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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get your entries in soon for Summers End Show. I have been asked to remind members to Fill in those entry blanks , for all shows , and complete all sections!!! Many people are not doing a good job at filling in the blanks..Reg numbers , USEF numbers , owner / rider info and trainer info , just to name a few .. Please help out your show secretaries and show management by sending a complete entry blank in for each show!! See you at Summers End ,Thanks Rick Davis

NEWS FROM UDM FARM

A congratulations to the following buyers for their purchases:
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UDM Got Spice to Dr.and Martha Rogers for their teenage girls. Carey Zukitis was agent for the sale.

UDM American Dream to Laura Dorwart with thanks to Rick Gervasio agent for the sale.

Also introducing our newest: UDM Mariposa by UDM Fortune in Gold and out of Aljaks Miss Whamerica.

She was born 4/12.

Karen Burrridge



TEAM MORGAN 2012

WINS INTERNATIONAL EQUITATION COMPETITION

Team Morgan 2012 is the proud gold medal winner at this year's international equitation competition, which took place July 4-7 at the Bluegrass Morgan Classic Horse Show in Lexington, Kentucky. Team USA competed against an equestrian team from South Africa.

This year's competition was different than in years past in that it consisted of three disciplines: saddle seat, hunter seat, and driving. Amanda DuPont, Gerry Rushton, and Karen Homer Brown comprised the three-member judging panel.

Representing Team Morgan 2012 were Lauren Bruss of Columbus, Ohio; Gaetana D'Alesio-Spina of Mendon, Massachusetts; Lauren Foy of Kingston, New Hampshire; Sascha Mills of Goldsby, Oklahoma; Kendra Peebles of Oxford, New Jersey; and Ellery Walker of Marshall, Michigan. Suzanne Habarek of Broadalbin, New York, served as the Team coach, and Carolyn Sebring of Richmond, Massachusetts, was assistant coach.

AMHI SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Morgan Horse Institute, Inc. (AMHI) encourages excellence in youth by providing scholarships and grants each year to outstanding individuals who are equestrians.

The AMHI Educational Youth Scholarships are funded by individual contributors and special events. The scholarship proceeds may be used for college, trade school, or vocational training. The selection criteria are based on ability and aptitude for academic excellence, community service, leadership, financial need and achievement with Morgan horses. Applicants are limited to high school seniors. Applications are due by March 1.

AMHI is proud to collaborate with its generous donors. If you wish to become a donor for a named scholarship, please contact AMHIoffice@aol.com or Charlotte Michel at (859) 543-2378.

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AMHA YOUTH COUNCIL IMPLEMENTS CHANGES

Calling all youth that want their voice to be heard, demonstrate leadership, and make a difference! The AMHA Youth Council is pleased to announce a new structure to be implemented this year!

Based on feedback from youth members, parents, and the Youth Advisory Board, the AMHA Youth Council voted in this spring to modify its structure. This new structure will be comprised of six members to form the Executive Committee, ten Regional Delegates, and an Ex-Officio. Also new will be one annual meeting. This meeting will be held in October each year at the Grand National & World Championship Horse Show®.

The AMHA Youth Council is composed of members devoted to the breed who strive to adhere to the following three goals:

- To perpetuate and promote the Morgan's long standing history of excellence, athleticism, intelligence, and willingness.
- To attract equine-minded youth nationwide to AMHA Youth Programs by developing diverse, interesting, and effective campaigns and programs to increase youth involvement.
- To offer guidance to other AMHA youth and serve as an exemplary role models. Members of the Council are not only representatives of their region, but AMHA.

The Executive Committee of the AMHA Youth Council will include the President, Vice-President of Finance, Vice-President of Public Relations, Vice-President of East Region, Vice-President of Central Region, and Vice-President of West Region. These positions require the youth to be at least 14 years old as of January 1 of the election year.

- The President is expected to attend and preside over all Youth Council meetings.
- The Vice-President of Finance will coordinate and track fundraising efforts and the line-item that the council has within the American Morgan Horse Educational Charitable Trust (AMHECT).
- The Vice-President of Public Relations will monitor social media and print media and will coordinate print media exposure by working with the Youth program coordinator and the AMHA communications specialist to publish press releases on AMHAY activities and events to the general public.
- The Vice-President of East, Central, and West will help coordinate activities and programs throughout their regions and also assist with all national level activities as needed. East, Central, and West VPs also will serve as a liaison between the youth members and youth clubs of their regions and the AMHA Youth Department.

YOUTH COUNCIL can't

- Regional Delegates must be at least 12 years old and submit an application to the AMHA Youth Department to be approved. The Executive Council will designate one primary Regional Delegate for each of the ten AMHA regions.
- The Ex-Officio is to be the immediate past President of the AMHA Youth Council and may concurrently hold another seat on the council, provided he/she meets the age restrictions.

Julie Broadway, AMHA executive director, explains, "The AMHA Board and staff support AMHAY's new governance structure and are confident this will build even stronger youth council and engage more youth in the future of the Association."

AMHA welcomes all youth interested in governance and leadership roles to run for the positions that form the Executive Committee. Declaration of intent must be emailed or mailed to Taylor Royals in the AMHA office by August 3, 2012. She can be contacted at taylor@morganhorse.com or at AMHA, 4066 Shelburne Road, Suite 5, Shelburne, Vermont 05482. Candidates are encouraged to campaign and will be featured on the AMHA website for all youth to get to know the candidates and in a special global e-mail.

Ballots will be e-mailed to all AMHA Youth September 3, 2012 and voting will close October 11, 2012. Results will be announced at the annual Youth Council meeting in October at the Grand National.

For more detailed descriptions of the positions please visit www.morganhorse.com/youth/youth_council.

