UC Davis Veterinary Campus,
944 Garrod Dr., Davis, CA 95616
Contact: Amy Dumas – 775-220-9252

October 9-10

GPFA Competition

Host: Georgia Professional
Farriers Association
Location: UGA Livestock Arena, 2600 S.
Milledge Ave., Athens, GA 30605
Judge: Gavine Cooper, CJF
Contact: Chris Gilham, CJF – 678-485-9860

October 15-16

IPFA Fall Clinic

Host: World Championship Blacksmiths
Location: Andrew Kempf's Farrier Shop,
2955 205th St., Seymour, IA 52590
Clinician: Mike Poe CJF, AWCF
Contact: Andrew J. Kempf, CJF, TE, FE –

jazmen07_80@yahoo.com, 641-895-0324
(call, no text)

October 15-17

TPFA Contest

Host: Texas Professional Farriers Association

Location: Johnson County Sheriff's Posse
Headquarters, 1315 South Main, Cleburne,
TX 76031

Judge: Daniel Jones, CJF (pending)

Contact: Joshua P. Anderson, CJF –
janderson337@gmail.com, 817-690-1035

October 17

Lookout Mountain School of Horseshoeing Annual Clinic

Location: Lookout Mountain School of
Horseshoeing, 400 Lewis Rd.,
Gadsden, AL 35904

Clinician: Tim Shannon, CJF, AWCF

Contact: Lane McNew – lmcnew70@gmail.
com, 256-490-3790

October 22-24

WCFA Fall Conference and Competition

Host: Western Canadian Farriers Association

Location: Abbotsford Exhibition Park,
Agrifair Arena, 32470 Haida Dr.,
Abbotsford, BC, V2T 5A6

Judges and speakers: Paul Duddy, AWCF
and Ellen Staples, DVM, CJF, TE

Contact: John Dixon – 604-831-3011

October 23

DCHA Contest and Clinic

Host: Derby City Horseshoeing Association

Location: 1200 Bluegrass Pkwy.,
La Grange, KY 40031

Clinician and Judge: Adam Fahr, CJF

Contact: Zeke Evans – horseshoes92@
gmail.com 502-645-8911

October 24

Farrier Clinic

Location: Prineville, OR

Clinician: Yogi Sharp, DipWCF,
BSc (Hons), PCert

Contact: Erika Montgomery – 541-604-8202

October 24

The Shoe Shop Clinic

Location: The Shoe Shop, 9077 E 200 N,
Loogootee, IN 47553

Clinician: Lavon Jess, CF

Contact: Nate Gingerich, CJF –
859-314-1560

November 5-7

WNYFA Horseshoeing Contest

Host: Western New York Farriers Association

Location: Whitney Hill Farm LLC, 2500

Whitney Rd., East Fairport, NY 14450

Judge: Conrad Trow, CJF, DipWCF

Contact: Wesley D. White, CF –
585-645-3601

November 6-7

NCHA Competition and Clinic

Host: North Carolina Horseshoers Association

Location: East Coast Horseshoeing School, 51
Ward Road, Martinsville, VA, 24112

Clinicians: Chris Diehl, CJF, FE, EE, AWCF
and Nick Denson

Contact: Kathy Walker – 336-407-1081

November 6-7

Stonehenge Forge and Farriery Official Opening and Clinic

Host: South Carolina Farriers Association

Location: Stonehenge Forge and Farriery,
826 West Pine Grove Rd., Fairplay, SC 29678

Clinicians: Cody Gregory, CJF, ASF, FWCF;
Dusty Franklin, CJF, ASF, AWCF; Chris

Gregory, CJF, ASF, FWCF

Contact: 864-617-0248

November 7

OFA Fall Clinic and Meeting

Host: Oklahoma Farriers Association

Location: Norman, Oklahoma

Clinician: TBD

November 13-14

Boldly Built Clinic

Location: Well-Shod, 305 N. Arthur St.,
Amarillo, TX 79107

Clinicians: Sarah Logie, FWCF, Paige Poss,

and more

Contact: Rachael Millard – 865-850-3362

November 14

MEFA Clinic

Host: Mideastern Farriers Association

Location: Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds,
259 S. Tuscarawas Ave Dover, OH 44622

Clinician: Carly Peters, CJF

November 14

FSFA Clinic

Host: Florida State Farriers Association

Location: Epic Equine, 5590 NW HWY
225, Ocala, FL 34482

Clinician: Pat Broadus, CJF, CRP

Contact: Alex Garraus, CJF – 941-915-9981

November 21

WCFA Clinic

Host: Western Canadian Farriers Association

Location: Rhythm Equine Vet Services,
38511 RR 3070, Corman Park No. 344,
Saskatchewan S7K 0E9

Clinicians: Kim Lacey, CJF, AWCF and

Dr. Angela Reynolds

Contact: Todd Bailey – 306-229-7320

December 2-5

2026 WCB National Championship

Host: World Championship Blacksmiths

Location: Billy Bob's, 2520 Rodeo Pl.,
Ft. Worth, TX 76164

Judges: Douwe Dokter (Netherlands) &
Maarten Abbink (Netherlands)

Contact: World Championship Blacksmiths
– christinetnka@aol.com



2026 American Farrier's Association Convention Endorsement Recipients (Part 2)

This is the second part of our interviews with farriers who passed an endorsement in the past year. Read on to find out more about how they tackled taking an endorsement and what they learned throughout the process.

Congratulations and thanks to our 2025-2026 endorsement recipients for taking the time to share their journey with us. If you are you interested in learning more about the AFA's Endorsements? Go to AmericanFarriers.org/page/certification to get the details!

Where are you located and how many years have you been shoeing?

