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Welcome... New Master Educator School Rheinische Hufbeschlagschule School In Germany

BARRY WHITE, Instructor, BWFA TESTER and Master Farrier



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Melanie Pinggen
Apprentice II



Siri-Nina Topperwien
Apprentice II

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BWFA Georgia Headquarters 25th Annual Spring Fling

April 23, 24, 25 (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

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April 25, 26, 27 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

EFT (Equine Flexion Therapy) with Dan Marcum, Instructor,
(706)397-8909

April 26 (Saturday)

Link Casey, Instructor
Nolan Hoof Plate Class
Noavel Headstall Training
Infrared Thermal Imaging

Buck McColl, Guest Speaker
Equine Nutrition

Dan Marcum, Trainer
Saddle Fitting

BBQ Lunch at the Pink Pig
In Villanow with guest
Blacksmith and Farrier Chris Glover

Virginia, SEFHA Events, next page

**North Carolina, S.H.O.E. Chapter
Events, see page 8**

2014 Equine Flexion Therapy Courses Hosted by the Farriers' National Research Center in Georgia

April 25, 26, 27

August 8, 9, 10

October 26, 27, 28

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designed by Dan Marcum, Equine Adjuster, Farrier

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Infrared Thermography offered by Dan Marcum and Link Casey





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Ty Harden of Montana, New BWFA Member



SouthEastern Farriers & Horseowners Association

**David Tuggle, BWFA Certified Journeyman II, TESTER,
SEFHA President, A BWFA Chapter**

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.

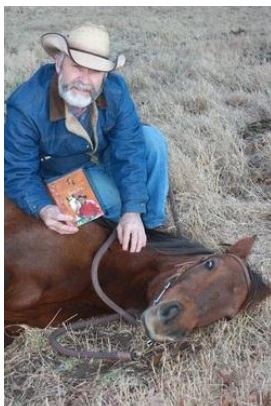
The Third Annual Colt Starting Challenge is recognized as the biggest and best competition of its kind in the region. Anyone with an interest in Natural Horsemanship will be mesmerized by the talents of these three trainer teams, and horse owners looking for a quality trainer will see three teams of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



Grand Prize Winner 2013

Recently Ken McNabb Horsemanship had a photo contest. David Tuggle, SEFHA President won the Grand Prize! In this photo, David is holding the DVD, "An Issue in Trust: Teaching a Horse to Lay Down" while demonstrating the technique. Congratulations David!

We are currently taking names of trainers for the 2014 Colt Starting Challenge to be held in October 2014. If you are interested, please email David Tuggle at sefha1@gmail.com

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Georgia- FNRC/BWFA LaFayette, Forge practice/testing 706-397-8047 email: info@bwfa.net
3rd weekend each month:
Fri, Sat, and Sun - attend 1, 2 or 3 days

Kansas – Max Williams, Shod Right Apprenticeship Program Cimarron, 417-531-5566 email: shodright@yahoo.com

Kansas –Sean McDonough, Wichita, 316-207-4121 email: equinehoofspecialists@gmail.com

North Carolina-Marcus Pierce, Indian Trail, 704-753-4576 email: dpierce926@aol.com

Oklahoma- CJ Ward, Tulsa, 919-697-7384 email: blackoakforge@hotmail.com
By appointment only

Ohio- Tom Cable, Zanesville, 740-819-5571 email: tomacable@gmail.com
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Virginia- David Tuggle, Danville, 434-792-3811 email: tugglefarm@gmail.com

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By
Dan Marcum

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Have you read the latest?

A Few Thoughts On Farrier Licensing

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

I happened to have a number of relatives that fought in the American Revolutionary War. It's interesting to read about their lives and the sacrifices they made for freedom. What many farriers do not realize is how lucky they are to have the freedom to work without more encumbrances from our government. Can you name one agency that the government operates that wouldn't be handled better by the private sector? Consider yourself lucky that you are not licensed and appreciate what your ancestors did for you in the cause of freedom. Maintain your freedom at all costs. Do not give into having a governing body ruled by whoever happens to be in power at the time telling you how to shoe a horse.

First of all horse shoeing is not rocket science even though you have many trying to convince you that it is. I have a good friend that spent thirty years of his working life trying to develop a landing craft that could get to the moon. Rocket Science is terribly complicated. You can be a good horseshoer in five years if you apply yourself. We have been shoeing horses for over four thousand years. The process hasn't changed much because it works. Yes, we have learned and grown along the way, but we still do what works. Radiographs are great and we understand much better now, how the horse works and how to treat problems. Our tools are better and more accurate than they used to be, but other than that, what has changed? Not the process of shoeing a horse.

Why would you ever invite someone that knows nothing about your livelihood to make

up rules about it? One thing that I have noticed is that many that call for licensing farriers are not high earners in this profession. Notice that many high earning farriers do not even belong to any farriers' association. Perhaps they want to level the playing field so that everyone makes the same? While I'm quite familiar with the British system I talked to many in that system that loathe it. Having traveled in the United Kingdom and having stayed with the great farrier and blacksmith Edward Martin in Scotland I got to see it first-hand. Percentage wise there are just as many shoeing problems in England as there are in America. Their licensing system does not keep more horses sound.

Farriers need to realize that more government is never the solution, it is the problem!

In response to being a licensed Farrier

In my opinion, it doesn't take the government or a license to make a Farrier. What makes a true Farrier is someone who cares enough to go the extra mile and really be committed to their own excellence. Those aspiring to be Farrier's need to be willing to attend school, go to every clinic they possibly can, as well as surround themselves with individuals who have the talent and knowledge in the field that will help them become the best they can be. Yes, as we all are aware there are some really bad Farrier's out there and even those have attended some of the best schools.

Let's take Doctors and Nurses, they all have to attend school, complete internships, and become licensed (then pay the government each year). Out of a hundred doctors you might find a

handful that truly has the patient's best interest at heart and is not playing the numbers game to see how many individuals they can see in the office in a day.

If we are required to be licensed, then the government will have its hand in the client's pocket book as well. It will take more money for me to operate, therefore I am forced to charge more and pass along this cost to my customers. The math is simple!! It's already hard enough to keep prices down but with the added expense and experience that the government would add to a true Farrier, most people would not be able to afford the care of their horses.

With that being said, a licensed Farrier would mean fewer Farriers in the areas, therefore they Can, Will and WOULD charge more for any work done. I have become a very competent Farrier because I care for the horses and love what I do. When I went to Casey and Son Horseshoeing School, I already had enough work to live on; however I aspired to be better in my craft. When I became a BWFA Certified Journeyman, I did it because I personally had a commitment for my excellence and wanted to become a better Farrier. I don't need a license to be a better Farrier. The government merely wants more control of a working man's money and it is yet another tactic to make money.

There are some Farriers that want to be licensed as their perception is this will make them superior over others as well as they feel they will have more control over an area and be able to charge their customers more. I recognize that I have the amount of work I do because of the pride and care I take in my work as well as the customer service I deliver to my clients. It's NOT the Certified Journeyman card I hold.

When I was riding with a Farrier in my earlier years he gave me some great advice that never left me. 1) Do not EVER talk bad about other Farriers. Go and do your job the way you know

how. 2) Do not undercut Farrier's to get work from a barn. Charge your price. High or low it's your price. 3) Shoe to the horse. Just like you and I, we are different in the way we walk and have our own unique physical problems. Make the horse as positive as possible. 4) If I fill in for another Farrier I charge his prices. Might not sound right but I have had some of the best Farriers around trust my work and they actually will give me their work when they aren't able to get to it. If they have been doing an event horse or whatever the case, I go in and shoe the way they do (not me) and will ask for what they have been paying. Some out there might not realize this but it's called respect. AND to be honest most of the time it ends up paying more than I would have charged.

The end result is simple. Do you want someone (government and others controlling Farriers) to control what you can do or afford for your horse???? Just a thought, think about England. You can't even trim your own horse. So if you want someone it has to be approved by the government and some Farriers are using that to gain control of your business and charge what they want. If I am that afraid of my work and my clients going to someone else and want to raise my prices, I want no part of it. I'm good at what God gave me the gift to do and am proud of it. I know what this is all about and do not agree with the government controlling our craft.

Per request by the BWFA Farrier who answered our question on Facebook, we left his name out.

The Facebook question we asked was:

"We have an article, several comments about the discussion going on about Farrier Licensing. Let us know your comments."

We would like to continue this on Facebook and encourage others to OFFER "actual facts", past history and exactly who and what group has been or currently encouraging farrier licensing.

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S.H.O.E. CHAPTER UPDATE

from Marcus Pierce, BWFA Certified Master Farrier, TESTER, Hall of Famer, past Board member, S.H.O.E. Chapter Past President

The BWFA did a GREAT job up there in Kentucky. My hat is off to Ralph, Ginger and Link. They always do a fine job, and the hard work that goes into that will wear you out. They do so much for the Farrier; all farriers should give them a big thank you for all they have done, all of the past years. And people like Buck McColl, a fellow S.H.O.E. Chapter Member, who has given much of his time to help the farrier and horse owner.

I was glad to know that the BWFA Hall of Fame 2013 Poster is now hanging on the wall in the Farriers shop at the Kentucky Horse Park. I thank Buck for attending when I could not, and sharing his photos of the event.

Everyone will be glad to know that Randy Baker is now taking the lead for S.H.O.E. and will try to set a new Board of Directors and get things back in order. I am sure he will be good at this. It is hard work but he has a lot of dedicated Horse Owner Chapter Members to help him continue planning the events.

Watch the Calendar of Events Section for Updates.



S.H.O.E. Chapter "Team"
2006 BWFA Convention "Mind Games"
William Brock, Dwayne Holder,
Randy Baker, Marcus Pierce



BWFA 2013 Convention
Kentucky Horse Park Farriers Shop
Dave Gibson - 2013 Inductee
Buck McColl - 2012 Inductee
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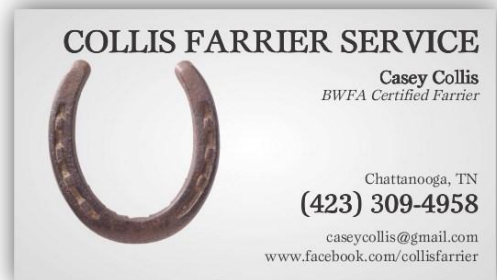
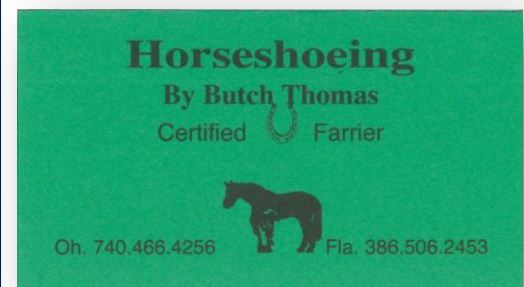
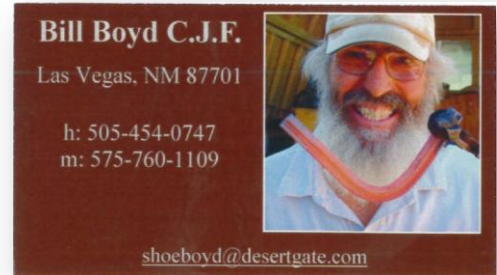
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