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Upcoming Events

- March 26 & 27th Jackson Farrier Supply Free Clinic. Featuring Scott Lampert & Mitch Taylor. RSVP appreciated. See page 10.
- April 9-11 Hoosier Horse Fair clinic and contest. Mitch Taylor, judge and clinician. Contact: Brad Langhofer: (574) 220-6410 or online at: <u>rvtprof@hotmail.com</u>

April 16 & 17th Stockoff's Annual Clinic. See page 22 for details.

- May 3rd BOD meeting 4:00pm , Mike Breen's shop.
- May 14th Newsletter submissions deadline. Contact Julie Young crossfireforge@hotmail.com
- September 18th IFA Fall Picnic. Contact Contact Julie Young crossfireforge@hotmail.com



March 3rd,



Indiana Farriers' Association

Membership Form

Please complete and mail this form along with your payment. If you would like a short Bio included on the IFA website, please include it with this form.

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Choose One:

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We Can Use Your Help!

Can we contact you about helping out? (Don't forget this is a non-profit organization relying solely on volunteers) \square No, Not at this time.

□ Yes, I'm interested in helping

Date Rev: 5-9-2009 Rev: A To revise Document please contact IFA Secretary to receive Rev.

We will try printing a membership form in each newsletter so they will be readily available to members. Handing these forms out explaining why we enjoy the fellowship of the IFA is a step into the future of the IFA. As with anything, we may only capture 10,5.2, % of the folks this form is handed out to, but even 1% is a positive change. Capturing new members has many positives for the IFA, and the farrier industry as a whole. First, and foremost, it unites the fine folks of the farrier industry toward a common goal. Second, it gets more folks talking about the IFA which creates the best advertisement known to the Farrier industry (word of mouth). This word of mouth not only promotes the IFA to farrier's, but also to horse owners (clients and potential clients). The third, and most likely not the final positive, is the more members, the greater potential for educational opportunities. So in short, please do not toss these membership forms out with the bath water. Instead, hand them to another farrier or yet and promote your organization. Thank Havilah Elia for supplying the membership form and all the work she does on membership next time you see her.

Dear Members, 2010

Its 9:00 Wednesday morning - the sun is shining, I'm drinking my first cup of coffee, the truck is broke down, and I have rescheduled my clients to a different day, for the third day in a row. No one ever said that life is easy or even fair. However, there is an upside to this; it is the beginning of March not July. As it turns out, this must be a lesson in patience. Never pray for patience.

Spring is just around the corner, a few robins have been sited and soon the sounds of birds will fill the air. Grass will grow, ponies will founder, and a new show season begins. We will soon be back into full swing so remember to help your body out. Stretch in the morning and at night. If you have the time, walk 4 or 5 days a week. And the best advice I ever received: learn how to pick your tools up and walk away from horses that will not behave. All those yanks and jerks have a way of reappearing years on down the road.

I have been asked many times how the presidency is going thus far. My reply is "great." When you have dedicated volunteers heading up every committee, office and director position it makes leading so much easier. On that note: congratulations to Cody Bogard. Cody was appointed as secretary at the last meeting. He will be filling the position for the rest of the year. Thank you everyone for the time and work you put into the association.

The Farrier Short Course at Purdue was a great success as was the IAEP meeting. Both proved to be opportunities to expand our knowledge and build relationships with veterinarians. Don't forget to stop by the IFA booth and the Hoosier Classic forging contest at the Hoosier Horse Fair next month. The dinner and auction will be Saturday night; come support your association. Hope to see you there.

Be safe, and God Bless

Tim Tritch. IFA President

Editor's Note

The IFA should know the unseen force behind this newsletter. I've acknowledged my brother in-law, George Iverson, in just one publication of "Quarter Clips". He deserves much more than that. Our membership should be informed that George recently lost his mother. He struggled with his workload during her illness and visited his parents often. During this difficult time I was sending George material for "Quarter Clips". He worked on the newsletter while assembling over two-hundred photographs on DVD for his mother's service. He does these kinds of things quietly and with absolutely no expectation of recognition.