Remington Leach (TE): I am in my 16th year of shoeing horses. My practice, Olde Fort Forge, is based in Minco, Oklahoma.

Lee Olsen (TE): 18 years officially, although I spent a long time at a pretty low level. About 12 years ago, I began the AFA certification process. I live in Weatherford, Texas.

Dr. Jorge Sanchez (FE): I am based in central Colombia.

Tim Wampfler (TE): 13 years. I live in Almelund, Minnesota.

Noah Yoder (FE): 13 years in Southeast Wisconsin.

What type of horses are typically part of your farrier practice?

RL: After years of primarily shoeing English sport horses in Kentucky, my practice in Oklahoma is primarily Western sport horses with a large percentage being therapeutic cases.

LO: We have a multi-farrier, haul-in practice called Olsen Equine, dealing mainly with underperforming performance horses of all kinds. Mostly Western performance horses, with some English.

JS: The horses that I typically work on are jumping and dressage. Occasionally, I shoe Colombian Paso Fino (and their varieties).

TW: Variety of breeds and disciplines ranging from open show horses competing in pleasure, ranch and speed events, breed show pleasure horses and weekend trail horses.

NY: Mixed practice including hunters, jumpers, eventers, Western pleasure, and saddleseat types (Morgan, Arabian, Saddlebred and Hackney ponies).



Remington Leach



Lee Olsen



Dr. Jorge Sanchez



Tim Wampfler



Noah Yoder

What inspired you to pursue an endorsement?

RL: In 2015 I was fortunate to accept an opportunity to work at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, where I was immersed in therapeutic work and grew to love it. From the immense upside of helping horses to agonizing defeat, I fell in love with the therapeutic process. The TE was a logical stepping stone to continue pushing myself and hopefully be able to help more cases as a result of this journey.

JS: Since I began learning horseshoeing and forging, I developed a strong affinity for the process of making horse-shoes. Recently, I started a forging academy and wanted to

obtain a certification to support and validate my training.

LO: I learned so much through my journey with the CF and CJF process that I knew this would push me to be better. Failing it terribly in 2022 was also a big motivator.

TW: I feel the need to continue my education so I don't become stagnant. Our industry is forever changing and Certifications and the Endorsements help push me to study and practice. I want to be the best farrier I can be and widening my network of colleagues helps immensely.

NY: I aspire to further my education and an endorsement seemed like a good next step in that direction.

What was the most challenging part of the test for you, and what did you do to overcome it?

RL: The most challenging part of the TE exam was the shoe board. I may have made it more difficult than it needed to be, but I wanted to challenge myself. Of all the aspects of this exam, forging is my weakest. I forced myself to hand-make 5 or 6 of the 10 required shoes.

I was very fortunate to seek the help from experienced hands such as Dusty Franklin, Justin Biedekapp and Garret Stark who gave me the feedback I needed to hear to not just "get through" the shoe board, but to get better through the process. Early mornings, persistence and overcoming frustration through a community ultimately helped me achieve a shoe board I was proud to present.

JS: The most challenging part was the roadster shoe because it exposed many of my weaknesses in forging. At first, I hated making that shoe, but I realized I needed to truly understand and internalize the process.

I challenged myself to forge one roadster shoe every day, taking it step by step and mentally breaking it down into smaller parts. That approach helped me finally understand it. Throughout the process, I received a great deal of advice from other farriers, although it was challenging because

they were all abroad and our communication was entirely through photos and videos. Even after passing, I continue to practice it constantly because it pushes me out of my comfort zone and keeps me focused on improving my skills and learning process.

LO: Making time to study with a busy work and family life. I also don't enjoy reading, but the secret sauce for me was taking Heather Beauchemin's eight-week course, Study Smart, Test Strong for Farriers. I liked it so much that I took it twice! The difference-maker was having a weekly due date that I had to have my homework submitted by. That really kept me on track and pushing toward my goal.

TW: Getting into the books is the hardest part for me. With the TE, I learned that a good system for me was to pick 1 specific topic, read most of my TE program recommended books (11 books and 48 lbs. worth) about that one topic and WRITE down the key points out of each book. I realized later that this studying technique worked really well for me, and was pivotal in all the aspects of the TE Endorsement during the defense portions of the TE process.

NY: The most challenging part of the test was writing the article. I ended up writing some things with the context I was trying to present then spent time editing the article.

What cases did you use for your case presentations?

RL: The two cases I presented for the TE were a wall avulsion and a quarter crack.

LO: White line resection and coronary band laceration.

TW: Both were laminitic cases. One was a singular Club foot that also had some rotation and only 8mm sole depth from tip of coffin to ground.

The other case was more focused on a sub-solar abscess due to rotation, and rehabilitation using a treatment plate.

What was your favorite shoe that you made for your shoe board?

RL: I would say my favorite shoe I made for the shoe board was a front $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered heartbar with a "round" rocker toe. This was a contest shoe that Stan Mullen had for the Texas contest last October. Instead of a straight line, typical rocker toe, the rocker toe followed the radius of the toe and created a cap. To me, this is such a practical shoe and I had never seen a rocker toe in that fashion. I've used that style rocker toe several times since that contest and it has been a game changer.

LO: The Bottle Cap shoe for a fractured coffin bone. Plain stamp, heart bar insert, aluminum pad, clips everywhere.

JS: My favorite shoe was the aluminum wedged straight bar shoe.

TW: My favorite shoe is an aluminum C.O.R. shoe with a heart bar insert welded in with Synergy stick, with chamfered heels. It's my favorite because of the learning process it took to weld the aluminum but also the wide variety of pathologies this shoe could be used for.

NY: I really enjoyed building the aluminum wedge shoe.

