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Words from the Editors

Hello out there!

20 years and 9 months! Can you believe it! I can remember when SHOBA was just a year old and there were fewer than 150 horses in the registry and most of them were in Kentucky.

Now there are nearly 2,000, and the majority of those have been registered within the last 10 years! And we are all over the world! We started with mostly Rowdy bred horses and now we have horses that carry blood from almost every gaited breed. And Standardbreds and Standardbred crosses are fast catching up as the second most common breed in the registry.

But we are not all about speed. With that speed we want a smooth ride that looks good on the trail, in the ring, and on the straightaway. We want good conformation, a great temperament, and endurance enough to ride the trails all day and come back to the barn to show off during exhibition rides in front of the barns.

It's what we do. It's what we are. We've got the best of the best and the world has begun to recognize that!

*Hope to see y'all soon,
Ben and Beth Cantrell*

WHAT'S GOING ON IN SHOBA?

4th Quarter

Horses Registered Horses 12

Transferred 9

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SHOBA

Mission Statement

SHOBA's number one priority is to preserve and promote the naturally gaited single-footing horse. SHOBA will do this by providing, to the best of our ability, a strict gait performance horse registry that is backed up with equine DNA, which provides an accurate, scientific ancestry for each registered horse.

SHOBA recognizes that the single-footing horse is as unique as its uncompromised four beat lateral gait. We are very proud of the single-footing horse and hope to see them excel on the trails and in the show rings. Our intention is to do nothing to jeopardize the integrity of the single-footing horse in anything we do or support.

SHOBA believes that we are blessed with the unique single-footing horse to preserve, promote, enjoy, and provide a means of fellowship with other horse riders. We will promote family oriented trail rides full of fellowship, good times, and horse riding with these wonderfully fast, smooth, single-footing horses to support this belief.

Front page picture: Rocket's Lomax by Chance ridden by Patricia Yeager. This year he won Country Speed Amateur Reserve²World Champion at the 2026 National Gaited Horse World Show



CAMPFIRE RECIPE



Ingredients

1 ear of corn cut into 8 pieces

1 medium zucchini sliced thick

4 cloves garlic minced

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb uncooked shrimp

2 andouille sausage

1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning

1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning

4 tablespoons butter

Fresh parsley chopped

Directions

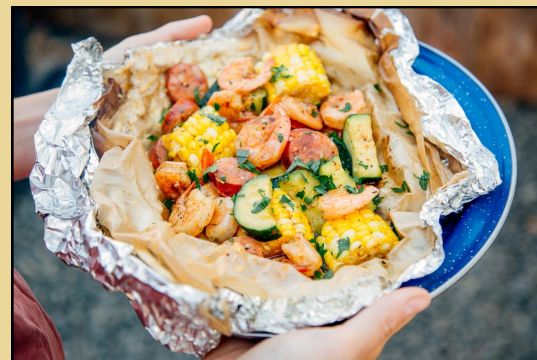
Tear an 18" piece of heavy-duty foil for each packet, along with a 16" sheet of parchment paper for each. Layer the parchment paper on top of the foil.

Divide the corn, zucchini, minced garlic, shrimp, spices, and butter between the two sheets of foil.

To form the packets, bring one of the short edges of the foil to meet the other, then crimp around all edges to seal.

Cook the packets on a grill (or the grill grate over your campfire) for 8 minutes, flipping occasionally.

Remove from the grill and let cool slightly. Open the packets carefully - they will be full of hot steam. Top with fresh parsley and enjoy.



Preparing Your Pasture For Winter Grazing

As summer comes to an end, it's time to start thinking about how you'll manage your livestock during the winter months. As natural forage becomes scarce, your livestock might not get the nutrients they need. To prevent that, you need to start planning for winter grazing now. To help prevent this, we have a few tips to help you get your pasture ready for the change in seasons.

One of the critical steps to prepare your pasture for winter grazing is to fertilize in September or October. During the growing season, your livestock grazes on your pasture, removing nutrients from the soil. Fertilizing your pasture in the fall season helps to restore the nutrients needed to support winter grazing. Nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are the essential elements to consider when fertilizing your pasture.

After fertilizing, reseeding your pasture is essential to restore the grasses and legumes that will support your livestock through winter grazing. Establishing fall-seeded grasses and legumes will provide a fresh supply of feed for your livestock throughout the colder months. It's essential to start reseeding the pasture during the late summer or early fall to ensure the seed establishes well before winter. Cover crop, winter wheat, rye, and oats are good choices for winter grazing.

