



Meet Our Saddle Fitters: Joshua Morris-Siegel

October 14, 2019 - Trilogy Performance Saddlery fitters specialize in hand-fitting, flocking and providing ongoing client support for their region of the country. Trained by the best in the field and regularly educated through skill-building seminars, fitters are well-equipped with knowledge and passion for helping improve horses and riders.

We want you to learn more about Trilogy's team of fitters! Meet **Joshua M. Siegel**, authorized fitter who services Massachusetts and the surrounding areas.



Authorized Saddle Fitter Joshua M. Siegel

What created your interest to pursue saddle fitting as a career?

Growing up I was home schooled and lived on a small rural New England organic farm. Constantly fixing things around the farm I had grown an interest in fixing and repairing items including leather items. I had the opportunity and quickly accepted an apprenticeship with my neighbor, Saddler Anthony Cooper,

when I turned 15 years old working in his English saddle repair shop. Soon after learning the basics on saddle repairs I expressed interest in going out with him on the road when he performed saddle fittings to see the whole picture of how the saddle is used and how the proper fit makes a major difference for horse and rider. I was instantly drawn in and continued to apprentice with him for 10 years traveling to barns across New England and honing my skills of working on all types of English saddles. During this time I was introduced to Debbie Witty and Trilogy saddles. In 2010 I opened my own company, Siegel Saddlery.

What has prepared you to become a saddle fitter?

Apprenticing with Anthony Cooper for 10 years, Debbie Witty has been a mentor and has taught me a wealth of information, reading books, watching videos, attending shows, traveling to saddle manufactures in England and taking the Society of Master Saddlers Fitting Courses in England.

Name one unexpected thing you have learned since becoming a saddle fitter?

Dealing with hard to fit horses can be tougher than it looks but I always accept the challenge and like working with riders to find the best solutions. Also, early on it was interesting to learn that it was not until more recent times that saddle fit has been more important in riders.

What is your favorite part about being a Trilogy saddle fitter?

Debbie Witty is always available to discuss saddle fit questions and my fellow team of Trilogy saddle fitters across the country also provide a wealth of information to learn from each other. I have found that Trilogy offers the highest quality saddles and the best customer service to its customers.

What is the most challenging part of being a saddle fitter?

Finding solutions for difficult to fit horses. It can take time and trial and error working with the horse and rider to find the best saddle fit for everyone.

What advice would you give someone who is interested in becoming a saddle fitter?

Keep working on perfecting your skills, continuing your education and learn from your mistakes.