How did you approach the roadster building segment of the test and what advice would you have for someone who is trying to improve their roadsters?

JS: My advice would be to practice the shoe as much as possible. The method that worked best for me was breaking the shoe down into different parts. For example, I would do ten repetitions of the toe bend until they were all consistent, then ten repetitions of the medial branch until they all looked the same, and so on.

Also, with any shoe you make, the inner part of the shoe should always follow the shape of the coffin bone. And

finally, the shoe must be functional and balanced enough to fit properly on any hoof.

NY: I marked center of the toe with offset as a reference and marked the lateral heel to ensure I built the correct side. My goal was to be efficient with the heats throughout the shoe building process and catch mistakes before they became a problem. My advice would be to practice section control, practice clean forging habits including hammer finishing, running edges etc. I would advise going to a buddy's house to do timed goes in front of someone to practice that element and get advice on your roadsters.



Noah Yoder's Shoe Display



Remington Leach's Shoe Display

What advice would you give to someone who is considering taking the endorsement that you just completed?

RL: For future candidates that are planning to take the TE exam, I would recommend just starting! Just start reading something from the recommended reading list. Get a notebook and label every third page with a pathology or topic that is in the study list and start adding notes to it as you read through the books on the reading list. Seek help from people who have taken the exam and from those who have not, it will give you a valuable look at different avenues to the same topic.

Be open-minded about theories and shoeing modalities so you can defend your theories based on sound information. If there was one way to shoe every case of a particular pathology with successful outcomes, there would only be one article or book about treating that pathology. Find people that disagree with you, not to argue, but to help strengthen your theory or they might change what you believe.

LO: Just do it — you won't regret it. Like any form of certification, it's about who we become in the process, not just the credentials. It's harder than you think. It will push you

to grow and get outside your comfort zone. Make sure you sign up for Heather Beauchemin's courses, and you'll be ready. I tried it on my own the first time, and that did not work out very well.

JS: My advice would be not to expect fast results. Create a study and training plan and stay consistent throughout the process. Reach out to people who you believe may be willing and able to help you, and don't hesitate to ask for guidance and pointers during your endorsement process.

TW: First thing to know is to just do it!! I had a blast with the process and it is very rewarding. Secondly, talk to those that have done it previously and learn some best practices. Lastly, find structure in your studying process. An option is using Study Smart, Test Strong For Farriers as a great option.

NY: Enjoy the process. Learn as much as you can about the shoes you're building, not only for the shoe defense portion of the test but to understand the pathologies each shoe can be used to treat and the pros and cons of each shoe. I believe that can be helpful in the practicality of the shoes including foot shape for said pathology, clip placement, nail placement, rolled, rocker, or flat toe etc.

What did you learn or what area did you improve in through preparing for this test?

RL: The biggest takeaway I gained through this journey was being able to articulate controversial shoeing theories through the basics of functional anatomy. It helped me take research that is commonly accepted about anatomy and then be able to describe how some crazy looking shoe or biomechanical principle applies in certain situations.

It also helped me to better articulate my thoughts in spoken and written word in a professional setting.

LO: I learned a lot about how to correctly answer a question — also thanks to Heather. Written exams like the TE are tough because there's nowhere to hide what you don't know.

I also found that approaching topics I thought I already knew from multiple veterinarian- and farrier-focused books was pretty eye-opening. Research papers became surprisingly interesting to me throughout this process.

It further proved the point that you don't know what you don't know, and that education is a lifestyle, not just a one-time event.

JS: I improved the way I approach and forge the inner part of the shoe because I learned how to properly fit a shoe to the shape of the coffin bone.

TW: I feel like my largest victory was fine tuning my study process. Although time consuming, when I got into the groove of studying, it was fun.

NY: My forging improved during this process. I was able to see lines and section better than before.



Dr. Jorge Sanchez's Shoe Display

FABRICATION OF THE ALUMINUM WEDGE SHOE

By Noah Yoder, CJF, FE

This article will describe how to build a front aluminum shoe with side clips and graduated heels. The article will describe the forging process used to build the shoe using pictures along with instructions. It will describe the tools used during the shoe building process as well.

Uses and Functions of the Aluminum Wedge Shoe

This shoe provides heel elevation for

multiple purposes. These purposes include: aligning the hoof pastern axis (HPA), on a hoof with a negative palmer angle. Alignment of the HPA reduces strain on tendons and ligaments in the lower limb reducing the risk of injury. The elevated heel reduces tension on the navicular bone and deep digital flexor tendon providing relief for chronic issues. This shoe is used to assist in managing ringbone and coffin joint pain by reducing medial/lateral leverage.

The lightweight aluminum shoe minimizes fatigue for

performance horses while offering therapeutic benefits. The wedge aluminum shoe provides relief for navicular disease also referred to as podotrochlear syndrome or podotrochlosis. The shoe provides support for horses recovering from tendon injury.

There can be several variations of the aluminum wedge shoe including:

- Flat ground surface
- Rolled toe
- Ground surface slightly rolled at the heel to soften ground contact
- Rolled toe and slight heel roll
- Rocker toe



Building the Shoe

This shoe is $5\frac{3}{4}$ " long, $5\frac{5}{8}$ " wide. Thickness is $\frac{5}{16}$ " at the toe, $\frac{9}{16}$ " at end of heel. The desired angle of the shoe is approximately 2 degrees. The appropriate section width for this size foot is $\frac{7}{8}$ ". For $\frac{7}{8}$ " section I measure length plus width plus $1\frac{1}{2}$ " for a $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered shoe. Looking for the stock to be $12\frac{7}{8}$ " long, $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide. I chose $\frac{1}{2}$ x1 for this shoe starting with 10" (**Figure 1**). Putting a mark on edge of the section helps keep track of center of stock during the forging process (**Figure 2**).

