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President: Doug Workman Vice President: Larry Hix Secretary: Jeff Morton Treasurer: Brian Haney March/April 2008

Presidents Letter:

Greetings All,

The New Year has started with a bang with all of the horse owner clinics and the hammer in put on by Eric Gray and Mike Holcombe. Things are happening so fast it's sometimes hard to keep up, but thanks to the GPFA officers, committee chairs, and my advisory board who has proven to be invaluable I will try informing you of all that is coming this year.

The GPFA is going to assist the Tenn. Farrier Association with the 2009 AFA convention in Chattooga Tenn. Any one wanting to volunteer can contact me; we will need all the help we can get.

The contest and clinic planning is almost complete and it looks to be coming together nicely. Michael Wildenstein from Cornell University Vet School will be our judge and clinician we will also have two professors from The University of Georgia College of veterinary medicine giving lectures on Saturday professors and topic TBA. Friday will be the contest and Saturday will be lectures, awards, dinner and auction. The shoe list is also complete any questions you have I will be happy to get all the info I can for you.

One of our GPFA members Clint Wood had an operation in February and as of this letter is recovering nicely. Thanks to the Bill Crowder Injured Farrier Fund we were able to assist the Wood family in there time of need ,but more important than that we had some GPFA members step up and help Clint keep his business going while he is recovering. I would like to thank Brian Haney, Eric Gilliland, Andy Jones, and a special thanks to Stan and Scott Davis who took care of the bulk of the work and info gathering for the GPFA. There are no words to describe the good will all these farriers showed during one farrier's time of need, this is the reason we have the GPFA it gets know better!!!!!!!

I would like to get some advice from the membership on how you think we can raise more money for the Injured Farrier Fund and also the General Fund for more lectures and clinics of your choice. The fall contest and auction is our largest contributor so I would like everyone to try to make something for the auction this fall even if you can not make the clinic. I think if we each do we will keep the Injured Farriers Fund and our commitment to education very strong and you can specify were you would like your donation allocated.

Don't forget the family fun day at my place in Aug. food, fun for all and music around the fire hope to see you all there. Anything that I can help you with call me 706-892-7331

Thank you, Doug Workman CJF.

Contest date has been changed!!!

Do to scheduling conflict with clinicians the annual contest has been moved to October the 24th and 25th. This contest is shaping up to be one of the best ever Michael Wildenstein CJF, will be our judge and clinician along with clinics by Dr Andy Parks and Dr. John Peroni these are three clinicians that are all well know for their clinics they have done at both the national and international levels. To have all three of these men available this close to home and not take advantage of it would be completely foolish. I urge the entire membership to make plans to attend.

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Treasurer Report: April 2008

Starting Assets Jan 2008	\$7953.55
Income	
Dues	+\$1035.00
Balance	\$8988.55
Expenses	
GPFA Pre-Certification, Airfare for Clinician	-\$224.99
GPFA Certification UGA Arena Deposit	-\$300.00
GPFA Contest UGA Arena Deposit	-\$300.00
GPFA Newsletter, Mail Postage & Labels	-\$443.95
GPFA Website	-\$119.40
Total Expenses	-\$1388.34
Balance April 2008	\$7600.21
Injured Farriers Fund	\$2550.00
Clint Wood Recipient Injured Farriers Fund March 2008 (\$500.00)	-
Balance Injured Farriers Fund April 2008	\$2050.00

Brian Haney

GPFA Treasurer

The GPFA would like to thank the following companies for helping us spread the word about proper hoof care in Georgia.

Horse South Magazine
Purina Mills Horse Feed
Georgia Farrier Supply
G&H Horseshoe Sales
East Coast Horseshoe Supply

Also thanks to all who have volunteered throughout this and previous years your generous gifts of time, sweat, and money is what keeps this association on the cutting edge of hoof care education in Georgia.

Thank you so very Much

Secretary:

I would first like to thanks Purina Mills for allowing us the chance to spread or message about proper hoof care through their Horse Owner Workshops. I believe our most important responsibility as an organization is to educate or members and the horse owning public of Ga.

I'm proud to be working with such a motivated group of officers and it is exciting to see all of the good that is getting done in such a very short period of time.

The plans for the contest are coming along nicely and it is really taking a great shape for being our biggest contest and clinic ever I would encourage all to attend even if competition shoeing doesn't interest you don't pass up the great educational opportunity.

I would also like to thank Larry Hix for helping me do a horse owner clinic March 15th. This is the first shoeing clinic either of us had ever done in the middle of a tornado and considering that it went quite well.

See you at the next clinic or shop night.

Jeffery Morton CF

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Letter from TN Farriers Association:

---Dear Doug and fellow GPFA members, I would love to extend a sincere heartfelt 'THANKS' for deciding to co-host the 2009 AFA Convention in Chattanooga with us. I, along with the members of TnPFA look forward to working with you guys and sharing this experience. I was impressed with Doug's enthusiasm and speedy reply after consulting with 'his troops'! This is an honor to be part of a team of such willing participants.

I also need to make note that GFS has also been extremely supportive in the past with our little association and of course, jumped in and let it be known that they would be there for anything that was needed. Thank you John and Willie!

We recently set up a website in hopes to unite farriers in this area and I would like to include the GPFA's site as a link. Please visit our neck of the woods at www.tnfarrriers.org. I have a strong feeling that things are changing fast and in a good way for our industry. I hope we (farriers) can set an example in providing professional horse care.

Thank you again and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Sincerely, Kim Simmons - president Tennessee Professional Farriers Association

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YOUR DUES ARE DO!!!

