



ONE DAY EVENT

Clinic/Event Name	Bartek Equine Hoof Care Clinic “Split-Shoe” Education
Date(s)	September 13, 2024
Location	Far Winds Farm Ruckersville, VA
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Sponsor of Clinic	Bartek Equine and Far Winds Farm

Schedule of the Day

Time	Duration	Topic	Clinician	CE Credits
18:00-18:30	30m	Welcome BBQ	-	
18:30-19:00	30m	Healthy Hooves: 5 Influencing Factors - Hoof Mechanism - Blood Circulation - Hoof Growth, Quality and Shape - Shock Absorption - Biomechanics	Bart Halsberghe (DJ Rondelez)	
19:00-19:30	30m	Unconstrained Hooves: Shoeing Considerations		
19:30-20:15	45m	Case Study: “Chewy” Before & After Twin Shoes	Bart Halsberghe	
20:15-20:45	30m	Twin Shoeing: 3-Step Process	DJ Rondelez	
20:45-21:00	15M	Raffle		
21:00-???? (variable)	60m+ (variable)	Open Discussion Twin Shoe Usages - Therapeutic Treatments (applicable pathologies) - Transitioning to/from Barefoot - Multi-use configurations	Bart Halsberghe DJ Rondelez	

Additional Clinic Information

This clinic is intended to educate and familiarize the attendee with how to gain all the benefits of a barefoot hoof while still achieving the protection, installation ease, and low cost of traditional nail-on steel horseshoes.

The importance of providing the horse with as much natural hoof mechanism flexibility as possible will be accomplished through highlighting five critical factors driving healthy hooves (Hoof Mechanism, Blood Circulation, Hoof Growth/Quality/Shape, Shock Absorption, and Biomechanics).

The unfavorable impacts on hoof and horse soundness that is caused by one-piece shoes and their constraining effect on hoof flexibility will be compared against the favorable developments occurring from un-constraining the hoof using a split-shoe approach to hoof care. Extensive academic and long-term field trial data will be referenced.

A case study involving "Chewy", an 11-year-old Appendix gelding, experiencing long term, chronic lameness with recurring quarter cracks, thin soles, contracted heels, overall discomfort, and poor strides will be reviewed. Twin Shoe usage outcomes will demonstrate that horses being unresponsive to a variety of traditional treatment programs and packages can quickly return to full work and begin to have more fun with their owners.

Proper application of Twin Shoes will be reviewed with a focus on the recommended trimming, fitting, and nailing approaches when using split shoes. Points of commonality with traditional one-piece shoe installation technique and use of tools will be reviewed. At the same time, important differences in *how to think* about hoof growth and movement when using split shoes (compared to one-piece shoes) will be highlighted.

The clinic will conclude with an open discussion about specific therapeutic situations where the split-shoe approach can be successfully used (hoof capsule distortions, ligament and tendon damage, joint osteoarthritis, and mutli-structural discomfort). Use of split-shoes in transitioning to/from barefoot as well as during lay-up/rehab time periods will also be covered.