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AMHA CONVENTION IN ORLANDO

Running February 3 through March 3rd, this year's Convention had something for everyone. Kicking off with self-guided tours of some of the top Florida Morgan farms on Wednesday, it continued with seminars on marketing, health, and equine sports. A show ring fashion show and recognition of the breed's award winners rounded out the activities. This year's schedule was created with tourists in mind; each day ended at 2 p.m. so visitors could enjoy the sunshine and Disney World!

The Annual Meeting and Election was held on Friday and the AMHA/World Morgan Futurity Stallion Service Auction on Saturday evening closed out the 2012 convention.

AMHA/WMF STALLION SERVICE AUCTION

More than \$76,000 was earned at the 2012 AMHA/WMF Stallion Service Auction, which took place on Saturday, March 3. The overall top-winning bid went to Mizrahi for \$6,000, which went to Russell McBain and Phil Alderman. Susan Carlino bid \$3,500 for BKC Valiant Star, Catherine Haynes paid \$3,400 for Astronomicallee, and Holly Linden was the top bidder on AFF Leroy Brown for \$3,200. Sara Foy was the top bidder on Dragonsmeade Icon for \$2,800. The cover of the December 2012 issue of The Morgan Horse magazine went to William Haines for \$6,000 and Dan Kelley won the Maretta Kennedy custom made bronze for his bid of \$2,300.

Monies collected from this auction will be distributed to the AMHA Marketing Program, World Morgan Futurity, AMHA regional shows, and the AMHA Show Grant Program.

AMHA 2012 DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

The American Morgan Horse Association announced at its annual members meeting on Friday, March 2, 2011 in Orlando, Florida, the election of several directors.

Elected to Regions 6, 7, 8, and Director at Large respectively were: Jonalyn Gwinup of Oklahoma; Mari Sanderson of California; Carol Fletcher of Washington; and Jeff Gove of New Hampshire. Diana Swanson of North Carolina was elected to serve the remaining two years of the Region 10 director's term.

Also on the ballot, the membership voted to transfer the Registry Trust from TD Bank to the Vermont Community Foundation.



FMHA's "Fashionistas" from the Convention Fashion Show



JUBILEE OF BREEDS KICKS OFF SHOW SEASON

The weather was perfect for the Jubilee of Breeds at Canterbury the first weekend in February. Morgans were well represented, accounting for some of the fullest classes of the show. West Coast, Cheri Barber, Rick Davis and Rick Gervasio and clients were ready to get the show season started in style.

This is a well run, user friendly event. Hopefully we will see the Morgan turnout continue to grow in the future.

2012 GN JUDGES ANNOUNCED

The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® is pleased to announce the following will judge this year's show.

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Missy Hanover, Shirley O'Gorman, Jay Wood

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Missy Hanover, Shirley O'Gorman, Phil Price

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UPDATES ON AMHA'S CHAMPION TITLE PROGRAM

The AMHA Champion Title Program is a "pilot" program that launched in late 2011. It was the committee's hope that this program would encourage competitors to show, thus helping struggling shows, and also serve as means to help breeders demonstrate the accomplishments of their breeding programs.

As with any new program, comments and suggestions were received and were presented at the February 29, 2012 AMHA Board of Directors meeting. Below are the conclusions and decisions resulting from those discussions.

Regarding enrollment fees and pricing structure

The Board of Directors reviewed enrollment fees for similar programs by Arabian Horse Association, American Saddlebred Horse Association, American Kennel Club, and several others organizations. It was concluded that the \$75 first year enrollment fee was necessary to cover AMHA's expenses to administer the program and consistent with prices charged by other organizations. The Board asked the AMHA staff to research and develop possible alternative pricing structures for retroactive enrollment for future discussion.

