

EDUCATION AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Registration Time

Pick up your name badge in the registration area in The RiverCenter Lobby.

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

American Farrier's Association Certification Exams

- Meeting Room 9

Open to candidates taking written examinations. Jacob Manning, examiner.

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

VIP Heel Pain Workshop

Navicular disease, navicular syndrome, caudal heel pain, palmar foot pain — regardless of the label, the chronic, shifting distal limb lameness is common.

International Equine Veterinarian Hall of Famer **Dr. Renate Weller** leads a highly informative, interactive panel discussion with **Shane Westman** of Woodland, Calif., and International Horseshoeing Hall of Famers **Patrick Reilly** of Rowan University and **Steve Kraus** of Cornell University as they tackle real-world heel pain cases that illustrate the complexities of diagnosis and treatment. Audience participation is encouraged.

Admission is \$199. *Limited space available.*



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 REQUIRED.**

10:15 to 12:15 p.m.

Special Equine Limb Dissection Wet Lab

Understanding anatomy is the foundation of farriery. International Horseshoeing Hall of Famer **Mitch Taylor** of Kentucky Horseshoeing School presents a special, extended limb dissection featuring an interactive discussion of vital structures to improve your understanding of anatomy.

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8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

EasyCare: Special Hands-On Equine Education Sessions I

- Ballroom D

Arrive early for our first special morning product knowledge and hands-on experience. EasyCare will repeat this session.



9:00 to 10:00 a.m., 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Glue-U: Special Hands-On Equine Education Sessions II

- Meeting Room 4/5

Arrive early for a second special morning product knowledge and hands-on experience. Glue-U will repeat this session.



9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mustad: Special Equine Education Session III

- Meeting Room 2/3

Another option for morning education with product-use insight. Mustad will repeat this session.



10:00 to 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Platinum Performance: Special Equine Education Session IV

- Meeting Room 6/7

One more option for morning education with product-use insight. Platinum Performance will repeat this session.



12:45 to 1:00 p.m.

Official Summit Kickoff

- Ballroom B/C

IHCS Director **Jeff Cota** outlines proven steps to help you get the highest possible rate of return from your Summit attendance.

1:00 to 1:50 p.m.

Vet-Farrier Relations: Drawing the Line Between Science & Opinion

- Ballroom B/C

When a veterinarian and farrier disagree on a therapeutic path, how should the differences be resolved? When frustra-





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tions mount, is it appropriate for either side to suggest the removal of the other?

International Horseshoeing Hall of Famer **Patrick Reilly** of Rowan University examines how and why relationships break down, why science must prevail and how respectful collaboration is in the best interests of the horse.

You'll learn: Why scientific evidence and direct communication turns down the heat in vet-farrier relationships.

1:55 to 2:45 p.m.

**Red Renchin Innovation Lecture,
Presented by American Farriers Journal
When Should Performance
Horses Go Barefoot?**

– Ballroom B/C

Barefoot horses have enjoyed success at the last two Olympics, but how often do they remain unshod? **Curtis Burns** of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., details how his LENGTH considerations and Hall of Fame farrier Steve Kraus' WIDTH protocol addresses when a horse should and shouldn't be shod.

You'll learn: How to apply these guidelines to benefit performance horses.



Curtis Burns

2:50 to 3:50 p.m.

15 "How-To" Hoof-Care Product Knowledge Clinics

We're offering a series of informative How-To clinics. You'll select three of these 20-minute sessions to attend.

(Each How-To session will be held 3 times during this time block.)

1. The Evolution of EasyShoes

Dan Schroeder, EasyCare Protective Hoofwear

– Ballroom D

**2. Helping the Digital Cushion
in the Long Toe/Low Heel Horse**

Roy Williams, Glue-U

– Meeting Room 4/5

**3. Equinet, the Business App for Farriers: How Modern
Farriers are Leveling Up Their Professionalism**

Tim Shannon, Mustad

– Meeting Room 2/3

4. Shoeing for Orthopedic Injuries

Dr. Matt Durham, Platinum Performance

– Meeting Room 6/7

5. Identifying Lameness & Overview of Zoetis Solutions

Dr. Holly Helbig, Zoetis

– Ballroom E

3:55 to 4:45 p.m.

How Race Plates Affect the Suspensory Apparatus

– Ballroom B/C

Horseshoes play a significant role in protecting the hooves of racehorses while providing stability, enhanced traction and minimizing weight. But how do they affect the suspensory apparatus?

