

Northern California Classic - Certification-Competition-Clinic

The NCC will be held at the Placerville County Fairgrounds in Placerville, Ca. May 16-19,2007

Judges: Jim Blurton from Welshpool, Wales. Ken Lyon from Sierra South Horseshoeing School in Ramon, California.

Examiner: Greg Burdette from Enumclaw, Washington.

Wednesday May 16 will be an AFA approved Certification. Written tests, shoe display and Practical portion of the test. Contact: Tom Inczewski 916-952-8613.

Thursday May 17 will be the Forging Contest. There will be an Eagle Eye Elimination contest. Open to all who wish to enter. Monies will be paid to the top three and a Sterling silver buckle to first place. Top 6 from round 1 go onto round 2. Top 6 from round 2 go onto the final round, round 3.

There will be separate shoe lists for each division. Div I, Div II and Div III. Top 6 in each division will go on to the live shoeing on Friday.

There will be a two man contest this year at the NCC. We are trying to limit only one Div III (open) competitor per team. Winning team will each receive an embroidered trophy vest.

Friday May 18 is the Live shoeing portion of the contest. Top 6 winners from Thursday's forging contest will be allowed to compete on Friday. Top 6 in each division will receive certificates. Monies will be paid to the top 3 in each division. The winner of each division will receive a Sterling silver buckle. The Sponsorship Classic will be back this year on Friday. Any sponsor/marketer will be encouraged to compete. A sponsor will be asked to complete a TBA shoe with guidance from one of the farriers. Farriers can only give advice and/or hold the tongs for the Sponsor.

The overall high point winner will receive a special embroidered trophy jacket and a pair of Jim Blurton nippers.

Winners of the Best Shod horse, for Div I, II and III will each receive an embroidered apron.

Friday and Saturday will be days filled with education for the farrier. There will be hands on areas for forging instruction. Jim Blurton will lead 2 separate groups of 5 people. They will be instructed in the art of forging Open Division shoes. There will be a sign up sheet for participation. Bob Mederos will be leading in another area. He will be helping with the Fullered Bar shoe for the Journeyman level. Ken Lyon and a selected group of instructors will aid farriers who need help with their shoe display for Certification. Lecturers will include: Dan Bradley, G. Wayne Brown, Gordon Capps, Reuel Darling, Gordon Haight, Bob Pethick, Bob Smith and Dr. Susan Stover.

Some of the topics of the day are: Bone fatigue and micro-damage, Elements of Hock displacement, Medial/lateral balance and movement, Anterior/posterior movement, Managing sheared heels and Club feet, Insight into Frog Sloughing, Stress fractures, Hoof angle drop, Principles of a Proper trim and much, much more.

Thursday evening will be a panel discussion. Reuel Darling, Gordon Capps and Gordon Haight will lead a panel discussion on the topic: "What things helped me succeed in my shoeing career".

Friday evening there will be a Sponsorship social at the hotel. Food, beverages and a No Host bar will be available.

Saturday evening will be the main event. It will start off with a catered banquet. Followed by a live auction and ending with the Awards ceremony.

For reservations, forms or further info contact:
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