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**Welcome Dave Gibson, BWFA Master Farrier  
BWFA 2013 Hall of Fame Inductee  
Presented at the Kentucky Horse Park on October 26, 2013**



Dave and his family, Gina, Russell and Valerie.

**The BWFA 2013 Hall of Fame Poster of all members is now on display at the Farrier Shop at the Kentucky Horse Park.**

**There it will be on display for 1000's of spectators who pass through daily.**



**More about Dave Gibson on page 2 and all Hall of Famers is available at [www.bwfa.net/documents/63.html](http://www.bwfa.net/documents/63.html)**

**Be sure to view our slide show on the front page of our trip to Kentucky. [www.bwfa.net](http://www.bwfa.net)**

**We appreciate those who attended. We had a great day at a beautiful location with a gracious host, Russell Gibson. We thank everyone for their continued support to our annual event.**



Shorty Roberts was inducted into the BWFA Hall of Fame in 1994. He was the first farrier to be hired at the Kentucky Horse Park when the doors opened in 1978.



If you will notice Shorty and Dave are at the same anvil at the KYP Farrier Shop.

# Dave Gibson

## Inducted 2013



Photo submitted by Gina Gibson

Born in Kansas City, Missouri. The American Royal Livestock show captured Dave's interest at a young age, with his all time favorite being the American Saddlebred Horse. Initial exposure to horseshoeing began with Howard Creed of Springfield, Mo. After graduating from high school and a year of college, Dave thought horseshoeing may bring an honest and honorable career. He attended the Kansas Horseshoeing School in 1977 under the instruction of Robert "Mr.Bob" Beckdolt. Dave continued working and learning from all time greats- Virgil Earl, Richard Garret, Bill Kabis, Bill McDonald, Jerry Shriver, Carl Saddler and Sammy Weisenborn of the Greater Kansas City and surrounding area.

In 1986 Dave was contacted by the Kentucky Horse Park after Shorty Roberts retirement and offered the job of caring for the parks horses. While working in the Farrier Shop he had the opportunity to trim and shoe many outstanding breeds of horses from the show ring and race track winners circle. He also repaired and made hardware for horse drawn vehicles, forged tack room accessories and created gift shop items. Educating visitors and exhibiting the trade of a working blacksmith/farrier was daily fare. He was certified by Ralph Casey and Bucky Hatfield with The Brotherhood of Working Farriers Assoc., affiliated with the American Farriers Association and Artist Blacksmith Association of North America. *"The best experience of all was meeting so many tradesmen from all over America and the World."*



## BWFA Upcoming Events



### Friday October 25, 2013 Testing

Ashley Eidenier joined as a new BWFA member and certified as an Apprentice II, tested by her Grandfather and Master Educator Doug Eidenier. Far left is Ronney Deboard TESTER and far right is Link Casey, BWFA President and TESTER.



### Friday October 25, 2013 Testing

Daniel Riffe upgraded to BWFA Journeyman I. He is standing next to his dad Chris Riffe. Far left is Ronney Deboard TESTER and far right is Link Casey TESTER with other BWFA Members Patrick Englishby, Alex Garraus, Chris Gallagher, Doug Eidenier, Ty Harden, Sam Mannira, Matthew Schream, Ashley Eidenier, Louis Bishop that were here for forge classes.

### EFT Course October 27, 28, 29, 2013

24 CFE Credits

Scott Shindoll commented that he thought the first two days would be spent in a classroom and was surprised that after 2 hours the first morning they went straight on to hands on. The advantage of signing up early was receiving the EFT Manual to review the anatomy before the class.

Chris, Daniel and Scott commented how very well instructed and comprehensive the 3 days were.

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**Dan Marcum** – Instructor

**Chris Riffe** with his son **Daniel Riffe**, BWFA Farrier/Blacksmith of Texas, **Scott Shindoll** from Florida. horse owner interested in becoming a farrier.

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Daniel Riffe, Farrier & Excellent  
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donated it to be displayed at the  
BWFA.



Photos by Daniela  
Schatz certified farrier,  
Board Member &  
Photographer  
Thank you!

