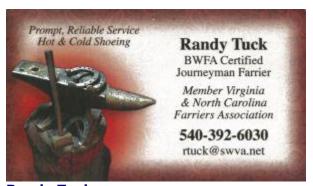
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AHC WASHINGTON UPDATE

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"Where Have All the Horses Gone..." is Focus of AHC's 2014 Issues Forum

The American Horse Council has announced that its theme for this year's National Issues Forum is "Where Have All the Horses Gone." Every major equine breed registry has seen a dramatic drop in the number of horses registered with them over the last five years. Is this a function of the economy or a fundamental, permanent change in the industry? What are the numbers? Is it an absence of owners, rather than horses? What will it mean for the industry, short and long-term? Are some breeds and activities affected more than others? What can, or should, be done about it?

The AHC's National Issues Forum will focus on answers to these and other questions surrounding this important and perhaps critical issue. This year's National Issues Forum will be held on Tuesday, June 24, in Washington, DC during the AHC's annual convention. The annual meeting will run from June 22 to 25 at the Washington Court Hotel.

Scenes from the EFT Class

April 25, 26, 27 (Fri, Sat, Sun) EFT (Equine Flexion Therapy) with Dan Marcum, Instructor, (706)397-8909



You can purchase the D Stressor for humans on Dan Marcum's new website: www.dstressor.com and have a look at his facebook page.

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From Left, Gina Lankford of Texas EFT Instructor Dan Marcum Ashley Eideiner of South Carolina And Veteran Franz Robinson of North Carolina, who used his post 9/11 VA benefits to attend the class. Congratulations!

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www.horseshoentime.tv/eft.html

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Infrared Thermography offered by Dan Marcum and Link Casey





A wonderful phone call from Misty Massey of Blaine, Tennessee about BWFA Certified Farrier Charles Hall, also of Blaine, Tennessee.

"I have a 4 year old painted mare, barrel horse. She cow kicked, side kicked, and even broke a tooth off. She had to be sedated to be trimmed. Other farriers wouldn't touch her. Charles looked her over and took the time to explain trimming to me. Charles had me hold her with my own halter and trimmed all around safely. No more sedation for us. I was so impressed with Charles' horse handling and professionalism that I just had to call the BWFA and let you know."



SouthEastern Farriers & Horseowners Association

2014 Colt Starting Challenge



On Saturday, October 18, 2014, SEFHA will host their 4th Annual Colt Starting Challenge. This contest features full-time horse trainer teams who work within a three-hour radius of Chatham, VA. While demonstrating natural horsemanship training, these professionals will take unbroken horses they have never seen before and transform them into relaxed, confident mounts. At the end of the day, the trainers and their equine "students" will compete in an obstacle course to determine the winner of the Colt Starting Challenge.

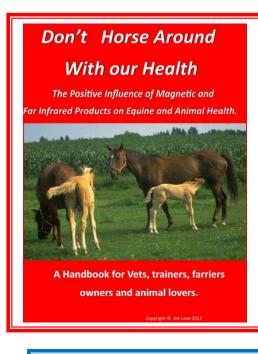
The Third Annual Colt Starting Challenge is recognized as the biggest and best competition of its kind in the region. Anyone with an interest in Natural Horsemanship will be mesmerized by the talents of these three trainer teams, and horse owners looking for a quality trainer will see three teams of the best put their reputations on the line.

WHEN: Saturday, October 18, 2014.

VIDEO: Click here to hear more about our challenge.

LOCATION: Olde Dominion Agriculture Complex, 19783 US Hwy 29 South, Chatham, VA 24531.

TICKETS: \$15 per person. You can buy tickets at the door. You can also buy tickets via PayPal. If you buy a ticket via PayPal, please **PRINT** your receipt and bring it with you.



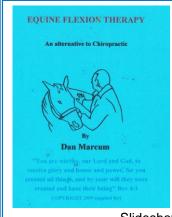
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QUARTER CRACK-ITIS

By Barry Denton, BWFA MASTER Farrier, TESTER, Hall of Famer, Past BWFA Board Member of Arizona.

Having just spent several days at two of Arizona's largest American Quarter Horse Shows I've come to one conclusion. I'm tired of looking at so many horses with quarter cracks. Now as you know, at a horse show there are horses from several different states and various environments. The horses I saw were performing several different disciplines. Registered Quarter Horses today are as varied in body type as the disciplines they compete in. Because these were top end horses in the industry I'm sure they were shod by top end farriers. The only common denominator is the fact that they were all shod with Natural Balance shoes and principles. The fact is that in the last five years I have had a number of quarter cracked horses brought to my shop with the same problem created by the same circumstances. I'm not saying that only the Natural Balance system lends itself to creating quarter cracks, but 4 out of 5 horses that are brought to me are. You can draw your own conclusions. Now after 32 years in the farrier business I am not out pounding the road day in and day out shoeing, but many lame horses are still brought to me either for evaluation or repair. The fact is that most quarter cracks should be prevented by using good sound shoeing principles to begin with. In my estimation nine out of ten quarter cracked hooves are from a shoeing imbalance.