The aluminum is put in the fire for 8-10 seconds initially (**Figure 3**), pulling it out to check by rubbing a wooden handle on it. When the aluminum is at an appropriate temperature to forge the

wooden handle will leave a black mark (**Figure 4**). If it doesn't leave a mark it's not hot enough, it gets put back in the fire checking every 3-4 seconds until the mark appears. If a mark appears but goes away quickly it's too hot and needs to cool down until it retains the black mark before forging.

When the aluminum is at the appropriate temperature to forge, begin by forging the corners back (**Figure 5**). This will reduce issues with "fish lips" during the forging process. This will also upset or "thicken" the end of the stock as. Next reduce the section width to $\frac{7}{8}$ " by forging it on edge, working from heel towards center of the stock (toe). This will thicken the stock at the same time, resulting in

the stock being $\frac{5}{8}$ " thick at the heel.

Figures 6A and 6B show the section at the heel when forged to the desired dimensions. Begin building the wedge into the section by reducing thickness in the toe, starting at the toe and working towards the heel. Keep in mind forging away from the tongs will cause the piece to grow faster in length, forging towards the tongs will build thickness while containing the length of stock.

To build this section, I forge towards the toe from the heel when the stock is on edge first to gather and build thickness for the wedge then forge from toe towards the heel to build the taper into the section for the wedge.



Repeat this process on the other side until the desired length and width of stock is acquired. The section is left slightly wider in the toe at this time as it will stretch during the process of bending the toe (**Figure 7**).

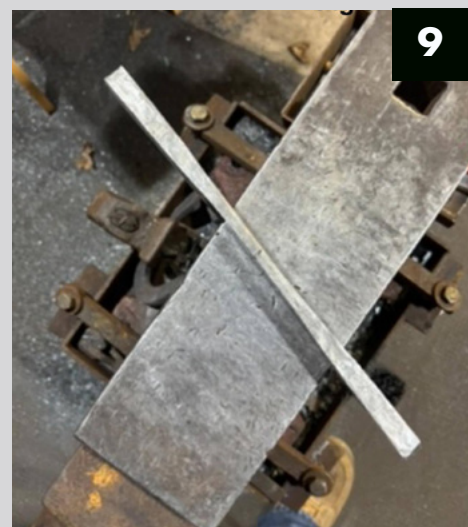
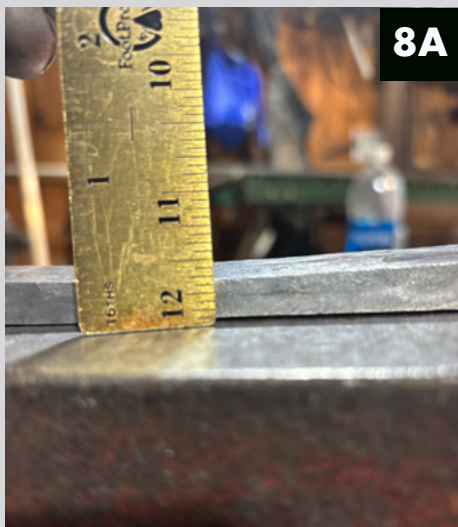
The outer edge is slightly thinner (**Figure**

8A) than inner edge (**Figure 8B**). **Figure 9** shows the piece marked in the center and ready to turn the toe.

Begin turning the toe with the tongs at 90 degrees close to the end of the heel, then put the same amount past the point of contact on the horn (**Figure 10**).

Use overlapping blows starting behind the contact point on the horn and work your way towards the tongs.

Turn the piece around and do the same process over from the other end. Next straighten the section in the toe (**Figure 11**) before setting the toe over the



horn. Tighten the toe (**Figure 12**) then when it gets to a desirable shape flatten through the toe (**Figure 13**).

Clean up forging on the branch and heel (**Figure 14**) then bend the branch over the horn (**Figure 15**).

Checking measurements of shoe when it has reached the desired shape (**Figure 16**) then using a T-square to mark for the fullering at the toe (**Figure 17**).

Mark the fullering (**Figure 18 and 19**). The shoe can be fullered and punched cold but light heat is desirable for fullering.

After marking the fullering the section where the fullering is the section gets hemmed (**Figure 20**) over the horn. Fullering or creasing the stock will widen the section or cause blowout.

Hemming will narrow, thicken the section so when the shoe is fullered the section will widen back out to original width and height.

To keep the fuller from sticking in the shoe while fullering, warm and lubricate the fuller by putting in the fire for a few seconds (**Figure 21**), then dip in the tool lubricant (**Figure 22**).

Repeat these two steps if necessary until the lubricant just barely softens. Do not get the fuller hot, only heat it to warm. The shoe is fullered when the fuller is warm enough to hold a coating of the lubricant. (**Figure 23**).



Mark the toe nail (**Figure 24**).

To get the distance from the toe nail to the heel nail, measure from center of the toe to the toe nail (**Figure 25**). Then scribe a mark for the heel nail (**Figure 26**). This measurement is a reference, the heel nail can be adjusted up or

down the branch from this to achieve appropriate nail placement.

After the heel nail is marked, mark the third nail between the toe and heel nails (**Figure 27**). Lightly punch the nail holes at this time. It is not necessary to bottom the punch out when punch-

ing aluminum. Warm and lubricate the pritchel using the same steps as previously done with the fuller (**Figures 28 and 29**).

To pritchel the aluminum shoe, bottom the pritchel out in the nail hole by lightly tapping the pritchel into the



nail hole with the shoe on the face of the anvil (**Figure 30**) until it feels solid then finish by moving the shoe over the hardy hole or pritchel hole on the anvil and finish pritcheling the nail hole (**Figure 31**).

