

THOSE AMAZING *Morgan Foals*

Photos of these Morgan foals, taken by amateur photographers and submitted by our readers, were published in our October issue. Results of the contest follow:

BREED CHARACTER Mark Staehnke spent a childhood apprenticeship learning Morgan pedigrees and breeding philosophy from Helen Greenwalt of the Brunk dynasty. He is a part of the Staehnke/Bodnar family who breed world champion Morgans under their Merriehill prefix. Mark loves to watch foals and, each year, looks forward to the new additions. “They are full of personality and attitude and so happy to be here. These foals are so important since they are our future.” When admiring the 2016 Foal Contest entries, Mark shared his personal, eye-catching qualities. “I first look for five traits: headset, shoulder line, refinement, how ‘square’ they are, and, finally, attitude. In other words, I try to visualize how they are going to ‘wear leather.’ This is something that Mrs. Greenwalt drilled into my head as a youngster.”



≈ **FIRST PLACE** ≈ 53. My first place foal really loves herself and it shows. Excellent length of neck with a good shoulder line. She is refined while still having substance and moves off very well. The picture just jumps out at you!

≈ **SECOND PLACE** ≈ 38. This foal caught my eye right away. So square with a smooth, smooth topline and a great shoulder line.



≈ **THIRD PLACE** ≈ 8. This foal has a wonderful shoulder and neck. Great attitude and short coupled. This little one looks to have a great future.



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ARTISTIC COMPOSITION

Jon McCarthy is a well-respected and first class photographer in the industry. Jon has been the featured photographer of *TMH* covers, horse shows across the nation and Canada, and an integral part of Howard Schatzberg's team. Jon is currently launching a new aspect to his website for those interested in photography (equine or not). It will feature a monthly Q&A blog from e-mailed questions (via e-mail/facebook/instagram) and "how-tos" at www.jmphotolearn.com.

≈ **FIRST PLACE** ≈ 18. This shot has character and you did a wonderful job capturing this foal's expression and movement. I like that you used a lower perspective to get down to the foal's level. Exposure is spot-on and the use of soft light is very well done. The depth of field between the foal and the trees beyond the fence aids in keeping the viewer focused on the foal by creating a beautifully soft background.



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≈ **SECOND PLACE** ≈ 38. Great capture! Wonderful use of "the rule of thirds" and utilization of negative space in the left side of the photo. This creates a sense of curiosity as to what is on the other side of the fence that has them focused so intently. Good exposure and use of light.



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≈ **THIRD PLACE** ≈ 53. This is a beautiful setting for a photo. You did a great job capturing the expression of the foal and the shared moment between mare and baby! Terrific use of the shade tree to soften the light falling on the mare and foal. I would recommend raising the crop on this a hair to eliminate the hot spot on the grass along the bottom as it can be a point of distraction away from the subject.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICES

Voted on by Friends of *The Morgan Horse* on Facebook

We posted the foal photos to Facebook and asked the public to vote—every “like” being a vote for that photo. Here are the results:



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| Placing | Number | Votes |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| 1st Place | 23 | 117 |
| 2nd Place | 18 | 96 |
| 3rd Place | 24 | 91 |



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2016 ENTRIES (all winners in boxes):

1 & 2. Unpretentious

(Stand And Deliver x KGA Center Stage)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Laurie Sterling

3. Colt “Flash”

(UVM Jubilant x Best’s Bedazzled)

Owner/Breeder: The Westman Stables LLC

Photographer: Mary Westman

4. Ancan Cinnabon (raf)

(Ancan Color Guard x HollyBrook Delilah)

Owner: Denise Alban-Kern; Breeder &

Photographer: Anne Wyland, Ancan Morgans

5. Colt “Ty”

(NR Mighty Mouse x UVM Cassandra)

Owner/Breeder: The Westman Stables LLC

Photographer: Mary Westman

6 & 7. Cyan Star Countess (CN)

(Get Busy x Cyan Star County Cork [CN])

Owner: Liza Kavanagh; Breeder: Cyan Star

Morgans; Photographer: David Kavanagh

8. FRF Presence (raf)

(SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH x FRF Bridalveil)

