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Morgan Horse Club*

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CONGRATULATIONS to these SVMHC members for their recognition by AMHA!

Clockwise from left:

Josie Trott on HD Redford, Open Competition Dressage High-Point Champion
(Grand Prix level) and Platinum Medal Winner

Curtis Merritt on RTF Ouija Board, who attained over 10,000 hours in the
My Morgan and Me program

Megan Gallagher, being awarded the YAA Judging School Scholarship
(See inside for more about these great SVMHC members!)

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We are dedicated to the promotion of America's first breed, the Morgan Horse. The purpose of this club is to encourage and promote interest in the breeding and use of Morgan horses as versatile horses, in cooperation with the American Morgan Horse Association. INC. (AMHA). For those of you who have joined us, we extend a sincere "Thank You."

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Editor: Kathy Devon

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of every month at Round Table Pizza, Horseshoe Bar Rd in Loomis.
All members are welcome.

Josie Trott



HD Redford with all his ribbons

“Four friends plus my husband Russ Hovey made the trip to Oklahoma to help me out as grooms and friendly support. Denise DeRock is a friend from Davis whom I ride with. Denise also donated a saddle and headstalls and other tack to the CA bucket at the Grand Nationals which raised over \$300. Karen Lassell is a friend from Miner Institute in Chazy, NY and she bred Red 16 years ago. Josie Davis is a friend and Morgan trainer from Vermont (her husband is Steve Davis who ran the UVM Morgan Horse Farm for 30 years). Betsy Green (a friend from Arizona) was the Equine Extension officer at UVM and she got me into promoting Morgans around the world about 15 years ago.”

Josie tells us, “Megan and Steven Gallagher hauled my horse HD Redford (Red) to Nationals for me as it was my first trip - not only was our old F250 not up to the job but Red needed to travel with ‘friends’. They did a fabulous job getting Red there healthy and were superb to stable with. Both Megan and Steve could not have done more to help me out at the show. I would not have been successful without all their support.”



Red and Josie with Karen Lassell and Denise DeRock

Barn News (cont.)

Josie Trott (cont.)



Grand Finale Stables' ribbon collection at the Grand National

HD Redford won the Grand National FEI Grand Prix, Grand National FEI Intermediate II, Grand National Amateur 3rd level western dressage test 2, Grand National Amateur 3rd level western dressage test 4.

He was Reserve World Champion FEI Dressage and 3rd in the World Championship Western dressage 3rd level.

He was also Reserve Grand National Working Hunter Amateur/Junior.

Megan Gallagher

The American Morgan Horse Association Young Adult Alliance (YAA), recently presented their sixth annual Judging School Scholarship to **Megan Gallagher** of Grand Finale Stables, Grass Valley, California. The Professional Development Project created by this passionate group awards a \$1,500 scholarship to one individual aged 21-40, professional or amateur, who is interested in attaining their Morgan R judging card.

"It has been wonderful to see past recipients of the AMHA YAA Judging School Scholarship stand in center ring at notable shows around the country, said YAA Co-Chair Steven Handy. "This program has helped and will continue to help young adults obtain their judging card and give back to the Morgan breed."

"Our applicants this year were all well qualified and the field was very competitive. Megan Gallagher runs a successful training facility in California and has won World and National titles in performance, trail and western dressage. Her operation is widespread and she is an active supporter and promoter of the Morgan breed. Her experience across a wide variety of disciplines will serve her well as a judge," said Merin Maggi, Judging School Scholarship Chair

Barn News (cont.)

Lori Wood



SDMF Déjà vu Nights

"I have the winning bid on Graycliff Tony from the WMF Stallion auction held at the Grand National this year! SDMF Déjà Vu Nights ("Cookie") will be bred in 2021 for an amazing baby! Cedar Creek La De Da will be also bred in 2021 to The Optimist. Once confirmed in foal, both babies will be available to purchase in utero!

