

Plan Out The Next 4 Days Of Learning And Get The Most Out Your Time At The Summit

“Gateway To Better Footcare,” the 2015 International Hoof-Care Summit theme, marks 12 years of bringing farriers and veterinarians to Cincinnati, Ohio, to improve equine footcare.

Our 12th annual event offers unparalleled equine footcare education through 8 General Sessions, 14 Hoof-Care Classrooms, 24 Hoof-Care Roundtables and 18 How-To Clinics. In addition, attendees will have 9 uninterrupted hours to spend at the IHCS Trade Show, which will reveal 2015’s new footcare products, as well as those items farriers

have come to rely on for reaching and maintaining better hoof health and quality.

Because the sessions draw hundreds of hoof-care practitioners to Cincinnati every year, the networking opportunities provide you with an unequalled opportunity to share ideas with your peers. While at the Summit, you can check notes, discuss topics and learn from other farriers and veterinarians from around the world. Among these are some of the most innovative and forward-thinking footcare professionals of today.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“Registration Time.”

— (*Duke Energy Convention Center, 2nd Floor*)

Pick up Summit materials, including FREE in-depth footcare materials.

9:00 to 10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. “Hands-On Workshop.”

— (*Room 206*)

Sponsored by Vettec, this is a hands-on footcare workshops with several work stations manned by Vettec clinicians. Each of the two sessions is limited to 100 attendees.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. “Four Key Factors That Affect Hoof Health.” — (*Room 207*)

Sponsored by SmartPak, farrier Danvers Child and SmartPak senior director of equine health Jessica Normand will deliver this presentation. This session will be held twice.

1:00 to 1:10 p.m. “Gateway To Better Footcare.” — (*Rooms 200-205*)

American Farriers Journal Editor/Publisher **Frank Lessiter** will outline proven steps to help you get the

highest possible rate of return from your Summit attendance. He’ll also share a motivational presentation to kick off the IHCS.

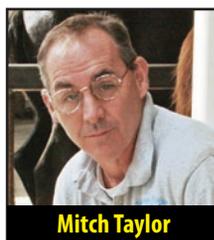
1:10 to 2:00 p.m. “Functional Anatomy Of The Equine Foot: A Thorough Review (Part 1).” — (*Rooms 200-205*)

Every time a farrier picks up a foot to work with, principles of trimming are applied that then influence how shoes are shaped and fitted.

These decisions will ultimately affect foot function.

For this presentation, **Mitch Taylor**, owner and operator of the Kentucky Horseshoeing School in Richmond, Ky., will bring a variety of equine cadaver feet. Through dissecting each foot in various stages, he’ll outline the morphological difference of specific anatomy.

These dissections will utilize a close-up camera so all attendees can see on a big screen the subtle details that Taylor will discuss.



Mitch Taylor

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:

You’ll leave with a fresh perspective on trimming hooves and fitting shoes in relation to internal structures.

2:00 to 2:15 p.m. “Hallway Networking Opportunities.”

Stretch your legs while sharing footcare ideas with other farriers and equine vets. Attendees find all of the hallway-networking opportunities alone are well worth the price of attending the Summit.

2:15 to 3:05 p.m. “Functional Anatomy Of The Equine Foot: A Thorough Review (Part 2).” — (*Rooms 200-205*)

Continuing these dissections, Taylor also will incorporate imagery and video to further analyze differences between the specimens. For example, he will point to the different areas of an upright foot and compare the same internal landmarks on one with underrun heels. His presentation critically examines how the foot was trimmed.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: This examination of form and function will help you better communicate your trimming and shoeing strategies with your clients.



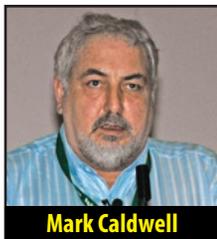
3:05 to 3:15 p.m. "Recognition And Awards." — (Rooms 200-205)

Several individuals from last year's International Hoof-Care Summit will be recognized for their outstanding presentations.

3:15-4:05 p.m. "A Standardized Method Of Hoof Trimming Using A Mapping Protocol."

— (Rooms 200-205)

A true or accurate definition for the term "hoof balance" does not exist. Its meaning has been debated by hoof-care professionals for decades resulting in the lack of a standardized approach to trimming the equine foot.



Mark Caldwell

The use of external reference points for determining hoof balance in the barefoot or shod horse has been described by others, yet these points lack

scientific documentation, according to Myerscough College farriery instructor **Mark Caldwell**.

