

AMHA CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

All entries must be submitted in notebook form. Entries are judged prior to the AMHA Annual Convention and are awarded cash prizes for first, second, and third place finishes. Prize amounts are \$600, \$400, and \$300, respectively.

To nominate a club:

- 1) Provide a written statement listing club accomplishments and activities in the last year.
- 2) Document club accomplishments in an easily viewed notebook format with a section on each of the judged categories. We recommend that additional materials be included with the submission to emphasize the judged categories.
- 3) Display photographs documenting Club activities.
- 4) Include program information and materials such as scholarships, contests, award program information, and newspaper articles documenting club activities.

Notebooks are judged in eight different categories:

Chapter 1: Presentation of notebook, 15%

Chapter 2: Morgan and non-Morgan activities, 15%

Chapter 3: Breed promotion and civic activities, 15%

Chapter 4: Non-horse show activities, i.e. trail rides, 15%

Chapter 5: Fund raising, 15%

Chapter 6: Number of current and new members, 10%

Chapter 7: Percentage of AMHA membership in club, 10%

Chapter 8: Special promotional projects, 5%

CLUB NOTEBOOKS ARE DUE TO THE AMHA OFFICE BY JANUARY 15. Please be sure to insure your package as AMHA cannot be responsible for lost or damaged submissions.

Club Name: _____

President's Name _____

Address: _____

Phone () _____ E-mail: _____

Send application to:

AMHA Membership Department

4066 Shelburne Road, Suite 5 • Shelburne, VT 05482-6908 • Fax (802) 985-8897

AMHA PROMOTER AWARD

The Promoter Award recognizes club members who are diligent supporters of the Morgan breed, working hard to bring the Morgan into public arenas. Recipients of the Promoter Award actively promote the Morgan at fairs, parades, open barns, equine expos, and through many other activities. Selected members will be awarded a collectible "Morgan Promoter" pin as well as a certificate marking their accomplishment. All affiliated clubs and national service organizations are allowed to select up to three recipients per year.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Designees must be current AMHA members.
- 2) Selections must be received by January 15 of each year.
- 3) Recipients of the Promoter Award may receive the award only once in their lifetime.
- 4) A photo and short biography (400 words or less) must be included for each nominee.

Club Name: _____

Submitted By: _____ Position: _____

Our club has chosen the following individuals for their efforts in promoting the Morgan horse:

Name: _____ Send award to club / recipient (circle one)

Address _____

Phrase or sentence that best depicts promoter:

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Address _____

Phrase or sentence that best depicts promoter:

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AMHA MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

AMHA Master's Certificates recognize our Morgan owners, 60 years or older, who have taken an active role in enjoying the Morgan breed. Nominees must be nominated by an AMHA Recognized Club because the Master's Certificate awards are presented at the AMHA Annual Convention. **Nominations will not be accepted unless accompanied by this form, a photo, and a brief biography (400 words or less) describing the nominee's involvement with Morgans. It must be signed by the current club president or secretary. Failure to provide these materials will result in the nomination(s) being returned.**

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Nominees must be at least 60 years old and have a current AMHA membership.
- 2) Nominees must actively pursue endeavors with a registered Morgan(s). Activities may range from occasional pleasure rides and drives to breeding, showing, and promoting the Morgan horse.
- 3) Each recognized club may nominate two members annually. Nominations must be signed by the current president or secretary.
- 4) Nomination deadline is January 15 of each year.
- 5) Master's Certificates are awarded at the AMHA Annual Convention. Please note at the bottom of the nomination if the person will be attending the convention to receive his/her award. Representatives of the nominee may also accept the certificate on the recipient's behalf.

Club Name: _____

Submitted By: _____ Position: _____

Address & telephone: _____

First Nominee Name: _____

Address _____

Photo enclosed: _____ Paragraph enclosed: _____ Will nominee be at the Convention? _____

Second Nominee Name: _____

Address _____

Photo enclosed: _____ Paragraph enclosed: _____ Will nominee be at the Convention? _____

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AMHA NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR

The AMHA Awards Committee is accepting nominations from AMHA members and recognized clubs for the following awards. Selection of the recipients of all awards will be made by the AMHA Awards Committee from submitted nominations. Please attach a summary (400 words or less) of the nominee's accomplishments relevant to the type of award and include photos. Please check the appropriate nomination box.

