

# EMERGING SIREs

A new era of sires who made an impact in 2014.

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The 2013 and 2014 show seasons brought a new class of fresh young faces who made an impact on the show ring. Many were sired by well-known greats such as Mizrahi, Minion Millennium, Man In Motion, Astronomicallee, Stonecroft Masquerade. But there was an incredibly talented group of young athletes who emerged in the past few years by sires launching the earliest of their get into competition. At *The Morgan Horse* we spend the season editing show coverage from around the nation, gleaning the names of sires and dams from successful stock. It creates a pattern in our collective mind. When we sat down

after our December 2014 Grand National issue was at press, a pattern of success from relatively fresh faces to the breeding shed was evident to us.

This is not, by far, an exhaustive list of all sires who enjoyed success in 2014, but rather a collection of stallions who created a buzz with their talented offspring in the last few years. The list is comprised of CBMF Crown Prince, Dragonsmeade Axios, Get Busy, Graycliff Tony GCH, Morganquest Native Sun, SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH, Stonecroft Trilogy, SYP High Definition GCH, The Noblest, and Town Assets.

## CBMF CROWN PRINCE

(Stonecroft Masquerade x CBFM Crown Jewel by GLB Bell Pepper)



Ledyard Mysterious Prince

One of the crown jewels of Ann Hailey's Copper Beech breeding program, CBFM Crown Prince has gained great renown for his performances in the show ring. In 2013 he was the Park Harness World Champion under the direction of trainer Harry Sebring. Under the new ownership of the Quinlisk family and trainers at Taylor River Farm, 2014 brought "Prince" great success in the show ring with the title of Youth Park Saddle World Champion with Michelle Quinlisk up. The past year also brought great success to this ten-year-old stallion with the emergence of his first two world champion progeny; Ledyard Mysterious Prince (out of the Astronomicallee daughter Dutch-Mor's Joy) and Ledyard's Liberator (out of the Futurity French Command daughter CBFM Can't Touch Me). Interestingly, both were bred by William Haines' Ledyard Farm. Mysterious Prince burst on to the scene under the direction of Nancy Flower and ownership of William Haines, taking a nearly-undefeated season in the two-year-old park harness ranks, a season that culminated in Oklahoma with the Two-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship. With long legs, a near-horizontal shoulder, and a neck that rivals his sire, Mysterious Prince was built to trot and to hold himself high in the shafts. He was sold in Oklahoma and will perform under the direction of Cater Stables in 2015 for new owners the Foy Family. Ledyard's Liberator was purchased in the spring of 2014 as a young prospect by the Lents Family. River Run trainer Tom Tornatore spent the season working the deep-bodied, handsome gelding and finished him well in time for the Morgan Medallion where he won the Three-Year-Old Hunter Pleasure UPHA Classic. At Grand National, Tom's associate at River Run, Darcey Albino-Attig, took to the irons to secure the Three-Year-Old Futurity Hunter Pleasure World Championship for Twisted Rose Farm. Liberator will continue under the Twisted Rose banner in 2015, under the direction of resident trainer Garn Walker.

Double Waseeka's In Command in his top line through his sire Stonecroft Masquerade (Cedar CreekHarlequin x Carillion Command) and out of the Dee-Cee Mr Trophy great-granddaughter CBFM Crown Jewel (GLB Bell Pepper x Up Hyre Jewel Of The Nile), CBFM Crown Prince is proving that blood tells. "Crown Prince doesn't have a lot of foals on the ground, but I have had the privilege of working quite a few of them," says Harry Sebring. "They are willing, athletic, and spicy (in a good way). With his strong Trophy connection on his dam's side, I think the sky is the limit on Prince's potential as a sire."

"CBFM Crown Prince confirms our faith in him every day," says Sarah Gove at Taylor River Farm where Crown Prince resides today. "He gives 100 percent in every work out and has proven to be as faithful a companion for a youth exhibitor as he was for his previous trainer Harry Sebring (who was our greatest supporter in 2014). He was purchased for a junior exhibitor, but once we got him in the barn we realized we had a responsibility to continue his career as a stallion and a breeding horse. And his get are proving us right!" Prince stands to the public at New Hampshire's Taylor River Farm.