LSW Dirty Little Secret is returning to Grand Finale Stables to compete in his 4-year-old year in Western Dressage with a goal of competing in the 2020 Grand National show!"



LSW Dirty Little Secret

Barn News (cont.)

Sheila Christiansen



What's a Morgan to Do? (Anything He Puts His Mind To!)

When the vet told me my Morgan, NHR Bravo, would benefit from some dressage to learn to work more from the hindquarters I didn't fully comprehend what that would mean for us.

Bravo is a 9-year-old trail competitor, winning a national championship last year for limited distance competitive trail in the Morgan world. I've owned him since he was two and we've been blazing trails ever since he was broke to ride. But, unfortunately, last year left him with a slight lameness at the end of a distance event. So, after several months of rest and treatment I took my vet's advice, restarting him in dressage, both for his benefit and so that I could see if he would stay sound over time on better footing.

Attending the Mother Lode Morgan show was the smartest thing I could have done. There I met a number of Morgan experts and aficionados with whom I could connect. At that time I was at a loss as to where to go from here, since I had gotten him specifically with competitive trail in mind. Perhaps he would do better in a new home, I was thinking. I was given the name of several Morgan trainers in this area and was lucky enough to connect with **Julie Adams** (Julie Adams Training, Lincoln, CA) at the show, one of the most highly touted trainers in our area.

Bravo has been with Julie now since mid-September. I love her way of training, so 'natural' (do I dare use that overused word?), so kind and understanding of the horse's nature; she really gets to know the horse as an individual, which I so appreciate. He's my good boy and I only want the best for him --and I think I found it!

So, what will the future bring for Bravo and me? Who knows?? I've never been a horse show person, so that sounds a little scary, but, as I've asked Bravo to be open to new ideas, so should I be! I love the versatility of the breed, I love the energy, the heart, the workmanlike attitude, and of course the beauty.

I can't wait to see how this all pans out. If he remains sound, who knows, perhaps a bit of trail competition is still in our future. You might even find us in the show ring at some point—stranger things have happened!

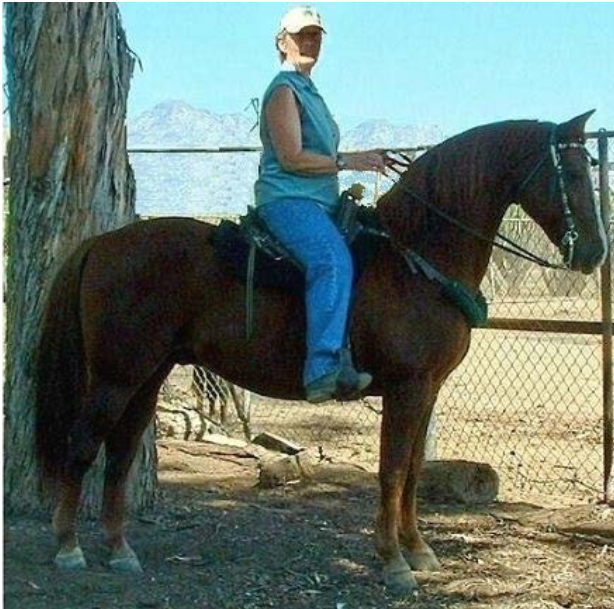
Barn News (cont.)

Curtis Merritt

An Overachiever in AMHA'S MY MORGAN AND ME program!

Curtis sent us this write-up:

Originally known as the Pathways Program, it was created for people that were using their Morgans in a non-competitive atmosphere. Hours were logged for the "hours spent riding/driving your Morgan in a non-competitive setting. It included pleasure trail rides, training time, non-competitive group trail rides



or drives and saddle-time you spend enjoying your Morgans." "Time spent showing, grooming, lunging and competitive rides do not count." It had multiple levels, each recognized by AMHA with certificates and nice awards. It was originally set up with the highest level of achievement at 10,000 hours.