In his presentation, the British farrier will show there is a need for hoof-care professionals to utilize a consistent method of hoof trimming that will accurately assess the orientation of internal anatomical landmarks from external reference points.

The standardized hoof trimming and "mapping" protocol outlined by Caldwell will provide you with an accurate identification of the vertical location of the center of rotation.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Understanding the accurate location of the center of rotation will provide farriers with a consistent guideline to apply the appropriate trim and aid in the correct placement of the horseshoe.

4:15 to 5:30 p.m. "6 How-To Hoof-Care Product Knowledge Clinics."

As Summit attendees have requested, we're offering a series of highly

informative "How-To" clinics. You'll select three of these 20-minute, direct-to-the-point sessions to attend. (*Each "How-To" session will be held 3 times during this time block.*)

1. How To Properly Match Horse Nails To Horseshoes.

— (Rooms 200-205)

Steve Kraus, Delta Mustad Hoofcare Center

2. An Overview Of Synthetic Shoes And Their Application.

— (Room 206)

Larkin Greene, Vettec

3. Ten Easy

Equine Nutrition Takeaways.

— (Room 207)

Jessica Normand, SmartPak

4. Helpful Tool Tips.

— (Room 208)

Bob Smith, courtesy of China Horseshoes

5. Safety 101:

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— (Room 211)

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5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
"Dinner On Your Own."

Network with fellow footcare professionals at one of downtown Cincinnati's restaurants.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. "8 Informative And Inspiring Hoof-Care Roundtables."

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These small group settings (24 in all held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings) offer a remarkable learning atmosphere for maximum information sharing and idea swapping that offer dozens of new footcare ideas.

Select one of the following 8

Hoof-Care Roundtables to attend. Topics and moderators are:

1. Hands-On Anatomy Warm-Ups.
 — (Bluegrass A and B)

This Hoof-Care Roundtable will introduce three upcoming Summit lectures — utilizing anatomy models relevant to specific program topics. Three Summit speakers (Mark Caldwell, Dr. Steve O'Grady and Brad Porter) will use Horse Science models from Allie Hayes as a "warm-up" for later presentations.

This hands-on anatomy opportunity will give you a head start on the terminology and anatomy that's a critical part of later presentations. Attendees will rotate between three tables in 20-minute sessions. *(This session will be repeated later at 8:30 p.m. as Hoof-Care Roundtable #9.)*

Why You Shouldn't Miss These:

Pick up new ideas to learn even more about upcoming Summit lectures and assist you in dealing with those problem horses on your client list.

2. Thoughts And Theories On Sole Support.
 — (Buckeye A and B)

Todd Allen, Vandergrift, Pa.

3. Business Management Strategies For The Everyday Farrier.
 — (Regency G)

Shane Westman, Bow, Wash.

4. Considerations For Shoe Fit And Placement.
 — (Regency F)

Steve Kraus, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

5. For New Farriers (Apprentice To Third Year) Only.
 — (Regency E)

Bob Smith, Pacific Coast Horseshoeing School, Plymouth, Calif.

6. Shoeing Hunters Or Jumpers: What's The Difference?
 — (Regency C)

Doug Anderson, Frederick, Md.

7. Pathological Vs. Conformational Issues: How Do You Tell The Real Differences?
 — (Regency B)

Travis Burns, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, Va.

8. Dealing With Long Toes, Underrun Heels.
 — (Regency A)

Red Renchin, Mequon, Wis., and Wellington, Fla.

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. "More Peer-To-Peer Learning — 8 More Helpful Hoof-Care Roundtables."

Select another Hoof-Care Roundtable to attend from 8 more topics. These small groups allow you to share what's working for you, ask questions and learn from other attendees.

9. Hands-On Anatomy Warm-Ups.
 — (Bluegrass A and B)
(Repeated session, see Hoof-Care Roundtable #1.)

10. Is Modern Farriery In Danger Of Moving Away From The Basics?
 — (Buckeye A and B)

Jeremy Spivey, Platteville, Colo.

11. Field Tested Tips For Using Glue-On Shoes.
 — (Regency G)

David Giza, Culpeper, Va.

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12. Footcare Management For The Standardbred. — (Regency F)

Conny Svensson,
East Windsor, N.J.

13. Considerations For The Show Farrier. — (Regency E)

Dave Dawson, Uxbridge, Ontario

14. Managing Public Perception And Why It Matters. — (Regency C)

Jamie Cooper, Cleveland, Texas

15. Laminitis: Recognizing And Managing Client Expectations. — (Regency B)

— (Regency B)

16. Rehabilitation For Foot And Hoof Injuries: Where Does The Farrier Fit In? — (Regency A)

Dean Moshier, Delaware, Ohio

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“Registration Time.”

