



BRITISH FARRIERS AND BLACKSMITHS ASSOCIATION
STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

HORSESHOEING AND SHOEMAKING COMPETITION

MASTER AND APPRENTICE

31st May/1st June 2023

JUDGE

Billy Crothers AWCF

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CLASS 1 - MASTER AND APPRENTICE RIDING HORSE SHOEING - STAFFORDSHIRE TROPHY

Wednesday 31st May

Master to make, fit, nail and finish one FULLY fullered front shoe, toe clipped, appropriate to riding style. Apprentice to make, fit, nail and finish one concave hind shoe quarter clipped to a riding style.

Time Allowed 75 minutes.

Worshipful Company of Farriers Silver Medal master. Bfba medal

1st £120/ 2nd £80/ 3rd £50

Time Allowed 80 minutes ENTRY FEE - £40

CLASS 2 - MASTER AND APPRENTICE DRIVING HORSE SHOEING - STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE SHIELD

Thursday 1st June

Master to make, fit, nail and finish one 3/4 fullered hind shoe toe clipped on the foot. Apprentice to make, fit, nail and finish one 3/4 fullered front shoe toe clipped on the foot. Appropriate to driving style.

Worshipful Company of Farriers Silver Medal master. Bfba medal

1st £130 / 2nd £80 / 3rd £50

Time Allowed 90 minutes ENTRY FEE - £40

CLASS 3 - OPEN MASTER AND APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING - EJA FROST MEMORIAL TROPHY

Wednesday and Thursday 31st May/1st June

Two shoes made to judges specification. Pictures of specimens for this class will be posted online

Time allowed 50 minutes allowed.

ENTRY FEE £30 - WCF Bronze medal BFBA Bronze Medal

1st £100 / 2nd £70 / 3rd £40

CLASS 4 - INDIVIDUAL OPEN APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING - FRANK MOORCROFT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Wednesday and Thursday

Open to all apprentices 1st/2nd/3rd/4th year. Two shoes as per judges specimens, pictures will be posted online 45 minutes allowed. NO STRIKER / FIREMAN

Special prizes awarded to highest placed 1st/2nd year in this class. **George Nicklin Memorial Trophy**

ENTRY FEE - £15

Worshipful Company of Farriers Bronze Medal

1st £40 / 2nd £30 / 3rd £15 / 4th £10

SPECIAL PRIZES

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

BFBA SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

VIC BAILEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Staffordshire BFBA member over classes

1,2,3 combined

FARRIERS SUPPLIES APPRENTICE CHALLENGE TROPHY

Awarded to the highest scoring Staffordshire apprentice over combined classes

BEST PREPARED FOOT in classes 1 & 2

STAFFORD SHOW CHAMPION

For the highest points over all classes

THE ICE MAN TROPHY, RICHARD ELLIS MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to the overall Show Champion

COMPETITION RULES

1. Competitors in Class 1 must be registered farriers. 3rd/4th year apprentices in Class 1 and 2 must have his/her ATF present during the class, or a pre-arranged co-supervising qualified farrier.
2. Apprentices must be under an approved apprenticeship scheme.
3. Safety glasses, protective footwear i.e. steel toe caps and aprons or chaps must be worn by ALL competitors, all competitors should maintain safe working practice at all times.
4. The judge will provide details of specimen shoes required.
5. Apprentices in Class 1 and 2 must have a qualified farrier supervising. Direct intervention may affect marks.
6. Competitors must provide their own tools and safety equipment.
7. The Ice Man Pairs Championship will be decided over the classes 1,2,3 on total individual points.
8. The judges decision will be final.
9. Competitors will use gas forges for all classes.
10. Strikers/fireman will be allowed as necessary in class 1,2 and 3 only
11. Pictures of specimens for selected classes will be released prior to the competition and posted online
12. Only competitors and officials are allowed in the shoeing area.
13. Prize giving for all classes will take place on Thursday.
14. Prizes may not be awarded to those not attending prize giving.
15. Foot preparation with nippers only will be allowed prior to the start of classes 1 and 2
16. Professional behaviour should be maintained at all times by all farriers and apprentices in and around the competition area. Please remember this is a public demonstration. Improper or unprofessional conduct will result in immediate disqualification.

Camping and caravans are allowed nearby on the show ground with advance booking.



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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS makes awards in order to promote, support and maintain a high standard of excellence in Farriery. Registered Farriers who are awarded medals have attained the very high standard demanded by the company. Awards may be made in the following classes;

Class 1 SILVER MEDAL master

Class 2 SILVER MEDAL master

Class 4 APPRENTICE BRONZE MEDAL

THE BRITISH FARRIERS AND BLACKSMITHS ASSOCIATION have kindly provided medals for the following classes;

Class 2 BRONZE MEDAL

Class 3 BRONZE MEDAL

VIC BAILEY MEMORIAL TROPHY BRONZE MEDAL

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH is grateful for the generous support of the BFBA and the Worshipful Company of Farriers.

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Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society - for providing the venue, prize money and covered area