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THE INGATE

NEWSLETTER OF THE MORGAN HORSE
ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

AWARDS BANQUET AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Another fabulous meal at Bridgewater Manor as well as a terrific evening with good Morgan friends!

Highlights of the membership meeting held on January 9 are presented here and award winners follow later in this issue.

The slate of candidates was read by President Gail Catlow, as follows:

President: Gail Catlow

Vice-President: Ann Scussell

Secretary: Kathy Newcomb

Treasurer: Pat Mann

Trustees: Helen Heinzer (PP), Jane Dubin, Nancy Hutcheson, Nina Quinn, Joanne Kaminski, Anita Hoitsma

Equine Advisory Board rep: Gail Catlow; Alternate: Dorothy Hock

NJ Horse Council rep: Jody Hugo; Alternate: Nancy Vine

Member Representatives: Eleanor Hutcheson, Patricia Ricketts

President Catlow asked for nominations from the floor; there were none. It was determined that there are currently 77 members of the association. A quorum was represented by person or proxy and the slate was approved by affirmation.

Treasurer Pat Mann provided an accounting of income and spending for the year 2009. Income: \$2,871; Expenses: \$3683.90. The balance in the account is \$1,918.11.

President Catlow invited ideas for activities this year. One suggestion was to visit the Harness Racing Museum in Goshen, NY
<http://www.harnessmuseum.com/>

Send news items and electronic photos for the web site to Kathy Newcomb (KMNUkem@att.net). If I get enough news for the newsletter, I will produce an issue bi-monthly.

NJ ALL BREED SHOW

The All Breed Show had no Morgans in 2009. There will be an All Breed Show in 2010. To be eligible for state awards, horses must be shown under 3 judges. Shows that could provide these requirements include Children's Benefit, Jersey Classic, and the All Breed Show (which will have 2 judges available). We will promote these shows through the year. Class sponsorships are needed for these shows. Show dates, contacts, and other show information are provided in this issue

From the NJ Dept of Agriculture web site
New Jersey's equine industry generates an impact of \$1.1 billion annually and nearly 13,000 jobs

So...WHAT'S NEW?

We are sad to report that Jane Dubin had to have her sweet Norfolk "Vivian" euthanized recently. Our condolences Jane.

Things have been hoppin' at Sally Eichlin's Creekside Stable with new young horses in for training. Kathy Newcomb's young gelding Blythewood Baron Oakes recently returned home from his riding/driving training. Now, Sally is working with Kathy's coming-3-year-old filly Blythewood Abby Jaquith. Nina Quinn also has several youngsters that have been at Sally's for training.

In October at the USET headquarters in Gladstone, Sally Eichlin joined Robert Dover who was the honorary chair of the Driving for Surviving program, a volunteer program serving children with cancer. All the kids were awarded a blue ribbon which was really nice. You can find out more about Driving for Surviving's program on their website www.sharingvillage.org. They have a video on this page that describes the program a lot better than I could. I don't know who came up with this concept, but what a great one it is. Driving for Surviving is on cloud nine to have Sally volunteering. I think she was embarrassed by the fuss they made over her. The kids gave a driving demo. Louis Piancone brought his Gelderlander hitch to entertain everyone. They had a silent auction and a luncheon. It was a perfect fall afternoon. Everyone had a great time.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 11-13 - Jersey Classic Show. Horse Park of NJ. <http://www.ashanj.net/jerseyclassic.html>

July 22-24 - Children's Benefit. Dream Park Logan Township, NJ (south of Philly), Logan Township, NJ, New Jersey.
http://www.horseshowcentral.com/hse_details/childrens_benefit_horse_show/3437/1

Sept 18. All Breed Show. Horse Park of NJ. Contact: Lynn Mathews (609) 984-4389



From the Editor's desk

Each issue of the newsletter will be available on the web site as a pdf file and will be sent by email to all members with an email address on record; members without an email address will receive a hard copy. If you have problems accessing the file, please send me an email to let me know. Electronic mailing will save the club a lot of money to use for other worthwhile projects.

I would like to let my fellow members of the MHANJ know that I am running again for AMHA Director, Region 2. Mike Goebig has decided not to run this year, but Sharon Skelly from New York has enthusiastically agreed to fill Mike's seat. Sharon demonstrates the ethics and willingness to work for the membership and the breed that are essential qualities for a director. I hope you will support us both by voting on the ballot you recently received. **Your votes for Sharon, Bill Pettis as Director at Large, and me are essential to obtain a quorum. Without reaching a quorum, AMHA would have to run a special election.** Thank you for your support of me and for AMHA. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, or ideas.