AMHA AWARDED USA EQUESTRIAN TRUST GRANT

In its largest round of grant funding to date, the USA Equestrian Trust (USAET) has awarded nearly \$240,000 to 11 deserving equine non-profits. Among the recipients is AMHA, which received \$27,235 to support its youth programs and educational experiences for children.

"We are very excited to have received this grant from USA Equestrian Trust," said Julie Broadway, AMHA Executive Director. "Our goal is continue to offer high caliber youth programs that foster horsemanship and leadership skills. To date, our programs have been extremely successful and we hope we can continue to encourage and challenge young equestrian everywhere. These funds will be used to continue and grow AMHA medal class programs, the youth judging clinic, youth educational tours, and youth of the year contest at the Morgan Grand National."

NEWS FROM TROPICAL TROTTERS

The Tropical Trotters have been busy. We have had a meeting each month. We even have our own facebook group!

We started out the year by going to the Westchase Jazzercise studio where we did a meeting on Exercises to Enhance Your Riding.

We followed that in March with a meeting at West Coast Morgans where our members could prepare for Citrus Cup with horse judging and an in-hand demonstration. We also had our members work on the AMHA badges. We hope to have several of the badges awarded by the end of the year.

In April, besides a great showing of participants in the Youth of the Year contest, we had our service project very well received. We thank all of the people who bought a blue wrist band and supported our cause of finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes. We were able to collect money from the sale to make a contribution to the JDRF organization. We also visited the Surgi-Care Center in Brandon. We were treated to a wonderful tour and got to ask the vet and techs lots of questions. May found us at Arbordale for a meeting titled "All About Shoes". We ran out of time to ask the farrier all the questions we had about shoeing.

Our June meeting, a barrel racing demonstration at Whispering Oaks was postponed due to Tropical Storm Debbie. We are rescheduling the meeting for September. Hopefully we will avoid massive amounts of rain this time! In the meantime, we are working on our club scrap book.

We are all looking forward to our August meeting at Davis Stables. Rick will be talking about what judges do and how they judge a class. Members have been invited to bring their horses to the meeting.

September also brings the Summer's End show and the Chuck A Duck fund raiser which will hopefully be full of participants!

We will be making horse treats at our November meeting to share with a local horse rescue barn. We hope to finish up the year with a movie night along with a gift exchange.

We are hopeful that we will be able to take a road trip to Ocala in January. If your barn would like to host the group for an informational session, please let us know. *Martha Stein*



March meeting- badge work



Youth of the year contest at Citrus Cup



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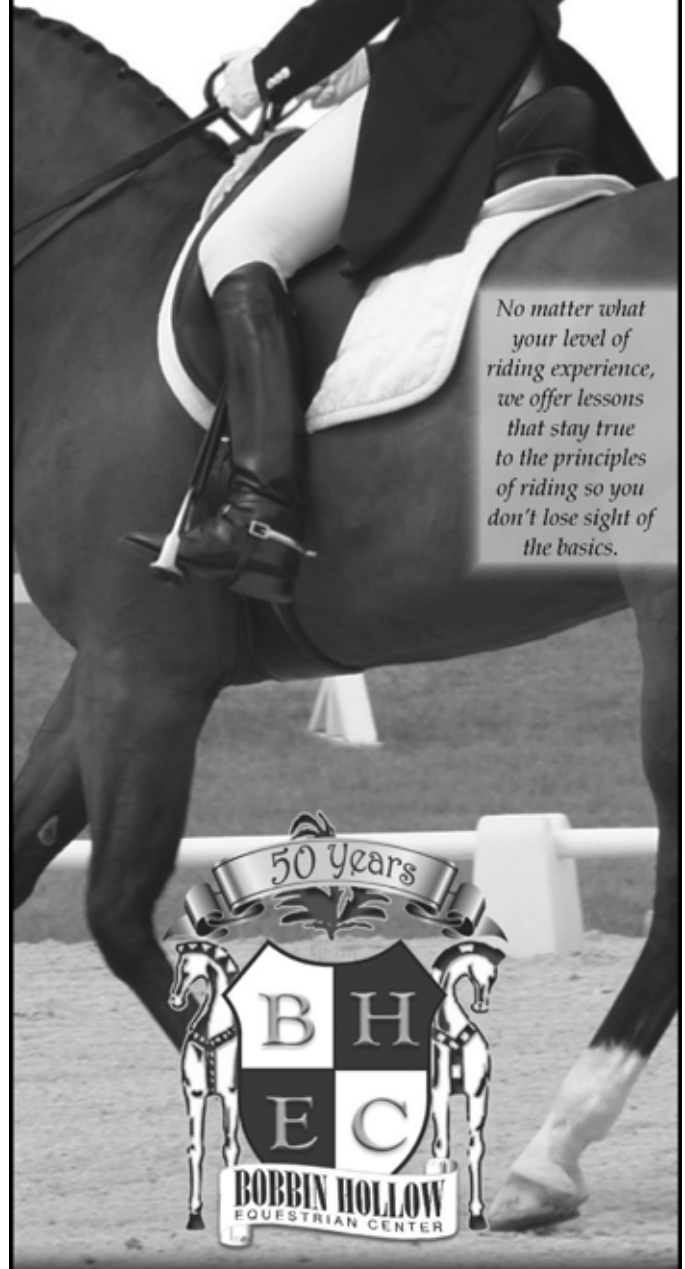
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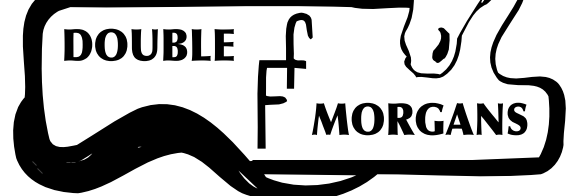
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