



2010 OHTG ANNUAL CONFERENCE April 19th 2010

On behalf of the Ontario Hoof Trimmers Guild representing 40 hoof trimmers in the Province of Ontario please find enclosed our official program and registration form for our upcoming conference. This year's theme is "**Turning the Tables on Lameness**". The emphasis is looking at lameness and the hoof from a different view. This year the conference will be held in Guelph, Ontario at the new and very fabulous Guelph Delta Hotel and Conference Centre. I have personally viewed this facility and it has a lot of **wow** factor.

I am pleased to announce we have a new presence in designing our conferences. As I will be stepping down as Speaker of the Guild in 2011. This conference format is the result of our new Speaker, Doug Vaughan and other members. As a result we have reduced the conference intensity for speakers and time schedules to allow more interaction and social time. This will be our 5th conference and I am honored to have been a part of this.

Fellow member Jeff Butchers will be the lead trimmer in demonstrations showing us his fully enclosed tilt table trailer system. Fellow member Chris Vervoort will bring his newly manufactured tilt table for display. Jamie Farrell and Scott Denham are bringing their hybrid upright chute that combines the Comfort Hoof Care and Appleton designs in one that has been built by Craig Hess of the Appleton Company from Wisconsin.

Bring your coveralls and cutting tools if you wish to participate in the cadaver feet portion of the program on Saturday.

I am pleased to announce our speaker lineup will consist of:

- Lifetime Achievement Award Winner of the Hoof Trimmers Association and 2nd generation tilt table man, Dr. Ladd Siebert, DVM. from South Dakota, presenting a 2nd look at how a foot should be trimmed.
- Dr. Gordon Atkins, DVM, well known in the cattle business both as a breeder and advisor to the Type Classification Advisory Committee, currently at the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Atkins is bringing his mobile Ultra sound machine to examine foot structure and the foot pads within the claw structure

- Dr. Gerard Cramer, DVM- Cramer Mobile Veterinary Services, Stratford Ontario. As a fellow member we are pleased that Gerard has consented to present a seminar on animal processing. All part and parcel of Gerard's ongoing research projects.
- Vic Daniel, HT. Speaker of the Guild. St. Marys, Ontario will present his clientele findings from the first officially computer recorded program one year after introducing the Hoof Supervisor(HS) recording system at our last conference in 2009. Plus a specialized herd report on one 100 cow herd on how to get a herd back on its feet using the HS and Zinpro's First Step Program.

Also there will be a bio-security challenge to our members. Bring your chute and equipment using your regular cleaning protocol first thing for Friday morning and veterinary students will swab each entry and see who's rig will be the cleanest. We have a reserved spot to the east of the hotel parking lot for our rigs.

I wish to extend thanks to the University of Guelph Veterinary faculty and specifically Dr. Rob Swackhammer DVM for arranging us to use the Ponsonby Herd just outside of Guelph for our Saturday program. Also a thank you our volunteers and the office staff and students of Dr. Ann Godkin Veterinary Specialist (OMAFRA) for helping us keeping our conference running smoothly.

With the new format the Friday program will end at 2:30pm. Those interested will proceed to the Victoria Park East Golf Course for our annual tournament.

Tee off time is 3:00 pm. We have reserved 4 groups of 4. It will be best ball with prizes.

Doug Vaughan has arranged for us to have the twilight rate of \$34.95 (no cart) and with a cart \$52.70, so a party of two sharing a cart is \$43.82 per person. There is a check mark area on the form if you wish to play golf, first ones in get first dibs to participate.

We have prizes for

\$100.00 for the longest drive (one specific hole)

\$100.00 for closest to the pin (one specific hole)

\$100.00 for the best group

For those not wanting to golf there is a large lounge area at the golf course for those who wish to try their hand at darts or cards or just be at the bar and tell stories.

We return to the hotel for 6:30 pm for the reception, dinner is at 7:00 pm and we will again have our fund raising auction. So if you have an item or two you wish to donate please bring it along.

As we are on the legal hook for rooms booked, I would ask you to phone to reserve your room as soon as you receive this package.

So please book your room prior to April 29th if possible.

I will be keeping tabs on the rooms reserved. The room rates range from \$119.00 to \$125.00. Please be sure to tell the front desk you are with the Ontario Hoof Trimmers Guild Conference. Contact the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre @ 519 780-3010 or visit their website at www.deltaguelph.com

Thanks for your attention and I look forward to seeing you in June.

Sincerely,

Vic Daniel
Speaker of the Guild



**Conference
Registration Form
Friday June 4th and 5th 2010**

Location: Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre
50 Stone Rd West, Guelph, Ontario

Name: _____

Spouse
Name: _____

If coming

Registration Fee full conference: includes Friday lunch and banquet	\$125.00
Friday Program only	\$100.00
Spouse Fee :	\$ 80.00

Do you wish to be put on the golf tournament list? Yes ___ No___

Do you wish to be a sponsor and donate? Check one if interested

\$25.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ \$100.00 ___ \$250.00 ___ \$500.00 ___

Total : \$ _____

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MAY 20TH 2010
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOMS ASAP**

Make cheque payable to the Ontario Hoof Trimmers Guild

Mail this form to: Doug Vaughan 233 Elizabeth Cr. Fergus, ON. N1M 3N1

2010 Ontario Hoof Trimmers Guild Conference Agenda

Friday June 4th 2010

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| 8:00-8:50 | Registration |
| 9:00- 9:15 | Speakers Welcome, activity report, financial report |
| 9:15 – 10:00 | Gerard Cramer DVM, animal processing |
| 10:00 – 10:40 | Vic Daniel Hoof Supervisor – year one benchmarking the clientele, HS and Zinpro's First Step program, how to save a herd using the two technologies. |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Coffee break and exhibitor visits |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Dr. Ladd Siebert DVM, Hoof Trimming a second opinion in technique – The Kansas Adaptation to the Dutch Flat Method |
| 12:00 -12:30 | Report on the February 2010 Hoof Trimmers Association Convention in Louisiana |
| 12:30 – 1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:15 - 2:00 | Report on the Funding for Hoof Supervisor system, pilot project design, discussion and questions. |
| 2:00 - 2:30 | Open floor, Phase two of the Guild where do we go from here? |
| 2:30 | leave to Victoria Park East Golf Course 3:00pm Tee Off |
| 6:30 | Return to Delta Hotel for reception |
| 7:00 - ??? | Dinner, Fun Auction, Social |
| Saturday Program: | |
| Morning | |
| 6:30 – 7:45 | Breakfast at the Delta Restaurant |
| 7:45 -8:00 | Leave the Delta for the Demonstration Day at the Ponsonby Dairy herd, University of Guelph |
| 8:15 – 8:30 | Jeff Butchers – Profile of the Ponsonby Herd |

8:30- 9:00	Dr. Gord Atkins discussion of the foot pads and their attributes.
9:00	Break out into Groups Cadaver feet exercises and trimming the dead Jeff Butchers trimming and Dr. Ladd Siebert Jamie Farrell and Scott Denhan trimming with a hybrid Dr. Gord Atkins Ultra sounding cattle claws and the foot pads in relation to body score, heel depth, prior to trimming and post trimming Reports on the Equipment Swabs for bio-security
12:00 Noon	Leave to return to the Delta
12:30	Clean up and Check out (I hope the hotel will give us the time)
1:00 pm	Lunch and farewells