

FPD CLINICIANS

Dave Farley, CF APF-I

Dave Farley, CF APF of Coshocton, Ohio has been shoeing horses for over 40 years. He has shod for a broad range of disciplines, including Western horses, Reining, Dressage, Hunters and Jumpers. His business today is focused on Hunters and Jumpers on the "A" circuit.

Throughout his shoeing career he has participated in educational functions. For a number of years he has been doing shoeing clinics in the US and Canada, many sponsored by FPD but also as a guest speaker and clinician at events like the AFA Convention and the International Hoof Care Summit. In 2000 he received the Clinician of the Year Award from the AFA, in recognition of his contributions to the industry. In 2008 he was inducted into the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame.

Dave is known for his willingness to share his knowledge and experience with farriers throughout the industry. His dedication is obvious to those who have heard him speak in the past. Dave is a founding member and Immediate Past President of the American Association of Professional Farriers. This is a national farriers association focused on continuing education for the trade.

He also partnered with Roy Bloom to form a video company called Hot Iron Productions. The goal of the company is to produce top quality video footage to help explain shoeing and forging concepts, including their latest issues, 12 Points of Reference – Balancing the Equine Hoof and Shoeing the Jumper.



Roy Bloom, CJF APF-I

Roy Bloom CJF APF has been shoeing horses since 1973. He has been a member of the American Farrier's Team on two different occasions and for many years served as the manager of the team.

Roy has always been willing to share the extensive knowledge he's gained over the years with members of the farrier industry. In addition to his farrier background, he developed a strong interest in blacksmithing and tool making and for many years has been manufacturing a broad range of farrier and blacksmith tools. He also has a fully equipped shop and the ability to do a wide variety of ornamental and artistic work.

Roy's work as a clinician has earned him the Educator of the Year Award from the AFA and a position in the Horseshoer's Hall of Fame.



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Bobby Menker, CJF APF

Bobby Menker is an AAPF/CAPF Accredited Professional Farrier (APF) and an AFA Certified Journeyman Farrier (CJF) with over thirty years of experience shoeing Western and English Performance horses. His clients include multiple AQHA World Show and Congress champions, NRHA futurity and derby winners, as well as successful Grand Prix competitors. His specialties include supportive shoeing for the high-level athlete. A past AFA Examiner and frequent clinician, Bobby has been consistently involved in efforts to bring more educational opportunities to farriers.



Michael Wildenstein, CJF FWCF (Hons)

Retired Adjunct Associate Professor of Farrier Medicine and Surgery in the Department of Clinical Sciences Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

Michael Wildenstein is certified as a Journeyman Farrier by the American Farriers Association and is a Fellow with honors of Britain's Worshipful Company of Farriers, and inducted into the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame in 2006.

He learned to shoe from his grandfather while still in high school, a time during which he also engaged in horse logging. In college he studied forestry, biology and education. After a stint at teaching he decided to turn his hobby of shoeing horses into an occupation. He furthered his knowledge by attending Rocky Irons Farrier School in Turo, Nova Scotia, and the Farrier School at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Mike then worked as a farrier for six years before moving to Denmark, where he took more horseshoeing courses and started a shoeing business.



From 1991-2010 Mike was the resident farrier at Cornell, earning a position of adjunct associate professor; teaching farrier students, veterinary students and agriculture students, as well as working on lame horses referred to the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine.

Mike joined the FPD team of clinicians to help further the company goal of contributing to the industry with a multitude of educational programs.

He specializes in the shoeing of lameness cases and heavy horses, and often lectures on these subjects throughout the United States and Europe. His methods are described in his videotape "Fundamentals of Draft Horse Shoeing," and the book "Draft Horses: an Owners Manual," co-authored with Beth Valentine, DVM, PhD.



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Bob Pethick, CJF APF

Bob Pethick began shoeing horses in 1971, apprenticing for three years with several farriers and attending forging seminars at Bruce Daniel's South Jersey School of Horseshoeing. Today, in his busy career, he fills many roles as an active farrier and clinician, teacher, international judge and in promoting and supporting excellence in the industry. He has served on the AFA Therapeutic Exam Board and has been active with the AFA Certification Committee. Bob is also a past and current president of the Garden State Horseshoers Association Northern Chapter, has served on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Association of Professional Farriers and was inducted into the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame in 2006.



