



Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club Newsletter

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**November
General Club Meeting
and Board Member
Elections**

Dear Friend,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. This addition of our bi-monthly on-line club newsletter shares highlights from our annual November Awards Banquet where we recognized the many accomplishments of members of our club. It was great to see so many of you there. I wish everyone a very happy holiday season and happy new year!

Sincerely,
Andrée Vetrano
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2013 VCMHC Board

President: Dini Swanson
Vice President: Mary Daughtry
Treasurer: Rob Marsh
Secretary: Betsy Buchanan
Show Chair: Andrée Vetrano
Past President: Pete Jaeger
Elect Board Members:
Frances Pugh
Nancy Warren
Anna Beeber

2013 Committee Chairmen

Awards: Elizabeth Abernathy
Promotion: Mary Daughtry
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Program: Gael Jaeger
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Youth Activities: Deb Zakrajzek
Membership: Rob Marsh
Website: Betsy Buchanan
Historical Archives: Pete Jaeger

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**Now is the time to
renew your VCMHC
Membership!
Before the rush of the
holiday season, renew
your 2013 AMHA**

General Club Meeting and Board Member Elections at Brier Creek Country Club

Just an hour prior to the start of our annual awards banquet, we held a general club meeting with Dini Swanson, our club president, leading the way. There were 15+ members in



attendance. We received updates from many of the club committee chairs, we voted in the by-laws changes proposed by Nancy Warren in our last newsletter and we held an election for three elect board members to serve a two year term. The three members elected were long term board member, Frances Pugh, past president and previous board member, Nancy Warren and a fairly new and energetic member to our club, Anna Beeber.

Banquet Dinner and Award Ceremonies



Close to 70 club members and guests were seated by 6:30pm to enjoy delicious entrees served by the Brier Creek Country Club serving staff. It was an elegant setting and it was nice to see everyone dressed up!

Pictures of club members and their horses from recent years and from the past were played on two large drop down screens while Laura Wiener organized a nice display of silent auction items for bid. After our meal, the awards ceremonies began.

The first award of the evening was the Southern States

**Membership so you
have one less thing on
your "to do" list!**

[Click here to download the
2013 Club Membership Form](#)



Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show

May 22 - 25, 2013

Setting a new standard in
Southern Hospitality,
don't miss out on the
action!

Phil Fountain: English Pleasure &
Park

John McDonald: Hunt & Western
Dressage: Fatima Pawlenko - Kranz
Carriage: Marsha Himler

Morgan Horse Show "**Golden Spoke**" Award. This prestigious award was presented to very deserving and long time club members, Pete and Gael Jaeger who were recognized for their long time commitment to the club and their many years of service as volunteers on the show committee.

The second award of the evening was the "**Barbara Beaumont Cole Service**" Award. This award was presented to Andrée Vetrano for her many years of service in volunteer positions for the club and show.

Elizabeth Abernathy and Sheila England then proceeded with their extremely well orchestrated presentation of the high point awards. There were many winners and it was obvious that many of our club members had a very busy show season.

Congratulations to all our winners and participants in the VCMHC high point awards!

VCMHC Membership Roster by Deb Zakrajsek

The VCMHC Membership Roster is finally back and will be available for purchase by February 1st. This valuable resource contains the club By-Laws, History, and Membership Directory as well as other pertinent information. The VCMHC binder may be replaced at a cost of \$10.00, the roster contents (inserts) may be purchased for \$8.00. A roster and binder is provided free with each new VCMHC membership (limit one per family).

A digital copy of the roster will be posted on the club website, which may be downloaded for free (adobe acrobat reader and a printer with duplexing capability is necessary for printing your own copy).

Copies will be on hand at the April club meeting or your order can be mailed to you. For information on placing an ad in the roster, or ordering your roster please contact Debra Zakrajsek 919.240.4611 or by email: debra.zak@gmail.com



VCMHC Youth Activity

by Deb Zakrajsek

Community Service Opportunity:

I would like to encourage the VCMHC Youth to contribute winter hats, scarves, gloves, coats, or sweaters for a Coat for Kids program between now and December 15th. If each barn would be willing to set out a collection bin, I will arrange to pick them up from by December 15th. Alternatively, if your barn would like to "adopt a family" for Christmas, please contact Debra Zakrajsek, 919.240.4611 for details.

