



Farrier Robbie Shuler of North Carolina with his shoeing rig

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Please send in your registration by the
deadline of October 1

2011 Convention October 21-22

Convention

Vendors attending the 2011 Convention

We will highlight one company per newsletter and their promotions in this section.

Mobile Milling Makers of Bio-Zin represented by owner Buck McColl

Buck will be offering 20% off all products along with three "Pride in Profession" hats for a special raffle at his table.

You may contact Buck at www.mobilemilling.com or 336-561-1414 in Thomasville, NC

Read an article by Buck....
When Do Horses Need Electrolytes?
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*Announcing....
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Stockhoffs's East

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Contact Molly Pappas, Owner, Call: (859)231-0323
4981 Old Versailles Road

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Stockhoff's Horseshoes & Supplies in La Grange, Kentucky
1-800-421-1002
www.Stockhoffsonline.com



(l to r) Elizabeth Blandford, Mike Augenstein, Emily Traugher-Burgess, Jason Bromley, Molly Pappas

Remember Farrier Students

When you call in your first order, you will receive a 10% discount for a full six months!!!!

What can you accomplish by attending the BWFA Convention...

BWFA farrier, Robbie Shuler of North Carolina stopped by the BWFA Headquarters last week. Robbie's shoeing rig is very impressive as we have featured him in a bulletin and on a TV show in the past. He attended the 2010 convention and met TJ Jones of Florida. He was so impressed with the arrangement of his rig that he completely redesigned his own. He had noticed that as TJ and his apprentice were working, the layout flowed well and there was no wasted motion. TJ being a top level shoer, time is important when two farriers are working together.

Robbie commented, "I was encouraged to be more efficient, make more of my own tools and practice on my hand made shoes after I met TJ Jones and CJ Ward at the convention. I take away something new at every event. I can make a pair of eggbar wedge shoes cheaper than I could buy them. The practice is good for me. I also use a lot of Vettec Equithane materials. It is a good product and works. A felt pad is not always enough cushion. **If the horse gets better treatment, it will be more comfortable in the job it performs.**"



From Link Casey, Georgia, Vice President & Convention Coordinator

I am really encouraging all farriers especially students graduates to come back and be a part of the BWFA!

Ask questions and meet each other. By continuing your education you will receive the CEU decal for your certification card. Increased knowledge helps increase your income.

We have a good line up of topics on Friday especially for our members. Any special request or comments just email me at info@bwfa.net Attn: Link

Convention Vendors

Stockhoff's Horseshoes & Supplies

of LaGrange, Kentucky

will be the main retail store offering a wide line of farrier supplies.

Additional discounts are available online if you order your shoes and supplies by October 15th and receive free shipping by picking it up at the convention. (Saturday only)

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Please request shipping to the BWFA address

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"Basics" is Making Folks a Living

At the convention... *from John Burt, Arkansas.*
Board member & Convention Coordinator

Business --- Back to Basics of Farrier Science. This is what Ralph Casey harped on years ago when he was on-fire at getting the BWFA up and running. He harped on itemizing to increase per horse charges. I have followed that method and pass it along to every farrier I help or work with. Today, there are BWFA fellas out there barely getting by in the worst parts of the country. With horse owners cutting down their own expenses, some farriers were down to making \$35.00 a horse. By itemizing they have increased their pay up to 60-70%. I say, be smart about it.

We need to drift back to the basics and remind people of where we started. Basics don't change. When the economy is shutting down as bad as ever in some areas, the cowboy shoers are seeking out our BWFA certification. They need to be educated to stay ahead. "Basics" is making folks a living.

I went to school under Elmer Seybold, who at one time, was the owner of the oldest horseshoeing school in the US located in Mineral Wells, Texas. It was a hard and grueling two week school, working into the night and up early. Elmer's dad hired the last Calvary blacksmith/farrier out of Riley, Kansas to come to his ranch. Elmer worked under him at age 15. He used the Calvary Manual TM2-220 as his training manual. To this day, if a farrier were to study the Calvary Manual, he (or she) would be following the basics of shoeing and making a better living.