UPDATES ON CHAMPION TITLE PROGRAM-con'd

Regarding inclusion of all disciplines and non-USEF rated shows
The Board of Directors firmly believes that to ensure a level playing field Morgan judging standards must be used and show results and placings must be verifiable. To accomplish these objectives, the Champion Title Program is presently open to all disciplines competing at USEF rated shows in all Morgan classes.

Unfortunately AMHA has experienced some issues verifying legitimacy of some non-USEF shows (i.e. Open Competition submissions) and is unable to verify these results from Open Shows. The Board of Directors agreed to revisit the possibility of expanding this program to non-USEF shows at the end of 2012 if these issues can be overcome.

Regarding inclusion of titles in the horse's registered name

The Board of Directors voted to **postpone** the addition of the acronym "CH" and "GCH" to the horse's registered name in the horse registry database (and related registration certificate). AMHA staff was asked to research other options to record this data in the AMHA system and the inclusion of the acronym on some component of the registration documents. For now, participants will receive a lovely certificate of achievement and may use the CH or GCH in advertising. A web page has been developed to list horses accomplishments.

Regarding concerns of eligibility of one-horse classes

At the Annual Meeting of Members, a member raised the concern of eligibility of one-horse classes. The current program rules do not require a minimum number of entries or a "major" (defined as class with four or more horses) for CH title--but it does require a "major" for GCH title. It was felt that it would be inequitable to require a "major" for the CH title as some horse shows are struggling to obtain entries due to the geographic or economic issues. AMHA also recently provided for points to count in one-horse classes in several Open Competition divisions for the same reasons as it is being offered in this program. Nancy Caisse and Glenn Winograd were asked to join the committee to speak to this topic.

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MORGANS WIN AT 2012 LIVE OAK COMPETITION

The Morgan breed was well represented at the 20th Annual Live Oak International, winning two divisions and placing in the top ten in several others! This prestigious event took place in Ocala, Florida, March 22-25.

FMHA once again sponsored the hazard "The Gulch" On cross country day, an informational tent was set up near this popular hazard. In addition to various magazines, directories and pamphlets the booth offered peanuts and bottled water to the spectators. FMHA members Rick Davis, Shirley Modell, Cheri Barber, Betty Gray and Tami Johnson also had tailgate tents for a front row view of all the excitement.

Blythewood Casino Royale (Burnt Mtn Ebony Hawk x Blythewood Royal Isabella), driven by our own Bonnie Hudson, placed fourth in the Preliminary Single Horse division. This finish put "Casey" and Bonnie in fourth place overall in the Triple Crown of Driving, which comprises three Florida events: Sunshine State, Little Everglades, and Live Oak. Congratulations!

Suzy Stafford is back driving a Morgan after a hiatus, this time driving her own, PVF Peace Of Mind (Statesmans Signature x JPR Have Mercy). This five-year-old bay mare bested the field of ten in the Preliminary Single Horse division to take top honors. This win came right after her win in the same division at the Little Everglades International CDE.

Lisa Singer was the lone competitor in the Preliminary Pair Horse division, driving LR Ami Bengali (HRM Eye Of The Tiger x LR Amie Allynda) and the non-Morgan, John Paul, and winning the division.

Whippoowill Keep Dancing (Jubilee Rhythm x Whippoowillkeepsake) took second place honors in the Intermediate Single Horse division, with Anna Koopman driving. This duo also earned second-place honors at the Little Everglades competition in the same division.

Mary Mott-Kocsis drove her Stanhope Express (Atavista Statesman x Ranatha Stanhope) to third place in FEI Single Pony. Mary has been successfully driving her 14-year-old black gelding for several years, most recently at Little Everglades, where they were second place in their respective division.

In the FEI Single Horse division, three Morgans stood out to end up in the top ten. Nifty Hamilton drove Battersea Rodney (Battersea Knightstar x Battersea Margaret Dear) to earn fifth place honors in this competitive division. Donna Crookston and her international driving star RG Cowboys Black Cadillac (Teton Black Beauty x Kahlua's Black Onyx), was close behind in sixth place. Jan Jan Hamilton drove JAO Desparado (Bradys Black Label x JAO Carmeletta) to eighth place.