— (Duke Energy Convention Center, 2nd Floor)

Pick up your guide to the Summit, along with extra gifts from *American Farriers Journal* and sponsors.

8:00 to 8:05 a.m. “Get The Most Out Of Your Time At The IHCS.”

— (Rooms 200-205)

At this morning’s opening general session, learn how to spot the real gems in today’s program. We will outline proven steps to help you select the specific sessions that will be most valuable in furthering your hoof-care education and career.

8:05 to 8:55 a.m. The Burney Chapman Memorial Lecture, Presented by Life Data Labs — “Treating Quarter Cracks: What Do We Really Know?”

— (Rooms 200-205)

In this presentation, Australian farrier **Brad Porter** will share his insight as the former head farrier of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in reviewing quarter crack repair techniques. Not all methods are equally effective, and he’ll relate information researchers have gleaned from thousands of track horses.



Brad Porter

Porter also will show how any repair will prove ineffective if you don’t address the source of the problem.

This lecture is named for Burney Chapman, the late Lubbock, Texas, farrier whose work influenced so many veterinarians and farriers.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This:

Proven ways to address quarter cracks regardless of the horse’s job.

8:55 to 9:00 a.m. “Recognizing Summit Mail-In Forging Exercise Winner.”

— (Rooms 200-205)

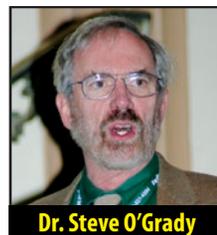
Find out who submitted the best hammer-finished heart bar shoe. This first-ever IHCS contest is sponsored by Victory. See the winner on display in the *AFJ* booth during the three Wednesday and Thursday Trade Show sessions.

9:00 to 9:50 a.m. “Form And Function Of The Equine Foot As It Relates To Farriery.”

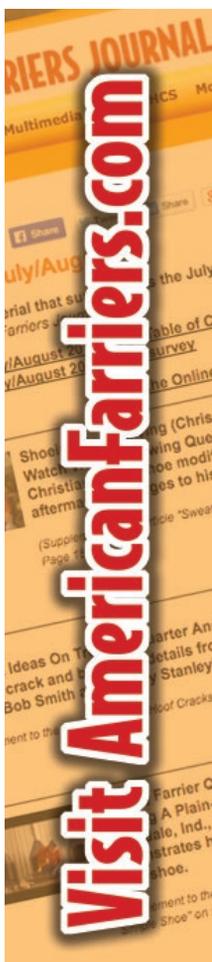
— (Rooms 200-205)

The horse’s foot is unique as it is a group of biological structures that follows the laws of physics. A thorough understanding of the anatomy, physiology and biomechanics of the foot is essential for both the farrier and the veterinarian.

Marshall, Va., veterinarian **Steve O’Grady** will explain how this knowledge allows the farrier to apply the appropriate footcare, not only



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when treating lameness cases, but general routine farriery that maintains the health of the foot.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Gain insight on how a knowledge of anatomy contributes to the decision-making process of every footcare plan for the horses you work with.

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Trade Show Time."

— (Duke Energy Convention Center, 3rd Floor)

Get your first glimpse of all of the new products for 2015 and talk one-on-one with company experts. SmartPak will provide coffee for attendees during this session. You also can purchase a lunch so you can take advantage of this opportunity to meet with and discuss ideas with the dozens of Trade Show exhibitors.

1:15 to 2:15 p.m. "5 Powerful Hoof-Care Classrooms."

Choose among 5 Hoof-Care Classrooms for specialized footcare learning that fits your exact wants and needs. Send others from your group to other Hoof-Care Classroom sessions to pick up more valuable footcare ideas — then later compare the ideas each of you harvested.

Hoof-Care Classroom #1

"Proper Shoe Selection For Soft Tissue Injuries."

— (Rooms 200-205)

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can overwhelm the farrier, especially when considering the horse's needs at each stage. **Steve Sermersheim**, the owner and operator of the Midwest Horseshoeing School in Divernon, Ill., says it is crucial to let the factors dictate your selection. For example, understand the environment that the horse will be in while recovering and which shoe is the best choice for the environment.



Steve Sermersheim

His presentation will also address the farrier's need to recognize his or her role with the hoof-care team in treating the injury.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Return to your practice with a wider recognition of the variables that come into play when addressing soft tissue injuries, and how this understanding will assist your decision-making.

Hoof-Care Classroom #2

"How To Prepare And Deliver A Presentation."