Mowing your pasture before winter is crucial to remove dead plant material, promote regrowth, and enable the winter forage to grow and mature appropriately. Mowing the pasture also ensures that your animals have access to the freshest and most nutritionally rich grass during the winter months.



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Fall Is The Time To Prepare

Now is the time to evaluate your horse's overall body condition so that you can make any necessary adjustments before winter sets in. This is especially important if you ride and work him less over the winter or if he's an older horse, says Lindsey Moneta, DVM, of Pacific Crest Sporthorse in Oregon. "Fall is a good time to make sure your horse is as healthy as possible so he has a good chance of having an easy winter,"

To assess your horse's body condition, use the standardized Henneke Body Condition Scoring System (available online), which explains how to check your horse in six areas: neck, withers, shoulder, ribs, loin, and tailhead. You'll then see how his condition rates on a scale from one to nine.

Ideally, horses should be a five, says California and Arizona based equine nutritionist Clair Thunes, PhD. That means when you look at your horse you can't see his ribs, but you can easily feel them. His topline should be level and you should not see a peaked spine.

"I'm not opposed to horses being a six going into winter, especially if you live in an area that has harsh winters," Thunes adds. "On the other hand, a horse that's a 4 should probably gain a little more weight." To help keep your horse in top condition, follow these guidelines:

Increase caloric intake because horses naturally burn calories to keep warm.

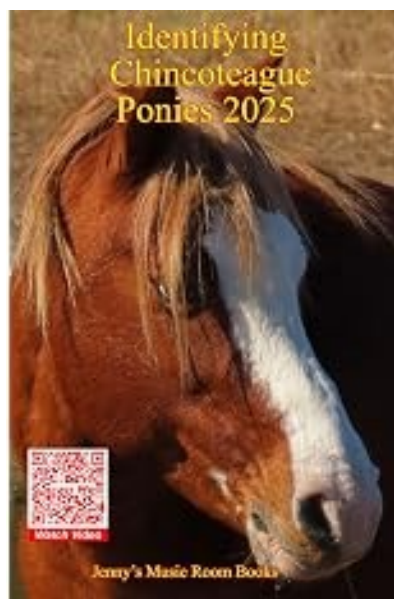
Or, encourage healthy weight loss. Winter can actually be a good time for an overweight horse to shed extra pounds.

Supplement with care. Products are formulated based on a horse's weight, age and activity level and when the instructions aren't followed, the horse's diet may be lacking.

Grass hay should make up the foundation of most horses' diets. It provides essential fiber, helps maintain healthy gut motility, and supports overall digestive health. High-quality grass hay is often lower in calories and protein than alfalfa, which makes it suitable for easy keepers as well as older horses.

Editor's Choice: Book

Have you ever wanted to go to Corolla, North Carolina to see the Chincoteague ponies swim the ocean and then to be a part of the pony auction? Well, I have, so this book is wonderful as a virtual visit for those of us who have only dreamed of attending and a wonderful reminder for those of us who have been lucky enough to see the ponies swim across to the mainland.



A guide to the ponies that live on the Virginia end of Assateague Island and are owned by the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company. Two pages are devoted to each pony with photographs and drawings highlighting the individual's field markings and color. Nicknames, sex, brands, and sire x dam information are listed for each one.

REMEMBER THESE!

Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. If you became a new or renewing member after October 15, your fee includes membership for the next year.

Name changes are allowed only if the horse has never had offspring.

Always return the original certificate with the Alteration of Certificate form and fee. There is a one day turn around if received on a business day.

Always return the original certificate with a Request for Transfer along with the Transfer Form and fee. There is a one day turn around if received on a business day.

Fees paid online include a 5% fee. These fees are taken directly out of the paid amount by PayPal or Square. Cash and checks are gladly accepted.

Horse Quote of the Quarter

A horse loves freedom, and the weariest old work horse will roll on the ground or break into a lumbering gallop when he is turned loose into the open.

Gerald Raftery

SHOBA FLASHBACK!



Three time SHOBA Ultimate Champion
Homer's Deacon ridden by Junior Shupe at
Mammoth Cave Horse Camp



ANVIL TALK



Should I remove My Horse's Shoes For Winter?

Traditionally, many horse owners have removed shoes during periods when their horses aren't being ridden or worked as regularly.

If your horse spends much of the winter turned out and only gets occasional light exercise, there may be less need for shoes than during competition or trail-riding season.

Going barefoot for part of the year may also allow old nail holes to grow down and gives the farrier an opportunity to manage the hoof without having to accommodate shoes.

But simply removing the shoes doesn't automatically mean a horse will have healthier feet. Hoof quality, conformation, terrain, diet, trimming, and the individual horse all matter.

A horse may be a good candidate for having his shoes pulled if he has generally healthy, strong hooves and isn't doing work that requires additional protection or traction.

Horses with a reduced winter workload are often the most obvious candidates. A horse that spends the colder months primarily in a pasture or stall may have very different hoof-care needs from one continuing to be ridden.

The surfaces your horse encounters also matter.

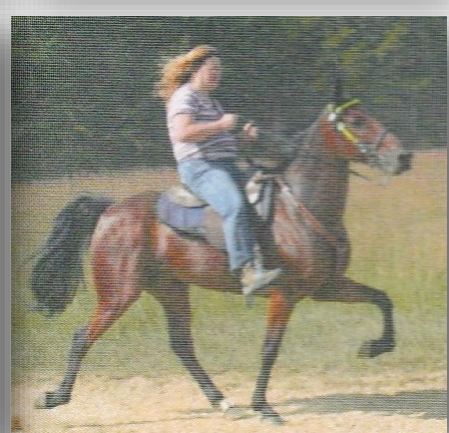
A barefoot horse living primarily on relatively forgiving footing may be perfectly comfortable. A horse regularly traveling over frozen, rocky, abrasive, or uneven ground may need additional protection.

Not every horse should automatically go barefoot simply because winter has arrived.

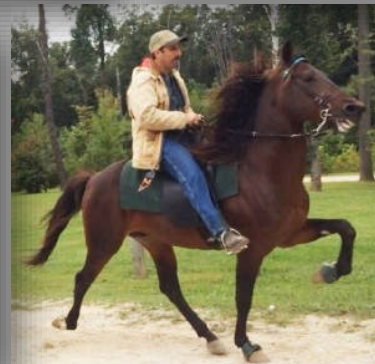
Some horses have thin soles, weak hoof walls, hoof abnormalities, chronic soreness, or other issues that make shoes important for comfort and support. Horses wearing therapeutic or corrective shoes shouldn't have them removed simply to follow a seasonal routine.

A horse that continues working throughout winter may also need shoes for protection or traction.

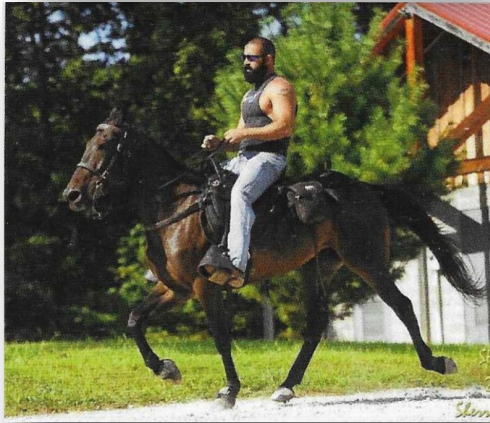
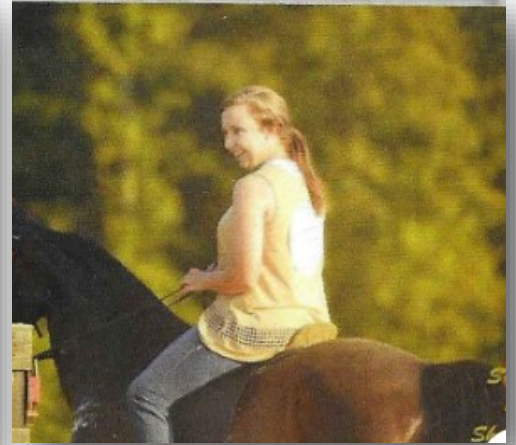
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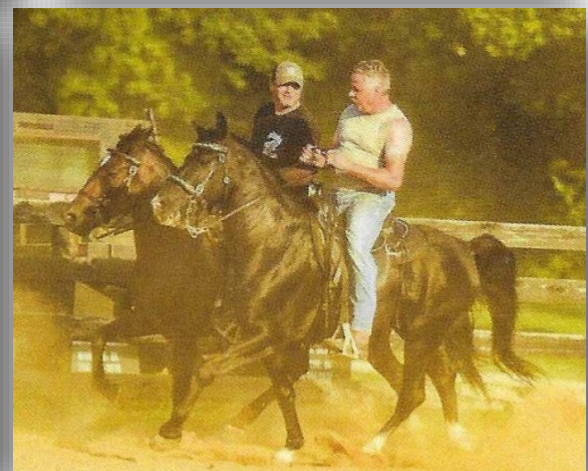
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If you're not
makin' dust,
you're eatin' it!



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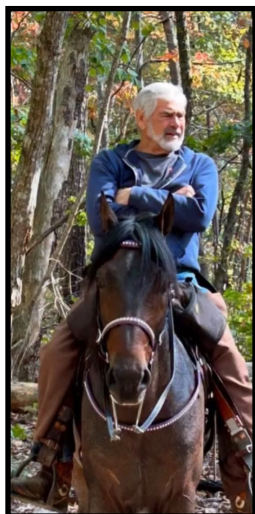
by Patricia Yeager



People often tell us “It must be nice”, referring to our ability to spend our days on the farm with our horses and come and go as we please. What many people don’t see are the years of sacrifice, hard work, and determination that made this life possible.

In 2000, we bought our twenty acre farm in Bayleyton, Alabama. At that time, it was simply land with a three acre pond. The first thing we did was build fences and a tiny barn (just to store tack, no stalls), and we bought a used mobile home. Later

came the 100 foot barn, just the top, Jacky put up the sides and built all the inside stalls, often working late into the night after roofing all day.



Jacky started out training pleasure horses. Soon people were bringing him horses that had developed some problems for him to ride and correct. Soon he was buying pleasure horses, riding and reselling. Jacky is all about a smooth ride. In the beginning we both rode spotted horses, Jacky’s spotted stallion, who we raised, was a good 22-24 miles per hour and was smooth doing it. Joe had a calm demeanor, carrying my grandson, Hunter, many miles behind me in a buddy seat. My dad told Jacky, “You have an old fashioned Single-Footing horse, one like I rode when I was a young man”. This grade horse named Joe gave Jacky the

“Fast Horse Fever”.



At an event we attended in 2014, we saw and fell in love with a fast, gorgeous, blue roan stallion named Pretty Boy Floyd. Fortunately, we had the opportunity to purchase a mare in foal to Floyd. This how I got my direct daughter, a blue roan mare we named Floyd’s Bonnie Blue. I rode Bonnie several years before we bred her to the Yankee Hustler.

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The Yeager Farm continued



This was a perfect cross. We bred the two horses several times resulting in the following horses: The Ladybug (resides in Germany), Hotshot, Jacky's breeding stallion, Hondo and Chantilly Lace. All are fast, sound, and sane horses. We crossed Bonnie Blue with Million Dollar Dream and the result was a filly, Dream On. Dream resides in Israel. The mare Hotshot's Poison resides in Spain.

Unfortunately, we lost my Bonnie Blue in 2024. It was a great loss to our breeding program, but we had bought some standardbred mares, and these mares, crossed with Hotshot, are really beginning to show great potential in the showing.



Jacky is the perfect example of someone who gave 110% effort in whatever he did, from playing high school football to building our breeding program. In 2017, he bought and trained an unbeatable straight-away horse called Hammertime. Later, he raised, trained and rode The Ladybug to a 2020 RHBAA World Grand Championship.

Then in 2022, Hustler's Hotshot won a National Racking Horse Speed World Championship, and in 2023 RHBAA Reserve WGC Speed Championship. This year, Hotshot is the 2026 National Gaited Horse World Grand Champion, Amateur Speed.

Hustler's Hotshot is our breeding stallion, and he is passing to his offspring his qualities of being a smooth, fast, and sane horse. Several Hotshot offspring are already winning speed classes in the show ring. Our son, Jonathan, owns a bay roan homozygous stallion out of Hotshot who has the same temperament as his sire.



Jackie still shows in the ring with Hotshot, showing and holding his own with a much younger group of people. Needless to say, this my favorite pair, and you can hear me yelling "970 Your Honor" around the arena. I am his biggest fan.

Jacky's heart is really with the babies. He loves the babies and working with the young horses. He no longer trains for the public, but he is still getting on those two year olds.

Hustler's Hotshot is standing at our barn in Alabama, and we usually have weanlings to sell.

Did I ever tell you that we were high school sweethearts?



New and Renewed SHOBA Members

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