## Don't Forget about Monthly Forge Classes

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for dates and fees:

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## How to Choose a Farrier

*The shoe-shopping lady is a stereotype we all know. But what about another kind of shoe business few outside of the horse world know about: the farrier's regular visit. Trim and reset, glue-ons, eggbars. Any horseperson knows these terms, along with just how critical good hoof care is to the equine's health and well-being. While shoeing has been around for millennia, not all horse owners feel entirely comfortable with the details of what goes on when their farrier is at work. What are some basics you should know about shoeing and hoof care? A little overview may be just what the shoer ordered.*

The Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association, Inc. (BWFA) is a 501(c) 6 trade association that since 1989 has offered free horse owners clinics across the U.S. and into Canada and offers five levels of farrier certifications: the Apprentice I and II, the Journeyman I and II and the Master Farrier level. The BWFA Farrier Referral Program was one of the first in 1989 to match up the horse owner with a certified farrier in their area available by phone, then by email and now by Facebook.

In order to achieve an even higher level of education in specialty shoeing, a group of BWFA farriers and schools developed the Farriers' National Research Center and School (FNRC) in 2001 to offer continued education for today's working farriers. These farriers have the opportunity to earn credits toward a Farrier Science Degree.

### Footwear

"The type of shoe you would come across varies widely by discipline," remarks Link Casey, head instructor and co-owner of Georgia-based Casey and Son Horseshoeing School, which has been developing skilled farriers for over two decades. Casey received the Farrier of the Year Award from the BWFA S.H.O.E. Chapter in 2010 and was inducted into the BWFA Hall of Fame in 2005. A trail horse often has keg shoes, while jumping sport horses wear a wide web shoe for support landing off jumps, reining horses need a wide, smooth sliding plate, and racing, barrel, and roping horses favor a light-weight aluminum shoe with some type of traction.

### Hoof Care Basics

Being conscientious of your horse's hoof health boils down to some key points. "Keep your horse on a five to six week shoeing schedule so the farrier can make sure the feet are correct," notes Casey. "You can have a million dollar horse and 10 cent feet—then you can't ride. You want your horse to stay sound and be able to perform. Pick a certified farrier that has taken classes, continued the education, and knows updated techniques to keep the horse sound and moving correctly."

# FARRIERY 101

## How to Put Your Horse's Best Foot Forward

BY NATALIE DEFEE MENDIK

**Promoting the Farriers in the BWFA is an important role for Link Casey, BWFA President**

**Read his interview here.**



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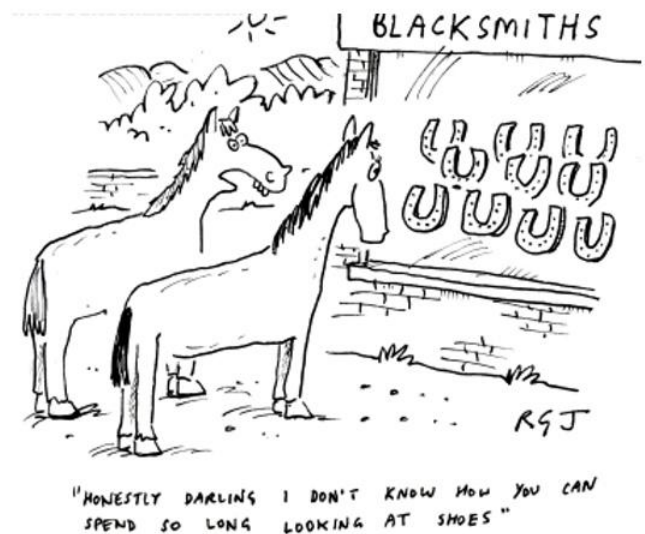


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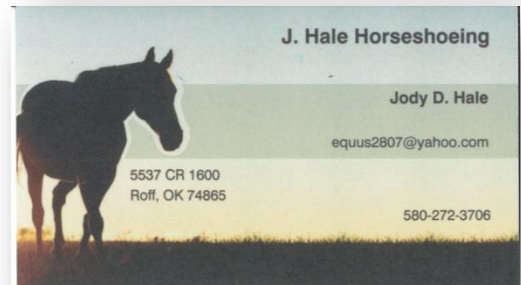


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