You have got to realize that when you are competing on or training a horse for reining, working cow horse, jumping etc. that these are high stress events. Just stop and think of the amount of torque on a horses' foot when he does a roll back after a cow. Remember he not only has his weight to deal with, but also his riders'. Anytime you add speed you increase your chances of injury. With that being the case you need all of the foot surface on the ground that you can get. From what I can see from the Natural Balance method you are taking away the very hoof surface that you need touching the ground. If you think about it the hoof wall is thickest at the toe. From an engineering standpoint that is the part that should bear the most weight. When that portion of the foot is removed from touching the ground the same amount of weight and torque is distributed over a smaller area. The modern horse certainly does not need a smaller foot. If anything it needs a larger one. The other consideration when you take the horse's toe away is that besides leaving it in a weakened state you are removing the horse's "purchase". By "purchase" I mean the ability of the horse's toe to dig into the ground to gain traction. Why would you want to inhibit traction on a speed event horse? Why would you want to have less of the horse's foot coming into contact with the ground? When you generally have a small foot to begin with why do you want to put increased pressure on an even smaller part of the foot? So perhaps you may now realize why we are seeing so many horses with quarter cracks that never had them before.

Even, on the best of horses injuries can occur, but it is beyond me why you would want to increase the chance of injury by putting your horse on a shoe that supports less of the hoof surface. After having shod over 39,000 horses I have learned that it is best to leave the hoof alone as much as possible. Just so I wasn't missing something I rechecked the "natural balance" website in case there might be a new piece of wisdom that might help me shoe horses. While on there I noticed they have a slogan called" Hope For Soundness". In my opinion if I had to shoe horses using that methodology I would even pray for soundness. We have been shoeing horses for over 4000 years now. I think we have it pretty well figured out. It goes back to the old acronym "KISS" or keep it simple stupid.



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NATIONAL NEWS BULLETIN

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This being the first NEWS BULLETIN coming from the Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association, I would like to give a BRIEF HISTORY of the BWFA with some of the NEW DIRECTIONS it will be taking in the future.

The BFA, or Brotherhood of Farriers Association, was originally formed on December 10, 1901 by the late Talmadge Young, Bob L. Casey and Elllot Sams. It was formed for the SOLE PURPOSE. of having an organization, where a person would not be discriminated upon in learning the horseshoeing trade due to this former public education. In July of 1989, the word-working-was added to be known today as the Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association.

The BWFA MASTER EDUCATORS was formed by a group of concerned horseshoeing school owners along with the members of the BWFA. The purpose of forming the BWFA ME is to allow the owner a more powerful voice in the educational direction of the horseshoeing industry and give them the power to certify their own students under a national certification program. The BWFA guidelines have been accepted by the MASTER EDUCATORS as a uniform testing format.

One of the purposes of having the BWFA and BWFA Master Educators is so have a more democratic system wherein no one person or persons can rule. It is not a perfect system, however it is the best that we know of today. Mr. Bucky Hatfield of Bloomington Springs. Tennessee, was elected as President of the BWFA Master Educators in August of 1990. The Master Educators have the power to hand down the testing procedures for the BWFA, however these procedures must be passed by a majority vote from the BWFA members. This gives us a more honest and practical system. Both the Master Educators and BWFA members are working hard to make our testing procedure a fair one and an honest one for all. This includes those persons who cannot read and write. The BWFA TESTER is a full-time working farrier who is qualified and tested by one of the Master Educators wherein a witness is also present.

As the present we have seven levels of certification; Apprentice I, Apprentice II, Journeyman I, Journeyman II, Master Farrier, Master Educator and BWFA TESTER.

We are on the look out for individuals who can qualify to become BWFA TESTERS. If you are interested, certainly call the BWFA Head Office for more information.

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The first three issues of this News Bulletin will be devoted to inform the equine industry and farriers throughout the U.S. about the Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association. Future issues will be directed to the horseowner from the farrier in an effort to educate the horseowner about the farrier. Members of the BWFA are welcome to submit articles & photos for submission in future issues.

This was the beginning of it all. These brave men stuck their necks out to start the B WFA. Where are they now? T.J. Wyatt, TESTER passed away, Bucky Hatfield has retired to Texas and struggles daily with cancer, Elmer Seybold who trained many a farrier in his day passed in 1995, Ralph Casey remains active as the BWFA Executive Director but has slowed down his travels, and John Marino, Master forge sold his JHM Anvil company to Anvil Brand and is retired in Texas. Bucky& Ralph went on to promote the BWFA to schools and farriers everywhere.

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BWFA MASTER EDUCATORS. MR. BUCKY HATFIELD

I would like to give everyone a special invitation to join the BWFA. I have personally met a majority of our members and they are like myself, down to earth country boys. Believe me, we are working hard to keep politics and prejudice opinions out of our organizations. We are trying to keep open minds to have some good oldfashioned "Brotherly" fellowship.

Our testing procedures are not to be feared. We always take into account that the farrier is very nervous when taking tests whether on an individual basis or in a group. We are striving to hold honest testings while taking all these things into consideration. We invite you to join us and help us design a more perfect program.

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I am writing this special thank-you in regards to my testing with a BWFA TESTER. While taking my test, I don't think anyone was more nervous than I. I was all thumbs! The TESTER was considerate enough to take a coffee break to give me a chance to relax and recompose myself. Without his patience I would have never passed the test. I am now proud to say that I am an Apprentice II certified BWFA farrier.

Marty Kaplan - Palm Beach, FL

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they present a hand made shoe to Mr. Neil Thomas and Son, who was the director of the 100th year Centennial Celebration of the BAttle of Chickamauga held in Georgia on August 24 & 25th. This even attracted over 50,000 visitors at which the BWFA was demonstrating the farrier's task of making handmade horseshoes during the civil war.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The BWFA office would like to apologize in being so slow in answering the letters in request for more information. We have been swamped with 100's of letters from across the U.S.

The BWFA has purchased a computer and set Recognized In Each State As Liason With

up a special office to handle these requests more speedily. Please bear with us. All contributions. speedily. Please bear with us. All contributions, articles and photos from BWFA members should be submitted by the 15th day of the issue month. The News Bulletin is distributed nationally, 6 issues a year.

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