After pritcheling, rasp the bubbles

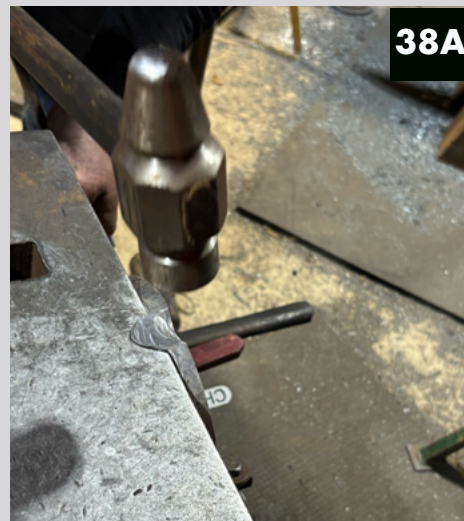
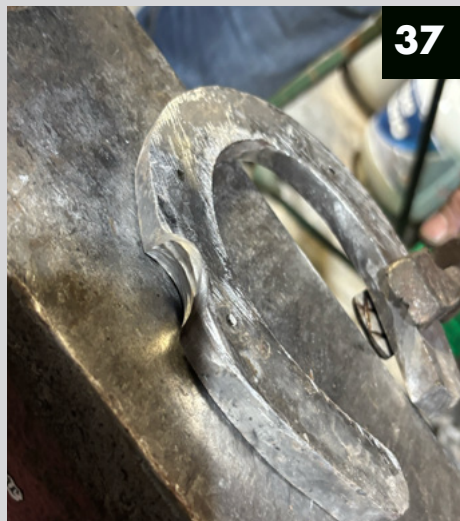
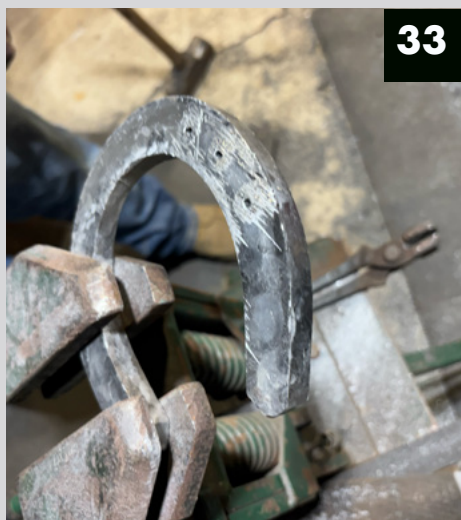
(**Figure 32**) around the nail holes on the foot side of the shoe off to prevent the nail holes from closing up when flattening the shoe (**Figure 33**).

Repeat this process for the other side of the shoe (**Figure 34**).

Clipping the shoe:

Put the edge of the shoe $\frac{1}{8}$ – $\frac{3}{16}$ " past the edge of the anvil and pull the source for the clip (**Figure 35**).

Check the clip source during this process to ensure there is an adequate amount of material for the clip (**Figure**



36 and 37). Draw the clip (**Figure 38A**). Flatten the shoe behind the clip (**Figure 38B**). Forge the base of the clip into the shoe over the horn (**Figure 38C**). Clean up the fullering (**Figure 38D**).

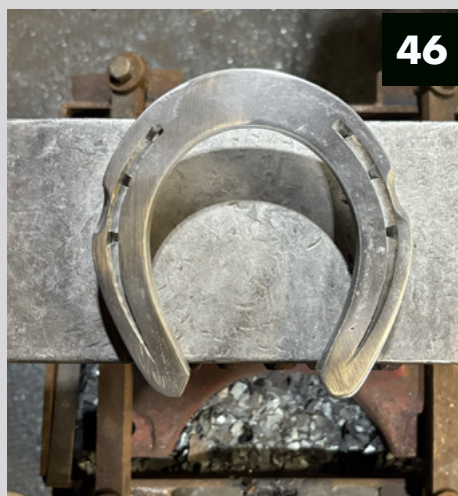
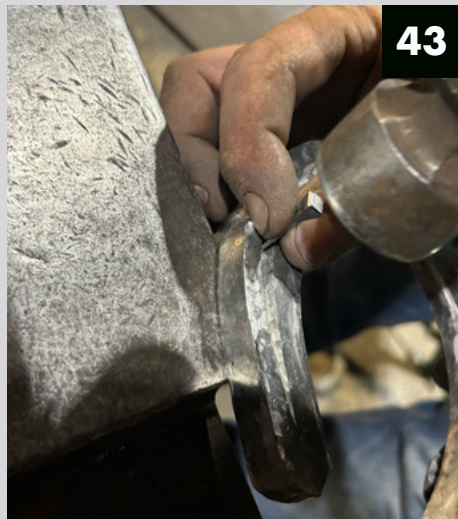
Repeat this process for the clip on the other side of the shoe. Clean up the

forging of the shoe- running the edges, flattening, checking the taper on both sides of the shoe to ensure each side has the same height at the heels etc. (**Figures 39-42**).

To finish the nail holes to the desired nail, cut a nail in half. Place the cut nail

into a nail hole (**Figure 43**) and lightly tap it in until the nail head is at the desired height. Repeat these steps for the other five nail holes. This shoe can be flattened lightly with a flatter (**Figure 44**).

The shoe is then filed up, sharp edges



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removed, all surfaces are flat, etc. Be sure to leave substantial thickness in the clips to ensure adequate strength for stability for when the shoe is applied to a hoof (**Figure 45**).

The shoe is then sanded with a series of sanding grits starting with 40 grit

and working through finer grits until the desired finish is achieved (**Figure 46**).