International Horseshoeing Hall of Famer **Mitch Taylor** of Kentucky Horseshoeing School shares his latest research on the effects of different race plate styles on hoof orientation and how they affect the tension of the ligamentous structures of the suspensory apparatus.

You'll learn: How race plate selection plays a role in both performance and injury prevention.

4:50 to 5:40 p.m.

**Preventative & Therapeutic Effects of the
Split-Shoe Approach on Common Hoof
Capsule Disorders, Presented by Bartek**

– Ballroom B/C

The hoof is a highly flexible and adaptable structure, not rigid. While barefoot, hoof movement undergoes a three-



Bart Halsberghe

dimensional self-reversing deformation. This is the "hoof mechanism" that functions best with a healthy hoof and, in turn, improves hoof health.

Dr. Bart Halsberghe of Belgium-based Global Equine Health Consulting explores the benefits of the split-shoe approach on common hoof problems.

You'll learn: How the application provides the protection of a horseshoe while offering the benefits afforded when barefoot.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

VIP Hands-On Dissection Wet Lab

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Informative and Inspiring Hoof-Care Roundtables

Hearing that there are too many great topics to choose from, we will repeat these Roundtable sessions after the first so that you have a more focused selection to choose from. These small group settings (16 held each Tuesday and Thursday evenings) offer a remarkable learning atmosphere for information sharing.

Select one of the following 8 Hoof-Care Roundtables to attend. Topics and moderators are:

1. Rehabilitation for Hoof & Limb Injuries

Stuart Muir, Lexington, Ky. – Meeting Room 2

2. Managing Long Toe-Underrun Heel Cases

Roy Williams, Ocala, Fla. – Meeting Room 3

3. How to Tell Clients What They Don't Want to Hear

Esco Buff, Clearwater, Fla. – Meeting Room 4

4. Leverage Considerations

Clayton Wilber, Oxford, Fla. – Meeting Room 5

5. Breakover: What is it?

How Moving it Affects the Horse

Dr. Matt Durham, Salinas, Calif. – Meeting Room 6

**6. Surface Materials & How They
Affect Performance Horse Hoof Care**

Steve Kraus, Trumansburg, N.Y. – Meeting Room 7

7. Tackling Hoof Wall Separations

Joshua Speer, Richland, Mo. – Meeting Room 8

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Joshua Sanders, Canonsburg, Pa. – Meeting Room 9

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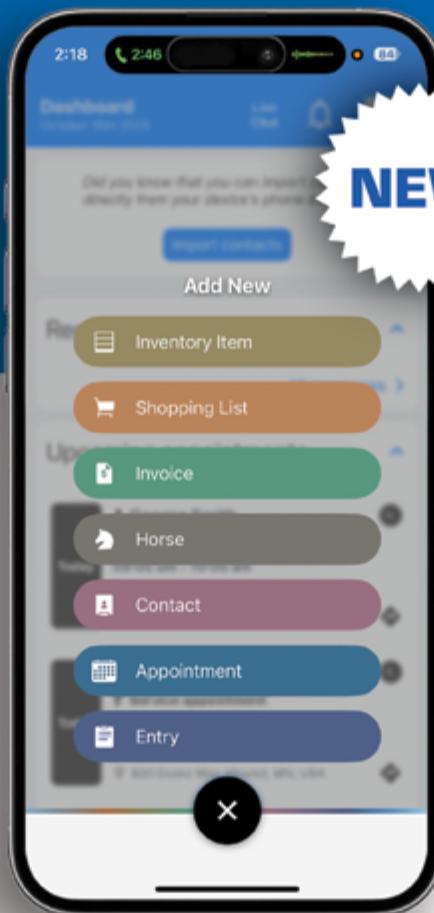
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7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration Time

8:00 to 8:05 a.m.

Get the Most Out of Your Time at the IHCS

– Ballroom B/C

Before this morning's opening general session, learn how to spot the real gems in today's program. **Jeff Cota** outlines proven steps to help you select the specific sessions that will be most valuable in furthering your hoof-care education.

8:05 to 8:55 a.m.

Presented by Triple Crown Feed Forage First: The Forgotten Foundation of Equine Nutrition

– Ballroom B/C

Dr. Clair Thunes of Clarity Equine Nutrition in Gilbert, Ariz., explores why forage, comprising the vast majority of a horse's natural diet, is the true foundation of equine nutrition and a critical driver of hoof quality, metabolic stability and overall health.