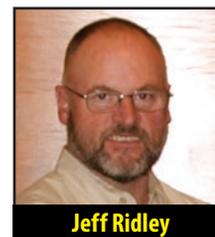
— (Room 206)

One of the greatest educational forces in hoof care is the sharing of information. Whether it is a case study or more comprehensive research, it takes more than data collection to create a presentation for farriers, veterinarians and horse owners to digest.

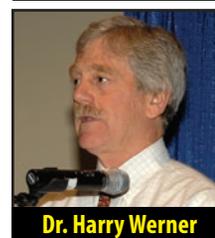
Former American Association of Equine Practitioners president **Harry Werner** will tackle how to write an educational or research paper. The North Granby, Conn., vet will explain how to outline and write your material.

Following **Dr. Werner**, farrier **Jeff Ridley** of Leighton, Iowa, will give tips on assembling that information, along with images and charts into an effective slide show.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Learn how to take the information you collect and organize it with various mediums that will educate your intended audience.



Jeff Ridley



Dr. Harry Werner

Hoof-Care Classroom #3

"Considering The Role Of Sole Support." — (Room 207)

Most farriers are aware that the frog and sole are very important to the healthy function of the hoof. But anytime a shoe is added to the bottom of a foot, we may lose that engagement of the sole.

Todd Allen believes many farriers have lost sight of the importance of the frog and sole's function to maintain a sound and healthy hoof. The Vandergrift, Pa., farrier says it is time to apply that awareness to prevent and help many equine hoof issues.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Gain an understanding of how proper trimming and the correct engagement of those structures can help farriers avoid and prevent common hoof problems.



Hoof-Care Classroom #4

“Enjoy Your Footcare Business —Yes, It Can Be Fun.”

— (Room 208)

For many farriers, the job would be much easier if you only worked with the horse’s feet. Business management wasn’t the big draw for entering the trade.

That’s a failing way to look at it, according to farrier **David Nicholls** of West Sussex, England. Involved with shoeing for more than 45 years, he says that proper attention to business doesn’t have to seem like a chore. Using technology’s tools of today, along with tried-and-true practices, Nicholls will help you not only gain a greater appreciation of the business side, but also improve your overall efficiency and profits.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: Learn practical business advice that will complement your skills under the horse to create a more balanced practice.

Hoof-Care Classroom #5

“Thinking Inside The Foot And Out Of The Box.”

— (Room 211)

In this session, Burleson, Texas, farrier **Pat Burton** will pull ideas from his decades of experience to focus on reading external landmarks of the hoof to identify the orientation of the internal structures, determine the viability and function of these structures

and outline the correct trimming protocol.

He will then explain how he evaluates the horse’s progress, needs for adjustments to the application and, ultimately, documenting and reviewing each case.

Burton also will showcase several traditional and alternative methods that he combines with analysis in his daily farrier work.

Why You Shouldn’t Miss This: This information will help you understand how to manage the hoof in order to focus on development and regeneration of healthy tissue.

2:15 to 2:30 p.m. “Valuable Hallway Networking Time.”

Stretch your legs and share the latest footcare ideas with fellow attendees before this afternoon’s general session gets underway.

2:30 to 2:40 p.m. “2014 Rising Shoeing Star Awards.”

— (Rooms 200-205)

This program honors three outstanding students who are earning a living as farriers just 3 years after graduating in 2011 from one of North America’s more than 50 public and private horseshoeing schools. The program’s goal is to promote the importance of continuing footcare education, while encouraging young shoers to develop the talents needed for a successful career.

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2:40 to 3:30 p.m. "Putting The Horse First: Focus On Case Outcome And Client Service (Part 1)."

— (Rooms 200-205)

It is critical at the outset of addressing the footcare needs of the horse that both the veterinarian and farrier recognize the factors involved. This recognition will determine the role of each professional.

In an engaging give-and-take, North Granby, Conn., veterinarian **Harry Werner** and Leighton, Iowa, farrier **Jeff Ridley** will use case studies to share their interpretations as the practicing veterinarian and farrier. Through this, both will illustrate how and why the

factors that affect professional responsibilities can vary.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Walk away with a greater understanding of how to address the needs of various hoof-care cases.

3:30 to 6:30 p.m. "More Trade Show Footcare Product Time."

— (Duke Energy Convention Center, 3rd Floor)

Here's your second chance to talk over new products and existing product applications with key industry leaders. SmartPak will provide beer and lemonade during this session.

7:30 to 9:00 p.m. "American Association Of Professional Farriers/Canadian Association Of Professional Farriers Annual Meeting."