Figures 47 and 48 show measuring to confirm the shoe is the size that was set out to build 5 3/4" long, 5 5/8" wide.

Figures 49 and 50 show confirmation

of the desired heel elevation of the shoe: 5/16" at the heels, 5/16" at the toe.



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Time Heals Pretty Fast

By Drew Morales, CJF, AWCF

In wet environments, cracks in the hoof wall can often be infected with opportunistic bacteria or fungus, which attacks the integrity of the hoof. This article will demonstrate a treatment method to treat and prevent opportunistic infections in hoof cracks, without applying a patch or shoe.

The first visit to this horse was in February, so this is about 5 months of progress.

This horse had neglected feet due to lack of regular care, which led to multiple cracks in the hoof wall.

Trimming appointments were scheduled for every 6 weeks, with cracks debrided

to healthy-appearing margins and filled with a super glue and copper sulphate powder mix.

To use this method, apply super glue directly to the debrided area, then use a small bottle to immediately apply copper sulfate to the super glue. The goal is to mix the copper sulfate into the super glue before it hardens. If the crack is deep, you may need to apply another layer of super glue and copper sulfate, until the crack is filled flush with copper sulfate and glue.

This method allows copper sulfate to seep through the glue layer to permeate the horn during the cycle, preventing infection. Although staying power may depend on environment, the super glue mix was still present in this horse at the

end of each trimming cycle. I have had much more success using this method than using wax, putty etc.

Although copper sulfate is extremely useful for its' antimicrobial properties, it is important to prevent it from entering the blood stream. In addition to taking care not to inhale it or absorb it through the skin, it should never be used on a hoof crack where sensitive tissue is exposed or applied at or above the coronary band.

Today the hooves are healthy and back to normal, with strong horn tubules across the entire hoof wall.

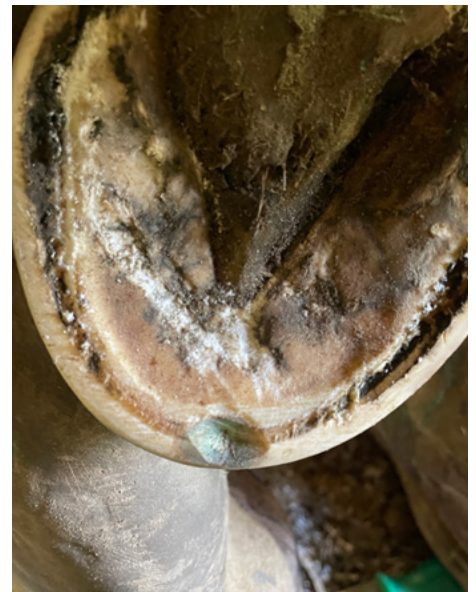
I hope you can add this simple technique to your hoof care arsenal!



Copper sulfate and super glue applied to hoof cracks.



Treating white line separation.



Treating seedy toe.



During treatment.



After treatment of a hoof crack.



Another case after treatment.



After treatment of seedy toe.

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The Stride

1. **The swing phase of the stride can be broken down into how many stages?**
 - A. One stage, called adduction
 - B. Two stages, called the adduction and abduction stages
 - C. Two stages, called the dorsal and palmar/plantar stages
 - D. Three stages, called the impact, loading, and breakover stages
2. **What defines the phase of stride known as breakover?**
 - A. Breakover lasts from heel lift until ground contact ends
 - B. Breakover lasts from impact until ground contact ends
 - C. Breakover lasts from when the foot loses contact with the ground until heel strike
 - D. Breakover begins when the horse's body weight shifts forward and ends when the heels lift off the ground
3. **Typically, during the impact phase of the stride, which of the following is true?**
 - A. The hoof lands flat
 - B. The hoof lands toe first
 - C. The hoof lands heel first, on both heels evenly
 - D. The hoof lands lateral heel first
4. **Which of the following is true about ground reaction force?**
 - A. The central point of the ground reaction force is also known as the center of pressure
 - B. The amount of traction on a hoof or shoe changes the ground reaction forces
 - C. The speed at which the horse is moving changes the ground reaction forces
 - D. All of the above
5. **The stride can be split into two main phases which are:**
 - A. Impact and breakover
 - B. Stance phase and swing phase
 - C. Landing phase and loading phase
 - D. Abduction and adduction
6. **Which of the following phases of the stride occurs while the hoof is in completely non-weightbearing?**
 - A. Swing
 - B. Strike/impact
 - C. Stance/loading
 - D. Breakover
7. **Which of the following is most often true of the stride of a lame horse?**
 - A. The lame hoof will have a longer stance phase duration
 - B. The lame hoof will have a shorter stance phase duration
 - C. The lame hoof will have a longer impact duration
 - D. There will be no change in the timing of the stride
8. **Which of the following phases of the stride has the longest duration?**
 - A. All the phases of the stride have similar durations
 - B. Impact / heel strike
 - C. Loading
 - D. Breakover

9. At what point in the stride does the foot enter propulsion?
- At breakover
 - At impact
 - When the leg is fully extended in the swing phase
 - When the leg is vertical and the body begins to pass over the leg
10. Extension could be described as:
- Decreasing a joint angle
 - Increasing a joint angle
 - Overbending a joint
 - Moving a limb laterally away from the centerline of the horse

Test Answers:

1. C. Two stages, called the dorsal and palmar/plantar stages (Gregory's Textbook of Farriery, Gregory, pg. 178-179)
2. A. Breakover lasts from heel lift until ground contact ends (Farriery Skills and Knowledge, Tovey, Trussler, and Curtis, pg. 121)
3. D. The hoof lands lateral heel first (The Hoof of the Horse, Curtis, pg. 22)
4. D. All of the above (Equine Podiatry, Floyd and Mansmann, pg. 44)
5. B. Stance phase and swing phase (The Principles of Horseshoeing (P3), Butler, pg. 644)
6. A. Swing (The Hoof of the Horse, Curtis, pg. 22)
7. B. The lame hoof will have a shorter stance phase duration (Adams and Stashak's Lameness in Horses (7th edition), Baxter, pg. 134)
8. C. Loading (Equine Podiatry, Floyd and Mansmann, pg. 44)
9. D. When the leg is vertical and the body begins to pass over the leg (Gregory's Textbook of Farriery, Gregory, pg. 180)
10. B. Increasing a joint angle (The Principles of Horseshoeing (P3), Butler, pg. 644)

Match Phases of the Stride Diagrams

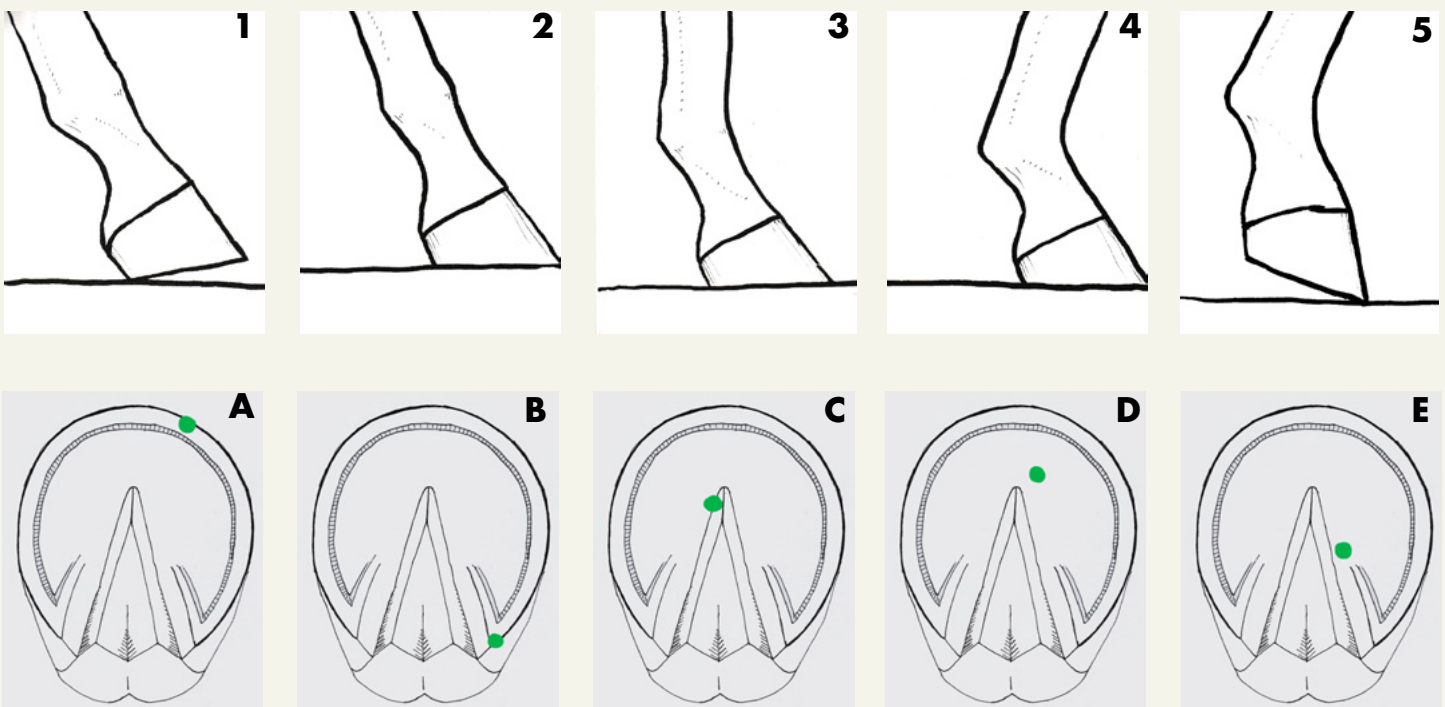
Instructions: In this second part of the test, match each phase of the stride with the diagram showing where the center of pressure would be during that phase, and label each phase of the stride.

References:

- The Hoof of the Horse, Curtis, pg. 23
- Farriery Skills and Knowledge, Tovey, Trussler, and Curtis, pg. 121-122
- Gregory's Textbook of Farriery, Gregory, pg. 178-179

Test Answers:

- Heel Strike/Impact, B
- Slide/Slip, E
- Midstance/Load, C
- Propulsion/End of load, D
- Breakover, A



Alaska State Farriers Association Inaugural Hoof and Horse Camp



Certifications are an excellent way to prepare the industry for success, and the Alaska State Farriers Association takes developing the next generation seriously. On June 23–24, the ASFA hosted its inaugural Hoof and Horse Camp, with each day tailored to a different age group and filled with hands-on activities related to horses and farriery.

June 23 focused on children ages 9–12. Activities included anatomy lessons, trivia, learning about different types of horseshoes, practicing at the anvil, and analyzing hooves. The second day was designed for ages 13 and up, with participants assessing hooves, practicing forging, watching demonstrations, and even trying their hand at pulling shoes.

This camp gave young, aspiring farriers a unique opportunity to learn about horse care and explore the farrier profession while allowing experienced farriers to invest in the next generation. After such a successful two-day event, we're excited to see the second camp planned for this fall. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time to making this camp such a success!