You'll Learn: Practical insights into how informed forage selection directly influences hoof integrity and supports successful management of at-risk horses.



Clair Thunes



9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

Farriery Around the World

– Ballroom B/C

Based on **Dr. Simon Curtis'** book *The Farrier*, the Newmarket, England, farrier takes us on a farriery trip around the world to see the stunningly different environments and types of horse in the six continents described.

There are a multitude of breeds engaged in so many disciplines and jobs. Each horse needs a farrier, and they vary as much as the horses. From the wealth of Wellington, Fla., to street farriers among the Temples of Karnak, this is Curtis' celebration of our craft and the craftspeople involved in it.

You'll Learn: How hoof care is similar and different in the four corners of the world.



Simon Curtis

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Summit Trade Show

– Event Center I/II (First Floor)

Get your first glimpse of all of the new and exciting products for 2026 and talk one-on-one with innovative and knowledgeable company experts at the world's largest hoof-care Trade Show. Meet with and discuss ideas with more than 100 Trade Show exhibitors — the best in the business.

1:15 to 2:05 p.m.

5 Powerful Hoof-Care Classrooms

Choose from among 5 Hoof-Care Classrooms for specialized footcare learning that fits your needs. Send others from your group to different concurrent sessions to pick up valuable footcare ideas — then compare the ideas each of you harvested.

Hoof-Care Classroom #1

Presented by Amsterdam Farrier Supply Shoeing the Road Horse: Torque vs. Traction

– Ballroom D

Road horses need traction for their safety and those they transport. But, too much traction causes torque, which leads to fatigue and injury.

Middlebury, Ind., farrier **LaVerne Mast** shares his traction placement protocol for manipulating the horse's gait for performance, efficiency and safety.

You'll Learn: Vital insights into preventing torque to avoid interference.



LaVerne Mast



Hoof-Care Classroom #2

Sound Quarter Crack Repair Techniques

– The Learning Center

Understanding how quarter cracks occur is critical to managing the injury, not to mention keeping the equine athlete going. Reddick, Fla., farrier **Curtis Burns** details the causes and approaches for handling quarter cracks in various disciplines.

You'll Learn: Time-tested repair strategies from one of the most experienced hoof crack experts in the industry.

Hoof-Care Classroom #3

Profit Margin & Why it Matters

– Meeting Room 6/7

What is profit margin and how does a good or poor margin affects a business? It shows how people in less affluent areas can sometimes compete with more prestigious areas if they control their expenses. Paris, Ontario, farrier **Andrew DeVisser** explains these important factors, as well as shows how having a good margin helps farriers control their business, take home more money and set themselves up for earlier retirement.

You'll Learn: How to improve your bottom line and prepare for life after hoof care.



Andrew DeVisser

Hoof-Care Classroom #4

Stressed Out? Fast Tools to Increase Productivity & Joy in Your Work

– Meeting Room 4/5

Running a small business in a service profession such as farriery and veterinary medicine is challenging and stressful. **Dr. Terri Babineau** has studied, taught and written about how to apply what's known about the brain to counteract stress in our day-to-day work. The University of Virginia associate professor of family medicine outlines tools that can be quickly used to counteract stress.

You'll Learn: Techniques and strategies for neutralizing tension and anxiety in your personal and professional life.



Terri Babineau

Hoof-Care Classroom #5

Updates on the Horseracing Integrity & Safety Authority

– Meeting Room 2/3

The Horseracing Integrity & Safety Authority (HISA) was created following a string of animal breakdowns and doping scandals. Five years after its creation, what has HISA done and why?

Hall of Fame farrier **Patrick Reilly**, who sits on HISA's Racetrack Safety Standing Committee, answers these questions, while examining the social license the equine industry faces, as well as how the farrier industry can develop its voice to advocate for itself and the horse.

You'll Learn: Why farriers must be aware of its social license and share its expertise when tackling important hoof-care issues.

2:10 to 2:20 p.m.

Rising Shoeing Star Awards

– Ballroom B/C

This program honors 3 outstanding students earning a living as farriers just 3 years after graduating in 2022 from one of North America's more than 50 public and private horseshoeing schools. The program, sponsored by Pyranha and *American Farriers Journal*, encourages young shoers to develop the talents needed for a successful career.



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2:25 to 3:15 p.m.

**Burney Chapman Memorial Lecture,
Presented by Life Data Labs
Protecting & Managing
Insulin-Resistant Horses**

- Ballroom B/C

Insulin resistance (IR) is the leading cause of laminitis in horses worldwide, yet many treatment approaches fail due to incomplete or outdated strategies.