## DRAGONSMEADE AXIOS

(And The Beat Goes On x HVK Obsidian by HVK Bell Flaire)



With 21 get to his name thus far, Dragonsmeade Axios, "Forrest," is becoming a cornerstone of the Dragonsmeade breeding program. His first foal crop celebrated great success in the Grand National coliseum in 2013, with the rise of Dragonsmeade Sea Dragon (out of the On Line daughter, Christinia Dellarose). Though he had won the Maine Breeders Sweepstakes and taken the reserve nod in the Morgan Weanling Gala in 2010 under the direction of Mike Carpenter Stables, Sea Dragon really made a splash in 2013 with his performance in the Three-Year-Old Pleasure Driving Futurity World Championship with trainer Susan Morey for owner JRH Morgans. 2014 brought more success to the young bay stallion, who was named Four-Year-Old English Pleasure World Champion after a lauded season



Dragonsmeade Sea Dragon

under saddle. Dragonsmeade Cloissone (out of the HVK Hotspur daughter, HVK Clairvoyant) won the Morgan Weanling Gala in 2011 under the direction of then-trainer Tim Roesink, going on to secure two reserve world championships under the Grove Pointe banner in 2013 for new owner JRH Morgans; Two-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Driving Reserve World Champion and Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Mare Reserve World Champion. In 2014 the voluminous-trotting mare earned two more reserve world titles under the direction of trainer Susan Morey, going Three-Year-Old English Pleasure Reserve World Champion and Three-Year-Old Futurity English Pleasure Reserve World Champion. This list of Forrest's get that enjoyed success at the 2014 Grand Nationals is nearly unmatched, numbering five world- or reserve world-titled offspring. Dragonsmeade Hereafter (out of the HVK Man About Town daughter, WSG Shady Lady) was driven by Iann Fu Longenecker under the direction of Memory Lane Farm to win the Three-Year-Old Futurity Classic Pleasure Driving World Championship. Dragonsmeade Adele (out of the HyLee's Galaxy Seven daughter, HyLee's Vega) was named the Two-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness Reserve World Champion with trainer Tim Roesink for the Fu Family. Dragonsmeade Vendome (out of the Troutbrook Hallmark daughter, Dancity Gracious Remark) was shown by trainer Jim Taylor to win both the Two-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Championship and the Two-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Driving World Championship for the Fu Family. It is interesting to note that the Dragonsmeade breeding philosophy seems to put great weight on the importance of their breeding stock as individuals—many in the breeding program were previous performance champions who were shown by members of the Fu Family before they moved to the breeding shed. This philosophy is evidenced even in the breeding of Forrest himself, who is by Iann Fu Longenecker's many-time Amateur Park Harness World Champion, And The Beat Goes On, and out of sister Ling Fu Wylie's many-time Amateur Ladies English Pleasure World Champion, HVK Obsidian.

Dragonsmeade Axios himself is a show ring star. Under the lifetime training of Grove Pointe's Tim Roesink, the ten-year-old black stallion has enjoyed success in pleasure driving, English pleasure, park saddle, and park harness. Perhaps his most exciting year, however, was this past show season. He logged one of the most spectacular park harness performances in recent memory at the Morgan Gold Cup, winning the Open Park Harness Championship with his unparalleled height of action, perfectly timed cadence and charismatic expression under the reinsmanship of Tim Roesink. It was a performance that he repeated in Oklahoma four months later with his amateur driver, Iann Fu Longenecker, to win the Amateur Park Harness World Championship.

"Even though Axios' offspring are young they have already made an impact in the show ring," divulges Dragonsmeade's Iann Fu Longenecker. "He seems to stamp each of his foals with quality and athleticism that make each stand out. We've bred him to our fairly diverse group of mares and all of the babies have beautiful shoulders and they seem to all move well. Every year the babies by him stand out in the field. We are very excited to see Dragonsmeade Sea Dragon's three-year-old full sister make her

debut in performance in the show ring this year. Dragonsmeade Virtuoso's full sister had a filly by "Forrest" that may make her debut as a two-year-old this year. When she was a foal she always marched through the field like she owned it. Her motion and silhouette are very similar to her sire, yet with Beethoven and Trijas Mr. Pepperpot mixed in. Forrest will also have several foals bred by other breeders who may make their show debuts this year too, and we can't wait to cheer them on!"