— (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Third Floor, Regency E and F)

All Summit attendees are invited to the AAPF/CAPF's annual meeting, where you will hear about the group's previous year and look ahead to 2015-2016. You'll also be able to place bids on silent auction items to benefit the AAPF/CAPF Educational Partners Fund.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m. "Registration Time."

— (Duke Energy Convention Center, 2nd Floor)

Pick up Summit materials, including additional gifts.

8:00 to 8:05 a.m. "Latest Summit News."

— (Rooms 200-205)

Get the latest International Hoof-Care Summit updates from *American Farriers Journal* staff members.

8:05 to 8:50 a.m. "40 Ideas In 40 Minutes: Improving Income, Efficiency And Business Practices."

— (Rooms 200-205)

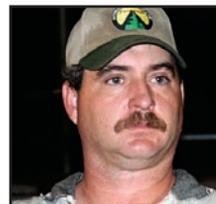
There are endless ways to improve your practice. An idea of improved efficiency can save your time and health. A business tip may help you keep more of your hard-earned money.

Often, great ideas in these areas come from other farriers who have picked them up along the way. **Todd Allen** of Vandergrift, Pa., **Matt Cooper** of Cleveland, Texas; and **David Nicholls** of West Sussex, England, will present their ideas for you to implement into your practice as soon as you get home.

This fast-paced session will allow each presenter 1 minute for each idea, so the presenters can cover as many ideas as possible in the time allowed.



Todd Allen



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Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

You'll come away with dozens of new ideas that you can take home and immediately use to improve the bottom line of your hoof-care practice.

8:50 to 9:50 a.m. "Putting The Horse First: Focus On Case Outcome And Client Service (Part 2)."

— (Rooms 200-205)

In this exciting vet-farrier exchange, North Granby, Conn. veterinarian **Harry Werner** and Leighton, Iowa, farrier **Jeff Ridley** will continue their presentation from Wednesday afternoon.

This second portion will focus more on the farrier's role in this team dynamic. The duo will again rely on case study review for delivering their perspectives.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

You'll be better prepared to work within the hoof-care team to build an effective strategy based on the severity of the injury.

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Your Last 'Tool-Time' Opportunity — Trade Show Wrap-Up."

— (Duke Energy Convention Center, 3rd Floor)

Here's your final opportunity to check out new footcare products for 2015. SmartPak will provide coffee for the enjoyment of attendees.

1:00 to 1:15 p.m. "Networking Break."

Take a break after spending time at the Trade Show and share the product knowledge you gained before the next classroom sessions begin.

1:15 to 2:15 p.m. "5 More Hoof-Care Classrooms."

From among 5 Hoof-Care Classrooms, select the one that will have the biggest impact on your footcare practice in 2015.

Hoof-Care Classroom #6

"Managing The Clubfoot — Birth To Maturity." — (Rooms 200-205)

A true clubfoot results from a flexural deformity of the distal interphalangeal joint that is characterized

by a shortening of the deep digital flexor tendon musculotendinous unit. Marshall, Va., farrier and vet **Steve O'Grady** will explain how flexural deformities are a problem not only in foals but are also responsible for the clubfoot conformation seen in some mature horses.

Treatment is most successful when the cause is investigated and therapy

initiated as early as possible, and when the biomechanical properties of the foot are thoroughly understood. Flexural deformities in foals and mature horses are addressed through appropriate farriery, often combined with surgery.

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Hoof-Care Classroom #7

“Assessing The Conformational Traits In Newborn Foals with Digital Hyperextension.” — (Room 206)

Digital hyperextension conformation seems to be a term used to incorporate many severities of the condition. The condition is usually a defect of the foal that affects both hind limbs, according to Myerscough College farriery instructor Mark Caldwell.

The British farrier will present a study demonstrating that there could be other reasons for a foal exhibiting a hyperextended conformation. This may lead to more accurate treatment plans that minimize the need for euthanasia. The continuation of measurements over time could be implemented to create a baseline for foal conformation.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

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Hoof-Care Classroom #8

“Seeing The Forest, The Trees And The Horse’s Foot.” — (Room 207)

As we develop new approaches and techniques, and as we incorporate and utilize new technologies, your ability to examine specific aspects of trimming and shoeing become more and more focused and refined. Lafayette, Ind., farrier **Danvers Child** finds that although focusing on isolated elements and features of the foot often proves beneficial, it can also prove detrimental and cause you to lose sight of the bigger picture. While isolating an element and studying it, hoof-care professionals need to remember that individual parts need to be viewed not simply as isolated static and dynamic elements; they also need to be viewed as relative/relational elements, as parts that are inter-related and inter-connected.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Farriers will develop strategies for relating specific elements of anatomy and mechanics to the whole foot and the whole horse.