When I joined the Pathways Program in 2002, AMHA had already reduced the highest level to 5,000 hours due to a lack of participation in the program. Once I attained the 5,000+ hour level in 2015, my current Morgan was only 9 years old at the time, and we still had a lot of trail rides ahead of us. I contacted AMHA along with other participants requesting that the highest level be returned to 10,000 hours. I submitted an article

Curtis on R'Surene Rue the Day

about a woman and her Paint Horse that had achieved the 10,000 hour level in their trail riding program. The

Paint organization celebrated their member's achievement. AMHA told me "We've only given out 4 awards at the 10,000 hour level." I told them we too need to be celebrating our Morgans that have accomplished such a lofty goal.

Thanks to people like Julie Broadway, former AMHA Executive Director, and Taylor Royals, who oversaw the Pathways Program, who supported our request and presented it to the Board, the program returned to the 10,000 hour level on September 6, 2014 for us die-hard trail riders.

Trail riding is a fabulous way to promote the Morgan to non-Morgan owners. Many of the people I meet on the trail ride Quarter Horses, Arabians or Mules as well as gaited and other breeds. Everyone always stops me and wants to know what kind of horse I am riding, and proceeds to tell me how beautiful he is. Unless you go to Open Shows, the Morgan shows are showcasing Morgans to other people that are already "hooked" on Morgans.

Barn News (cont.)

Curtis Merritt (cont.)



Curtis on Sonnyboy Raven

In 2016 AMHA changed the name of the program to My Morgan and Me and changed the rules as well, opening the program to formerly unacceptable activities including grooming, groundwork, lessons and bonding with your Morgan to help increase participation.

I am honored to say that recently I achieved my 10,000+ hours and submitted them to AMHA on November 4, 2019. I achieved all of these hours under the original rules only using 2 of my Morgans, R'Surene Rue the Day "Rue" (RTF

Excaliber x R'Surene Maggie Marie by Willows Don Juan) achieving 2,237.75 hours, and RTF Ouija Board "Weej" (Caduceus Denver x RTF Black Widow by

Richlou Adonis) achieving 7,797 hours. Weej is only 13, and we are still trail riding frequently.

We have had so much fun riding so many beautiful trails, as well as camping/riding trips, swimming in the ocean, Christmas caroling on horseback with local horse groups, even Trick or Treating on Halloween in costumes, riding drag for NATRC rides, plus riding Mounted Patrol for the US Forest Service. We have ridden trails I have ridden for years, and discovered even more new and beautiful places to ride in Southern California. Many of these rides have just been me and my Morgan, developing an even deeper bond, enjoying the beautiful nature around us, escaping from the stress of the concrete jungle and enjoying our time together. The only drawback of riding alone is you don't have someone to take pictures of you in all the beautiful places we have visited.

In my opinion, the trail horse meets many more challenges than horses in the show ring. Something I read recently entitled "He's JUST a Trail Horse" really captures the true spirit of a trail horse. It states the trail horse must be "as maneuverable as a Dressage Horse", "as bold as a Foxhunter", "as agile as a Show Jumper", "have the stamina of an Endurance Horse", "have the calm mind of a Rodeo Pick-Up Horse", "manage being squashed against others like a Polo Pony", "cope with bursts of speed like a Racehorse", "be a clever problem-solver with his mind and feet like a Cutting horse", "be brave like a Cow Horse", "And needs to be cuddly and sweet like a Child's Pony". Wow! How true is that! We also meet wild animals on the trail, difficult terrain and a wide array of other challenges.

Thank you to AMHA for acknowledging the wonderful Morgans that are not spending their days in the show ring, thank you for returning the program to 10,000 hours, thank you for adding the Distance Championship, and thank you for honoring all these Morgans that choose to spend their time in the wide open spaces. Hey AMHA, since Weej will only be 14 in 2020, what about bumping up the level once again to 15,000 hours? We are up to the challenge!

Barn News (cont.)