- Man of the Year Award** **Woman of the Year Award**
 Honors accomplishments which illustrate his or her long term continuing support of the Morgan breed through any or all of the following activities of The American Morgan Horse Association: education, promotion, youth activities, special projects, local or regional club activities, or activities on a national level.
- Therapy Horse of the Year Award**
 Honors an outstanding registered Morgan horse that has contributed above and beyond expectations as a therapy horse.
- Morgan International Awards**
 Given to the competitor who has made the most significant accomplishments in the international arena with a Morgan horse.
- AMHA Hall of Fame Award**
 Given to a person who has promoted the Morgan horse through youth activities, education, local and regional club activities, or special projects on a national level.
- Youth Person of the Year Award**
 Recognition to an adult who has made outstanding contributions to the Morgan Youth Program on a national level.
- AMHA Professional Award**
 Awarded yearly to the professional who supports and promotes the Morgan breed.
- Golden Reins Award**
 Morgan professional, 30-year career in Morgan training or instruction. Include essay describing nominee's efforts as a trainer or instructor and their influence on the Morgan world.
- Cecil Brown Memorial Sportsmanship Award**
 Describe how this person has displayed outstanding sportsmanship during the show season.
- AMHA Breeders' Hall of Fame Award**
 Given to a breeder who has produced Morgans that have had a significant impact on the breed.
- Show Horse Hall of Fame Award**
 Registered Morgans with three or more world champion titles, or if shown prior to 1973, registered Morgans with three or more Grand Champion titles. Other registered Morgan show horse of outstanding caliber also will be eligible. Please list accomplishments on separate paper.

Please Include the Following Information

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Your Name: _____

Your AMHA Membership Number: _____ Your Phone: _____

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AMHA NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Judging Guidelines

The criteria used for selecting the best annual AMHA club newsletters may also serve as a useful evaluation checklist. Please see the next page for judging guidelines. Certificates are presented for Graphic Design, Educational Content, Editorial Content, Club Activity Coverage, and General Excellence. Clubs may enter the contest by mailing submissions to the AMHA office no later than January 15. The contest is open to newsletters produced by AMHA Recognized Clubs, as listed in the AMHA *Network*. Winners are announced at the AMHA Annual Convention.

Graphic Design & Quality

Items evaluated in this category include general appearance, use of graphic aids, photos, layout, neatness, and print quality. Quality, accuracy of spelling, grammar, use of names and dates, identification of photos and bylines also are judged.

Educational Content

Newsletters should provide member breed information. This includes use of AMHA press releases, article reprints, and special stories by club members, in addition to information about the local horse industry.

Editorial Content

Newsletters should promote member awareness. Letters to the editor, editorials, a column introducing new members, and opinion pieces all are considered.

Club Activity Coverage

Recent meetings, shows, activities, events, achievements, and member contributions should all be recorded. Membership rates, contact names and addresses of club officers, and activity directors should also be included.

General Excellence

A newsletter should combine all the above divisions in a well-balanced presentation.



PLEASE DETACH AND AFFIX TO THE COVER OF THE SUBMITTED ISSUE.

Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____

- Yes, a club representative will be available to accept any awards at the annual AMHA Convention
- No, we will not be available to accept any awards, please mail any awards to:

AMHA CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST SCORESHEET

Name of Club: _____ Division*: _____
*(National Service, Local, or International)

CATEGORIES: _____ **COMMENTS:** _____

GRAPHIC DESIGN & QUALITY

Possible Points: 20
Points Awarded:

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Possible Points: 20
Points Awarded:

EDITORIAL CONTENT

Possible Points: 40
Points Awarded:

CLUB ACTIVITY COVERAGE

Possible Points: 20
Points Awarded:

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Possible Points: 20
Points Awarded:

TOTAL POINTS: _____

***SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** _____

*(Graphic Design & Quality, Educational Content, Editorial Content, Club Activity Coverage, General Excellence)

Additional Comments:

