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One of the hardest things in the industry is to get Farriers to recognize that they may actually need help dealing with horses they attend to themselves. We are pleased to see that there are some really well seasoned Farriers who have sought out the assistance that they need to move their practice forward.

We commend them for desiring to learn new ways of trimming/shoeing and look forward to many years of working side by side with these individuals.

Below you will see what they are saying.

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Here is what Russ Vanderlei, RJF, CF, Certified Natural Balance Shoer and Trimmer says: (Chicago Illinois area farrier)

"I feel that blending the knowledge of full perimeter fitting and Natural Balance shoeing and trimming that I already have, with this method, I have one more way to help the equine community. After 10 months of consistently incorporating Martin's procedures into my everyday shoeing and trimming I have not only been able to help horses, but have been able to put heel on the horses which I haven't been able to in the past.

His protocol has also allowed me to help laminitic and horses with rotation become more comfortable, while also giving them the ability to come back to their normal work program.

As with any other protocol; you need to follow the procedures thoroughly to get best results."

The North Carolina equine community is blessed to have Martin and Dr. Myers now working side by side at The Hoof Redevelopment Center. I am certain that they will be able to make a great impact on both the performance and soundness of horses in the South East.

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From *Down Under* Richard Summerfield, Western Australia says:

I have been shoeing endurance horses for over 30 years using traditional methods. In this sport, possibly more than any other horse sport, soundness is paramount. However, the old saying "no hoof, no horse," holds true for all horse sports.

Using the Martin's protocol has changed my way of thinking.

His protocol puts the hoof back under the horse, the way it was meant to be.

I first worked with Martin on my own performance horse who had been unsound for some time. Working with Martin, I was able to bring him back to full soundness and he returned to a successful level of competition.

This way of shoeing has been my answer to correcting many problems and to improving and extending the careers of performance horses.

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I'd been shoeing for 28 years when I found Martin when he spoke at the International Hoof-Care Summit in Cincinnati Ohio, back in 2006.

The first thing I realized was that I was not seeing what I was looking at. Martin taught me to analyze the foot instead of just look at it.

The protocols Martin has shown me has reenergized my work.

I have seen dramatic results in horses that used to be lame, but no longer are. I see performance greatly improved in all of my client's horse. They tell me that those joint injections they used to do to keep horses going, are no longer a part of their programs.

My hope for Martin is that he is successful in getting his ideas out to the horse community so it will develop more research potential and more importantly, so that horses will stop being used as pin cushions.

I'd say that the development of the Coop practice Martin has developed with Dr. Myers, HAS to be one of the best developments in our industry in a very long time. Together, they will certainly be able to help many more horses and avoid unneeded procedures such as joint injections that are only used to maintain horses instead of correct them. This in turn will not only help the horse and the entire horse industry, but will also help the owner save many many hard earned dollars.

Ray Wargacki, West VA.

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I have been using the Martin's protocols (with much success) since attending a clinic he gave to the Indiana Farriers Association in October 2008.

My personal horses' feet (and that of my clientele) look almost as good at the end of a shoeing cycle as when just shod. I no longer have a problem with flares or white-line disease, and my horses are sounder.

I started shoeing in 1974 and have worked with several farriers and attended numerous clinics.

Martin's methods are simple and unique and the best I have seen at eliminating hoof distortions and achieving even loading of the feet.

He recently spent a day helping me with a horse that couldn't canter evenly on both leads. Three days after Martin shod him he was moving fluidly on both leads. Martin was able to help that horse more than the chiropractor. I greatly appreciate Martin's friendship and willingness to share his time and knowledge. Lon Crain, Lebanon, IN.