Dragonsmeade Axios stands at Dragonsmeade in Kentucky, but only one public breeding is available through the World Morgan Futurity's Stallion Service Auction.

## GET BUSY

(Astronomicallee x So Vain by Queen's Vanity Flaire)



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Twelve years ago a midnight black colt by Astronomicallee was born to a full sister to Stand And Deliver, So Vain, and breeders Mike Goebig and Dwayne Knowles called the colt "Jet." As a three-year-old Jet, a park harness prodigy, was purchased by longtime Broadmoor client, Kathy Gutting,



Get Smart

handily winning the Three-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship with trainer Dwayne Knowles. The rest, as they say is history! To-date Get Busy has earned three Amateur Masters Park Harness World Championships with his owner at the reins, in addition to two reserve world titles under saddle (one with Knowles, one with Gutting). Gutting purchased two statuesque mares to breed to her typey black stallion; the Liberation First Star daughter ALB Elusive Star (out of The Master's Touch daughter, The Valiant Touch, making her a full sister to the world champion BKC Valiant Star) and Stony Hollow The Dutchess (out of Issues N' Answers), and began Jet's breeding career.

In 2013 his first son, Get Ready (out of ALB Elusive Star) stormed the show scene with trainer Mike Goebig, winning the Three-Year-Old Park Harness Reserve World Championship for owner William Haines. A combination of his mother's long limbs and his sire's efficiency and type, Get Ready is a top contender in

his division. In 2014 Jet's second daughter, Get Smart (a full sister to Get Ready), made one of the most memorable show ring debuts in history at the New England Regional, winning the Two-Year-Old Park Harness Stake in the sparkling sunlight. She was tall and fluid, with long lines and a broad step, with an unrivaled self-confidence and charisma. "Smarty" set social media abuzz with her startling quality and magnetism. She was purchased at New England by long-time Broadmoor clients Cindy Nord and Allyson Nord Wandtke, who were in attendance to witness her astonishing debut. The beautiful filly went on to win big at Grand National, as well, securing the Two-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness World Championship and the Two-Year-Old Park Harness Reserve World Championship.

Lifetime trainer Dwayne Knowles, along with partner Mike Goebig, has trained the young stock by the dark stallion. "Trainability, type, quality, and attitude are the best attributes Get Busy can bring to your mare," says Knowles. "With his huge charisma and longevity in the show ring you are sure to get a foal that will love to work and have the wonderful Morgan temperament. With only nine foals registered to date, with a mix of different bloodlines, time will tell what qualities from each side will "nick." So far the cross with mares by Liberation First Star and Issues N' Answers are creating great show horses, mainly Get Ready, Get Smart, and Get Lucky. Those first three to attend the Morgan Grand National all came away with world and national titles."

Get Busy stands to the public at Broadmoor in Pennsylvania.

## GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH

(Mizrahi x Pompp And Pazazz by Serenity Masterpiece)



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One of the superior performance horses of his generation, eleven-year-old Graycliff Tony GCH is stamping his foals with his great stature, quality, and shape. Not to mention his trademark white markings. As a three-year-old Tony created a buzz in the Oklahoma coliseum with then-trainer Luman Wadhams up, winning the Three-Year-Old English



Graycliff Tony Hawk

Pleasure World Championship and the Three-Year-Old Futurity English Pleasure World Championship. Since then, his has been a storied career spanning both the open and amateur divisions. Dawn Fire purchased the stallion from his breeders, Jeff and Lynn Yelton, in 2009, and got right to work with him. For the past two years she, an amateur, has shown Tony to two consecutive English Pleasure World Championships under the direction of trainers Phil Fountain and Kristin Tramposh. It's nearly unprecedented for an amateur to win one of the "big blanket" world championships, but Dawn and Tony have done it twice now.