Elmer taught me keg shoe modification at its best which is what I try to pass along in a one day forge refresher class. I teach between the Apprentice II and Journeyman I BWFA study guidelines. My written is oral, working through it first. If he doesn't know it, I teach it right there and then the written is easier.

I would like to drop a few names of BWFA farriers who I have been very fortunate to meet and assist in "getting back to the basics and improving their pay scale." There is Frank Thomas in Windsboro, Louisiana and Kenny Cornet of Morehead, Kentucky. Donnie Arnold of Florida took the information and had a booklet written about it.

The generation of young farriers is interested in making a living with revenue to further their education. The economy slow down puts people in a depression. We are in a storm fellas. We need to get back to the basics and back to thinking!

2nd Annual Trail Ride Thursday October 20

For BWFA Convention Attendees

Camping & holding pens available at the convention location beginning Wednesday October 19 in PM through Saturday PM or Sunday AM

Two trail guides going to two locations, 4-6 hours each ride

Dry Creek, a part of the Pinhoti Trail -7 miles from the BWFA, 7 – 10 miles round trip

Chickamauga National Battlefield Park- 25 miles from the BWFA, 7 miles round trip

Leaving by 10:00 AM or earlier as people sign up – RSVP in advance
Trailer your own horse to one of the locations

\$5.00 parking fee in Parks (sorry)

\$5.00 Sack lunch and water available, including: 1 free Exer-Lyte To-Go for your horse

It's Hot Out There! How Hot Is It?

If your body becomes severely dehydrated, or remains consistently dehydrated, you might experience serious health problems-or even death. A few of these include:

Body drought

When your body suffers from water deficiency, you experience a reduction in your brain's energy supply. This leads to low vital function and depression, which can cause social anxiety, stress, lethargy and anger.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

This condition is a major sign of progressive dehydration of the brain. It also indicates that metabolic toxins are preserved on your brain. Luckily it's an easy problem to reverse.

Blood vessel constriction

When you're dehydrated, your brain produces a hormone that can constrict blood vessels in areas where there is cellular dehydration. This happens so your body can have adequate pressure that will allow water to filter to your cells. When your water levels are deficient, your blood vessels constrict and cause your blood pressure to rise.

Tap Water

Studies show that your body absorbs and uses tap water just like it does filtered water.

Sports Drinks

Some sports drinks contain electrolytes that help your body absorb fluids more quickly.

Fruit Juice

Look for natural juices that don't have added sugar.

Soft Drinks

It's best to limit your intake of soft drinks

The Dangers

Even mild dehydration is enough to affect you. You might experience thirst, loss of appetite, dry skin, dry mouth, fatigue, weakness and headache. Even a tiny bit of loss slows the brain function.

"Your performance is impaired even by 1 percent dehydration" says Mari-Etta Parrish, a board certified specialist in sports dietetics at Baptist Sports Medicine in Nashville, TN. "That means you lose 1 percent of your weight to fluid loss. In the summertime, it's not uncommon for someone who weighs 150 pounds to lose 7 or 8 pounds of fluid from being active outside."

At a 5 percent fluid loss, more serious symptoms develop. These include increased heart rate, higher body temperature, extreme fatigue, headaches and nausea.

"It's easy to pass off those symptoms as lack of sleep or the result of strenuous exercise, but many times it's caused by dehydration," Parrish says.

If you have signs of dehydration, drink a glass of water. If you're only slightly dehydrated, you should feel better after a few minutes. If you're dizzy or nauseous, refrain from strenuous activity and drink something that contains electrolytes, which will help you absorb water more quickly.

Excerpts from *Liquefy Your Assets* article in the Army National Guard Foundations magazine May/June 2011



Have you tried "Hoof Wraps" Lately?

FNRC Case Study – Foundered Since 2007 "Bell"

Trying to provide comfort for rotten, broken hooves due to standing in a pond mostly & not cleaned out daily by owner. 7/25/2011

www.hoofwraps.com
[See slideshow here](#)

Comment from Randy Tuck BWFA member from Virginia

Meeting and testing with Ralph Casey did me a lot of good. I tested Journeyman I and it really helped my business. I have learned to choose my words and talk carefully when discussing why I shoe the way I do and what shoe I suggest.