Linda Wuertley

Linda lost her beloved mare, Marching Promise, this year.



MARCHING PROMISE

1988 – 2019

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Promise's show ring was wherever she was ridden, her fan club made up of everyone Promise met. She helped her owner relearn to walk after a tragic auto accident, nurtured at-risk youth and taught us resilience, overcoming aneurysms and cancer at UC Davis. She was majestic, a joy, a gift from heaven!

Her crowning achievement was producing her first foal at age 21, a stud colt, Promise's Legacy (2009), to carry on this golden lineage.

WE LOVE YOU PROMISE AS YOU JOIN THE SERAPHIM IN HEAVEN!



SVMHC Fundraiser Schooling Show

Come join us for the Spring Schooling Show, to be held April 25, 2020, 9:00 AM at the Orangevale Arena, 7145 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA. This Open Breed Schooling Show includes English, Western, Halter, Ranch, In-Hand, and Trail classes. Food will be available, so bring the family and spend the day! Visit SVMHC.com for the class list.

For more information contact 916-812-1144.

2020 Election Results

The results of the General Election held at the Annual Club meeting on December 14th are in!

Here are your 2020 Board Members:

President: Allison Gillard

Vice President: Megan Gallagher

Secretary: Cathy Parks

Treasurer: Carol Martin

Directors At-Large: Antoinette Martin and Ron Smith

Golden West Morgan Horse Council High Point Awards

The Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club has teamed up with the Golden West Morgan Horse Council to offer you a high point awards program. Please visit <http://www.goldenwestmorgancouncil.com> for information on how to start earning your points. Open competition is recognized too!

A Message from your Board of Directors

We want to connect with you and keep you informed of all things SVMHC! We send out monthly email blasts, post on Facebook and keep our website up to date. These are our main forms of communication. Be sure to check your junk mail and allow emails from svmhcmal@gmail.com, join/follow Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club on Facebook and check our website, www.svmhc.com, often. Don't miss the fun our club will be having in 2020!

Other Club News (cont.):

FUTURE PLAN FOR MORGAN HORSE RANCH AT

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE by Connie Barker and Curtis Merritt

Dedication of the Morgan Horse Ranch (MHR) took place on June 27, 1970 on the historic Bear Valley Ranch. Seventy-plus Morgans were born at the MHR with the Los Reyes prefix between 1970 and 1999. The Morgans were born on the Ranch, trained on the Ranch and transferred out to other parks for use in their programs. The first Morgan donated was Rhed's Felinity in foal with Los Reyes Locura. The last Morgan born at the MHR was Los Reyes Abrams (Elvis) and he is still alive and being used as a mounted patrol horse and for special community events.



Archive photo of Point Reyes Morgans



Los Reyes Abrams (Elvis)

The Friends of Pt. Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch committee was formed in 2016 by the Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club (SVMHC). Four years later the committee is stronger than ever and presently consists of two original members, **Connie Barker** of Carmichael (Northern CA) and **Curtis Merritt** of Ontario (Southern CA). The committee's Facebook page (under same name) has nearly 3,200 followers. Roughly \$17,250 in the form of money, donated materials and objects, including grants from equestrian organizations, has been raised to support the continuation of the MHR.

There was discussion at the National Park Service about phasing out the MHR, but through the efforts of the Committee this was prevented. In 2017 the National Park Service (NPS) accepted the donation of additional Morgans for the program. A 16 hand buckskin gelding was donated. A new Chief Ranger, Julie Byerly, of the Law Enforcement Division was brought on board in 2018 and she supported the MHR and made organizational changes that would benefit the continuance of the program. The new ranch manager position was classified as a Law Enforcement Ranger with "additional duties of Ranch Manager." The original Ranch Manager that we had been working with since 2016 did not qualify for a Law Enforcement Ranger position and the position was assumed by Paul Forward, a Law Enforcement Ranger from North District Golden Gate National Recreation Area. He had some stock experience in his youth and was very interested in this new unique dual purpose position. He came on board at the MHR in March 2019 with his first task being to develop a future plan for the Morgan Horse Ranch.