Shortly after his mother's funeral we began putting the March/ April newsletter together. I want everyone to know George does this with a smile and has this undying faith that somehow he can teach me the process. He's incredibly optimistic that way. We've worked many hours together; George's fingers deftly flying across the keyboard of his laptop (which I've wanted to fling in the pond on more than one occasion) and me literally breathing down his back barking orders. During newsletter duress I develop an odd looking bruise beneath my lower lip. Its a product of my frayed nerves as I anxiously shove my knuckle against this area repeatedly. George listens to Leonard Cohen, commenting on lyrics and compositional mysteries only his ears can perceive. And he's smiling.

George has worked on "Quarter Clips" several weekends, late nights and holidays. He's looked at numerous "final cuts" punctuated with forty-two neon pink slashes and told me, "Now that's good editing"; re-doing every change I've highlighted and again putting it all back on flash drive. And still he smiles.

I know the Indiana Farriers' Association appreciates your efforts, George. I also know we wish to express our condolences to you and your family. Irene raised a fine human being who I am proud to call my brother in-law.

Sincerely, Julie

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FREE for anyone to come and learn. We have the following program: Two forge stations running all day by two team members - bring your questions and get answers. One horse will be shod each day. Troy Price, Danny Ward, and the team's manager, Jim Foy, will also be here for hands on help focusing on practical needs of the working farrier.

For a \$50 donation to the American Farriers Association we are offering a unique opportunity... You can bring your own rig and have one on one personal help with our Clinicians. From shoe boards to trailers get the help you need to excel in your business.

Spots are limited. Return your reply card with a check made payable to the American Farriers Association by April 12th.

Specials for the Clinic: •Register by March 31st to be in a drawing for 2 free nights at the Best Western. •A 10% cash discount and 5% Credit Card discount will be extented for purchases on in stock items both days. •We will provide breakfast and lunch •Saturday, we will be giving away prizes to those registered for the raffle by 9am.

Minutes of the Indiana Farriers' Association March 1st BOD Meeting (Draft)

Called to Order By: Tim Tritch @ 4:53 PM.

Attendees: Tim Tritch, Chip Hunt, Mike Breen, Cody Bogard,

Ryan Clarke, Mike Whisler, Sharon Wirey, Hank Highfield,

Jared Jackson, Bill Bailey, Bradley Langhofer, Havilah Elia, David Bruce, Steven Comer, Jordon Conely

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: Everything is going well; I appreciate all the hard work that everyone is doing. Thanks. **Vice-President:** Nothing new to report.

Secretary:

Treasure: Mike reported that the association has \$6888.11 in checking.

The Injured Farriers Fund has \$8595.04. The Tim Byrne memorial fund is still at \$3300.00.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Archives: No Report

Achievement: We had good banquet participation, and strong voting response for our different awards. **Banquet:** No Report

By-laws: Nothing new to report.

Certification: There was discussion on checking into a response for a Pre-Certification clinic and an all area exam this fall. Ryan Clarke says that the AFA has a way to do this. We also talked about offering the written exam at the Hoosier Horse Fair in 2011.

- **Contest:** Brad will be setting up at the HHF on Thursday night around 5:00 and could use help. He will also need help with the booth on Friday. We will also need help with the meal on Saturday night. Ryan Clarke offered to supply and roast a hog at the fair for our Saturday night dinner.
- **Fall Clinic:** Bill is checking into several different clinics for this fall. It was decided that we would charge for the clinic.

Hammer-Ins: Lance Kendrick is checking into a barn that we can use for

the spring hammer-in.

Injured Farrier's Fund: There have been no hits to the injured farriers' fund.

Newsletter: Nothing new to report.

Picnic: There will be no BOD meeting at the picnic this

year. George Elia has offered to grill burgers & brats for us.
Web Site: Everything is up to date and running well.
PSCAAEP: Jim Keith has accepted the liaison position.
IHC/HHF: Nothing new to report.