Hoof-Care Classroom #9

“Building And Managing A Multi-Farrier Practice.” — (Room 208)

In this presentation, **James Gilchrist** will share his insight on how he developed his successful Wellington, Fla.,

multi-farrier practice. He'll identify strategies for adding staff, determining payroll, balancing workload and having a system that lessens the physical demands on you. He will stress the keys to building an effective team so that each day is efficient and productive.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

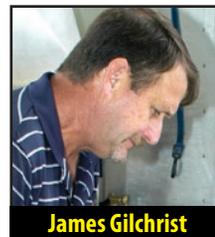
Learn tips on how to take on additional help to make your footcare practice more efficient.

Hoof-Care Classroom #10

“SHOEING FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS: Common Conformational Faults Of Flat Shod Tennessee Walkers.” — (Room 211)

Second-generation Shelbyville, Tenn., farrier **John Schmidt** has worked with top Tennessee Walking Horses (TWH) throughout his 20-year career. Following a survey of the breed and shoeing rules, he'll discuss the needs of gait analysis with these horses.

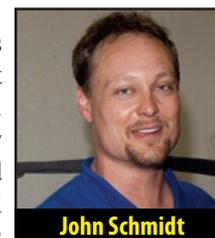
Schmidt maintains that gait faults and lameness are by-products of the conformation problems common among TWH. By understanding these relationships, the farrier is better prepared to keep these horses competing in the show ring.



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Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Learn practical insight for managing the common hoof-care issues presented by long-footed show horses.

2:15 to 2:30 p.m. "Networking Break."

Take a few well-deserved minutes to stretch, relax and swap footcare ideas with others before this afternoon's general session gets underway.

2:30 to 2:50 p.m. "2015 International Halls Of Fame Induction."

— (Rooms 200-205)

The *American Farriers Journal* staff will introduce inductees into the 2015 International Horseshoeing Hall Of Fame and the 2015 International Equine Veterinarians Hall Of Fame with moving video tributes.

2:50 to 3:40 p.m. "The Myths Of Farrier Malpractice."

— (Rooms 200-205)

An attorney and farrier spouse, **Jamie Cooper** will discuss the potential exposure that hoof-care practitioners may face for substandard work. She will survey the applicable legal standards from various locations and look at several case studies that illustrate the legal liability that farriers may face.



Jamie Cooper

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

You'll gain solid professional insight on avoiding costly legal problems.

3:40 to 4:30 p.m. "Barefoot Or Shod? It Depends." — (Rooms 200-205)

The topic of whether horses should be barefoot vs. shod remains one that garners much discussion, while raising many important questions. Much of the horse industry is involved in competitive disciplines and the question arises "can this horse compete and perform at a given standard without shoes?"

Farriers and veterinarians alike should recognize the factors that contribute to why a horse is shod or remains barefoot. Marshall, Va., veterinarian **Steve O'Grady** will illustrate how any one or combination of these

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reasons dictate the necessity for shoes. Whether or not it is feasible for a horse to go without shoes will further depend on the owner's expectations, the owner's commitment to the project and the hoof care the horse receives, especially during the transition period.

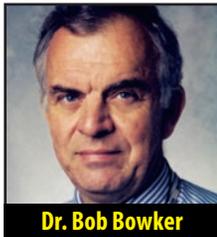
Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Gain information that you can relay to your clients so that they recognize your expertise when you explain your position regarding the footcare of their horses.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. "The Internal Foot In Navicular Syndrome: The Good, The Bad And The Ugly."

— (Rooms 200-205)

Navicular syndrome has long been the scourge of horse owners, veterinarians and farriers due in part to the difficulty in treating the problem once a diagnosis has been made. Most diagnoses are usually dependent upon radiographic changes associated with the navicular apparatus.



Dr. Bob Bowker

However, according to retired

Michigan State University equine researcher **Dr. Bob Bowker**, when a diagnosis is made relying upon radiographic or similar changes in the bone structure, then the condition is in the terminal phases. Soft tissue changes in the underlying cuneate frog and digital cushion can often be seen much earlier. Hopefully once these soft tissue changes are realized then trimming changes can be instituted to improve the health of the internal foot.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Learn the earlier signs of navicular syndrome so you can develop a plan before the case becomes too severe.

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. "8 More Powerful Hoof-Care Roundtables."

