



Established 1904

BRITISH FARRIERS AND BLACKSMITHS ASSOCIATION
STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

HORSESHOEING AND SHOEMAKING COMPETITION

OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE/ 3rd and 4th year
APPRENTICE PAIRS

28TH/29TH MAY 2025

JUDGES

Charlie Hughes AWCF and Steve Arnold AWCF

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CLASS 1 – OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE MNC RIDING HORSE SHOEING – STAFFORDSHIRE TROPHY

Wednesday 28TH May

OPEN to make, fit, nail and finish one FULLY fullered front shoe, toe clipped, appropriate to riding style. INTERMEDIATE/ 3RD AND 4TH YEAR APPRENTICES to make, fit, nail and finish one CONCAVE hind shoe quarter clipped to a riding style. Plus, one specimen shoe to judges specification. Made between the 2 competitors.

Worshipful Company of Farriers Silver Medal master. BFBA medal

1st £120/ 2nd £80/ 3rd £50

Time Allowed 90 minutes ENTRY FEE - £90

CLASS 2 - OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE HANDMADE SHOES DRIVING HORSE SHOEING - STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Thursday 29TH MAY

OPEN to make, fit, nail and finish one 3/4 fullered hind shoe toe clipped on the foot. INTERMEDIATE 3RD AND 4TH YEAR APPRENTICES to make, fit, nail and finish one 3/4 fullered front shoe toe clipped on the foot. Appropriate to driving style. Plus, two specimen shoes to the judge's specification. ONE MADE BY EACH COMPETITOR

Worshipful Company of Farriers Silver Medal master. BFBA medal

1st £130 / 2nd £80 / 3rd £50

Time Allowed 120 minutes ENTRY FEE - £90

CLASS 3 - OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE NWT HORSESHOES SHOEMAKING CLASS - EJA FROST MEMORIAL TROPHY

Wednesday and Thursday 28th/ 29th MAY

Two shoes made to judges' specification. Pictures of specimens for this class will be posted online. ONE SHOE TO BE MADE BY THE INTERMEDIATE/ 3RD AND 4TH APPRENTICE AND THE OTHER TO BE MADE BY THE OPEN COMPETITOR.

Time allowed 60 minutes allowed.

ENTRY FEE £90 - WCF Bronze medal BFBA Bronze Medal

1st £100 / 2nd £70 / 3rd £40

CLASS 4- STROMSHOLM APPRENTICE SHOEMAKING

Wednesday 30TH MAY

Apprentices to make 2 shoes, one shoe will be made to a wooden foot and one specimen shoe. The shoe for the foot will be decided on the day and the specimen to the judge's specification.

ENTRY FEE- £25

1ST- £40 / 2ND- £30 / 3RD £15

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. Intermediate competitors are not to have been placed in a shoemaking or shoeing class or under an approved apprenticeship scheme.
2. 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.
3. Apprentices must be under an approved apprenticeship scheme.
4. Safety glasses, protective footwear i.e. steel toe caps and aprons or chaps must be worn by ALL competitors, all competitors should always maintain safe working practice.
5. The judge will provide details of specimen shoes required.
6. Apprentices in Class 1 and 2 must have a qualified farrier supervising. Direct intervention may affect marks.
7. Competitors must provide their own tools and safety equipment.
8. The Ice Man Pairs Championship will be decided over classes 1 , 2 & 3 on total individual points.
9. The judge's decision will be final.
10. Competitors will use gas forges for all classes.
11. Strikers/fireman will be allowed as necessary in class 1 , 2 and 3
12. Pictures of specimens for selected classes will be released prior to the competition and posted online
13. Only competitors and officials are allowed in the shoeing area.
14. Prize giving for all classes will take place on Thursday.
15. Prizes may not be awarded to those not attending prize giving.
16. Foot preparation with nippers only will be allowed prior to the start of classes 1 and 2
17. 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.

Any questions or concerns please contact either:

Chairman- Henry Tracy: 07508210894

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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

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