



**2018 Hoof Care Conference
Program**

Friday August 24 & Saturday August 25th

**Delta Hotel and Conference Centre
Guelph Ontario Canada**



June 15, 2018

Welcome Message from the Convenor

I would like to invite and welcome you to our upcoming conference at the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre in Guelph, Ontario this August 24th and 25th 2018.

Since 2006, the Ontario Hoof Trimmers Guild has had a history of bringing forth pertinent topics and quality speakers for not only our province's hoof trimmers but industry hoof care partners as well. The tradition continues with this important conference.



This year's conference theme is **“For The record”**.

With regulatory changes in Ontario and increased scrutiny of dairy cattle welfare, not only in Ontario but Canada wide, we want to help trimmers understand these changes and to provide information and discussion about ways and means to help trimmers to better position their business to work with change.

We have many updates in the world of hoof care to know and understand. All these will be discussed. The future of hoof care can be improved by generating understanding.

Our speaker line up is among the most accountable we have ever had and we are grateful for their presence.

See you in August

Vic Daniel

2018 Hoof Care Agenda

Friday August 24th

7:00 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast for the attendees
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration
9:05 am to 9:15 am	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Vic Daniel</i>
9:15 am to 9:45 am	Updates on antibiotic use for hoof care, Veterinarians Act changes And how animal welfare is changing the business landscape <i>Dr. Ann Godkin</i>
9:50 am to 11:00 am	Pro Action and Regulation changes regarding Animal Welfare - Implications for Ontario dairy producers and hoof trimmers. <i>Guy Seguin</i> -Dairy Farmers of Ontario
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Refreshment Break
11:15 am to 12:15 am	Building Trimmer Credibility. Board members of the Western Canadian Certified Hoof Trimmers Association (WCCHTA) will discuss their history and how they use education to build the credibility of their members and association. They will also discuss their outreach programs and how they teach industry partners and trimmers" <i>Doug Johnstone and Rob Geier.</i>
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 pm to 2:00 pm	UK Cattle Foot Trimmer Programs and Issues <i>Neil Barret</i>
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Using hoof health records to help expose “Science Friction” in the barn. Developing records: Improving “Red” Dairy Herds <i>Vic Daniel</i>
3:00 pm to 3:15 pm	Refreshment break
3:15 pm to 4:00 pm	Hoof Health Data for Sire Proofs. Explaining the development of hoof health data in sire proofs and the new hoof health reports for individual dairy farmers with regional and national comparisons. Also, financial indexes for lesions recently approved by the Genetic Evaluation Board will be revealed. <i>Canadian Dairy Network Representative</i>
4:00 pm to 4:45	Open Forum “Questions and Answers” with our speaker panel
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Social time at our bar
6:15 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner Gala and recognitions - Fun auction and more.

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Saturday August 25th 2018

- 7:00 am to 8:00 am Breakfast open for attendees
- 8:30 am to 9:15 am Pro Action Assessing and Classification Standards on dairy cattle feet and leg structure
Carolyn Turner, Holstein Canada
- 9:15 – 10:15 **Workshop: Assessing Hoof trimmer**, working together to build a credible system for evaluation of hoof trimming. Assessing your job site using the Hoof Trimmers Association Toolbox as a template
Philip Spence Vice President of the Hoof Trimmers Assoc.
Moderator: Ann Godkin DVM.
- 10:15 am to 10:30 am Refreshment break
- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm **Hoof Trimmer “Open Mike”**: Building credible hoof care help. What issues do you see in your clients’ barns? Can you help inform our partners of those concerns? What evidence would you provide to back up your question or concerns? Breeding, flooring, feeding, timing; you name it, we will listen
Photos and short case studies will be used to help generate discussion.
Vic Daniel
Moderator Ann Godkin DVM.
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Building a Credible Guild**: Using the morning workshop comments the Ontario trimmers will decide on what the Guild need to do in the in the short term and consider e our long range goals.
 - Trimmers working together can build an organization that the cattle industry can respect, communicate and receive input from.
 - How should we restructure the Guild to advance trimmer knowledge, input and profitability?
- 3:00 Adjournment.

On behalf of the OHTG, all the best and safe journeys to all!
Trim on, Trim well, Trim safe.

Hoof Care 2018: Our Speakers



Guy Seguin Is a systems engineer with Dairy Farmers of Ontario. Before joining DFO, Guy worked for Dairy Farmers of Canada as Senior Policy Advisor for five years to develop national programs such as the Pro Action Initiative. He also worked as Milk Inspector as well as an udder health specialist with DFO. He worked for Del Laval Canada managing projects to increase milking and feeding equipment markets for nine years prior to serving DFC. He is a graduate of the University of Guelph, with degrees in engineering and computer science. He lives in Casselman, Ontario with his wife and four children.