Other Club News (cont.):

Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Update (cont.)

“As the new ranch manager at the Morgan Horse Ranch, I have my work cut out for me,” said Paul. “The primary goal is to maintain a Morgan horse herd to be used for mounted patrol. Acquiring new suitable horses will be a priority as our current horses are getting a little long in the tooth. Optimally, within the next two years, we’ll be able to create an Honor Guard Unit. This unit will serve to expand public relations outside of the park by representing the National Park Service at public events. I see assisting the community and other agencies, in times of celebration as well as in times of tragedy, as a worthy endeavor. This ties into my second goal, which is community assistance.”



Paul Forward



Julie Byerly



Paul, Julie and Connie Barker

In nine months Paul has accomplished the following in pursuit of the plan:



Buck



Rose and Elvis

*Prepared and organized two Morgan horse birthday parties (Buck’s 28th and Rose and Elvis’ 20th) to spark interest from other Rangers, volunteers and visitors.

Other Club News (cont.):

Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Update (cont.)



MHR staff working with the horses

*Ensured that existing Los Reyes Morgans (Rose, Elvis, Honcho and Buck) are handled and trained every day to get them fit for duty.

*Enlisted two Law Enforcement Rangers who were willing to train and work in this double duty position.

*Made the hard decision to return a donated 16 hand buckskin gelding to owner rather than finalize the donation contract.

*Insisted on facility upgrade to MHR office to include Internet service. Increases Ranger presence at the Ranch facility.

*Evaluated two local 11 year old Morgan mares offered for adoption, signed donation contracts for 90 day trial periods (one returned to donor and one contract extended for second 90 day trial period). Mira (bay) and Stardust (chestnut).



Mira (left) and Stardust (right)



Other Club News (cont.):

Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Update (cont.)

*Fostered community involvement with the Los Reyes herd at Marin County Fair.



Morgan horses at the Marin County Fair

*Assisted Project Hope in relocating their veteran's therapeutic program to a more compatible facility in accordance with written Memorandum Of Understanding.

*Contacted local equestrian organizations like Marin Horse Council and Bay Area Barns and Trails and established a working relationship. Apply for any grants that might be available.

*Trained Mira and Elvis with California Mounted Officers Association in Norco which is annual one week training handling horses in public. Both horses were exposed to helicopter interface. Budgeted for next year's training at a closer location for new horses. Budgeted for Mira and Elvis to complete advanced training in 2020.



*Organized a community work project replacing miles of old, treated wooden fencing (considered hazardous material) in large pasture between MHR and Visitor's Center. Allows Morgans to graze closer to the public area by Visitor's Center.

Other Club News (cont.):

Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Update (cont.)

*Requested that all volunteers/riders who are not Rangers wear a long-sleeved tan shirt similar to Ranger uniform for professional appearance. Shirts provided by park.

*Participated in Continuing Education Speaker Series sponsored by Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center. October session on Colic: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment.

*Participated in Animal Technical Rescue-Awareness Training planning located at the MHR (to be rescheduled due to wild fires).

*Patrolled at the annual Sand Sculpture Competition on the beach (right).



*Attended National Night Out in Pt. Reyes Station

*Visited the Bear Valley Visitor's Center on National Love Horses Day (right).



Paul has accomplished a great deal in his short time at the MHR. He has turned the program around and is actively seeking to fill those 4 donated Morgan slots. If you are reading this article and have a Morgan horse that might make a wonderful Mounted Patrol horse, please contact Paul at 415-301-1888. They are not a rescue or a breeding facility. As Paul says, "The primary functions of the Ranch are to offer park visitors an interpretation of the Morgan horse and related ranching activities and to train and maintain a pool of patrol horses for use in the park."

Other Club News (cont.):

Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Update (cont.)