Tony's first foal to win in Oklahoma was Graycliff Tigress Tess (out of the Pot Of Gold daughter Graycliff Ballo Bella), the 2012 Three-Year-Old English Pleasure Reserve World Champion, with Mary Carlton in the irons for owners Jeff and Lynn Yelton. Next, in 2013, emerged Graycliff Tony Hawk (a full sibling to Tigress Tess), who with trainer Whitney Bodnar was named Two-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness World Champion and Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Gelding World Champion for the Yeltons. Phil and Peggy Alderman purchased the young gelding in December of 2013. In 2014 he made his debut under the direction of Jim Taylor, and after an undefeated season was crowned Three-Year-Old Park Harness World Champion with Taylor and Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness World Champion with his amateur owner, Phil Alderman. That both Tony and his three-year-old son have won open titles with their amateur owners speaks volumes. 2014 brought the debut of two more exciting Tony sons; Jake Ryan (out of the Troutbrook Tapdancer daughter Erotic Dancer) and Graycliff Ram Jam Tony (out of the Astronomicallee daughter Merriehill Black Betty). Jake Ryan put on two spectacular performances at Grand Nationals to be named Three-Year-Old Park Saddle World Champion and Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Saddle World Champion with Peeper Ranch trainer Phil Fountain for owner/breeder Dawn Fire. Graycliff Ram Jam Tony and trainer Whitney Bodnar topped their class to win the Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Geldings World Championship for owners Jeff and Lynn Yelton.

"We are very excited for what the future holds for Tony in the breeding shed," says trainer Phil Fountain. "His two sons Graycliff Tony Hawk and Jake Ryan were Three-Year-Old Park Harness World Champion; Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness World Champion; and Three-Year-Old Park Saddle World Champion; Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Saddle World Champion, respectively, this past year at Oklahoma. I don't believe that is a feat ever achieved by a stallion in our breed...to sweep all of the three-year-old park divisions.

"His colts all seem to have his athleticism and beauty along with great workability," continued Fountain. "We have high hopes for his weanlings this coming year, as well as, to represent him in the Weanling Gala at Jubilee! We are very excited to see what the future holds for Tony. I think he is the sire for the next generation!"

Tony was recently purchased by the McBain family for daughter, Hannah, and will remain under the direction of the Peeper Ranch trainers. He continues to stand to the public at Peeper Ranch.

## MORGANQUEST NATIVE SUN (Painters Pine Ridge x Niobrara Lady Evelyn by Niobrara Victory)



The only stallion on the list who hails from the reining arena, MorganQuest Native Sun is an important one. He has ruled over the reining division since his first Grand National in 2004 when he was named Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Reining World Champion with Sterling Slemph. With trainer Heath Herndon up, “Sun” returned in 2005 and 2006 to lay claim on the Open Reining World Championship, securing the reserve title in 2007. In 2014 J. D. Roberson catch rode the liver chestnut stallion to reserve honors in the open. His titles are vast and impressive, including in open NRHA competition (He won the Open at the Capital City Classic in 2013 in Kansas), but this stallion as an individual is perhaps more impressive. Sun is wide in the chest, deep in the barrel, and long in the hip. This mighty Morgan stallion folds over beautifully in his stops, leaving long, deep tracks in the dirt. He carries himself in a relaxed frame, making an arc in his body as he lopes his circles. He’s the master of the reining maneuvers.



MorganQuest Red Warrior

In 2013, Sun’s first get in the show ring, MorganQuest Red Warrior, stormed the reining ring at Grand Nationals with Jeremy Lipps, debuting in front of the Morgan show crowd to win the Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Reining World Championship. Out of the Triple S-bred Starr Wind And Fire (a daughter of Triple S Firewind), Red Warrior is made in the image of his sire, Native Sun (Interestingly, both Red Warrior’s top and bottom side go back to Topside Eager Beaver in the maternal lines [through the Niobrara prefix] of his eight-generation pedigree). With gobs of quality, this liver chestnut stallion left a huge impression on the crowd. Fast forward to 2014, and back into the reining pen comes MorganQuest Red Warrior, this year with J. D. Roberson up. The duo handily defended their 2013 title to secure again the Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Reining World Championship. Red Warrior is shaped like his sire, and possesses the same athletic ability that allows for great self-carriage through the various reining maneuvers, regardless of balance point (i.e. stopping, spinning, rollbacks, lead changes). Both Native Sun and

Red Warrior are owned by the Schwartzman and Burriss families.