With insights from over 7,500 managed cases, **Dr. Frank Reilly** explores the underlying causes of IR, effective testing methods and why successful management requires a multifaceted, team-based approach. The Unionville, Pa., veterinarian also addresses the potential of human diabetes medications, the role of Cushing's disease and how to improve outcomes.

You'll Learn: How to identify and manage IR more effectively, avoid counterproductive treatments and build a comprehensive management plan.



Frank Reilly



lines how the laws of physics influence locomotor biomechanics. The University of Calgary researcher explains the mechanics of the horse's leg and how ground reaction forces change with locomotion and surface.

You'll Learn: Insights into how horses' biomechanics and the substrates they work on influence injuries to educate your hoof-care strategies.

4:20 to 7:20 p.m. **Still More Trade Show Time**

- Event Center I/II (First Floor)

This is the 2nd of 3 sessions for the IHCS Trade Show. No other Summit sessions interrupt your Trade Show product knowledge and shopping time with more than 100 top suppliers.

8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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Admission is \$199. Attendance is limited. Summit registration required.



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3:20 to 4:10 p.m.

The Fundamentals of Injury Mechanics

- Ballroom B/C

How do horses get injured? Biomechanics can play a role in their injury risk. International Equine Veterinarian Hall of Famer **Dr. Renate Weller** out-

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 to 7:45 a.m.

Morning Devotional

Your Choices Matter:

Designed for Personal Growth & Faith

- Ballroom B/C

Everyone goes through tough times. Discover strength, hope and direction in life as Weatherford, Texas, farrier **Lee Olsen** leads the Iron Sharpens Iron morning devotional by sharing tools for tough times.



Lee Olsen

understanding what we're looking at and making trimming decisions that set the horse up for long-term soundness.

You'll Learn: Essential trimming strategies that you can incorporate immediately into your daily practice.

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Trade Show Wrap-Up**

- Event Center I/II (First Floor)

Take advantage of the final session of the world's largest Trade Show session at the 2026 IHCS to gain valuable insights on better product use.

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Registration Time**

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

- Ballroom B/C

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

1:45 to 2:35 p.m.

5 More Hoof-Care Classrooms

Select 1 of 5 Classrooms that will have the biggest impact on your hoofcare practice in 2026.

Hoof-Care Classroom #6

**Underrun Heels: A Look
from a Different Angle**

- The Learning Center

What happens to the hoof capsule when it has underrun heels? **Maarten van Hal** examines underrun heels through a fresh, practical lens — exploring how they develop, what they do to the hoof capsule and the long-term consequences for the horse.

The Dutch farrier discusses the structural and functional impact of underrun heels, supported by insights into physics, material choices and effective management strategies. He covers both diagnostic considerations and real-world approaches, giving farriers and equine professionals the tools to better support horses affected by this common yet complex hoof distortion.

You'll Learn: How to identify the warning signs of underrun heels, how they affect the horse and how to address them.

Hoof-Care Classroom #7

**Endocrine Disorders & the Equine Foot:
What Farriers Need to Know**

- Meeting Room 2/3

Katie LoPresti, DVM, of Pageland, S.C., examines the impact of endocrine disorders — specifically Cushing's disease and insulin resistance — on the equine foot.



Maarten van Hal

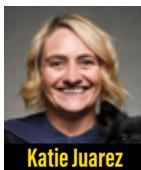
8:05 to 8:55 a.m.

**Working Together, Speaking Together:
Improving Vet-Farrier Collaboration**

- Ballroom B/C

Collaborative veterinarian-farrier relationships are critical for the horse's health and well-being. **Paige Poss**, a Tucson, Ariz., farrier, and **Dr. Katie Juarez**, a Santa Rosa, Calif., veterinarian, discuss strategies to improve collaboration and foster a partnership between vets and hoof-care providers. Gaining insight into the challenges faced by both sides of this relationship may inspire ideas for building a stronger working connection.

You'll Learn: Communication and collaboration skills to provide improved hoof care for the horse.