Paul has been thinking outside the box, and has several other ideas he is working on to improve and expand the visibility and popularity of the Ranch. We thank him for everything he has accomplished so far and are anxious to continue our work with him in 2020 and beyond.

TO OUR MEMBERS: This is a Morgan promotional opportunity like no other! The Los Reyes prefix is still an active prefix so the sky is the limit. Support the Morgan horse by promoting and supporting the Morgan Horse Ranch.

Please see the flier in this newsletter regarding purchasing Jeanne Mellin prints. All proceeds are donated to the Morgan Horse Ranch. If you would like to make a year-end donation to the MHR, please make a check out to SVMHC and write "Morgan Horse Ranch only" on the bottom left. Mail to Connie Barker at 4340 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Calendars

Next year's club calendar is ready! It's full of great pictures of our gorgeous local Morgans and their owners. This is a fund raiser and is a wonderful way to support your club. They are a bargain at \$15. Contact Megan at evansm909@hotmail.com or 916-812-1144 for a copy.

Jeanne Mellin prints on sale!

As mentioned in the article about the Point Reyes MHR, there are still some Jeanne Mellin prints available and they are now on sale! Proceeds benefit the Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch. Information and an order form can be found in the Forms section of the newsletter.

It's Time to Renew!

It's that time of year again, time to renew your membership in our wonderful club! We have a lot of fun things planned for next year (Harness Races, Spring Schooling Show, Mother Lode Show, and Horse Expo) and you don't want to miss out! You can renew online or use the Membership Form in this newsletter.

Join us for this fun horse show!

SVMHC Fundraiser Schooling Show

This open breed schooling show includes English, Western, Halter, Ranch, In-Hand, and Trail classes! Please visit www.SVMHC.com for the class list! Food will be available for purchase so bring the family and spend the day! Our club appreciates your support and we look forward to seeing you there! Contact Megan Gallagher @ (916)812-1144 for more information.

Where: Orangevale Horse Arena
7145 Filbert Ave.,
Orangevale, CA

When: April 25, 2020 @ 9 AM





SACRAMENTO VALLEY MORGAN HORSE CLUB MEMBERS

2019 Members (as of December 1, 2019)

If you haven't already, be sure to renew for next year! Lots of great things are planned.

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| 1. Julie Adams * | 23. Allison Gillard * | 45. Geraldine Paiva * |
| 2. Kathleen Adams * | 24. Joanne Gillespie (L) * | 46. Kathy Papola * |
| 3. Connie Barker * | 25. Susan Hassett | 47. Cathy Parks * |
| 4. Vernee Barnett (L) * | 26. Lisa Horning (L) * | 48. Wyatt Paxton and Nadine Scott-Paxton (L) * |
| 5. Sherry Bartolucci (L) * | 27. Makena Howell (new owner) | 49. Arthur Perry, Jr. (L) * |
| 6. Patti Bell * | 28. Jo Johnson * | 50. Teri Personeni * |
| 7. Betsy Bonyng | 29. Linda Klinger * | 51. Carol and Bill Pettis * |
| 8. Sandra Boyd-Pierce (L) * | 30. Wendy Kruljac * | 52. Sherry Prince * |
| 9. Marion Butts (L) * | 31. Jennie Leatherman * | 53. Kelly Rose (L) * |
| 10. Susan Carroll (L) * | 32. Antoinette Martin and Kiana Whitfield (F) * | 54. Linda Sheridan * |
| 11. Shelley Chavoor | 33. Carol Martin (L) * | 55. Phyllis Shopbell * |
| 12. Sheila Christiansen * | 34. Ruth Mazur | 56. Sherrill Shotigian (new owner) |
| 13. Susan Christiansen (L) * | 35. Cathie Mendenhall * | 57. Rebecca Smallridge * |
| 14. Natalie Colello * | 36. Curtis Merritt * | 58. Ron Smith (L) * |
| 15. Katherine Curran (B) * | 37. Margaret and Ian Tiller- Mohr (F) * | 59. Linda Wuertley Sullivan (new) |
| 16. Kathy Devon * | 38. Shelley Morales * | 60. Ann Taylor * |
| 17. Tiziana, Byron, and Lulu Dizon (F) | 39. Christine Mudge * | 61. Josephine Trott * |
| 18. Lyn Fellows * | 40. Phyllis Murdock * | 62. Cindy and Ella West (new) |
| 19. Nancy Francine | 41. Sandra Nelson (L) * | 63. Jane York * |
| 20. Betty Frisbee | 42. Kathleen Newman | (L) = Lifetime member |
| 21. Megan and Steven Gallagher (B) * | 43. Marie-France Nolet * | (F) = Family member |
| 22. Patricia Gesler * | 44. Pat O'Connor (L) * | (B) = Barn member |
| | | *AMHA member |