Owner/Breeder: Kurt & Teri Rumens,

Fire Run Farm; Photographer: Teri Rumens

9. Okan MisTerious

(Brook Hill Constellation x Okan MisTaylor)

Owner/Breeder: Donald & Mary Curtis,

Okan Morgans; Photographer: Mary Curtis

10 & 11. “Don’t Stop Believin’”

(Magnificent By Design x Park Avenue Diva)

Owner & Photographer: Sandra Litton

Breeder: Katherine Jump, Limited Edition Stables

12. “Bay State Lexington”

(Townshend Sweet Legacy x Bay State Roberta)

Owner/Breeder: University of Massachusetts

Photographer: Anne Wiktor

13. “Bay State Lincoln”

(Townshend Sweet Legacy x HR Clearly Legal)

Owner/Breeder: University of Massachusetts

Photographer: Meg Whaley

14 & 15. “RDS Frosted Sun”

(SFG Jack Frost x RDS Sunny)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer:

Rahael Maxwell, RDS Morgan Horses

16 & 17. Midas’ Treasure

(NVS Midas x Treasure Rainstorm)

Owner/Breeder: Susan Brewer

Photographer: Brittany Levien

18 & 19. RMTF Wild Exposure

(Trebles Double Exposure x Hygweets Ivena)

Owner & Photographer: Amanda Oliver &

Kelly Mastine; Breeder: Stefanie Sibley

20 & 21. Legacy’s Persia

(Minion Millennium x OHF Cherokee Rose)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer:

Cheryl Ann Weatherell

22. Stolen Kiss

(Faramago GCH x Boxford Angelica)

Owner/Breeder: Terri Sturm, Stolen Aces

Farm LLC; Photographer: Savannah Sturm

23. Stolen Rhythm

(Faramago GCH x Willowick Mafia Princess)

Owner/Breeder: Terri Sturm, Stolen Aces

Farm LLC; Photographer: Savannah Sturm

24. MHB Amadorion Rogers

(Coulee Bend Orion [CN] x Amador Merry Bell)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer:

Natalie Tanaka Mountain Home Morgans

25. MHB She’s A Peach (Alpinemist Sirocco

x Bessia’s Abyssinia), MHB Z’s Purple Reign

(Ragtime Dun D x WMS Laurel Sweet Sandy),

MHB Sterling Savoir Faire (JKM Platinum Blue x Polished Sterling Silver)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer:

Natalie Tanaka, Mountain Home Morgans

26. Ancan Remington

(TB Midnite Summers Dream x Ancan Timeless)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer:

Anne Wyland, Ancan Morgans

27. Mossrose Iron River

(Whippoorwill Newmoon x Mossrose Ysabella)

Owner/Breeder/Photographer:

Jane Pietenpol

28 & 29. They Call Me Cadillac

(Privilege x SMC Southern Accent)
 Owner/Breeder: Sarah Anderson
 Photographers: Kim Anderson,
 Angela Michaelson

30. Atwood Hieronymus Bosch (raf)

(MEM The Patriot x Perfect Cut)
 Owner/Breeder: Atwood Farm,
 Randal Donelson & Gary Sales
 Photographer: Kim Bogar

31 & 32. "Morgan Hill Joan Of Arc"

(Futurity French Command x She Runs Guns)
 Owner/Breeder: Dwayne Comeau
 Photographer: Shannon Comeau

33 & 34. Titicut Rose Of Tucson

(Trailhead Tucson x Titicut Shining Star)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer:
 Catherine Balaschi

35. "JMF B Dazzled"

(Derawnda Zeus [CN] x JMF Izzy Or Moe [CN])
 Owner: Susan Salster; Breeder: JMF
 Morgans; Photographer: Kari Janzen

36. "Orla"

(Derawnda Zeus [CN] x Elm Ranch Jewel)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Susan Salster

37 & 38. The Thin Blue Line

(W-B Blue Barry x Faircrest Bewitched)
 Owner/Breeder: Nicola & Michael Smith
 Photographer: M. L. Smith

40 & 41. "MTB Olympus"

(Schiehallion Nicholas [CN] x Valamar Primrose [CN]);
 Owner/Breeder: Jim McClay
 Photographer: Angela Marks

42. "Tui's Majestic"

