



Georgia Professional Farriers Association



Newsletter

June 2009

President's Letter

I hope this spring we find you all well. We have had a lot going on since our last News Letter. The clinic at East Coast Farrier Supply was a big success Mr. Billy Lewis gave a great clinic and demo on a horse and spent the rest of the day assisting all that attended with there forge work, Thank You for all you do Mr. Billy you are an inspration to us all. I would like to thank Jim and piper, they went above and beyond as hosts providing a super lunch and collecting many products for a raffle from there many suppliers, as well as providing a great location. I would like to thank; FPD, VETEC AND MUSTAD for there support they were there to support the GPFA and all the farriers in the area.

The certification went great in Athens Mr. Wayne Allen was the examiner and Mr. John Voigt also came down to help while in town to see some relatives. I would like to thank our testers Steve Prescott, Buck McClendon, Eric Gilliland, Dr. Mike Miller and Patrick Bone all of these gentleman are a credit to the trade. Congratulations to Derek Perry, Jamie Williamson and Tim Weaver for completing CF certification and also Chip Crumbly and Dave Purves for completing their CJF certification. I would like to personally thank Mr. Wayne Allen for all the pains he takes to insure that everyone that comes to a certification leaves with more than they came with. I would also like to thank the officers of the GPFA Chip Crumbly, Dave purves and the new rock Jamie Williamson; we could not have made it without his hard work and preparation. And last but not least my right hand man Tim Weaver he may not be an elected officer but he has been at every function we have had and I could not function without his help.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Family Day bring the kinds and have some good food and intellectual conversation, well we can have some good food and fun. I want to leave you with a poem Mr. Lewis recited for those of use that were left at the end of his clinic;

PERSISTENCE

By Calvin Coolidge

*Press on- nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.
Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men
With talent.*

*Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.*

*Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.
The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems
Of the human race.*

*Until next time,
Doug Workman*

Secretary's Letter

In the last three weeks we have had three Certifications right here in the southeast. All three have had very good turnouts. It seemed, to me, that there have been more people going for their certifications lately than I've seen in a while. Congratulations to all who passed and congratulations to all who attempted. For those who missed the mark you most likely learned more from the experience than those who passed. The fact that you attempted puts you in a higher echelon than most of your peers.

Since Certifications are still fresh on my mind, I wanted to share some tips that have helped me through the process. The first thing, and probably the most obvious, is you need to practice. If you are going to be good at something you are going to have to practice. Before the certification this year I used up 200 feet of 5/16 x 3/4 making bar shoes. My buddy Tim made enough square toe shoes to sink a battleship. Before the Convention Doug Workman was trying to put in three hours a day in the shop working on contest shoes. The point is you have to practice and make time to practice.

You need to practice, but you need to practice with a plan and with a timer. At the Certification you are under a time constraint so why not practice that way. When practicing bar shoes or shoeing a horse with hand makes, I always made sure to keep the time. I practiced making bar shoes in thirty min and practiced shoeing a horse in an hour and forty-five min. That allowed me fudge factor in my time. It also allowed down time for my horse to be judged.

As far as a plan goes, you need to sit down and plan out exactly what you are going to do and when it needs to be done by. To prepare for my Journeyman I had written out a plan and broke it down into twenty min. intervals. I got an interval timer and set it to go off every twenty min. When it went off I knew exactly where I needed to be. For example, on my first twenty min; I would start by trimming the front feet, dressing them and then measuring them for my steel. I would then trim the hind feet and dress one of them. I would go put steel in the fire and come back and dress the last hind. I would drop the foot and have my holder call the tester to judge my trim. Then I would begin building my fronts. My goal was to be pulling steel out of the fire when my first twenty min. was up. The day of the Certification, when my timer went off at twenty min., I had already built half of one front and was about to start on the other. That told me that I was about three to four min ahead of the game. If you have a plan laid out you don't have to think that much about what to do next you just follow the plan. You know exactly what to do next at every moment because you have made a plan.