The last active futurity on the West Coast needs your support!

The MHAO Stallion Service Auction and Breeder's Cup Futurity are dedicated to the promotion of the Morgan Horse. We strive to support breeders by offering ways to promote their programs and to offer access to high quality stallions. It is also our goal to increase the excitement about the Morgan Horse and to draw the Morgan Community together. **We are currently looking for donations of stallion services and other items for our 2020 auction.** Please visit our website or find us on facebook to get involved in our program!

Keeping an eye on the Future...

Futurity classes offered at the Oregon Morgan Classic Horse Show June 17-20, 2020 at the Oregon Horse Center, 90751 Prairie Road, Eugene Oregon, 97402.

Contact Gay Adams (503) 936-4276
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US Equestrian Board of Directors Prohibits the Use of MPA

November 13th, 2019

From the US Equestrian Communications Department



The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Board of Directors has voted to prohibit the use of Medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) in horses competing in USEF-licensed competitions effective December 1, 2019.

In early 2017, USEF convened a panel of industry experts to review MPA and its use in horses competing at USEF-licensed competitions. The MPA Panel (Panel) held a workshop and a town hall meeting to gather feedback from members and veterinarians and subsequently met to review research and drug studies. The result of data analysis led to the Panel's recommendation to require disclosure of MPA administration in competition horses. The USEF Board of Directors voted to approve the Panel's recommendation, and the requirement to submit an MPA Disclosure Form for any horse receiving administration of MPA while competing at a USEF-licensed competition became effective September 1, 2017. Since that date, pharmacokinetic data related to MPA administration has been collected and analyzed.

On October 22, 2019, following reports of equine fatalities and anaphylaxis related to the use of MPA, USEF's MPA Panel met to further analyze the use of MPA in horses competing at USEF-licensed competitions. The Panel reviewed a recent petition by numerous veterinarians requesting that USEF ban the use of MPA which was supported by documentation citing 23 fatalities associated with MPA use over the last three years, research on the efficacy of the substance, and the results from the collection of MPA medication reports.

The Panel determined MPA has no therapeutic use in competition horses, as it does not interrupt estrus in mares, which predicated its original use. Additionally, MPA is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in equines and its use has been reported and documented to be associated with several cases of anaphylaxis and fatality. As a result of this analysis, the Panel voted unanimously to recommend MPA is added to the list of USEF prohibited substances.

"In 2017, we debated the use of this substance and its efficacy, but now, with numerous fatalities associated with the use of MPA, this decision became clear: MPA must be banned," said USEF President Murray Kessler. "I commend the Panel for confronting a difficult task that involved very strong opinions on both sides of the issue from our membership. The information clearly supports the prohibition of this substance and I am proud of the decision of the Board of Directors. USEF has a responsibility to ensure the welfare of our horses, and the loss of one horse resulting from the use of a non-therapeutic substance such as MPA is one too many."