Great Lakes Farrier Classic



Coordinated jointly by the Minnesota Farriers Association and the Wisconsin Farriers Association, the Great Lakes Farrier Classic draws large numbers of incredibly talented farriers for 3 days of collaboration and competition. The event welcomed participants of all skill levels with several different classes being offered. Classes included Novice, Intermediate, and Open divisions, as well as 2-Person and 3-Person Draft classes.

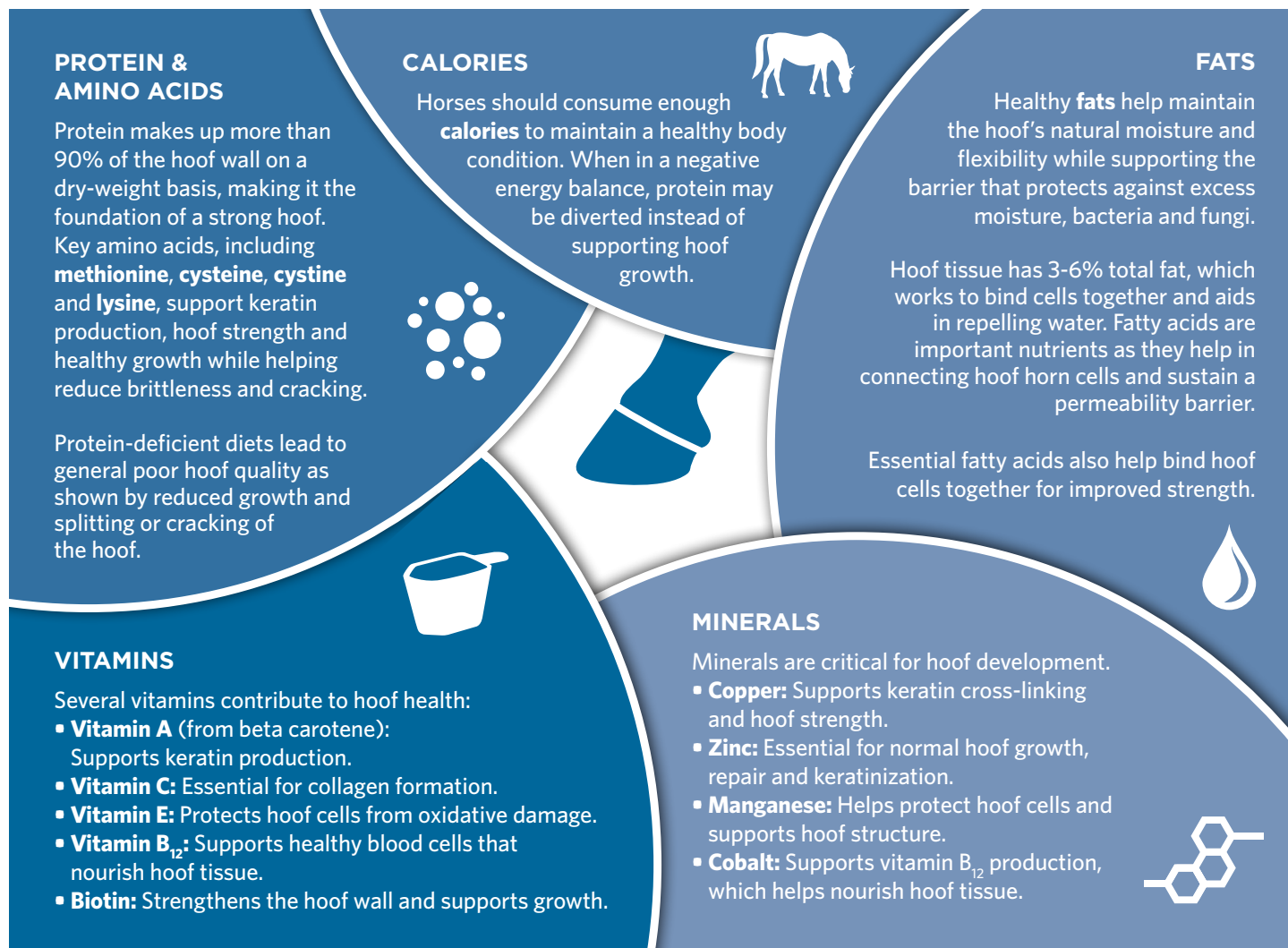
The arena was filled with competitors, spectators, enthusiastic cheering sections, some beautiful draft horses (thanks, horse owners!), and a few adorable dogs. Throughout the weekend, Dusty Franklin, CJF, FE, AWCF, ASF, served as the judge and clinician. With the variety of classes offered, he certainly had his hands full!

The event concluded with a live auction and awards banquet, celebrating the outstanding competitors and auctioning off some spectacular prizes. It was inspiring to see such an impressive turnout of individuals eager to challenge themselves through healthy competition while continuing to develop their craft. Great job to the Chapters for putting on such a stellar event and a tip of the hat to all the volunteers that made it all possible behind the scenes. An event of this size takes a lot of moving pieces to make happen — well done!

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Garden State Horseshoers Association Northern Chapter Inaugural Clinic

An exciting time in New Jersey indeed! The Garden State Horseshoers Association Northern Chapter held its first annual clinic on June 7. A special thank you to the host facility, the Centenary University Equestrian Center, for graciously welcoming the visiting clinicians and attendees.

With a focus on shoeing to radiographs, GSHA brought together a dynamic team of clinicians: Dr. Greg Staller, DVM, DACVS, and Hall of Fame Farrier, Bob Pethick, CJF. The clinic was

well attended by farriers, veterinarians, and members of the equine community, with some even traveling from Arizona and New Mexico to attend!

Clinics like this are a testament to the dedication of farriers who are committed to developing their craft and pursuing continuous learning. Congratulations to the Chapter for coordinating such a successful event, and to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make it happen!