AMHA Convention News

Catch the Early Bird Specials at the AMHA Annual Convention

Registration has opened for the 2013 American Morgan Horse Annual Convention, which will take place February 21-23 in Portland, Oregon.

Registering early ensures special savings! The Benson Hotel is offering a special group rate to guests of the Convention; register by January 18 to take advantage of this discount! For those making their Convention registration before February 15, there is a savings of \$50! Those who make their reservations by February 13 also are eligible for a special early bird drawing!

For those arriving in town early, consider attending the Early Bird Farm Tours, Wednesday, February 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. From 9-11, enjoy a Scandinavian breakfast at Scandia Morgan Horse Farm in St Helens, Oregon, celebrating 40 years of breeding with the Morgan breed. A lunch of grilled salmon is on the menu at Northwest Morgans, a breeding facility known for fun, smiles, and awesome show horses in Hillsboro, Oregon. Times are noon to 2 p.m. and a craft sale of Morgan pieces also will be offered at this time. For dessert and to see some wonderful show prospects and champion Morgans, visit Keith Nelsen Training Stables in Oregon City from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Maps will be available at the Convention-enjoy just one or come to all three! To RSVP or for more

New Club Website

We are still working out some of the kinks but please visit and start using our new club website. We need your old historical VCMHC pictures for the history page of our new website. Also, please send any news, photos, events to our editor at editor@virginiacarolinamorgans.org

[VCMHC Website](#)

The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® is pleased to announce verbal agreements with the following judges for 2013:

CLASSIC/PARK/PLEASURE

Richard Harris of Somers, CT
John McDonald of Lake Clear, NY
Kenneth Swanson of Raleigh, NC
Lisa Cunningham Waller of

Heiskell, TN

HUNTER/WESTERN

Stephen Davis of Weybridge, VT
Cathy Grimes of San Jose, CA
Clifford Swanson of Castle Rock
CO
Kathryn Schwartz of Troy, OH

SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION

Cindy Boel of Prospect, KY
Kent Swalla of Columbia, MO
Bill Waller of Heiskell, TN
John Whalen of Monroe, NC

REGION 10 Announcement!

**Region 10 has been
selected to host the
2014
AMHA
Convention**

**and it will be held in
Raleigh, North
Carolina.**

**This is great news for
our club. Stayed tuned
for volunteer
opportunities!**

**Congratulations to
Rebecca Jones in
winning
Reserve in the OKC
Youth of the Year
contest!**

**Volunteer
Opportunities!**

information, please contact scandiamhf@gmail.com or skedling@aol.com.

From cowboy dressage, western dressage, history, and extreme trail and mountain trail riding, this Convention will have something for everyone! Farm tours to world champion farm Illahee, the annual meeting and members, and honoring the breed's top supporters are just some of the special events planned for this annual gathering of Morgan friends. The Convention is open to all! AMHA membership is not required to attend the Convention.

To see the current convention schedule or to register, go to
http://www.morganhorse.com/association/annual_convention/.

AMHA Youth Council Announces Election Results

This year, the AMHA Youth Council voted on a structure change to be implemented for 2013. New positions to be filled for the AMHA Youth Council include President, Vice-President of Finance, Vice-President of Public Relations, Vice-President of East Region, Vice-President of Central Region, and Vice-President of West Region. These positions were voted on and announced at the Annual Youth Council meeting at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 13, 2012.

Congratulations to the following members voted to the 2012-2013 Executive Committee of the AMHA Youth Council:

AMHAY President

Rebecca Jones

AMHAY Vice-President of Finance

Connor Chaffin-Farley

AMHAY Vice President of Public Relations

Averi Bogar

AMHAY Vice-President of East Region

Ada Staley

AMHAY Vice-President of Central Region

Natalie Golota

If you would like to become more involved with the Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club, there are a ton of opportunities to help out!

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Dini Swanson
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AMHAY Vice-President of West Region
Sandra Spearman

[If you would like more information about joining the AMHA Youth Council, please send your request to \[taylor@morganhorse.com\]\(mailto:taylor@morganhorse.com\).](#)

February Newsletter Submissions

Our next newsletter will be the 2013 February issue. Please send your print ready articles along with photos to me by January 15th. Email your submissions to me at avetrano@earthlink.net.

Thank you for being a valuable member of our club. I hope you have enjoyed this edition and look forward to getting submissions from you on future newsletters.

Sincerely,

Andrée Vetrano
Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club