

## TOE STOPPER REPORT & RIDER PROFILE

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DISCIPLINE Please place tick below the discipline(s) you compete in

Show Jumping	Eventing	Dressage	Stockhorse Classes	Western Riding	Endurance Riding	Other (Please specify)
				YES	YES	TRAIL RIDE
				YES	YES	YES

### BEST ACHIEVEMENTS

Cathy has ridden horses since the age of 5, she has been disciplined in dressage, hunt seat, saddle seat, shown English and western pleasure and competes in endurance and others events. Don has only ridden since he met and married Cathy in 1986. Together they have raised 3 daughters and dozens of horses. They all train horses and are avid riders riding over 1000 miles of trails per year. They have made a business from this endeavor and test products for their store, mail order and on line catalog. Proven Products for Horse and Rider. Hill View Farms

### GOALS (IE Olympics 2008, World Cup, Nationals etc)

TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PROVEN PRODUCTS FOR HORSE AND RIDER.

Have you had your feet slip forward on the irons?	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever lost your Irons before?	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
What do you like about Toe Stoppers?	<p>1) Toe stoppers stabilize your foot and allow your foot not to become entangled in the stirrup.</p> <p>2) The difference of having toe stoppers on your stirrups and not, is like running with tennis shoes that have no laces in them as compared to running with tennis shoes that are properly laced up!</p> <p>3) This product is a no brainer and anyone who does not realize this – sorry to say, deserves to be dragged!</p> <p>4) Why did no one think of this sooner? I have always done my best to be safe and even when I was young wore boots that were too big so my foot could slide out if the horse went away with me. As happened once when I was 15.</p> <p>5) If you ride long enough, work with young or green stock, or ride in unpredictable areas or compete, you will at some time, at some point encounter an event that you will thank your life to the toe stoppers that are on your stirrups. That you can be sure. I personally guarantee it!</p>				
Are you aware of the danger of being hooked up and dragged	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever been hooked up or dragged?	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you know of a rider who has been hooked up or dragged? **Please briefly mention the incident.**

**Before toe stoppers:** all of us have had our feet slip forward in the stirrups. Cathy has been dragged for a stride or two and come free of the stirrup. Don too had a horse go down on him and thankfully his horse stopped as all the other horses ran by him into camp. Don's foot was so stuck and only with force were he and I able to free his foot. As for my girls, I always had taperderos on and them wearing loose cowboy boots. On the girl's English saddles, I had some good irons that broke loose, but did not prevent their feet from slipping forward.

**After toe stoppers:** twice this year 2005 – trail riding, with two different horses, Don's horses went down with him on and in both cases Don's feet came free of the stirrups. The first time was in the spring, when his quarter horse, at a canter hit a slippery spot on the trail and his legs went out from under him. Don came free and slipped off as the horse continued sliding down the muddy embankment. The second time was with his Peruvian horse who was walking down a steep hill and the footing gave way and tumbled head over heels down the hill. Don flipped off and watched as his horse scrambled to regain her footing. Toe stoppers are on all of our 13 saddles and we do not ride without them. They are every bit as important as a helmet, and more so because you have them working for you ever minute you are on your horse. Not just when you crash.