“Native Sun’s son, MorganQuest Red Warrior, won the Derby this year at Grand National and will start showing in National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) competition, and I hope he will perform like his sire! Sun has won \$1,100 in NRHA, I believe the highest earnings of any Morgan competing in the open division in NRHA,” says co-owner and breeder Tané Schwartzman.

“We (Tané, along with her parents Duane and Shirley Burriss) went back to the Red Correll bloodlines for Sun. We researched and found what worked for the reining horses and cow horses. Sun has very condensed, amazing bloodlines. He is an old fashioned, back to the basics option for Morgan breeders. He’s a very special horse who is throwing his conformation on to his offspring.”

MorganQuest Native Sun is now retired from the show ring, but is expecting two foals in March 2015. He stands to the public at MorganQuest Farm in Missouri.

## SPICEOLIFE PRESENT TENSE (Arboria Noble Victor x SpiceOLife Allura B by Shaker’s Alimon)



SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH is one of the more senior stallions in this compilation. He’s had a long and decorated career (that includes six world championships and four reserve world championships) in the show ring that culminated in 2014 with the Park Harness World Championship with lifetime trainer Diane Conrady at the lines. An emotional victory for Diane, as well as “DW’s” legion of fans, it would be his final performance in the ring in anticipation of a busy breeding career.



Arboria Arion

With 44 foals on the ground since 2006, DW is already making his mark on the Morgan breed. Arboria Arion GCH (out of the Bourbon Street daughter, Arboria Victory Lane) was one of his first show ring stars, who won the 2010 Two-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship, the 2011 Three-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship, and the 2012 Four-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship for owners Arboria Morgans with

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Conrady before selling to Ted and Elaine Olsen in California. Under the direction of Eric Antman at Magestic Stables, Elaine drove Arion to the 2013 Amateur Park Harness Reserve World Championship. John Hufferd led Arboria Awesome Again (out of the UVM Tennyson daughter, UVM Faith), to the title of Reserve World Champion Junior Stallion in 2011. Since then, the typey and talented young stallion won the 2012 Two-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness Reserve World Championship with Conrady, also taking two titles in 2013 with Lyle Wick up; Three-Year-Old Park Saddle Reserve World Champion and Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Saddle Reserve World Champion. Then this late summer, the Morgan Weanling Gala winner was a daughter of DW, the unrivaled black filly, Intense. Out of a mare named S&R's Mephisto's Waltz who herself is by Minion Valentino and out of Pompp And Pazazz, making her a full sister to Minion Millennium, the statuesque and beautifully molded Intense put in a grand performance with trainer/breeder John Hufferd to win the Morgan Weanling Gala for owner Roxanne Sardelli Greenway.

DW is himself a breathtaking Morgan horse. He is the model of type and conformation as it relates to the breed standard. His collection of angles and lengths allow him to articulate his movement to its full advantage, making full use of all his joints. Furthermore, he is happy when he shows, never dropping an ear. He is as fresh at the age of 13 as he was at the age of three. "One of the major points of breeding is to improve; we are seeing that with SpiceOLife Present Tense's foals—they are getting the best characteristics from him (attitude, athleticism, work ethic, and cadence) and pulling through the great characteristics of the mare," says Conrady. "We are so excited for the future."

DW was purchased as a two-year-old by David James Walker from his breeders, Donald and Mary Geisler. He stands to the public at Diane Conrady Stables in Illinois.

## STONECROFT TRILOGY

(Stonecroft Masquerade x Ladybird Command by Waseeka's In Command)



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The second on this list by Stonecroft Masquerade, Trilogy was himself a stunning performance horse before he retired to the breeding shed. Bred and owned by John Scheidt and Don Spear, Trilogy emerged in 2001 as the Two-Year-Old Park Harness World Champion with his late trainer, Rick Stevens. In 2002 Trilogy again wow'ed the crowd with his unrivaled performances in Oklahoma to win both the Three-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship and the Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness World Championship. 2003 brought a



Stonecroft Triumphant

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reserve world title in his age group, again with Stevens at the lines. A career under saddle began in 2005 with Diana Rannels, who showed Trilogy to the Park Saddle Reserve World Championship after winning the Kentucky State Fair Morgan Park Saddle Stake, a victory repeated again in 2006. In 2009, Trilogy and trainer Jenny Taylor put in an unforgettable performance, and what was to be his final appearance in the show ring, to win the Park Saddle World Championship to a roaring crowd.

