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I am a native Australian with a typical horse family upbringing. My mother owned Saddle Shops and my father was a Saddle Maker. I was an active member and captain of the Pony Club in Warwick, Queensland. At fifteen, I went to work as a ringer, riding and shoeing horses on large cattle stations. There I discovered I really liked shoeing horses and was determined to pursue Farriery as a Trade.

In 1989 I ventured to the United States to attend the formal horseshoeing program at Oklahoma Horseshoeing School. It was there, that I met my wife of 24 years, Jessica Morgan, DVM. In 1993 I was the attending Farrier at Kansas State University. For six years I worked extensively with hospitalized therapeutic cases as well as maintained a remedial horseshoeing business.

In 1997 I competed in Horseshoeing Competitions in England. I qualified for and placed in the top 10 at the royal show and was National Champion Striker. Upon returning to the USA, we moved to southern California where I primarily shod jumpers and dressage horses. As a member of the American Farriers Team in 2000, I competed extensively throughout the US, Canada and England with the Team.

In 2002, we built an Equine Veterinary and Farrier Hospital in the finger lakes region of Upstate New York. The primary focus of the hospital is lameness diagnostics and therapeutic treatments. The majority of horses in my business at this time are show hunters, jumpers, dressage horses, eventers and some western horses. I see therapeutic cases in the hospital and travel to private stables to shoe horses.

I have given Farrier topic clinics in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, England, India, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United States. Professional speaking highlights for me were being Keynote Speaker for the American Farriers Convention, Western Canadian Farriers Annual Convention and the Quebec Farriers Convention. In 2012 Jessica and I traveled extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand lecturing together at TAFE Colleges and Universities.

I am an American Farriers Association Certified Tester and Pre-Certification Clinician. As a Delta-Mustad sponsored clinician and consultant and I have enjoyed giving hands-on demonstrations and lectures.

Farrier topics I enjoy

Asymmetrical shoeing techniques that support bone and soft tissue pathology in sport horses

How to utilize ground force reaction to positively affect a horse's performance

Effective keg shoe modifications that will assist bone and soft tissue pathologies

Strategies that will improve veterinary farrier relationships

Forging techniques for competitors

Efficiency in every day shoe making including tool maintenance

Conversations regarding our industry, the philosophy of educating and including Farriers of all skill levels for the betterment and welfare of the horse.

My forging and horseshoeing philosophies have been modeled and molded by some of the world's greatest Farriers who are my mentors, colleagues and friends. Bob Marshall (Can), Billy Crothers (UK) and Burney Chapman (TX) have had a profound impact on my career. The teachings and concepts developed by Jean-Marie Denoix have formed a significant science base to my daily farriery practice.

In an effort to get back to competitive shoe making after a 7 year hiatus, I won the World Championship Blacksmiths (WCB) Overall High Point and Open Division Winner at Flagstaff AZ in June 2008.

Currently, I am enjoying riding and competing in horse trials with Jessica and our horses. It seems that I have taken up cross country jump and course building as a new hobby. We have developed a training level event schooling course on our property. Certainly being involved as a competitor in horse sport has given me a different prospective and greater insight for shoeing high performance horses.

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