One thing that will help you develop a plan that will work well for you is to go to a certification and scribe for a tester. You will learn so much just scribing. As a trim, shoe, or shod foot is judged you will see exactly what is being looked at, how they look at it and why they score things the way they do. I have scribed for testers several times and I learn quite a bit each and every time.

The day of your certification, show up with things taken care of before hand. If you are doing a Certified run have several sizes of shoes prepared by relieving sole pressure with a grinder and running a pritchel through the nail holes. Note to guys doing your Certified level, "Check your nail holes!" If you are doing a Journeyman run have barstock already cut and marked when you get there. The day of my certification I had steel cut in pairs from twelve and a half inches down to ten and a half inches in quarter inch increments. I had them cut and marked for fronts and hinds and lefts and rights. That takes several min. out of the equation if you have all that taken care of before hand.

Last but not least you need to prepare for the mental game of the certification as well. Your nerves and your mind can mess with you when you are under the gun. One thing I did was to have my truck plugged in and my radio going. Music will help to calm you down or get you pumped up which ever you need. I had a mix of Guns n Roses, AC DC, and Aerosmith which seemed to help. Be forewarned that they do not give extra time for air guitar solos on your rounding hammer. Since my truck was plugged in I had two fans going that day as well. Keeping the body cooled off tends to help the mind stay cooled off. I also had my best bud hold my horse. Any thing in life is easier when you face it with a friend. Right before my journeyman run I also hung a picture of the most important thing in my life on the back of my truck, a picture of my wife from our wedding day. You have to keep things in perspective. Worst-case scenario that day if I flunked my wife would still be my biggest fan and supporter no matter what.

All that being said, cut some steel, turn the radio up, get in the shop and mess up some Iron. If I can be of any help to any of you feel free to call me. There have been so many people help me along and give me their time and their knowledge that I owe a huge debt of gratitude to them. The only way I can ever pay them back for what they have given me is to pass it on to someone else.

Chip Crumbly

Vice-President's Letter

Hello fellow Farriers!!

Well the Georgia Certification was a great success! I was so glad to see a lot of familiar faces, as well as many new ones. I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who gave generously their valuable time and expertise. It never fails to amaze me just how great our organization is. There is always one of us helping another. Whether its someone who is injured, sick or needs a helping hand, no matter the issue or the circumstance. It's amazing to me to see so many of my fellow Farriers care so much for one another.

Through the GPFA I have made a lot of great friends while gaining so much knowledge. Especially through clinics, hammer-ins, contests and certifications. I can honestly say that I would not be what I am today if it wasn't for the GPFA and its members. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the clinic being sponsored by the Georgia Farrier Supply on June 25th with the clinician Doyle Blagg. I hope to see everyone there!

Sincerely,
Jamie Williamson

Treasurer's Report

I'd like to thank everyone for a great 1st half of the year, and look forward to the second half. We've had some great turnout for clinics and the certification and the books are looking pretty good. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know, you can call email me at dpforge@aol.com, or call 770-656-6658.

Injured Farriers Fund	\$2,972.74	
Income		
Opening Balance	\$9,486.17	
Membership Dues	\$390.00	
Sponsorships	\$110.00	
Billy Lewis Clinic Raffle	\$435.00	
Certification	\$3,120.00	
Convention Host Chapter	\$2,000.00	
Total	\$15,541.17	
Expenses		
UGA Deposit for Cert.	\$300.00	
Past contest winnings	\$66.00	(Sponsorship packets & yearly admin fee)
Evolution Signs & Design	\$1,164.75	
Website	\$292.50	
Clinics	\$889.39	
Certification fees to AFA	\$990.00	
Certification expenses	\$833.41	(testers and examiner expenses)
Ending Balance	\$4,536.05	

GPFA Fall 2009 Contest and Clinic *Let's make it about shoeing the horse*

*Clinic: Demo of trim; make and modify shoes to fit; clip fitting; judging criteria
Making and fitting bar shoes for everyday use and competition*