Membership: We now have 76 members.

Sponsorship: Sharon has received \$1050.00 plus the belt buckles for the Hoosier Classic. She was also able to get \$780.00 in advertisements for the directory. Brad Langhofer offered his assistance to Sharon for next year.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Brad Langhofer made the motion to send out membership forms to schools and offer 1 year free membership to the students. If they would want to participate in the injured farriers fund they would pay \$10.00. Special forms will be made up.

Brad Langhofer nominated Cody Bogard for the secretary position. Havilah Elia seconded. The board voted and passed that Cody would fill out the secretary term.

- **Announcements:** Bill Bailey said that he and whoever else can make it will meet at Perkins in Noblesville for breakfast the 3rd Friday of every month @ 9:00.
- Motion to Adjourn: Sharon Wirey moved that we adjourn the meeting. Havilah seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Farrier Short Course

The farrier short course at Purdue was well attended this year. There were 13 farriers. 26 students and two speakers. The speaker from the AAEP was Dr. Scott Pleasant; a veterinarian from Virginia Tech. The speaker from the AFA was Brian Buckner from Colorado. The students and farriers were very attentive and good questions were asked by the students. For the students it was a time for learning and new ideas. Lunch gave us time for interactions between the two groups, which led us into the hands-on sessions in the afternoon. We had 19 dead limbs and 26 students. Every student needed to have pulled a shoe, shaped a shoe and learned the basics of trimming a foot. Some students pulled shoes already attached to the hoof while others pulled shoes which they nailed onto the foot themselves.

This was a great time of interchange and learning for the students. At the end of the day every farrier had probably helped at least two students through their work on the feet; assisting and demonstrating how to shape shoes, use tools and determine which tools to use. The AAEP course came with ten sets of tools but farriers supplied some of their own as well as aprons which sped up the student's working time. There were some cut hands and scraped knuckles, but also a lot of smiles and new understanding with a great deal of respect for farriers and what they do. Over the years I have found helping the students very rewarding. I hope all the farriers did, too. I would like to thank all the farriers who helped. This course could not have been done without all of you.

PSCAAEP Student Chapter Liaison, Jim Keith





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Summit Report

The 2010 International Hoof Care Summit was a time of learning, socialization and cultural exchange. During the summit I recognized fourteen IFA members, and as tradition dictates, ate supper with them at Nada restaurant. I also met countless others from various locations around the world. Despite the regional gap, we were all able to connect through the similarly shared difficulties dealing with climate issues, problem horses and customer relations. While the summit allowed farriers from around the globe to meet and chat about comparable struggles, it maintained the focus on farrier education. The roundtable discussions I attended were all very interesting and informative. The presenters did a good job of keeping the flow going smoothly and preventing anyone from dominating the discussion. The insulin resistance lecture was a popular presentation that dealt with dietary, veterinary and farrier care of the horse. The highlight of the summit was "Legal Issues Every Farrier Must Prepare for - Or How Not to Get Sued." Jamie Cooper, a lawyer from Texas, enlightened us with our responsibilities to clients and horses, as well as the legal issues involved with our profession. Cooper addressed the legal concerns of how to protect your assets if sued and the need to patent your business logo. With laws varying from state to state, the IFA might consider a future clinic with an equine lawyer. The trade show had many suppliers, such as Mustad and Simmons, giving out samples of shoes, nails and rasps. Several new businesses were present introducing their products; specifically the types of horseshoes their company has to offer.

Submitted by Bill Bailey

Farriers Breakfast

9am on April 16 and May 21 Perkins Restaurant in Noblesville Call Bill Bailey at (765) 606-6052 for information.



What a nice foal crop we're having this year!

At the risk of offending these families I just had to say it. Its the first thought that came to my mind at September's picnic when I realized we'd have three new little editions to the IFA in 2010.

