



Georgia Professional Farriers Association



Newsletter

President's Letter

I hope all had a great 2008, it sure did seem to fly by. We have got three new officers this year Jamie Williamson(v.p.) Chip Crumbly (secretary) and Dave Purves (Treasurer). We are looking forward to another great year for the GPFA with all this new talent to help. As most of you know we are co-hosting the AFA convention (last week in Feb) with TPFA and we are going to need help to volunteer at the convention. Anyone wanting to help can contact me for a list of days we need help. You must register for the convention on your own to be able to participate and attend the convention. The GPFA has secured several rooms for the ones that volunteer so they will not need to pay for a room. We are still working on the calendar of events for the year, getting all the dates and places secured. The contest will be in OCT. but we must wait on the GA football schedule to secure a date. We are also going back to East Coast Farrier Sup. for the first clinic of the year Mr. Billy Lewis will be the clinician. Mr. Lewis will cover all aspects of sound horseshoeing and provide any hands-on assistance's you may want. I hope we get to see all of you sometime through the year until then **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!**

Doug Workman

Feb. 2009

Vice President's Letter

First and foremost it is an honor to be elected for Vice-President of GPFA. I am so excited about the upcoming year. We have a lot of exciting events planned for the year. We have a great team in office, and I truly believe that GPFA will make a huge impact on the farrier industry. I know that I am looking forward to being challenged and helping to make a positive difference for us all. I want us to grow individually, and as a whole. Not just financially but professionally, mentally and our reputations to be on the forefront of every-ones mind.

For the ones that don't know me, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jamie Williamson and I have been a farrier for 6 years in Georgia. I am blessed to be in a career that I love. I get to wake up and do exactly what I enjoy doing and make a living at it. They say that only 10% of Americans can say that. I believe that the majority of that 10% must be farriers. I have been blessed with a beautiful wife as well as a daughter and a son sent straight from heaven! They are the drive that keeps me going on days when the horses test my patience. I wanted to share with ya'll something else that inspires me, something that I say over and over- I hope that it helps. It's found in Philipians 4:13 "I am able to do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me". If I can be of service to ya'll, just let me know what I can do for you. I'll even take suggestions. I look forward to meeting with ya'll and making new friends.

Sincerely,
Jamie Williamson

Secretary's Letter

Hello Everyone,
I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Years. I would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in electing me Secretary. I would also like to formally thank Jeff Morton for doing such a good job for so many years as our Secretary. I would also like to thank Larry Hix and Brian Haney for jobs well done.

Our business meeting and hammer-in on Jan 10th was a success. Three new officers were elected including myself; Jamie Williamson was elected for the position of Vice President, and Dave Purves was elected for the position of Treasurer. After business was concluded the fires were lit and the forging began. Hats off to Doug Workman. I personally saw him do everything from modify kegs for guys wanting to work on their Certified to helping some guys develop their system for the Two Man Draft at the upcoming Convention in Tennessee.

The calendar of events for the next year was also hammered out. It looks to be a busy, productive year. Clinics, a certification, family day, the AFA Convention, and of course the fall contest are some of the things that we have to look forward to this year. Whether you have just graduated from shoeing school or you are a 20-year veteran, there will be something for everybody. I strongly encourage any and all to come out and participated this year. We all have something to learn and we all have something to teach. The more we have involved the stronger and more productive this organization will be.

I have gained quite a bit from my involvement with the GPFA over the years. I have received help with everything from passing the certification to handling everyday business. I hope over the next two years that I will be able to fill the position of secretary in such a way to give back to an organization that has given a so much to me. My cell # is (706) 346-8706 and my e-mail is Turtlefur@aol.com. I also live about two minutes off of I-75 in Calhoun GA. If I can help anyone with any thing, please feel free to let me know. Thanks so much.

Chip Crumbly CF

Treasurer's Letter

Hello Everyone,
As the new treasurer of the GPFA, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My wife Sarah and I moved to Georgia with our two children, Colton (9) and Cora (6) in June of 2007. I've been a farrier for 12 years and I'm currently a Certified Farrier with the AFA working towards my CJF. Before our move, I was an active member of the Mid-Eastern Farriers Association and a founding member of the Tri-State Farriers Association (Now the Southern Ohio Farriers Association). I'm also a Registered Journeyman Farrier with the Guild of Professional Farriers. So far, I've had the opportunity to meet many of the GPFA members and look forward to meeting and hopefully working with many more. I'm always available for questions or comments and suggestions, feel free to contact me anytime, my cell phone number is 770-656-6658 or email dpforge@aol.com. I look forward to meeting and hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dave Purves

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Sponsorship letter, please help out with our sponsorship program. Please pass the sponsorship letter included in this newsletter onto feed stores or other potential sponsors. We will be printing 2,000 Membership directories this year. The more money that is raised the more events we can host.

www.georgiafarriers.org

Georgia Professional Farriers Association Membership Application

Please Check the Following if they apply:

Renewal

New Membership

(Paid members only) for additional \$25 a year please include a link on the GPFA website to: www._____

I would like to go Paperless and have all correspondence sent via email

Membership Fee: \$35.00

Associate Member: \$25.00*

Please Complete the Below information as you would have it appear in the directory (Print Only Please)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

If you should have any questions please call: Doug Workman, GPFA President (706)892-7331

Make Checks Payable to: Georgia Professional Farriers Association or GPFA and mail, along with your application to: GPFA Treasurer, Dave Purves, 77 Helens Drive, Dawsonville, GA 30534

*Assoc. Membership is offered to non-farrier members of the equestrian community that want to support the betterment of hoof care in Georgia. Associate membership includes access to GPFA free clinics, GPFA membership pricing on clinics, GPFA newsletter. Associate members will have no voting privileges and will not be listed in the directory

Zone(s) of State in which you offer service: _____

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Upcoming Events

East Coast Supply Clinic

Date: April 25th

Clinician: Billy Lewis

Location: East Coast Supply Perry, GA.

Shoeing the sound horse, with demonstration on shoe modifications.

Phone# (877) 690-3851

Contact: Doug Workman

Phone# (706) 892-7331

E-mail: dworkman66@yahoo.com

AFA Certification

Date: May 15th&16th

Examiner: Wayne Allen

Location: University Of Georgia Athens,GA.

Contact: Jamie Williamson

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GPFA Treasurer

Dave Purves

77 Helens Drive

Dawsonville, GA 30534

Georgia Farrier Supply Open House

Date: June 20th @ 9:00 am

Clinician: To be announced at a later time.

Location: Moss Creek Farm Summerville,GA.

Contact: Willie Johnson

Phone# (706) 857-1053

(706) 766-3269

(877) 554-9148

Family Day

Date: June 6th

Location: Doug & Patty Workman's Residence

Contact: Doug Workman

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GPFA Annual Contest & Clinic

Location: Universty Of Georgia Athens,GA.

The date and time along with the clinician will announced at a later time.

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