Our "flower girl" Marilyn Otto getting the tent decorated



Spectators getting settled in



Anna Koopman and Whippoowill Keep Dancing through THE GULCH

DEAR TECH SUPPORT,

Recently I purchased and installed Horse 1.0. I soon noticed that this program appears to have numerous glitches. For instance, every time my computer boots up, I have to run Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1. Many times I've been in the middle of writing an important document, and a window will flash telling me to run Clean Stall 2.0. This program also contained applications I did not wish to install, such as Manure 8.5, however they auto-installed with Horse 1.0.

Applications such as Vacation 2.7 and Free Time 10.1 can no longer run, crashing whenever selected. Possibly the worst is that Horse 1.0 has attached itself to programs like Finance Manager and MS Money, with folders added such as "Monthly Shoeing" and "Harness and Buggy". Periodically, I'll get a reminder telling me to send a check to the manufacturer of Horse 1.0 for the aforementioned items. I have tried to uninstall Horse 1.0 numerous times, but when I try to run the uninstall program, I get warning messages telling me will infect my system. Please Help!!!!

DEAR USER,

Your complaint is not unusual. A common misconception among users is that Horse 1.0 is a mere "utilities and entertainment program." It is not-it is an OPERATING SYSTEM and is designed by its' creator to run everything! A warning will soon be imprinted on the box. Since you 1.0, here are a few tips on how to make it run better. If you are annoyed by the applications Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1, you may run C:\HIRE HELP, however this will cause another folder to be added to financial applications, labled "Staff" Failure to send payment to "Staff" will result in Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1 being run again on startup.

inally, it is important that you run C:\Carrots and C:\Scratch Ears on a fairly regular basis to keep the application running smoothly. If you have any more questions, please call our toll free number: 1-800-IMB-ROKE. (from the online site CDL, 11/26/2011)

EDITOR NOTE: People using Horse 1.0 should use exterm caution when considering an upgrade to Horse 2.0 or higher.

PINK WAS A SUCCESS –WE 'LL CONTINUE IN 2012!!!!

Once again, Citrus Cup Regional Horse Show will offer ALL classes for ladies as UPHA Pink Ribbon Classes. Special pink prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the winners of these classes. We are ready to show our support of this charity and we will be making a donation to breast cancer research through the UPHA Pink Ribbon Program.

We are looking for "Pink Money Sponsors" to help us in our efforts and we hope your barn will participate! It's easy...

For a tax deductible donation of just \$25.00 you will be designated a "Pink Money Sponsor" with a sign at your stalls and "a pink goodie bag" to show your support. Send your check in advance of the show with this form so we can recognize you for your contribution. Checks should be made out to FMHA for \$25.00 and mailed prior to March 15 to UPHA Pink Ribbon Chair, Deb Ferrell, 9080 Devonwood Court, Gainesville, GA 30506. You will receive your "Pink Money Sponsor" items at the show. Every person in your barn who donates \$25.00 receives a pink goodie bag. Decorate your stalls with some pink and purchase pink items too, with the proceeds going towards our donation.

We met our obligation to UPHA easily last year with your support, so let's work together and show 100% support again. It also makes Citrus Cup a charitable event.

Thanks! Deb Ferrell
(djferrell@hotmail.com) (if you have questions)

2012 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES
ARE COMING

hopefully, they will be ready
to be handed out
at Citrus Cup
(those not picked up will be mailed)

UPDATE ON "MURPHY"

I thought the Tropical Trotters would enjoy an update on Murphy the Saddlebred they originally cared for after he was rescued from neglect. Murphy was severely under weight when he was rescued by the Winograds over five years ago. He has been with me in his forever home for 4 1/2 years and is 22 now.

