



The Morganiizer

January/February 2009

Youth Calendar

February 15, 2009

Youth Club Renewal Applications Due

February 20-21, 2009

AMHA Annual Youth Council Meeting and Elections

March 15, 2009

March/April Morganiizer Submissions Due

April 1, 2009

Youth of the Year Contest Applications Due

April 15-18, 2009

Citrus Cup Youth of the Year Contest

May 15, 2009

May/June Morganiizer Submissions Due

May 20-23, 2009

Southern States Youth of the Year Contest

June 16-20, 2009

Gold Cup Youth of the Year Contest

July 14-23, 2009

New England Youth of the Year Contest

July 15, 2009

July/August Morganiizer Submissions Due

August 1, 2009

Youth Council Regional Representative and Youth Council Re-Applications Due

For more events & information, go to www.morganhorse.com/youth/youth_calendar/

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AMHAY Introduces Its New Facebook Page!

American Morgan Horse Association Youth has introduced members of the social networking world to the new Facebook group, "Say Hay," for Morgan enthusiasts. Say Hay is a great way to connect with fellow youth Morgan admirers from around the world and anyone is free to join. Members can use the group to post pictures of you and your Morgan, discuss upcoming events, talk about your Morgan experiences, and keep in touch with friends you have met from competitions and events. Look for the "Say Hay" link on the AMHA homepage www.morganhorse.com.

New Equestrian College Recruiter Tool Helps Coaches and Riders Connect

The Equestrian College Recruiter website is a new tool for high school riders taking on the daunting task of finding the right college. The website allows student equestrian athletes to post academic and riding resumes for college coaches to review for a one-time fee of \$49.99. The site provides profiles of schools with equestrian programs and intercollegiate riding teams for prospective students, while making the student athlete's information more accessible to coaches. The website also provides useful college information, video making tips, current events, NCAA recruiting timetables, and full college profiles. For more information on the program and to post your résumé, visit www.equestriancollegerecruiter.com

Help Your Riding Instructor Be Recognized!

Riding Instructor Magazine is giving you the opportunity to nominate your hardworking riding instructor to be named one of the magazines outstanding instructors on their Top 50 list. Winners will be announced on August 1, 2009 and presented with awards at the National Riding Instructors Convention, in Naples, Florida, on November 18-21. If you think your instructor is deserving of such an honor submit a nomination to aria@riding-instructor.com by March 31, 2009. Please include a 200-word maximum biographical sketch about your instructor and his or her accomplishments that are worthy of recognition.

New Additions Welcomed to the AMHA Youth Council

The AMHA Youth Council is pleased to accept the following nominees as Regional Representatives. These representatives will serve a one-year term dedicated to assisting the Youth Council in their mission to enhance, support, and promote AMHA Youth. A warm welcome to Claire Brownie of Vista, California; Betsy Coco of North Clarendon, Vermont; Hance Grunden of Curtis, Nebraska; Emily Tarr of Colchester, Vermont; and Bethany Towne of Berlin, Vermont.

Claire Brownie, age 13, is well versed in many AMHA youth programs. In 2008, she was a proud Gold Medal winner as well as a participant in the junior judging program at the Morgan Medallion Regional Morgan Show. Claire plans to dedicate

Horsemastership Achievers



Congratulations to the following AMHAY Horsemastership Achievers for their hard work and dedication to the Morgan breed!

Taylor Countryman of Palmyra, NY; Bulrush

Jacqueline Marie Helle of Scituate, MA; Bulrush

Danielle Elizabeth Helle of Scituate, MA; Bulrush

Olivia Sullivan Graham of Hingham, MA; Bulrush

Lindsey Wheeler of Upland, CA; Bulrush

Taylor Widawski of Astoria, OR; Bulrush, Woodbury, and Sherman

herself to promoting the AMHA Horsemastership Program, which she participates in, and getting involved with many local Morgan promotions.

Betsy Coco, age 16, is excited to help support AMHAY. Betsy thinks during her term it will be important to get youth more active in promoting the Morgan breed and involvement in the programs offered by AMHA. Betsy will work toward improving the awareness of activities for the youth, especially in the New England area.