Competition Classes: (Specimens Provided by Judge)

I. Eagle Eye

Div 1—Keg shoe of choice. Heel check with rasp or hammer; all edges to be hammer finished or rasped appropriately; submit nail of choice 20 minutes

Div 2 – Plain Stamped bar shoe 3/4x3/8 MX 50 or MX 60 ;Appropriate nail hole placement and numbers; hammer finished; 25 minutes

Div 3 – 3/4 fullered eggbar shoe 3/4x 3/8 MX50 or MX 60; appropriate nail hole placement and numbers; rasping allowed 25 minutes

II.

Div 1 – Shoe one front foot with keg shoe--hammer-drawn toe clip nailed on. Specimen is shoe to elevate the heels with toe clip to fit the same foot. Fit of both shoes to be judged before nailing up. 60 minutes

Div 2 – Shoe two hind feet with plain-stamped quarter-clipped shoes. 3,4 x3/8 stock, appropriate nail. Fit to be declared to judge. 60 minutes

Div 3 –Pairs class: Pony roadster shoes 3/4 x 3/8 x 12" MX60 nail. 60 minutes

III.

Div 1 -- Pairs Class: Square toe hinds with trailers 60 minutes

Div 2 – Pairs Class: Plain-stamped shoe and 3/4 fullered front shoe to fit same foot. Nail holes to daylight 3/4 x 3/8 12" stock MX 60 nail

Div – 3 shoe one front foot with 3/4 fullered toe clipped shoe. Specimen is 3/4 fullered straight bar shoe with toe clip to fit the same foot. Fit of specimen to be judged prior to nailing up. 3/4 x 3/8 stock, appropriate nail. Fit declared to judge. 60 minutes

IV.

Two man class with Div 1 contestants matched with Div 2 or 3 by drawing. Each team makes a pair of front 3/4 fullered front shoes with bob-punched toe clips. Each team member makes one shoe, judged as a pair. 1' x 3/8 x 14" E-5 slim. 70 minutes.

Georgia Professional Farriers Association Membership Application

Please Check the Following if they apply:

- Renewal | (Paid members only) for additional \$25 a year please include a link on the GPFA website to: www._____
- New Membership | I would like to go Paperless and have all correspondence sent via email

Membership Fee: \$35.00 Associate Member: \$25.00*

Please Complete the Below information as you would have it appear in the directory (Print Only Please)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

If you should have any questions please call: Doug Workman, GPFA President (706)892-7331
Make Checks Payable to: Georgia Professional Farriers Association or GPFA and mail, along with your application to: GPFA Treasurer, Dave Purves, 77 Helens Drive, Dawsonville, GA 30534

*Assoc. Membership is offered to non-farrier members of the equestrian community that want to support the betterment of hoof care in Georgia. Associate membership includes access to GPFA free clinics, GPFA membership pricing on clinics, GPFA newsletter. Associate members will have no voting privileges and will not be listed in the directory

Zone(s) of State in which you offer service: _____

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Upcoming Events

June 20 Georgia Farrier Supply Open House 9:00 am. Clinician: Doyle Blagg. Location: Moss Creek Farm Summerville GA. Contact Wille Johnson (706) 857-1053 (706) 766-3269 (877) 554-9148

June 26 - 27 Tannehill State Park Vet, Farrier, horse owner clinic. call Russell 205-744-9866 or Glenn 205-919-5958 for more details.

October 9 - 10 GPFA Annual Contest and Lectures. Location University of Georgia Athens GA. Clinicians Dave Farley and Dr. Mike Miller. Contact Jamie Williamson (706) 215-2051.

E-mail professionalfarrierjw@yahoo.com Shoe list will be at www.georgiafarriers.org

October 16 Annual Mark Thorpe memorial contest Lookout Mt. School of Horseshoing. Contact Glenn Reese 205-919-5958.



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