

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

She breeds under the Grand Cru prefix and Tug Hill Commando stood at her farm in Florida: Cheri Barber does the honors as judge of this division. (PS, she's a sucker for a pretty head!)

≈ **FIRST PLACE** ≈ 7. This foal displays the “look at me” attitude which characterizes the Morgan horse. This lovely bay foal possesses the beautiful Morgan head and refinement that is essential in all Morgan breeding and show prospects.

≈ **SECOND PLACE** ≈ 3. This foal epitomizes the classic Morgan head. This foal's wedged-shaped head and wide set eyes screams Morgan type. This foal is a Morgan!

≈ **THIRD PLACE** ≈ 15. This foal is the most conformationally correct entry. The foal's lovely length of neck will allow him to place it in any position a future trainer might want.



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ARTISTIC COMPOSITION

Ken Martin is a top-notch photographer, whether taking a cover shot for this magazine or shooting over the rail for his friend Howie Schatzberg. It helps that he breeds some darn classy Morgans along with his family at Aljak Acres. He judges Artistic Composition for us.

≈ **FIRST PLACE** ≈ 14. This is a beautiful all around picture. What really sets it apart from all the others, in my opinion, is the lighting. Your eye is filtered right to the subject, which is beautifully lit and in sharp focus, but then as you look around you see all the different shades of green contrasted with the winding driveway/road. To top that off, you have the faint outline in the background of clouds and more landscape. I like the feeling the picture gives you as well. You have the perfectly content mother, along with the foal that looks like it is just loving life.

≈ **SECOND PLACE** ≈ 9. Another gorgeous capture. The sunlight and shadows worked perfectly here. Nothing is blown out and there is wonderful contrast both in the coloring of the foal as well as in the lush green grass. The hills in the background provide wonderful scenery, and, of course, the timing of the picture was right on.

≈ HONORABLE MENTIONS ≈

6. & 12. Both of these pictures made my final decisions tough.

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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:

| Placing | Number | Votes |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| 1st Place | 4 | 69 |
| 2nd Place | 20 | 44 |
| 3rd Place | 9 | 37 |



2015 ENTRIES (1st place winners in boxes):

1. GR Yellowstone

(Jingling Spurs LR x M River Sparky)

Owned by Steve & Kim Viker, Genetic Resources, LLC, Lanesboro, Minnesota

2. Jellico Sally Mae (raf)

(Silvershoe Highlander x April Joy)

Owned by Gary & Sondra Seibert, Jellico Farms Gaited Morgans, Shelbyville, Kentucky

3. 2015 Colt

(Trebles Double Exposure x Imperial Perfect Storm)

Owned by Amanda J. Oliver & Kelly Mastine, Imperial Morgans, Bethel, Vermont

4. 2015 Bay Colt & Brown Filly

(Trebles Double Exposure x Baccarat's Star Fire) & (Salem Command x CBMF Mesmerizing)

Owned by Amanda J. Oliver & Kelly Mastine, Imperial Morgans, Bethel, Vermont

5. & 6. Double Signature Required (raf)

(Statesmans Signature x Cabot Betty White)

Owned by Yvette Pieck, Bethany, Connecticut

7. 2015 Foal

(JDS Paladin Pazazz x Acorn Ridge Spice Girl)

Owned by Mark Fisher, Alpha Star Morgans, Kinzers, Pennsylvania

8. Sea Cloud Second Chance

(Salem Command x JMF Irish Windsong [CN])

Owned by Leanne Roth, Lebanon, Oregon; Photo by Wanda Kupersmith

9. & 10. Wilga Park River Gum

(Ragtime Oro Blanco x Haymeron Park Ruby Jane)

Owned by Ruth McGill, Australia; Submitted by Kathy Lyons, Wilga Park Morgans, Australia

11. & 12. MtnTop Never Say Never

(MtnTop Whippoorwill Tanek x Universal Selection)

Owned by Kristal Homoki, MtnTop Morgans, Brooklyn, Michigan

13 & 14. Harbor Point Charlie Boy

(Weathermont Ethan x Lydia Bayard)

Owned by Richard McCreary, Shelburne, Vermont; Submitted by Scott McCreary

15. Sheradins Absolut

(Acorn Ridge White Sock's x Ultras Me And My Shadow)

Owned by Eugene and Nancy Rebman, Sheradin Farm, Ashland, Ohio

16. Sheradins Athena

(Acorn Ridge White Sock's x Sheradins Mariah)

Owned by Eugene and Nancy Rebman, Sheradin Farm, Ashland, Ohio

17 & 18. LCK Luke Skywalker

(Lilac Lane Starwalker x CBMF Cover Girl)

Owned by Lisa C. Keller, York, Pennsylvania; Photos by Kathy Ranzinger & Deborah James

19 & 20. "Oakley" (raf)

(Ultras Special Agent x Graywood's Corinne)

Owned by Bobbie Jo Jaakkola, Twin Elm Training, Northville, Michigan; Submitted by Jessica Robinson

21 & 22. Peppercorn's Lady Gianna (raf)

(Mint Jacob x Covenant Elizah Moro)

Owned by Deborah Siegrist, Wentzville, Missouri; Submitted by Greg Siegrist

23. Coulee Bend Utopia (raf)

(JKM Platnum Blue x Polished Sterling Silver)

Owned by Lyle & Cindy Dietz, Coulee Bend Morgan Farm, Galahad, Alberta

24. Coulee Bend Upper Class (raf)

(Unconventional x Coulee Bend Quintessence [CN])

Owned by Lyle & Cindy Dietz, Coulee Bend Morgan Farm, Galahad, Alberta

25. Coulee Bend Uniquely Dun (raf)

(Cassety Hollow Sundancer x Alpinemist Desert Rose)

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