Hance Grunden already is an accomplished horseman at the age of 16. Hance has received AMHA badge work, participated in the Pathways Program, and served as a member of the Missouri Valley Morgan Horse Club. Hance wants to use his seat on the

council to voice his region's views on the national level, with his overlying goal being to see more youth members become more active during the national show.

Emily Tarr has high hopes for her upcoming year on the AMHA Youth Council. Emily, age 13, is looking forward to becoming more active in the youth activities offered by AMHA in the future and to interact more with the Morgan breed. Her goal for the year is to engage younger members in activities with Morgans.

Bethany Towne, age 16, plans to use to role as a representative to promote the Morgan and Youth activities. Bethany describes herself as a very driven individual and wants to use the experience to improve her knowledge of the breed so she can give back more to the council.

Team Morgan To Compete In South Africa

Members who won the coveted spot on Team Morgan will be traveling to South Africa this year to compete and promote the Morgan breed through international competition. Lyssa Bomgaars, Brynne Cummings, Rachel Menard, Kelsey Irvine, Maggie Smith, Taylor Sams, with Caitlyn

Scholl as alternate, Cindy Mugnier as captain, and Sarah Gove as assistant captain, make up the current Team Morgan. All the members of the team were awarded a spot after earning a top ten spot in AMHA Saddle Seat Medal Class, UPHA Challenge Cups, and Saddle Seat Equitation and

Classical Saddle Seat Equestrian classes, and went on to compete for the six spots. The Team will be competing in an international saddle seat equitation event in South Africa, March 5-9, 2009 against the South African Boerperd Amateur Union.

Club News

Notable News from the Berkshire Morgan Youth Group

The Berkshire Morgan Youth Group has been busy these last few months with their members attending both the Morgan Grand Nationals and Equine Affaire. In October the club focused on preparing themselves to give demonstrations of Tram-Pole-Line, a learning technique that helps improve rhythm, balance, and good hands, which they later showed off for spectators that Equine Affaire in November.

Group members were hard at work at the Affaire helping at the Morgan Booth. Members passed out promotional material, gave their Tram-Pole-Line demonstration, ran the scavenger hunt, and helped as greeters at the Morgan Row. In other news, Hannah Bornt and Miller Young Fina made their club proud by competing at the Grand National. Hannah received a Reserve Championship Grand National title, and Miller received a Reserve World Championship title, under the coaching of Cindy Bornt. Hannah and Miller, along with fellow club members Amber and Kelsey, formed the Berkshire Morgan Youth Judging Team. At the Youth Luncheon, the group earned power points, their educational display board took third place, and the team took third place overall!

Notable News from The Mighty Morgans

The Mighty Morgans made this Christmas season both a time of giving and learning. The group joined to make pillows and scarves for the local Lutheran Family Services and made cards to send to soldiers. The group has also taken many field trips together to educate themselves on horses. They traveled to a local tack shop to learn about different types of tack and bits, learned about horse bones and body structure at a local vet, and visited a 4-H club to learn about the power of magnets for equine health and other scientific practices. Eight members of the club have been participating in saddle seat riding lessons where they have been practicing their riding techniques and spending quality time together. The Mighty Morgans are planning an upcoming event called Beef Jerky and a Little Line Dancing. The group will meet for a meal of pizza and dessert, followed by card making and sending soldiers beef

jerky. To top the night off the group has a private line-dancing lesson planned!

The Mighty Morgans biggest accomplishment of the last few months has been being named Grand National Club of the Year. The group joined family and friends at the Texas Roadhouse to celebrate their victory and hold and awards ceremony. Congratulations Mighty Morgans!

Notable News from The Simply Southern Morgan Youth Group

In the last few months, the Simply Southern Morgan Youth Group used their treasury money to give underprivileged children of all ages a Christmas to remember. The club used their savings to purchase three-dozen gift bags to donate to the Fulton County Foster Care Program. Members of the group who participated in the program will be honored by the Georgia Morgan Horse Club and will receive Community Service Achievement Certificates.

USDF All Breed Junior/Young Rider Awards Announced!

The USDF All Breed awards recognize accomplishments of specific breeds in Dressage. The following members of the American Morgan Horse Association have been awarded in the division of junior/young rider. Congratulations!

Rank	Horse	Score	Rider
First Level	Claredy Locomotion	63.684	Jessica Lund
First Level	Crown B Special	61.576	Haeley Hutchison