Katie Juarez

9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

**Henry Heymering Legacy Lecture,
Presented by Kahn Forge
Trimming: Are We Getting It Right?**

- Ballroom B/C

The trim is the foundation of everything we do. Even the best shoe can't overcome a flawed base. Sometimes we're working with what someone else left behind; other times, the issues start with us. Sagamore Beach, Mass., farrier **Nicholas Denson** focuses on assessing and normalizing heel structure,



Nicholas Denson



Katie LoPresti



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Designed with the farrier in mind, the session breaks down these complex conditions into clear, practical terms, highlighting how they affect hoof structure, growth and soundness. Dr. LoPresti explains how to recognize the signs, understand the differences between the two disorders and communicate effectively with clients.

You'll Learn: Tools and strategies you can use to adapt your approach and better support horses dealing with these common metabolic challenges.

Hoof-Care Classroom #8

Presented by Amsterdam Farrier Supply Preventing & Fixing Quarter Cracks



– Ballroom D

Conformation, shoe selection and placement, as well as the application of traction devices and many other factors, can contribute to quarter cracks in road horses. Middlebury, Ind., farrier **LaVerne Mast** discusses the strategies he uses to avoid quarter cracks and how to repair them when they occur.

You'll Learn: Step-by-step insight into proven techniques for effectively repairing quarter cracks in road horses.

Hoof-Care Classroom #9

Your Choices Matter: Unlocking True Potential in Your Business

– Meeting Room 6/7

Owning and operating a small business is only limited by your imagination. **Lee Olsen** runs a multi-farrier practice that provides hoof care for some of the most successful clients in the U.S. In this session, the Weatherford, Texas, farrier explains how to expose opportunities, strengthen systems and increase profitability while elevating your professional impact.

You'll Learn: Practical and effective strategies to improve your business

Hoof-Care Classroom #10

Balance & Thrive

– Meeting Room 4/5

Isolation, client relations, complications of operating a small business and the rigors of hoof care can increase stress and anxiety. This classroom explores practical techniques and strategies to manage stress in a physically demanding and mentally taxing profession.

Our panel of experts, led by **Dr. Terri Babineau**, discuss effective time management for a balanced work-life dynamic, strategies for managing challenging client relationships and expectations, recognizing and addressing burnout and coping techniques.

You'll Learn: Insights to help you maintain well-being and thrive in your career.

3:00 to 3:40 p.m.

2026 International Halls of Fame Inductions

– Ballroom B/C

The *American Farriers Journal* staff inducts the 2026 classes of International Horseshoeing and Equine Veterinarian Halls of Fame with moving video tributes.



3:40 to 4:30 p.m.

Presented by Farrier Education Fund Improving Hoof Angles During Exercise

– Ballroom B/C

Hall of Fame farrier **Simon Curtis** and **Gavin Moody**, both of England, share a groundbreaking study tracking hoof angle changes in 36 Thoroughbred racehorses during 90 days of training. The research suggests how hoof morphology can be restored and help prevent early retirement and lameness associated with hoof shape.

You'll Learn: Exciting insights into improving horses' hoof health and long-term performance.



4:40 to 5:30 p.m.

Influencing Biomechanics Through Podiatry

– Ballroom B/C

How can hoof-care professionals affect locomotor biomechanics through podiatry?

Hall of Fame veterinarian **Dr. Renate Weller** of the University of Calgary shows how what we do to the foot influences how forces act on the different anatomical structures and how to use podiatry to minimize the risk of injury and help healing during recovery.

You'll Learn: How your hoof-care choices affect biomechanics and pro

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

16 More Powerful Hoof-Care Roundtables

This is your opportunity to exchange the latest ideas and proven footcare strategies with fellow farriers. Swap ideas with attendees on the topic that boosts your hoof-care work and income in 2026.

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 include:

17. Managing Their Feet & Clients: Road Horses

LaVerne Mast, Middlebury, Ind. – Meeting Room 2

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Steve Stanley, Versailles, Ky. – Meeting Room 6

22. Strategies for Better Business Management

Tim Shannon, Moreno Valley, Calif. – Meeting Room 7

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Show Hunters, Jumpers & Dressage

Stuart Muir, Lexington, Ky. – Meeting Room 8

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Final Review of the Daily Agenda

– Ballroom B/C

8:45 to 9:35 a.m.

Your Choices Matter: Shoeing Today with Tomorrow in Mind

– Ballroom B/C

Results matter. The better the results, the more your services are valued.

Lee Olsen has built his reputation by providing sound hoof care for equine athletes. In this session, the Weatherford, Texas, farrier shares proven strategies to improve equine performance and elevate your professional value.

You'll Learn: How to identify and implement practical techniques to boost your clients' performance and your future.

9:40 to 10:30 a.m.