Stonecroft Trilogy has sired five world champion performance horses to-date, including this year's Ladies Park Harness World Champion, Stonecroft Triumphant (out of the Noble Flaire daughter, HVK Christmas Flaire). Owned by Heidi Kunkel and under the direction of Mike Carpenter, this big and impressive harness horse is as good thinking as they come. Stonecroft Epiphany (a full sibling to Triumphant), also owned by Heidi Kunkel, was the 2014 Four-Year-Old Park Harness Reserve World Champion with Mike Carpenter. The late Stonecroft Tribute (out of the Aristocratic Aire daughter, JW Belle Aire) was the 2007 Three-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Champion and 2008 Four-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Champion with Jim Taylor for owner Donna Zimmerman. Stonecroft Trillium (out of the Nobility daughter, Stonecroft Shalimar) was the 2009 13 & Under Pleasure Driving World Champion with Rose Marie Wheeler. Stonecroft Flammable (out of the Tug Hill Commando daughter, Sizzle) holds one world and three reserve world championships both in-hand and in classic pleasure driving. She is now producing a new generation of foals for the historic Burkland Farm.

"Although we have bred and shown quite a few very special Morgans over the last almost 30 years, Trilogy will always be my once in a lifetime Morgan," says owner/breeder John Scheidt. "On my checklist, he ticks all the necessary boxes in such a huge way. Flawless pedigree. Fantastic conformation and beauty. Extreme athleticism and show horse charisma. And now proven world class sire. I care about all my horses. But sometimes you have that rare individual you actually fall in love with. I've felt that way since the day he was born and he's never let me down."

Out of the only full sister to Wham Bam Command and I Will Command, Ladybird Command, Stonecroft Trilogy stands to the public at Stonecroft Farm in Kentucky.

## SYP HIGH DEFINITION GCH (HVK Vibrance x Kim's Bellegante by HVK Bell Flaire)



(Main photo © Howard Schatzberg)

Perhaps the most uniquely profiled and recognizable park harness horse in the show ring today, SYP High Definition GCH has left an indelible mark on the show ring. "Sprite's" career began in 2004 when Kim Caisse led him to his first world title as the Yearling Colt



Rare Definition

Futurity In-Hand World Champion. He returned to the show ring again the next year under the ownership of Heidi Kunkel with the late trainer Rick Stevens to secure the Junior Stallion World Championship. 2006 brought his first performance title as Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Harness Reserve World Champion. In both 2007 and 2008 he was the Reserve World Champion Stallion, with his long legs, beautiful shoulder, prime angulation behind, and incredible swan-like neck, he was the model of a Morgan stallion when led in-hand. 2009 brought his highest point yet, as he was crowned Park Harness World Champion and awarded a standing ovation, in what would be his final appearance in that ring with long-time trainer Rick Stevens.

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The following year Sprite shipped to California and showed under the direction of Gerry Rushton Stables for new owners Ted and Elaine Olsen. It was the first year that owner Elaine Olsen was seated behind her handsome bay stallion. After a remarkable year, the duo was named Amateur Park Harness World Champions.

In 2011 Sprite returned to the East Coast to show one last season under the direction of Rick Stevens' Stonegate banners. Elaine showed Sprite again that year in Oklahoma, being crowned Amateur Park Harness Reserve World Champions, a title that was repeated again in 2012. Under the direction of Eric Antman since 2012, Sprite and Elaine won the Amateur Masters Park Harness World Championship in 2013.