Neil Barret was employed by a veterinary practice as a hoof trimmer before starting his hoof trimming business, NJB Hoof Care, in 2017. He is a qualified 5 Step training licensed hoof trimmer in the United Kingdom trained over 2 years by Pieter Kloosterman of DTC + School. He has spent his entire career in dairy farming starting as a student at the Royal Farms in Windsor and finishing as herd manager of 300 high yielding and health Holsteins. In this role he worked alongside Dr. Roger Blowey BSc, BVSc, FRCVS. He is also Vice Chairman of the National Association of Cattle Hoof Trimmers (NACFT) and is a strong believer in continuing education. He is a proud husband and father of four



Ann Godkin is a veterinary graduate of the University of Guelph and has been involved for twenty eight years with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). She has been a published author regarding animal welfare and bovine foot care. She is a firm believer is working with people to help keep the animals sound and healthy. She has been a strong and valued friend of hoof trimmer education and translating research to lay terms for all.



Carolin Turner With a BA and BSc in Agriculture, she is one of the most knowledgeable people working in the dairy industry today. Graduating in 1990 with a B.Sc. in Animal Science from the University of Guelph, she has worked her way from a Nutritional Assistant to being involved with Classification at Holstein Canada since 1994. Her present role is one of the two National Classification Coordinators for Holstein Canada (since 2005). She divides her time between training and mentoring classifiers and being an active classifier in the field. In this time, Carolin has gained the experience necessary to conduct and assist the progressive development of all dairy breeds in Canada.

She plays a key role on the Holstein Canada Classification Advisory Committee and is the co-owner of a successful Charolais cattle breeding operation at her farm in Gananoque, Ontario, keeping the passion for cattle in her family. As well as working for Holstein Canada, she is a member of the Canadian Charolais Association and Brown Swiss Association of Canada, and in the past has been a 4-H leader. Despite all the work and travel, she manages to stay very involved with her family and friends.



Doug Johnstone graduated from Abbotsford Senior Secondary School in 1979 in the Arts and Sciences program. He entered the construction industry in 1981 and in 1985 finished his plumbing apprenticeship and achieved both his Inter-Provincial tickets in Plumbing and as a "Grade B" Gasfitter. He later challenged the piping system in both sprinkler fitting and steam fitting. Doug worked as a supervisor on jobsites for several years dealing with all aspects of the mechanical systems.

Doug entered the hoof trimming industry in Nov. 1994 as a trainee and started trimming on his own in Feb. 1995. He has been a member of the Hooftrimmers Association Inc. since 1997. Doug served as the Canadian Rep. for the association for 4 years and is the Vice-President of the new WCCHTA. Doug received his Certificate of Competence In Hooftrimming from PTC+ in 2012 and his Certificate of Competence as an Instructor Hoof Care in 2016 from DTC.



Rob Geier was born and raised on a farm in south central Alberta. Having spent much of his life surrounded by cattle, he took up the opportunity to continue to work in the agriculture industry by becoming a hoof trimmer. He started his hands-on training in 2002 and eventually incorporated Casper Trimming Ltd. in 2004, expanding his operation in 2013. He has participated in many research projects with the University of Calgary. Through this work the thought that hoof trimmers should build credibility through education became important. Thus, he studied the DTC 5 step method of hoof trimming, becoming certified in 2012 and a certified instructor of the method in 2016. He trained in the White Line Atlas method in 2017. Since certifying he has participated in teaching numerous hoof trimming based courses to hoof trimmers, producers, researchers and Veterinarians.

Rob's passion for hoof trimming, his desire to create uniformity and credibility within the industry and hope to develop a collective message for animal welfare via a team effort helped the development of the Western Canadian Hoof Trimmers Association to which he is the current president.



Vic Daniel is the proprietor of Vic's Custom Clips est. in 1984 and is semi-retired from full time hoof trimming in south western Ontario. He is a member of the Hoof Trimmers Association. Past Speaker of the Guild, Past President of the Hoof Trimmers Association, Chair of the Education Committee for the HTA, Past Advisor to the Working Group on Functional Traits for the International Committee on Animal Recording (ICAR) which created the ICAR Foot Atlas, was manager of the Ontario Dairy Hoof Health Project and has been a presenter of research at international conferences. He spent nine years as a rural advisor to the Toronto Food Policy Council, a sub-committee of the Board of Health, City of Toronto regarding food policy issues. He is currently teaching hoof care at his shop, trimming and is on retainer to help evaluate hoof health with dairy farm clients of Shur Gain Feeds. Married to his wife Maria, they have 3 children and seven grandchildren.