Congratulations to Hank and Amy for the birth of their son, Walker Chadwick Highfield, born February5, 2010. Walker and Amy are doing well and Hank informs me "a baby puts a whole new perspective on life."

I think every parent out there agrees with you, Hank. Just wait. It gets better.

Our most recent arrival was born March 4, 2010. Congratulations to Brad and Becky for the birth of their son, Silas John Langhofer. He was born after I made the request that he should hurry up and get here in time to be announced in the March/April newsletter. I predict this baby will be very cooperative. By the way, Brad could really use our help at the HHF. His plate will be overflowing by then.

Still to come is Havilah and George's baby, due March 27. Would not advise you have her at the Jackson Farrier Supply clinic, Havilah. Maybe you should sit this one out; although Scott and Mitch would make interesting midwives. I'm sure we'd all learn something. :)

Anyone interested in investigating group medical insurance contact Mike Breen (317) 408-6557

"Quarter Clips" will be offering a free classified section in upcoming newsletters for **MEMBERS ONLY.** Ads will be limited to **FARRIER-RELATED ITEMS** for sale; i.e. equipment, rigs, & tools.

(No horses, tack or other extraneous items please). Contact Julie prior to May 14th for May/June publication.





Brad Langhofer is in need of four saddle and two draft horses for The HHF contest.

If you can assist with HHF setup or teardown, the banquet, manning the booth or **have any auction items to donate** Please contact him (574) 220-6410







Those IFA members wishing to camp picnic weekend (Sept.18) may still be able to reserve sites at Brown Co. State Park by contacting IDNR : By Phone: 1-866-622-6746, or Online: <u>www.camp.in.gov</u>

Most IFA campers will be on the north end of Horseman's Campground, in electrical. If you have questions or need more information feel free to contact me. Julie Young, IFA Picnic Chairman <u>crossfireforge@hotmail.com</u> Cell: (317) 502-6348

BOD Meetings: 5/3, 7/6, 9/7, 11/1. **4:00pm (please note new time)** Mike Breen's shop.

HHF-April 9th-11th.

IAEP Meeting

The Indiana Association of Equine Practitioners invited the IFA to their meeting which featured Dr. Tracey Turner as speaker. Held March 3rd at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, this meeting was well attended by farriers (23), veterinarians and vet students. Jackson Farrier Supply set up a booth with shoeing products along with several other distributors of horse care products.

Dr. Turner's power-point presentations were in depth and fast moving. His manner, delivery and frequent injections of humor kept everyone attentive and in good humor. Aimed mostly toward veterinarians but interesting to farriers, his diagnostic tests for hoof pain involved using equipment available at local vet clinics. Dr. Turner discussed the use of radiographs, blocks, flexion tests, ultrasound,scintigraphy and thermography as tools for isolating pain in the equine digit.

Stressing the importance of vets being knowledgeable about farriery, Dr. Turner encourages the education of owners and trainers on proper hoof care; insisting successful athletic performance in any discipline requires proper trimming and shoeing. If the hoof capsule is to be used in the treatment of lameness, proper balance must be attained. Using several techniques for evaluating hoof balance, Dr. Turner stressed that these methods should not be taken as the "only way" - they should be used as guides for balancing the foot; an art that is built on observation.

Dr. Turner focused on six common hoof abnormalities and defined them. His treatment strategies revolve around the belief there is no "magic bullet"; the approach to shoeing should be based on individual cases. A study determined shoeing corrections made within the first ten months of lameness have a 96% success rate; shoeing changes made one year after lameness onset drop to 56% success rate. \sim *Continued next page*

This lecture was extremely informative and difficult to condense into a report. I would be happy to email anyone interested in receiving Dr. Turner's transcripts. Material worth reading, his work includes a fascinating study done at the racetrack using thermography, a formula for determining foot/body weight ratio and a flow chart for palmer foot pain diagnosis.

The IFA extends our appreciation to the IAEP for including us in this educational opportunity.