Sprite embarked upon his breeding career in 2009, but it was in 2011 that his first world champion was born. Rare Definition (out of the HyLee Rare Flaire daughter, Dreammaster Rare Affair), bred by mother-daughter duo Jean Stewart and Kate Aldinger, was named the Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Mare World Champion in 2013 with Gerry Rushton and Stacy Hennessey, going on to be called out third in the Three-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Championship in 2014. Next, it was a son, Arcola's Perfect Gentleman (out of the Futurity French Command daughter, GLB Perfect Harmony), who gained recognition in the Grand National show ring. Hanna Johnson showed the gelding to the 2014 Three-Year-Old Hunter Pleasure Reserve World Championship under the direction of Arcola trainer Tom Bombolis. HK Dickie Deville (out of the MEM Heart And Soul daughter, MCS Norma Jean) was in 2012 the Maine Morgan Breeders Cup Weanling Champion, following that title with the 2013 Maine Morgan Breeders Cup Yearling Championship for owner Heidi Kunkel with Mike Carpenter at the lead.

"Along with his athleticism and beauty, Sprite possesses the show horse attitude we all hope for," says trainer Eric Antman. "His get seem to possess many of his great characteristics, but, most importantly, they exhibit his great attitude and workability. Long upright necks, elegant gaits, beautiful Morgan faces, and the desire to be a show horse are just a few of the reasons we believe Sprite will continue to make his mark as a great breeding horse."

SYP High Definition GCH stands to the public at Magestic Stables in California.

## THE NOBLEST (Tug Hill Whamuniton x Nobelle by Noble Command)



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Regally bred, beautifully trained and impeccably presented, this incredible bay stallion has become a household name among the pleasure driving faithful in recent years. He's a stand-out in his division with a commanding presence, perfect stature in the shafts, excellent impulsion from aft that balances



Tomeri The Regalist

out his big front end beautifully. Noble's career began in 2007, but really took off in 2009 in his four-year-old year when he was named Amateur Park Harness Reserve World Champion with Paul Brisco, under the direction of breeder and then-trainer Bob Hughes. 2010 and 2011 brought a second and third reserve world championship to the stallion's growing resume, but these in the open pleasure driving with Hughes at the lines. In 2012, Gerry Rushton Stables took over the training responsibilities with Paul Brisco assuming his place leading and driving Noble. The duo had an undefeated season that culminated with the Amateur Pleasure Driving World Championship in Oklahoma. 2013 brought an extraordinary

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Grand National with two top titles with Noble's amateur driver; Amateur Pleasure Driving World Champion and Pleasure Driving World Champion. The Tomeri and Rushton gang pulled out all the stops that year and were handsomely rewarded! This year, The Noble and Paul Brisco again made the trip to OKC under the direction of Rushton Stables and were named Amateur Pleasure Driving World Champions for the third consecutive year. Deep competition is the norm across all the divisions in Oklahoma, but the amateur pleasure driving division is historically deep. Noble has secured his place in history with such greats as Dragonsmeade CarnegieHall (a five-time winner), Opie's Boy (a four-time winner), and Whit Haven Benmore (a three-time winner).

With just three get on the ground, Noble is just beginning his breeding career. This year, his gelding son, Tomeri The Regalist (out of the Simply Maserati daughter, Tomeri Etoile Riviera), was the Three-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Driving World Champion with trainer Bob Hughes for owner Donegal Hills Farm.

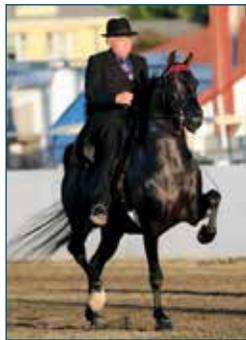
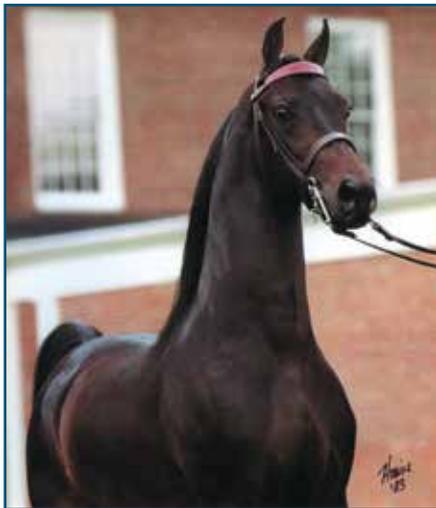
His pedigree speaks for itself. Out of the great producing Blue Hen mare, Nobelle (Noble Command x Waseeka Valiant Lady), he is a maternal sibling to Futurity French Command, HVK Ancient Cry, and HVK Constantinoble. His strength and depth are trademarks of his sire, Tug Hill Whamunition. Noble was bred by Robert J. Hughes and has been owned for most of his life by Tomeri Morgans' Thomas and Theresa Brisco.

