

Harvey Waller, Stockbridge, Massachusetts, stands in front of an English carriage raced in 1888. The artwork is original. The coach is owned by Harvey and his wife, Mary Waller, Orleton Farm.

Devon

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the front hooves, which wear quickly, but are lighter.

Since his schedule "can get hectic — I can have 5-6 in waiting in line," Alfano warms and preshapes shoes.

There is "a lot of variation in what they (the horses) wear, depending on what part of the country" the owners are from. "It seems to be a territorial thing, what they're used to using."

Shoes may be "tapped out for calks," which means that Alfano puts holes in the shoes for calks, long tapered pieces pointing downward on the horse's shoe to prevent slipping. The calks are not worn other than in the soft medium of the show arena.

Although most of the horses come to Alfano to be shod, he does make occasional visits to the barn for the young or flighty

"For the most part the horses have been around a lot and handled a lot and are used to being shod," he said. "I have the most problems with young horses. They see other horses, carriages, the ferris wheel, and a lot of new things here that they won't see anywhere else," he said.

Besides working at Devon, Alfano shoes horses at 20-25 other major horse shoes each year in Pennsylvania.



"Sir Gallahad" gets some attention from Mario Marquez and Albert Rodriguez, Honduras, after the horse has finished competing.

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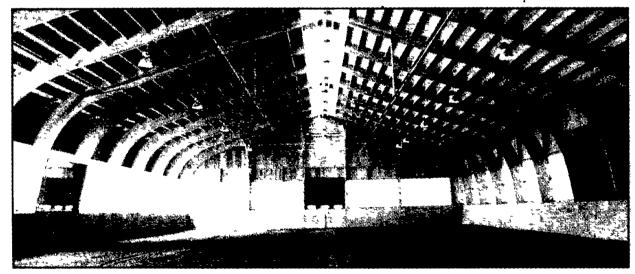
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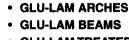
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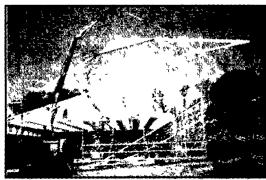
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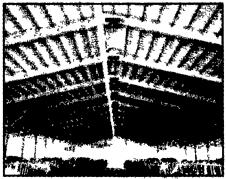




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