I was having the latch on his stall door adjusted and Murphy was very interested in helping. He hung around watching the process closely, even licking the arm of the person doing the repair. Although very low backed Murphy is still beautiful when he runs around snorting like a two year old. He is in good health and enjoys the company of my Morgan mare and gelding.

Pam Stephenson



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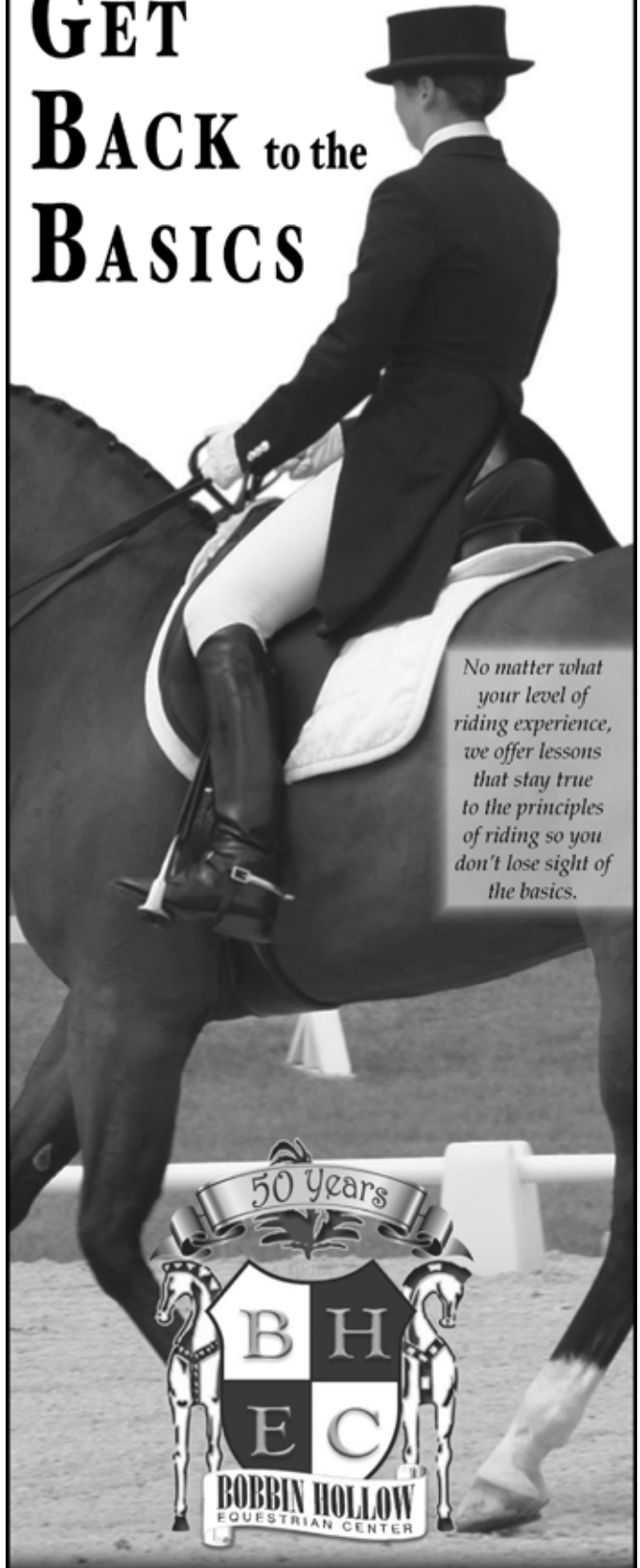
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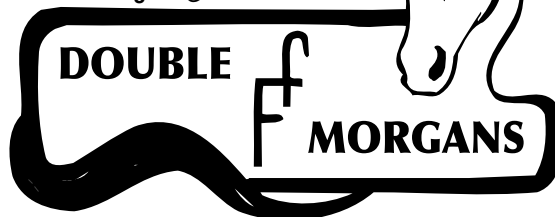
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