The Panel stressed that in addition to providing the reasons supporting their recommendation, the prohibition of the use of MPA must be enacted as quickly as possible. Starting December 1, 2019, MPA in horses competing at USEF-licensed competitions will be prohibited. However, due to the length of time involved for MPA to clear a horse's system, sanctions for a positive test result will begin on June 1, 2020. The USEF has classified MPA as a Category III substance which has a penalty range starting at a 3-6 month suspension and a fine of \$3,000-\$6,000 for a first offense.

JEANNE MELLIN PRINTS AVAILABLE

Proceeds to benefit the Morgan Horse Ranch at Point Reyes National Seashore
(a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization)



Carlyle Command (11)



Dapper Dan (0)



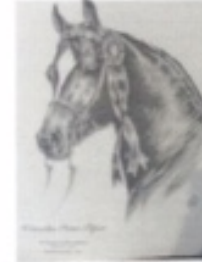
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Rex's Major Monte (15)



UVM Promise (14)



Waseeka's Peter Piper (4)

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(Number of signed prints in parenthesis available at \$30.00 each)

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A subcommittee of Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club

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**Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club, Inc.
2020 Membership Application**



Membership is from 1/1 to 12/31. Membership is not activated until payment is received. Don't miss an issue of *Hoof Prints!* The newsletter is available online at www.svmhc.com If you would like to receive a printed copy, please check the box below and remit an additional \$10 to cover the cost of printing and postage. Printed copies are available to Business and Lifetime members on request at no additional cost.

Please print out the form (two pages), complete all that applies and mail the completed form with payment to: **Cathy Parks. 5837 Hobbs Lane, Sacramento 95842.** You can email Cathy at clparks1119@gmail.com or call her at 916-338-2773. Please make checks payable to: SVMHC

AMHA # _____ ___ New Membership ___ Renewal

MEMBERSHIP: Still a great bargain! The BODs voted to keep the membership fee the same again this year!

One adult General \$25 _____
Individuals under 18 as of 1/1 of the membership year Youth \$15 _____

Business \$50 _____ Business Name: _____
Life \$350 _____

2 adults at the same address and/or children 17 and under Family \$40 _____

Newsletter Mailing Fee \$10 _____ Newsletter Mailed: Yes No

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Adult Name: _____ Adult Name: _____

Youth Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Youth Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

- I agree to allow my information to be printed in the membership directory – **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM COMPLETELY**
- I wish to be a member, but do not want my information listed in the membership directory

Please choose areas you are interested in:

- Horse Shows
- Youth Club
- Social Events
- Convention
- Newsletter
- Trail Rides
- Fund Raising
- Clinic
- Other: _____

Do you know anyone who owns a Morgan but is not a club member? Let us know and we'll send them information about our club and an invitation to become a member.



SPONSORSHIP
FORM

SVMHC
OPEN SPRING
SCHOOLING SHOW

(WESTERN, ENGLISH, RANCH &
TRAIL)

APRIL 25, 2020

9 AM

7145 Filbert Ave., Orangevale, CA 95662

Please consider sponsoring a class to help us make this fun show a success!

Fill out the information below and send in with a check to Megan Gallagher. Be sure to circle the class type you wish to sponsor so we can thank you during the show!

Class Sponsorship \$25

Amount of Sponsorship: _____

*Make checks payable to: SVMHC

*Mail to: Megan Gallagher, 10189 Lime Kiln Rd. Grass Valley, Ca 95949
(916)812-1144

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please circle your class choice: Western Ranch English Trail



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Info for Advertising



Wanna advertise with us?

Good choice!

We put your ad in the newsletter, which is sent out by mail to club members and also readable online, so lots of people get to see it.

Prices

| Prices: | Members | Non-Members |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Full-Page Ad | \$40.00 | \$55.00 |
| Half-Page Ad | \$25.00 | \$35.00 |
| Business Card Ad for a Year | \$30.00 | \$50.00 |
| Color Cover | \$100.00 | \$150.00 |
| Classified Ad-30 Words | \$10.00 | \$15.00 |