This year we are going back to doing business the way our by-laws state. Every Members dues are due in January. If you have not paid your dues contact Brain Haney ASAP. If your dues are not paid this will be your last news letter. The new directories are going to print this month don't be left out!!!!

First Annual Tool clinic & Tool Swap was a success!!!

February 16th the Bledsoe family of the Horse House hosted a Tool Maintenance clinic presented by Mike Holcombe CF. A hammer-in and tool swap followed the clinic and everyone enjoyed a pot of chili and all the fixing's provided by Blackthorn Farms. Special thanks to Julia Holcombe, Dawn Bledsoe, and Sarah Gray for the corn bread, desserts, and getting everyone served. Also thanks to the Bledsoe's for donating use of and allowing us to have the first public event in their new indoor riding arena. There was a good crowd on hand knowledge was shared and fellowship was had.

Horse owner clinics are off and running:

To my knowledge 7 hoof care for horse owner clinics have been done as of the print of this newsletter with a handful more already on the books. Three of these clinics have been in conjunction with Purina Mills. If you don't know the husband and wife team of Tracey and Anita Hood that represent Purina in North GA you need to, these guys are great! They always give us a large audience that is well feed to give a talk to. Approximately 150 horse owners have been met and taught by volunteer GPFA members at these clinics. I would like to thanks Richard Miles, Jeffery Morton, Mike Holcombe, and Larry Hicks for their involvement with these clinics. Without volunteers I would only be able to reach a fraction of the people we already have.

Thanks Guys,

Eric Gray CF

Annual Contest and Cli

October 24-25 2008

UGA Livestock Arena Athens, GA.

Class 1 Live Shoeing Qualifier 45 Min.

Div-1 Pair of Hinds St. Croix 2 Lt. Plain

Square toe, Trailer and quarter clips

Div-2 Left front plain stamped, toe clipped and right hind plain stamped Quarter clipped 5/16 x 3/4 x 12 in.

Div-3 A.F.A Qualifier class

Class-2 Specialty forging 90 min:

Div-1 1-front w/ rocker toe.

1-front w/ rolled toe.

1-front w/ toe clip.

1-hind w/ extended heels quarter clips.

1-hind w/ heel calks.

All fronts must fit same foot and all hinds fit same foot St. Croix Lt. plain shoes.

Div-2 Pair-front plain stamped toe clipped 3/8 x 3/4 x 12.

Pair-hind plain stamped quarter clipped 3/8 x 3/4 x 12.

1-left hind straight bar shoe fullered 3/8 x 3/4 x 14 must fit same foot as plain stamped shoe.

Div-3 1- small draft hind 16x 1/2 x 1 Scotch heels, hammer-drawn toe clip, 8 nails E7.

1-heart bar rolled toe 17 1/2 x 3/8 x 3/4 10 nails

1-hind Patton bar shoe, fullered, rocker toe 17 1/2 x 5/16 x 3/4 8 nails

Class-3 live shoeing top five from each Div. 60 Min

Div-1 shoe a pair of hind feet with keg shoes

Div-2 Shoe left front 5/16 x 3/4 plain stamped w/ toe clip

Specimen: Right hind 12 x 5/16 x 3/4 plain stamped quarter clips

Div-3 A.F.A live shoeing class

Class-4 Team Draft shoeing [Four man teams] 2 1/2 hours

1/2 x 1 1/4 Toe clipped, 3 spots of drill tech,

Fronts fullered 8 nails, Hinds plain stamped 7 nails. Only one forge and one anvil may be used per team.

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Classifieds:

Need a farrier quality anvil under 100 lbs call Micah McMillan (678) 481-9461

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1957 phone truck bed mounted on trailer and used for shoeing for years need work \$100 Ted Alanson (770)889-0686

To place a classified ad contact Eric Gray (770)238-2951 bfs_hoss@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events:

April 19th Doug Workman CJF will do a demonstration for the North Ga Trail Riders Assoc. Trail horse hoof care, and on trail hoof care emergencies will be the topics. Contact Doug Workman (706)892-7331 dworkman66@yahoo.com

May 7th Eric Gray CF and Mike Holcombe Cf will do a presentation on lameness of the equine hoof for the rolling hills saddle club in Alpharetta Contact: Eric Gray for more info (770) 238-2951 bfs_hoss@yahoo.com

May 16th and 17th- AFA certification at UGA all levels available. Examiner Rusty Jenkins CJF Contact Larry Hix (706)783-3219 barshoeH@msn.com. If you are taking practical portion of exam, you must rsvp.

June 21-GPFA Mid-Year business meeting, and GFS will host a Jim Keith clinic and a luncheon. Sommerville GA. Contact Willie Johnson (706)857-1053 wvlak@aol.com

August 9th-GPFA Family day. Cleveland, GA Bring the family for a day of fellowship and fun. Lunch will be provide. Must RSVP by August 3 so that adequate preparations can be arranged. Contact Doug Workman (706)892-7331 dworkman66@yahoo.com

September 13th and 14th Shoeing the smooth gaited pleasure horse for show and trail. Eric Gray CF Clinician/Contact (770)238-2951 Discounted rate for GPFA members.

OCT 24th and 25th- GPFA annual contest and clinic. UGA clinicians and Judge TBA . Contact Doug Workman (706)892-7331. Look for more information in next GPFA newsletter.

Have something you would like to add to next newsletter? Contact Eric Gray, bfs_hoss@yahoo.com. Deadline for May/June edition May 22nd.