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This is your opportunity to exchange the latest ideas and proven footcare strategies with fellow farriers. Go toe-to-toe with fellow attendees on the topic that holds the most interest for boosting your footcare work and income in 2015. Find answers to your pressing footcare concerns — or become a

hero to another farrier by offering solid advice based on your own hoof-care experiences. **Topics and moderators include:**

- 17. Treating Your Hoof-Care Practice As A Business.**
— (Bluegrass A and B)
Esco Buff, Webster, N.Y.
- 18. Protecting The Foot With Alternative Solutions.**
— (Buckeye A and B)
Daisy Bicking, Parkesburg, Pa.
- 19. Working As A Team At A Veterinary Clinic.**
— (Regency G)
Jason RoTramel, Sedgwick, Kan.
- 20. Keeping Eventers In The Ring And On The Course.**
— (Regency F)
Tim Shannon, Moreno Valley, Calif.
- 21. Therapeutic Shoes: What's Your Criteria For Selection?**
— (Regency E)
Doug Workman, Cleveland, Ga.
- 22. Backyard Horses: Educating The New Client**
— (Regency C)
Lester Yoder, Shreve, Ohio
- 23. What's Going On With This Foot And How Should It Be Addressed?** — (Regency B)
(Bring digital images of a tough or perplexing case study on a jump drive or CD/DVD for open group discussion regarding the best course of action).
Pat Reilly, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa.
- 24. How Do We Define A "Good" Foot?**
— (Regency A)
Dr. Bob Bowker, East Lansing, Mich.

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ALL SESSIONS ON THIS DAY ARE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE HYATT REGENCY CINCINNATI

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. "Final Call — Pick From 4 Highly-Intensive Hoof-Care Classrooms."

Attend the Hoof-Care Classroom that will have the biggest impact on your 2015 footcare work.

Hoof-Care Classroom #11

"Non-Standard Race Plates: Can Horses Win In Them?"

— (Regency A, B and C)

As the former head farrier of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, **Brad Porter** has seen it all on the track. While aluminum and steel remain the preferred material on most tracks, innovations in material have opened up new options for farriers shoeing these athletes.

Porter will review some of these new ideas and how they are being used on the tracks in Japan and Hong Kong. He'll also show how he and other shoers who work the tracks worldwide have benefited from taking a fresh look at the racing plates they use.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Learn about new ideas from the race-track that might apply to your horses back home, even if they aren't running on the track.

Hoof-Care Classroom #12

"How And When To Use The Spring/Hinge Shoe."

— (Regency E)

In this lecture, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital resident farrier **Stuart Muir** will show how to make and apply the glue-on hinge/spring shoe. His presentation will rely on recent research that supports the

effectiveness of this shoeing solution.

Muir won't just address the application of the shoe, but also the management of the case and, ultimately, when and how to transition the horse out of the shoe. This is a comprehensive look at a new spin on a forgotten shoe.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

Consider this shoe and application as another option to add to your arsenal of shoeing ideas.

Hoof-Care Classroom #13

"Stem Cell Treatment: A Farrier's Perspective." — (Regency F)

What do farriers need to know about stem cell use in rehabilitating the horse? What is the science fiction vs. science fact?



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Using his experience of working closely with the team at Wichita Equine Sports and Medicine, Sedgwick, Kan., farrier **Jason RoTramel** has worked with horses administered stem cells for treating laminitis and other issues.

RoTramel will also illustrate what the farrier's role is in addressing the footcare needs of the horse after the veterinarian has treated the horse with stem cells.



Jason RoTramel

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: While you learn what stem cells do and what they don't do, gain valuable insight on how an effective footcare team should operate for the benefit of the horse.

Hoof-Care Classroom #14

"Money, Marriage And Motivation — Texas Style."
— (Regency G)

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From Wall Street to Hollywood, we have been fascinated with the idea of how we balance our lives — professionally, personally and spiritually. **Jamie** and **Matt Cooper**, an attorney and farrier, respectively, have gained insight throughout their marriage on how to balance demanding careers. This session will offer suggestions and offer the audience exercises to consider how they might begin to bring balance to their lives.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Get tips on how to achieve your professional goals while not sacrificing your personal life.

9:00 to 9:20 a.m. "Networking Break."

During a break in this morning's activities, share some take-home points you picked up from the hoof-care classroom you just attended.

9:20 to 10:10 a.m. "The Farrier's Role In Countering Laminitis."

— (Regency A, B and C)

Wellington, Fla., farrier **James Gilchrist** says it takes a team approach for treating a horse with laminitis. However, farriers have a unique position to take preemptive measures in combating laminitis. In this presentation, he'll pull from his decades of experience to outline warning signs that you need to be aware of and the strategies to enact.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Learn how you can take proactive measures to address laminitis with clients.