As owner of Bedminster Forge in New Jersey, Bob's clientele includes show Hunters, Jumpers, Dressage and event horses. Bob also does therapeutic work at B.W. Furlong and Associates and Running 'S' Equine Veterinary Services.

Bob's professional certifications include AFA Certified (1983), Journeyman Certified (1986), AFA Examiner (1988), and member of Horseshoer's Union Local 16. He is licensed in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania to plate Thoroughbreds and has shod many world champions and Olympic horses in all disciplines.

In 1979, Bob began competing at state events and worked his way up through the divisions. After competing at the 1985 AFA Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina, Bob was selected to become a member of the North American Horseshoeing Team and is a two-time member of that Team. He is a five-time member of the American Farriers Team and has represented the US in International competition. Bob now judges competitions at the International level. He is a five time judge of the AFA National Competition, two time judge of the World Championship Blacksmith Competition in Calgary, and has also judged the Mustad National Competition in Scotland and the International Team Farrier Competition in England.

A Clinician since 1986, Bob gives many clinics on balance and recognizing and treating hoof capsule distortion. He utilizes OnTrack software, using gait analysis to add dynamic balance to his presentations. Bob has been the recipient of the Jim Linzy Outstanding Clinician Award by the American Farriers Association. Bob has taught the AAEP/AFA Short Course at Tufts and Cornell as well as other vet schools and has been a speaker at the AAEP and AFA conventions as well as the International Hoof-Care Summit.

Conrad Trow, CJF

A native of Durban, South Africa, Conrad attended Kentucky Horseshoeing School in 1996 and returned home to Durban to start his farrier practice. After some years at home, Conrad returned to the KHS in 1999 to apprentice under Mitch Taylor. Conrad has since established himself among the best of the best in horseshoeing in the United States. Along with his successful private farrier business, Conrad has been a member of the American Farriers Association National Horseshoeing Team, where he has won gold both nationally and internationally in horseshoeing competitions. Conrad was also a member of the 2007 American Farriers Association 4-man World Draft Horse Team which won at the Calgary Stampede in Canada. In addition, he was part of the 2-Man Draft Horse Championship team which won at the AFA Convention in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. He also holds a diploma with The Worshipful Company of Farriers.



Travis Burns, CJF TE EE FWCF

Travis Burns is an Assistant Professor of Practice in the department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. Travis is a Certified Journeyman Farrier (CJF) with Therapeutic (TE) and Educator Endorsements (EE) from the American Farrier's Association. He is also one of six Americans to become a Fellow in the Worshipful Company of Farriers (by examination) from the United Kingdom (FWCF). He currently serves as the Chief of Farrier Services in the Equine Podiatry Service of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.



He attended farrier school at the North Carolina School of Horseshoeing and received a bachelor's degree in animal science from North Carolina State University. Burns worked at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine before entering into a one-year internship program at Forging Ahead, an elite multi-farrier practice in Northern Virginia. Upon completion of the internship program, he was retained at Forging Ahead as an associate farrier until joining the college in 2010.

Since becoming a faculty member at the VMCVM he has given more than 130 presentations to professional and lay groups nationally and internationally. His clinical and research interests include laminar morphology and hoof crack repair materials.



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Mike Chance, CJF

Mike is living in Tioga, TX and has been shoeing full time since 1985. He has always been active in participating and promoting educational opportunities. He has served as President of the Oklahoma Farriers Association as well as serving on the Board of the AFA. He continues to work with the AFA certification program to help farriers working to improve their skills.

While Mike's work is now divided between Cutting, Western Pleasure and halter horses, over the years he has worked in many other disciplines, as well. His presentation focuses on a common sense approach to everyday work and maintaining soundness in performance horses.



Doug Workman, CJF APF

Doug started shoeing horses full time in 1989. He completed his AFA certified level in 1992 and the Certified Journeyman certification in 1994. He has been a member of the Georgia Professional Farriers Association since 1992 and has served as President. He became an approved tester for the AFA certification in 1998. Doug is currently a board member for the newly formed American Association of Professional Farriers. Doug's practice is concentrated on shoeing Hunter/Jumpers and Dressage horses. His passion is helping others achieve their goals in the farrier trade as his many mentors have helped him to do. He has been working as a clinician with FPD for the past few years and has received positive response to his common sense approach to shoeing.



Steve Stanley

Steve Stanley started working with his father Dave Stanley in 1974, shoeing Standardbred racehorses in New Hampshire. He came to KY in 1975 with his Dad. Steve shod horses at the Horse Park with his Dad while he was an instructor at the vocational school there. He started shoeing on his own in 1979 when he opened a shop at the Red Mile after graduating high school. Steve has shod 26 Divisional Horse of the Year winners (3 all age HOY), 31 millionaire racehorses, and 20 World Champions (some of those multiple WR holders). He continues to operate a shop at the Red Mile as well as working on a number of Thoroughbred farms in the Lexington, KY area.

Steve has spoken at the International Hoof-Care Summit three times and been awarded outstanding speaker of the conference two times. He also writes a horseshoeing column for Hoofbeats Magazine. He has been a member of the AFA and Bluegrass Associations and currently is living in Versailles, KY.



Henry Vera, CJF

Henry Vera graduated from Hill Country Horse Shoeing School in 1999, during which time he also attended the University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas, to achieve a Bachelors degree in criminal justice. Upon graduating horseshoeing school, he apprenticed under Ken Huckabee and later met Frank Cadena, both of whom encouraged him to increase his forging skills and join the Texas Professional Farrier's Association. He has been an active member since that time and later joined the American Farrier's Association and World Champion Blacksmith's Association. Henry has been serving the TPFA as the Program Director/Clinic Coordinator for the last seven years. In that time, he has been the recipient of the Edward Martin Award for "Leadership in the Industry", the Butch Maddox "Wind Beneath our Wings" award, and the Alan Larsen "Relentless", all of which were earned for the humble pursuit of professionalism and promoting the acquisition of knowledge and skill for himself and other farriers.



Henry says he feels blessed to live and work in the Texas Hill Country for almost 20 years. He has a mixed discipline practice with some Dressage horses, some Western Performance horses, a few Draft horses, and Endurance horses. Henry never used his degree in criminal justice and has been shoeing horses full time for almost 20 years. He is thankful for the opportunity to have worked alongside so many talented horseshoeing professionals. Henry is fluent in English and Spanish.

Jake Engler, CJF

Jake grew up shoeing horses in the Houston, Texas area with his father Jeff Engler. He has managed a full-time horseshoeing business since 1989, consisting of eventers, hunters, jumpers and dressage horses. In 2001, Jake earned his CJF from the American Farrier's Association and made the American Farriers Team in 2008, 2009 and again in 2014. At the Calgary Stampede in 2008 he earned Rookie of the Year and was a top ten finalist in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In 2010 he won Reserve World Champion at the Calgary Stampede and in 2011 and 2014 he was overall high point at the American Farrier's Association Convention. Jake and his team Cat 6 have proudly won the World Horseshoeing Classic in both 2014 and 2015. Currently Jake is participating in competitions in addition to judging and conducting clinics across the U.S. and internationally.



Hank Chisholm, CJF

A graduate of Oklahoma Horseshoeing School in 1986, Hank completed the basic certification in the early 90's and journeyman certification in 1997. Following a five year apprenticeship, Hank built his farrier business focusing predominantly on western horses; barrel horses, rope horses, reining horses, hunters and show jumpers.

He has been an active member of the Southern Farrier's Association since 1992 and served as President for six years. He also served as a Region 4 Director for the American Farriers Association (AFA).

At the 2015 American Farriers Association Convention, Hank was awarded the Edward Martin Humanitarian Award for his active effort to promote goodwill in the farrier profession. Through his drive to promote education through certification, Hank became a Certified Tester and a Certified Instructor for the AFA. In 2018, he was honored with the Walt Taylor Award for his unlimited service and unselfish devotion to the farrier industry.

Throughout his career, Hank has attended many clinics and seminars where he has increased his knowledge of the equine anatomy, learned the fundamentals of the farrier business, and witnessed the importance of certification.

Hank lives in south Mississippi where he has operated a full time farrier business for 32 years. He is dedicated to constantly improving his skills and knowledge in an effort to help the horse as well as other farriers.