Kathy

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Our web site: <http://www.newjerseymorgan.com>

Sign up for Club Year-End Awards

We encourage members that compete with their Morgans to sign up for club year-end and breeder awards. Placings can be submitted by snail mail or email (please include all required information directly in an email, not in an email attachment (i.e. Word document or Excel file). Forms for 2010 are available on the web site. Submit forms and placings to

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We understand that Samantha Pasquariello has had some serious surgery recently Best wishes to Samantha for a speedy recovery.

New look for the Network from AMHA

Wait until you see what AMHA has done with the Network!! Publishing the Network will be electronic from now on. This will save the Association more than \$12,000 per year. But this is really good news. If you don't believe me, take a look

<http://www.morganhorsepublications.com/>

MHANJ 2009 Year-End Award Winners

Walk Trot Equitation	Abigail Newcomb
Classic Pleasure Equitation 17 & under	
Hunt Seat Equitation Champion Reserve	Sara Hutcheson Rebecca Beets
Western Seat Equitation	Rebecca Beets
Saddle Seat Equitation	Rebecca Beets
Yearling Colts/Fillies/Geldings	ESS Flying Colors – Ernestine Smith
Amateur Hunter Pleasure	SPM Fortune’s Delite – Cynthia Brown-Clark
Classic Pleasure Driving	Oak Creek Rare Design – Linda Desell
Amateur Western Pleasure	Seaway After Shock – Tom Arnowitz
Dressage Champion Reserve 3 4	Pep Rally – Johanna Hugo Sable Beedazzled – Nancy Vine Apache’s Fury- Patricia Brown Everlasting Qua-lity –Christine Miller
Jr Exhibitor Classic Pleasure	Equinox Aristotle – Rebecca Beets
Jr Exhibitor Classic Pleasure Driving	Equinox Aristotle – Rebecca Beets
Jr Exhibitor Hunt Seat Champion Reserve	Sunny Acres Dark Shadow – Sara Hutcheson Sunny Acres Sky Walker – Rebecca Beets
Jr Exhibitor Western Pleasure	Sunny Acres Sky Walker – Rebecca Beets
Jr Exhibitor Walk Trot Pleasure	RGR Moonshadow – Abigail Newcomb
Jr Horse English Pleasure	Maximum Velocity – Jessica Mann
Jr Horse Pleasure Driving	Maximum Velocity – Jessica Mann
Open English Pleasure	Life of the Party – Sally Eichlin
Open Hunter Pleasure	SPM Fortune’s Delite – Cynthia Brown-Clark
Open Western Pleasure Champion Reserve	Seaway After Shock – Tom Arnowitz Sunny Acres Skywalker – Eleanor Hutcheson



MONTHLY MAILER

News for AMHA Clubs

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December 15, 2009

2009 AMHA Awardees Announced

AMHA is pleased to recognize the following members who will receive top awards at its annual convention, which will take place in Lexington, Kentucky, February 17-20.

Man and Woman of the Year Awards honor those individuals for their continued support of the breed. This year's honorees are **Roger Barricklow and Connie Barker**.

Nicole Nicholson will be awarded the Cecil Brown Memorial Sportsmanship Award, which is given to a Morgan exhibitor who has displayed outstanding sportsmanship.

Inducted into AMHA's Hall of Fame are **Elaine Galatz, the late M. A. "Bud" Hanson, and Nancy Jewell**.

The Breeders' Hall of Fame honors a breeder(s) who has produced Morgans that have had a significant impact on the breed. This year's honorees are **Cedar Creek Farm, Tara Farm, and Tennessee Valley Morgans**.

The Golden Reins Awards is given to a Morgan professional who has a 30-year career in training or instruction. **Harold Angell, Lynn and Kathy Peeples, and Pierre Loiselle** will receive this special honor.

Claudia Grimes will be honored for her outstanding contributions to the Morgan Youth program as the Youth Person of the Year.

Suzy Stafford will receive the Morgan International Award for her dedication to overseas competition with Courage To Lead.

Two Morgans will be honored for their work with people with disabilities. This year's honorees are **Lenawee Madonna**, owned by Patricia D'Andrea; and **Janlees' Philharmonica**, owned by Janlee Morgans.