10:10 to 11:00 a.m. "How Standard Traction Devices Placed At Different Positions Affect Deceleration."

— (Regency A, B and C)

Myerscough College farriery instructor **Mark Caldwell** will survey a study in which traction devices were compared between three experimental sets of data. The aim of this British study was to investigate if the placement of traction devices within the caudal third of the shoe made any difference to the horizontal deceleration of the hoof. The results of this study were revealing in how we should think about placement of traction devices.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Take home critical information about how

the placement of traction devices can affect the performance of the horses you work with.

11:00 to 11:50 a.m. The Better Practices, Better Results Lecture, Presented By Kinetic Vet — "Improve The Effectiveness When Using Hospital Plates."

— (Regency A, B and C)

In this lecture, attendees will learn how to make and apply the hospital plate. Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital resident farrier **Stuart Muir** finds using loading forces to your advantage can increase your chances of getting the horse sound sooner.

This presentation will combine case studies from a veterinarian's point of view with the farrier's application techniques.

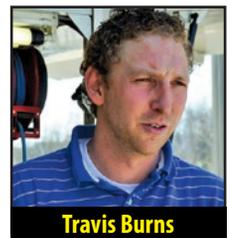
Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Go home with effective tips and techniques for making and applying hospital plates so you can help equine athletes return to performing quicker.

11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "Managing The Challenges Of Today's Thoroughbred Horse."

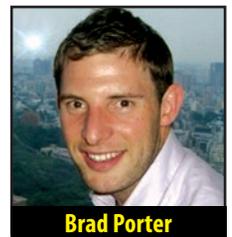
— (Regency A, B and C)

Purchase a box lunch in the hotel hallway and sit down to eat in the general session room during an intensive panel discussion on Thoroughbreds.

Maybe it is a high-end competitor, or perhaps a retired athlete used for trail riding. In some way or another, most farriers have Thoroughbreds on their accounts. Often times these horses share common hoof-care concerns. A panel of farriers will discuss frequent issues they identify in their individual practices.



Travis Burns



Brad Porter



Tim Shannon



The panel includes:

- **Travis Burns**, Virginia-Maryland Regional College Of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, Va. — Managing Common Hoof Problems Of Thoroughbreds Used In A Teaching Herd.
- **Brad Porter**, former head of the Hong Kong Jockey Club — Managing Heel Pain In The Racing Thoroughbred.
- **Tim Shannon**, Moreno Valley, Calif. — Managing The Feet Of The Thoroughbred Used For Eventing.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: This session will contain different approaches — all of which could contribute to how you address the footcare needs of Thoroughbreds that you work with.

1:30 to 2:20 p.m. "Trimming The Foot And Its Effects Upon The Foot Tissues: Do We Know What We Are Doing?"

— (Regency A, B and C)

Often, farriers trim the foot a little differently and many believe that their

method is the best method to use. For better or worse, every time we trim or apply a rasp to the hoof wall, sole or frog we are significantly affecting the internal foot tissues, including the coffin bone.

Retired Michigan State University hoof researcher **Dr. Bob Bowker** will show data from his work that relates how the work performed on the outside of the foot contributes to internal issues.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This: Gain an understanding of how your trim could be affecting internal structures that you haven't realized.

2:20 to 3:10 p.m. "10 Things You Wish You Knew About the Law."

— (Regency A, B and C)

This session will consider the farrier's ethical obligations. **Jamie Cooper**, a Cleveland, Texas, attorney, finds that farriers often serve multiple masters, which often creates conflicting loyalties when performing hoof care. The farrier may be engaged by the barn manager, paid by the owner, consulting

with a veterinarian, on a horse that is unlikely to gain and/or regain any lasting improvement. The farrier must determine which obligation comes first.

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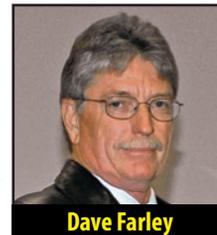
Cooper will illustrate real world scenarios that will challenge attendees to consider the legal ramifications of these relationships.

3:10 to 3:30 p.m.

"Ready ... Set ... Go! — Get Fired Up!"

— (Regency A, B and C)

Coshocton, Ohio, farrier **Dave Farley** will close out the 12th-annual Summit with a rousing talk to motivate you to return home and use what you learned.



The final session of the Summit, this talk will leave you with the lasting impression that it is a blessing to work in the equine footcare industry. 🐾

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