(Tui's Red Dragon x Tui's Oklahoma Song)
 Owner/Breeder: Peter & Bridget Cameron
 Photographer: Bridget Cameron

43. GR Tullamore Dew

(M River Baron x GR Cinnamon Swirl)
 Owner/Breeder: Genetic Resources LLC,
 Steve & Kim Viker; Photographer: Kim Viker

44. GR Irish Whiskey

(M River Baron x GR Whiskey Girl)
 Owner/Breeder: Genetic Resources LLC,
 Steve & Kim Viker; Photographer: Kim Viker

45. Bay Colt

(UVM Springfield x Stonecroft Dueces Wild)
 Owner: W. H. Miner Agricultural Research
 Institute (Miner Institute)
 Photographer: Christopher Crosby Morris

46. "HD Liberty"

(Canon x HD Massena)
 Owner: W. H. Miner Agricultural Research
 Institute (Miner Institute)
 Photographer: Christopher Crosby Morris

47. UL Charm The Crowd

(Tocara's Standing Ovation x JMF Black Ivory [CN])
 Owner/Breeder: Astrid Hoy

48 & 49. Black Colt

(Charlestown Blue Moon x Cattle Lack Deville)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer:
 Alison Chickering

50 & 51. Filly

(Townshend Mark The Legacy
 x Townshend Bewitching Bell)
 Owner/Breeder: Nancy Caisse, Townshend
 Farm LLC; Photographer: Kristine D'Angona

52. Filly

(Townshend Mark The Legacy
 x Townshend Main Date)
 Owner: John Surprenant & Charleen
 McCarthy; Breeder & Photographer:
 Nancy Caisse, Townshend Farm LLC

53. Newmont's Timeless Joy

(Treble's Timepiece x FMB Peaches 'N Cream)
 Owner/Breeder: Walter & Margaret
 Gladstone; Photographer: Alison Chickering

54. Newmont's Peppermint Pati

(Minion Millennium x Paradigm Hot Chocolate)
 Owner/Breeder: Walter & Margaret
 Gladstone; Photographer: Alison Chickering

55 & 56. Foal

(TSL Starcraft x Hyland Acres Best Wishes)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer:
 Shelly Farr, Canterbury Stable

57. "Umpqua Odin"

(Umpqua Zeus x Umpqua Prom Queen)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer:
 William O. Beckley

58 & 59. BAM Cinco De Mayo

(RG Black Dandy x BAM Dragonfire Princess)
 Owner/Breeder: Brad & Mary Moser
 Photographer: Mary Moser

60 & 61. Kodachrome

(Graycliff Tony GCH x Merriehill Roxie Hart)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer:
 Nancy Johnson-Tobiasz

62. Colt

(Centerpiece x Diorella)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Renee Page

63 & 64. Mtn Maple Lambert

(Cimarron Of Quietude x Mtn Maple Charm)
 Owner/Breeder/Photographer:
 Jenifer Blanchett-Morse

65. Okan Lucky Lady

(Brook Hill Constellation x Okan Lady Ann)
 Owner/Breeder: Donald & Mary Curtis,
 Okan Morgans; Photographer: Mary Curtis

66. Edonja's Almond Joy

(Edgefield Sun Gold x Trailhead Snickers)
 Owner: Julie Fleming
 Breeder: Charlene & Gregory Cook
 Photographer: Jessica McNamara

67. "Jellico El Dorado"

(Westwind Joaquin x April Joy)
 Owner/Breeder: Gary & Sondra Seibert
 Photographer: Gary Seibert

68. "Jellico Liberty"

(Westwind Joaquin x Jellico Bliss)
 Owner/Breeder: Gary & Sondra Seibert
 Photographer: Gary Seibert

69 & 70. Final Verdict

(Merriehill Home Stretch x RGM Vikings Treasure)
 Owner/Breeder: Shelley & Robert Bullard
 Photographer: Shelley Bullard

71. Quietude Summer Sky (raf)

(Quietude Olympian x Quietude Sally Summertime)
 Owner/Breeder: Shannon & Susan Hanley,
 The Quietude Stud; Photographer:
 Lisa Brown NC

Congratulations to the winners, and a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who submitted photos of their 2016 foals!