Julie Young: crossfireforge@hotmail.com



Discussion: Cause and Effect

A close look at the equine hoof inside and out:

-How the hoof is affected by trimming and appli-

-How they affect the limb and the equine as a whole.

<u>Creative</u> forging No entry fee

Pot luck steel pieces—pick a number for the steel --- it is free but the items made will be sold at the auction - item is to be done at noon on Saturday and then they will be on display for the crowd to vote on.

All units must be free standing with tie downs for propane.

If you have a fire extinguisher bring it

Bring your own practice bar stock none provided

RSVP for enough bar stock and also for a name badge to get in

Contact: Brad Langhofer 574-220-6410 or b blang@hotmail.com

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Take I-70 to Keystone Avenue, North to 38th Street, turn left on Fall Creek Parkway, turn right to entrance (on left).

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Hampton Inn (East) I-70 & Shadeland (317) 359-9900

1:00- 2:00Forging class 2heel mod classNovice:1 pr lateral ext hinds qurt clip keg shoe size

Intermediate: 1 pr lateral ext- fuller lateral branch- medial branch plain stamp 3/8x3/4x11"

1 pr lateral extension 3/8x1x12" Open 2:30-3:30 Forging class 3 toe mod class 1 pr plain stamp 6 nails rolled toe Novice $5/16x3/4x11^{1/2}$ " Intermediate: 1 pr ³/₄ fuller rocker toe- qurt clip- $3/4x5/16x11\frac{1}{2}$ " 1 pr dutch warm blood frts mossolet clip Open: same as convention shoes bar shoe class 4:00-5:00 Forging class 4 1 pr plain stamp straight bar 6 nails toe clip Novice 5/15x3/4x14" Intermediate: 1 pr straight bars concave roll toe side clipped 3/8x3/4x13¹/₂" Open 1 pr rocker bar shoes 3/8x3/4x15" Saturday April 10th Live shoeing -Top 5 qualify 9.00-10.00 Novice: shoe 1 frt keg shoes, specimen concave diagonal hind to shop foot $11\frac{1}{4}x3/8x3/4$ " 10:15-11:15 Intermediate: shoe 1 front, concave, specimen concave chalk & wedge 12" Open: Shoe 2 hind feet concave, quarter 11.30-12.30 clipped, safe toe 6 nails 3/8x3/4x? Draft Shoeing 3 Person 90 Min each 12:45-3:30 1 Front 1 Hind $1\frac{1}{4} \times 1/2x$? $\frac{3}{4}$ fullered toe

clipped flat shoes

Must have horse reserved by March 21st

4:30 Dinner and awards (Wool room)

6:00 Auction

2009 Al Morgan Memorial Service Award recipient John Vanada

I was not at the annual meeting in January because I am fortunate enough to spend most of the month in Tennessee riding smooth walking horses and running bird dogs at field trials.

I came back to Indiana last night and found a "Quarter Clip" in my stack of mail and was pleasantly surprised and honored to find my name as a recipient of the Al Morgan Service Award. I would like to congratulate Bill Bailey and all who voted for both of us.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the IFA. I have met many nice people, learned to be a better shoer, and had the pleasure of helping the treasury by selling most of you something at an auction.

I hope to continue helping for several more years. Thanks again, John

Fortunately for the IFA, with John comes his wife, Marie. She's the one in the background keeping track of every auction item John sells. Marie also assists with meals and set-up; stepping in to help at the HHF banquet and our IFA picnic. The IFA has many spouses who volunteer services few of us are aware of. We'd like to thank each and every one of you. You are an important part of this association.

Welcome New Members

Conley, Finch & Ko Equine Hospital Columbia City, IN	ontz #A136	Jesse Merriman Centerpoint, IN	#384
Kent Bowers Sharpsville, IN	#383	Jordan Conley Greenfield, IN	#385

'HERE COMES DA MUD'

While we all welcome the advent of warming temperatures we farriers are also faced with their downside. As Indiana's frost line disintegrates with the late winter thaw so can our comfort level. I'm talking about one of our worst enemies; the formidable effects of boot sucking, tool abusing, truck sinking, shoe pulling MUD.

To be more specific, Indiana mud. Our state (or at least the part I reside in) must pride itself on its quality of mud. High in clay content in this area our mud can take on different characteristics; kind of like mud transformers. First to arrive is a rather mucus like mud that is incredibly slick and sticks to your boots even though you can almost skate across it. This is the deceiving 'itsnot' mud. Quick to put your trailer into a jackknife or cause your one ton to slide sideways off a barn pad, this mud is often combined with the remnants of snow pack.

After the frost line breaks through itsnot mud gives birth to the mother of all muds - 'quickmud'. Quickmud swallows horses on turn-out anywhere from fetlock to knee level and resembles chocolate pudding. (The instant kind - not the cool stuff your mother used to cook for you with the really good skin stuck to the top.) In its purest state a horse brought in from this slop will appear slimed. Especially the itchy "Hey, I'm trying to shed" equines who enjoy rolling themselves into forms resembling that brownie you left on your dashboard with the defrosters on.

Following quickmud comes perhaps the most dreaded 'sucks your boots off mud.' This recipe has less water content and takes on properties that can leave a person stranded in a mud lot looking like a flamingo; balancing with a socked foot in the air, trying to extricate a boot while the one under them is no longer visible. This sucking mud, or 'smud', wreaks the most havoc on farriers' intelligence, restraint and overall sanity. Even trace elements of smud adhering to one of your best client's horses can trigger farrier meltdown. In such states a farrier is apt to: a) make the client cry. b) start crying themselves, or c) begin screaming words they have no memory of two minutes later. Interesting words they didn't even know they knew.

Indiana Farriers Association Hoosier Classic Contest and Clinic

Judge / Clinician: Mitch Taylor CJF

Where: Hoosier Horse Fair Indiana State Fair grounds Indianapolis, Indiana When: April 9th and 10th 2010 Contact: Bradley Langhofer CF (574)-220-6410 b_blang@hotmail.com Please R.S.V.P. so there is enough bar stock! Also so I can get the name badges to get in!



Friday April 9th If there is enough students we will have a student class using the novice class shoes must show proof of enrollment.

7:00-10:30 Registration and set up- free standing units only- 25.00 entry fee for each class. (Set up can also be Thursday evening from 5:00-9:00pm April 8th)

> Judges meeting and shoe discussion All of the shoes are appropriate nail unless

stated

7:00-10:30 Clinic with Mitch

11:00-11:45

Forging class 1

Novice: keg shoes 1pr frt toe clip- 1pr hind quarter clipped

Intermediate: Set (4) plain stamp—frt 11½ toe clip, hind qurt clipped 11" –both

mx50 6 nails 5/16 X $^{3}\!\!\!/_{4}$

Open: set concave frt toe clip 11³/₄- hind qurt clip safe toe 11¹/₄" --E4 nail 12:00- 1:00 Lunch



Of course we all know the effects of mud on our tools, our clothing, and mental health. It fascinates me that a handful of clients still just don't get it until an embarrassing tantrum erupts. In lieu of lowering myself into the depths of no return (I really hate having to apologize for unprofessional behavior) I've found handing these clients several towels will defuse the situation. And no, hosing those encrusted legs won't work (clients always suggest that one) unless they want to blow them dry afterwards. Working in wet chaps all day is like wearing a sodden diaper that has slipped down your legs.

There is a good preventative measure I've found for the few clients who, on occasion, try to pull a fast one on me. You know, the ones with excuses like "I thought he'd stand better if he got turned out first." A phone call the night before an appointment is a well placed one. Insurance, you might say. Confirm the appointment and add, kind of like an aside - "I know I don't need to remind you to leave your horses up because I'm sure you will. That mud is just nasty."

> Happy spring and clean hooves to all. Julie Young