The more these riders win their competitions, the more other riders want to use their farriers. Word of mouth is the best advertising.

I liked Ralph's idea, Get your butt out of bed and get to work early and stop and noon. Have a goal!

I will be at the convention!



Vettec Demonstration May 2011

Calendar of Events

August 12-14 - Virginia
SEFHA Chapter Summer Trail Ride/Camping Trip-to Iron Mountain.
 Contact David Tuggle at (434) 792-3811
tugglefarm@gmail.com

August 18, 19, 20 - Georgia
Equine Flexion Therapy School (EFT)
 Hosted by the Farriers' National Research Center & School.
 Instructor, Dan Marcum, Equine Adjuster, Farrier

\$600.00 includes 2 meals a day (breakfast & lunch)

\$100.00 lodging at FNRC available

Limited to 4 students with or without own horses.

Need to purchase study book in advance from Dan

For more information contact the FNRC at (706) 397-8909
FNRCinfo@aol.com
www.horseshoentime.tv/fnrc.html

Please note: this is not a BWFA Certification Course

August 27 - Florida
Horse Owner Hoof Care Clinic Donnie Arnold, Journeyman I of Florida, will be lecturing about laminitis and founder as well as presenting a large selection of custom-made corrective shoes. Once again, showing how important a certified farrier is to the horse-owners!

He'll also go over some of the reasons why a farrier should be educated and why choosing a certified farrier is the best option for horses and their owners.

The clinic will be held **inside** Suburban Feed & Pet Supply
 9722 State Road 52
 Hudson, Florida
 and will begin at 10:00 AM
 Contact Donnie at (352) 797-0757
donniefarrier@gmail.com
 or the store at (727) 868-4260 and ask for Kris Jacobsma.

Read the article

"A Case Study by Donnie Arnold"

Wednesday October 19- Thursday October 20 Georgia
TESTERS Meetings
Board Meetings

Thursday October 20 - Georgia
2nd Annual Trail Ride - Please call to register.
info@bwfa.net
 (706) 397-8047

Friday & Saturday October 21-22- Georgia
BWFA Annual Horseshoers Convention at the Farriers' National Research Center and BWFA Headquarters LaFayette, Georgia.

\$50.00 Farrier registration if submitted by October 1
\$100.00 after October 1
 Register by calling the BWFA office or send in the registration form from the Summer Bulletin.

Farriers Horse Owners, clubs & observers are all welcome. Vendors, Hands-on, Offering the latest in Shoeing for Lameness, Short Shoeing Research Project, Shoeing the Event Horse, Research Cases using the Treadmill and Equine Thermography, Nutrition, Hoof Repair, Equine Flexion Therapy and Equine Dentistry Intros, Magnetic Therapy, Forge Classes, Saddle Fitting, and New Products Showcase.

CFE credits available
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See the entire Calendar of Events on the BWFA website

See details of the Convention here

Watch Horseshoe'n Time clips at www.youtube.com search Horseshoe'n Time.

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Congratulations to these members that will receive a free raffle ticket for the \$75.00 and up table by responding to the last eNewsletter.

- William D Schnepf
- Roger Lightle
- Justin McKee
- Daniela Schatz
- Ricky Stover
- Rick Gansz
- Fred DePoe
- Frank Cadena
- Ray Hicks

Note: you must be present at the convention to use your raffle ticket

All BWFA Members

Don't forget to send in your convention registration of only \$50.00 by October 1st

[Print registration form here](#)

For current BWFA Members only

When you have received and read this newsletter...

Send us an email at info@bwfa.net by **Friday, August 9** with your

Name, Address, Email, Phone number



You will receive one (1) raffle ticket towards

One (1) hat offered at the Mobile Milling's table

AND one free Exer Lyte To-Go



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What Members Do When They Aren't Shoeing



From www.bwfa.net
Tom and Vicki Cable
of Ohio with their
string of pack horses
on a local ride.
Staying in shape!
They also bale hay!



Don't let the need for health insurance coverage keep you from shoeing full time.

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