A New Angle on the Hoof

– Ballroom B/C

Hoof angles have been important in the assessment of horses since Simon of Athens over 2,000 years ago. However, we remain troubled by their relationships, and few of our horses have perfectly matched feet. Is there an overriding angle that we should use in our trimming and shoeing? Possibly even a combination of angles?

Dr. Simon Curtis answers these questions, as well as others related to hoof angles. The Newmarket, England, farrier provides clear distinctions between "upright foot" and "club foot" and explores the causes of different hoof angles — both beneficial and detrimental. The presentation features interactive questions and answers using innovative software.

You'll Learn: The results from the Newmarket, England, farrier's research in which he enlists farriers in Northern Europe to measure hoof angles in different breeds.

10:40 to 11:30 a.m.

Last Call for Classrooms

This is the final block of 5 classrooms, which run simultaneously. Attend the Classroom that will have the biggest impact on your 2026 footcare work.

Hoof-Care Classroom #11

Improving Your Forging Skills, Craftsmanship & Competitive Edge

– Meeting Room 6/7

Bismarck, N.D., farrier **Allan Voeller** discusses the benefits of improving your forging skills, craftsmanship and competitive edge while working on the International Association of Professional Farriers' Roy Bloom forging credential.

Voeller focuses heavily on knowledge from research and case studies, as well as the critical importance of applying such knowledge to achieve successful outcomes.

You'll Learn: How forging skills improve the hooves of your clients' horses.

Hoof-Care Classroom #12

Traction: Necessity or Necessary Evil?

– Ballroom D

Many horses benefit from added traction — it gives them confidence, stability and the ability to perform at their best. But too much of a good thing can come at a cost.

In this session, Sagamore Beach, Mass., farrier **Nicholas Denson** takes a closer look at how to provide just the right amount of traction to meet each horse's needs, while minimizing the risk of soft tissue injury and long-term wear. It's about smart decisions, not just sharp studs.

You'll Learn: How traction can be used safely and effectively.



Allan Voeller

Hoof-Care Classroom #13

HOCI: Rejuvenation of a Historic Product

– Meeting Room 4/5

Disinfecting wounds is critical for preventing infections and skin conditions in your equine clients. A forgotten remedy — HOCI — has recently resurfaced, offering a practical and cost-effective option

International Equine Veterinarian Hall of Fame member **Dr. Melvin "Tookie" Myers** discusses the discovery, early use and modern applications of HOCI and how it can benefit the horses in your hoof-care practice.

You'll Learn: About a practical, cost-effective tool to assist your clients manage wounds.



Tookie Myers

Hoof-Care Classroom #14

Balanced Dressage Horseshoeing

– The Learning Center

Maarten van Hal explores the art and science of achieving optimal hoof balance in the dressage horse — both at rest and in motion. With a focus on enhancing performance while preserving long-term soundness, he shares key considerations that guide trimming, shoe selection and material use.

The Dutch farrier shares insights into the unique biomechanical demands of dressage and how thoughtful farriery can support suppleness, engagement and symmetry. From foundational balance to fine-tuned performance adjustments, this session offers practical strategies for helping dressage horses excel at the highest levels — as healthfully as possible.

You'll Learn: Key strategies to help keep your dressage horse clients in the show ring.

Hoof-Care Classroom #15

It's a Wrap: The Benefits of Hoof Casting

– Meeting Room 2/3

From crucial injury support to advanced therapeutic applications, **Gavin Moody**, instructor of the Turkish Jockey Club Farriery School, delves into the many ways modern hoof casting techniques are improving equine recovery and long-term soundness.

You'll Learn: Practical applications and understand why casting is becoming an indispensable tool in comprehensive hoof care.

11:35 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

Exploring Laminitis: Comparing Structural & Anatomical Changes in Mild to Severe Cases

– Ballroom B/C

Tucson, Ariz., farrier **Paige Poss** presents remarkable anatomy images designed to enhance your comprehension of the structures that may be damaged in a laminitic hoof. Understanding these damages is crucial, as they can significantly impact both the horse's health and your professional practice.

You'll Learn: Valuable insights into the hidden consequences of this dreaded disease.

12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Summit Closing Inspirational Lecture

– Ballroom B/C

Nicholas Denson of Sagamore Beach, Mass., closes the 23rd annual International Hoof-Care Summit with a motivational talk that fires you up to head home and use the valuable knowledge you've gained.



Nicholas Denson

1 p.m. Adjourn & Safe Travels Home!