

## WORLD HEAVY HORSESHOEING CHAMPIONSHIP

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### Mark Milster CJF, USA

Mark is a third-generation Farrier/Blacksmith. He started shoeing horses with his father at a very young age. He worked his way through a criminal justice degree at East Central University in Ada, OK and then established a home and business near Purcell, OK. In 1994 he entered his first contest hosted by the Oklahoma Farriers Association, where a spark was lit and aspirations of making the AFT were made. Big dreams call for big help. Mark started traveling to Jim Keith's every weekend for help and guidance. He considers Jim his greatest mentor.

Mark has since been on the AFT 4 times, won the National Title 2 times and won the World Championships in 2001. He was inducted in the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame in 2014. Mark still shoes horses full time and is a sought-after clinician and judge, an accomplished tool maker and mentor to many. He enjoys trail riding, 4-wheeling with his dog Crash, and sharing a beer with friends in his down time.

### Jim Balfour AWCF, Scotland

Jim has been a Farrier now for 46 years, having served his apprenticeship with his father Pat. Pat retired 22 years ago and Jim and his brother Kevin took over the business. All three of Jim's sons are Farriers too - Wayne, Lewis, Adam and also his nephew Cameron. Jim has been a member of the Scottish team since 1980 and has now taken over the role as Manager. He won Stoneleigh 3 times as a team member and also 3 times as a Manager. Jim won the Team Shoeing class at Calgary twice.

He spends many hours in the forge with his sons preparing for upcoming competitions which he loves going to. Jim shoes everything from Shetlands to Clydesdales most working days. His spare time is often spent on the golf course and with his wife Helen and the family.