Born To Boogie, Hyland Acres Command, and Topa's Krystal will be inducted into AMHA's Show Horse Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to These Morgan Judges

The following United States Equestrian Federation Morgan judges will be honored at the Awards Luncheon, Saturday, February 20 at noon. for their years of service at the 2010 AMHA Annual Convention, to take place in Lexington, Kentucky, February 17-20.

25-Year Judges

John T. Green
Lynn Harvey McNamara
Bernard Parker
Harry Sebring
Sandy Sessink
Bonnie Sogoloff

30-Year Judges

Peggy Alderman
Gayle Lampe
Richard Sereni

Let the Bidding Begin! AMHA Stallion Service Online

Bidding is ready for the 2010 AMHA/World Morgan Futurity Stallion Service Auction! Go to www.morganhorse.com/news_events/stallion_auction/ to see the 2010 roster. You will find returning stallions, new stallions, and some world champions just crowned at the 2009 Grand National! Remember to bid early and bid often!

Filing Stallion Service Reports

Stallion Service Reports for the 2009 breeding season need to be filed with the AMHA Registry by January 15 to avoid a late fee. If you file your report between January 15-February 15, the late fee is an additional \$25 and after February 15, the late fee is \$100. Blank reports can be downloaded from at www.morganhorse.com or call the Registry at (802) 985-4994 to have one faxed or mailed to you. Please note, if you fax your report to us, please don't mail it too.

New look for the Network

Wait until you see what we've done with the Network!! Please note, in an effort to reduce spending and take full advantage of the technology available to us, AMHA will be publishing the *Network* in electronic format only. Beginning with the January/February 2010 issue, we no longer will be printing and mailing hard copies. We regret not all members have access to the Internet, but this decision allows for a more timely publication and will save the Association more than \$12,000 per year. But this is really good news. Take a look...<http://www.morganhorsepublications.com/>

If you would like a copy of the *Network* mailed to you, please send your request plus \$3 to AMHA, 122 Bostwick Road, Shelburne, Vermont 05482.

Courage To Lead is USEF Horse of the Year Candidate

The 12-year-old chestnut Morgan mare, Courage To Lead, is a nominee for the United States Equestrian Federation's (USEF) highest honor bestowed upon a horse—the Farnam/Platform USEF Horse of the Year Award. Owned by Beverly Leshner, Courage To Lead joins four other nominees who represent the breadth of the Federation's breeds and disciplines.

Not once, but twice, has Courage To Lead (Courage Of Equinox x Hartland Sable) had a brush with career-ending injuries. Bouncing back from each of them is a testament to this mare's heart and dedication to excellence. And in 2009, this was evident in a string of first-place victories at the hands of USEF Equestrian of the Year nominee Suzy Stafford.

Crowned champions at the USEF National Single Pony Combined Driving competition, the duo also put down the best overall FEI score. At the Live Oak International, they placed first in the FEI Single Pony competition and were awarded the Hanzi Award for Best Horse or Pony as determined by the event's FEI judges. For their hard work and string of wins, the pony and Stafford were named to the U.S. Pony Team to compete in Greven, Germany, for the World Pony Championships, where they ultimately took home a Bronze medal and helped their team achieve a fourth-place finish overall.

Suzy Stafford is 2009 USEF Equestrian of Honor

Suzy Stafford of Bear, Delaware, has been announced as the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Beck Grand Hart Trophy winner. The trophy, which is presented to international non-Olympic athletes, will be given to Stafford during the Pegasus Awards on January 16, 2010 at the Downtown Marriot in Louisville, Kentucky. Known as the USEF Equestrians of Honor, Stafford joins six other stars of equestrian sport across breed and discipline who have been named recipients of different competitive trophies.

The National Single Pony Championship Gold Medal was awarded for the third time to Stafford this year, after she guided Courage To Lead to the win at the Kentucky Classic CDE. The duo also was awarded an individual bronze medal at the FEI World Combined Pony Driving Championship in Germany in 2009.

Mass Morgan Selected as Favorite Morgan Competition

The Massachusetts Morgan Horse Show recently was selected by United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) members as their "Favorite USEF Breed Competition." USEF received nominations for several competitions in many of the breed categories and lots of positive feedback about the competitions; however, they were only able to award one competition per breed for the contest.

One comment regarding Mass Morgan was, "The Mass Morgan Horse Show has it all: quantity, quality and A LOT of fun. Each year exhibitors look forward to the annual theme and socializing at this outstanding event."