"Noble has everything you'd want in a breeding horse...or a Morgan in general! His great shoulder and square trot come so naturally to him that he's just bred to pass them on," trainer Stacy Hennessy states. "The babies we've worked with so far are good trotting, wearing the bridle is easy, and they have a special look, like Noble does. Honestly, this horse doesn't have a single trait you wouldn't want to have in your baby!"

The Noblest stands to the public at Rushton Stables in California.

## TOWN ASSETS

(Man About Town LPS x Honeytree's Simply Unique by Born To Boogie)



Man In Black  
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**T**own Assets has made a huge impact in the breeding shed in his young career. At the age of 14, he has already sired 63 offspring, and his win ratio is impressive. Bred and

owned throughout his life by savvy breeder Lynn Peeples, "Patrick" consistently produces winning performance as well as in-hand horses. His offspring sell him as a breeding horse. Let's review his most popular get.

CHMH Spice Town Girl GCH (out of the HVK Grand Entrance daughter, CHMH Grand Gift Of Honey) hit the show ring in 2009 with then-trainer Nancy Flower to debut in Oklahoma as the Two-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Champion. She sold shortly thereafter to C. A. "Tony" Lee III and continued her winning ways under the direction of Broadmoor with five consecutive Amateur Pleasure Driving Reserve World Championships, a winning streak that began when she was just three years old. Her full sister, Portfolio, was the 2013 Two-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Champion and Two-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Driving World Champion with trainer Nancy Flower for owner Lynn Peeples LLC. A third full sibling, LPS Forever Hopeful, debuted this year to the title of World Champion Junior Mare and Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Mare Reserve World Champion with Peeples and Flower at the lead.

EKL Asset's Vision (out of the Clearview Commander daughter, Indian Creek Clear Vision) was next in line to win big. With trainer Kathleen Peeples up he was the Three-Year-Old Hunter Pleasure World Champion and Three-Year-Old Futurity Hunter Pleasure World Champion in 2009, being named Four-Year-Old Hunter Pleasure World Champion in 2010 with Peeples again for owner Martha Simpson.

Man In Black (out of a paternal half-sister to Town Assets, Town Sweetheart), has made a name for himself for breeder Lynn Peeples and owner (since 2010) William Haines. It was in 2010 that he earned his first title in Oklahoma as Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Stallion Reserve World Champion with Lynn Peeples, and in 2011 he was the Three-Year-Old Futurity English Pleasure Reserve World Champion with Kathleen Peeples. He stands to the public to a limited number of mares for the first time in 2015. His first offspring were born in 2014 for Waterford and Ledyard, who are very pleased with their foals.

In 2013, Patrick's Girl (out of the Serenity Masterpiece daughter, Gossip Girl), was the Three-Year-Old Hunter Pleasure World Champion and the Three-Year-Old Futurity Hunter Pleasure World Champion with Kathleen Peeples for breeders Doug and Marlene Sluiter.

William Haines' homebred Ledyard's Eduardo (out of the Serenity Masterpiece daughter, Mendon Belle Amie) was named 2012 Two-Year-Old Futurity Stallion In-Hand World Champion and 2013 Three-Year-Old Futurity Park Saddle World Champion with Lynn Peeples.

"I'm still amazed by the consistent quality that he produces," says owner/breeder Lynn Peeples. "Patrick has outdone my expectations of him. It's always nice to hear someone say they have a nice foal by him—it's good to hear from other breeders who know the difference."

The list of winning get goes on and on, and Town Assets continues his legacy as a world champion producer. He stands to the public at Waterford Farm in New Jersey. ■