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Hi there,

I can't believe it is already April. The time since the last update has gone by so fast, it is hard to imagine.

Seminars:

Since then we have run a couple of successful seminars, one in Auckland and one here in Cust. In fact, the next lot of seminar dates have been set and are as follows:

- 16-18 May, 2009 - Tirau, North Island
- 6-8 June, 2009 - Kumeu, North Island
- 5-7 September 2009 - Cust, South Island

As always, the registration form can be found [here](#). I am proud to say that we can keep up our offer: family members participating at the same seminar get a 50% discount, and re-attending the 3-day seminar for only \$180.

Professional Training:

We have also run the annual Continuing Education seminar for registered Strasser Hoofcare Professionals (SHP). As you are aware, hoofcare in New Zealand and Australia is an un-regulated industry and anyone can call themselves a trimmer/farrier. To remain a registered SHP, one has to attend the annual CE seminar for further training and present at least two case studies. This is our proactive approach to keep the standards high.

Currently we are also taking registrations for the next intake of SHP students. You can find an overview of the course [here](#). Feel free to contact us if you would like to know more.

Apprenticeship:

If you would like to consider learning the profession of a SHP and do it like an apprenticeship, flick us an e-mail with your CV and letter of intentions so we can discuss the option.

e-Shop:

We now have our own [e-Shop](#). Have a wee browse, you can book the seminars, get hoof boots, or other accessories like the no-bounce stowaway pack, which is a great little pack. Keep looking at the shop as we will gradually add more items to it.

New Hoofboots:

Easycare have brought a few new hoofboots on the market. The ones I would like to point out are

- 1) [Easycare RX](#) - great medicinal boot, which works excellent for founder recovery or horses with thin soles during rehabilitation
- 2) [Easycare Glove](#) - a smart little boot that stays on without any cables or buckles, it does need a proper fit, though
- 3) [Easycare Edge](#) - this boot is the further development of the Easyboot Bare, it provides the advantages of the Bare, but, due to the new closing mechanism, it is a lot easier to put on and take off.

Cheers,
Thorsten