



Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

This is the second addition of our bi-monthly on-line club newsletter. Many thanks to those of you who submitted articles for this issue. Submission deadlines are by the 15th of the previous month. For example, the deadline for the December issue will be November 15th. I welcome any feedback and suggestions to improve this on-going newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of you at the November Awards Banquet.

Sincerely,

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Summer Club Meeting at Flintlock Farm

Thanks again to Pete and Gael Jaeger for hosting our 2012 Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club summer meeting at Flintlock Farm on August 18th.



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Save the Date!
VCMHC
November Awards
Banquet and General
Meeting
[Brier Creek Country Club](#)

Forever Morgans Rescue
thanks Virginia-Carolinas
Morgan Horse Club
by Colleen Saint Loup

Pete's Party Pavilion was beautifully setup.

The 15+ SSMHS committee members met prior to the club meeting to get things underway for the 2013 show.



Everyone enjoyed the fabulous spread of food that Pete and Gael laid out and Dini Swanson did a great job in leading the club meeting as our new club president. Minutes for the club meeting will be read by Betsy Buchanan at the next general club meeting held just prior to the awards banquet on November 17th.

Save the Date!

Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club
November Awards Banquet and General Meeting

November 17, 2012

Brier Creek Country Club
9400 Club Hill Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617

More details to follow...



Please mark your calendars and remember to contact Elizabeth Abernathy horserealtor@juno.com to support and help sponsor our awards - any amount will help! As usual we also ask you to think about a contribution to the Silent Auction which also helps to defray club expenses - please contact Laura Wiener hlwny@hotmail.com - there have been many terrific items in the past - Grand Natl Handbags, Art, Crafts, Jewelry, Horsy stuff as well! Lastly please submit any and all 2012 photos to Andree Vetrano avetrano@earthlink.net. We will have a slide show presentation during dinner with photos of



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OTHER NEWS

Link to article written by Barbara Oslund on "Designing Sustainable Recreational Trails"

[Link to Article](#)

The photo is of Barbara on her Morgan mare Nashboro Valentina.

New club website coming soon!

We need your old historical VCMHC pictures! We need them for the history page of our new and upcoming website that is under development. Check it out at

[Under Development VCMHC Website](#)

our club members and their horses.
RSVP invitation and details to follow - and remember, friends are always welcome!



Morgan Rescue Fully run by volunteers

Dear Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club;
On behalf of Forever Morgans Rescue I would like to thank you so much for working with the Southern States Regional Show Committee to allow Forever Morgans to have time in the show ring and promote this worthy cause. We would also thank the show for its generous auction donation of \$500. Here are the

faces that these funds helped save:



The first horse your donations helped save is, Master Merlyn (Heir of Fortune x Elegant Heir). He is a registered gelding with a Class A show record! He is looking for a home with an experienced saddle seat rider. Merlyn is being fostered in Florida.

The Second horse your donations helped save is Sedona (TVM Celebration x Triton Christine). She is a registered mare in foal, so she really counts as TWO lives saved! Sedona is in foal to King's Enchantment for a 2013 foal and is being fostered in Illinois.

Merlyn and Sedona were directly purchased at an August 2012 auction from Mel's Auction House in PA. Both have passed through quarantine and are looking

Classical Horsemanship Clinic & Symposium

The first Virginia classical horsemanship clinic this past June was extremely well received. All experience levels are welcome, from novice to upper. They already have one Morgan registered for Saturday. Contact:

Sharon Madere
[804-677-7046](tel:804-677-7046)

[Classical Horsemanship Clinic & Symposium](#)

VCMHC By-laws Update



for forever homes.

Again, thank you for allowing Forever Morgans time to shine in such a public forum. Thank you also for your generous and much-needed donation. Without the support of you and others like you, Forever Morgans would not be able to continue to do the work it does. We know we can not save the life of every horse, but surely we can make the lives amazingly different for the horses we do save.

Thank you ! Forever Morgans

VCMHC By-Laws Update

by Nancy Warren

From time to time the club's by-laws need to be updated. A fairly extensive revision was completed in 2007 so this go-round is more technical clean up. If you don't have a hard copy you can access the by-laws on the club's website. Below is a description of the recommended changes which will be voted on at the November General Meeting

Article VII. OFFICERS

Section 3: VACANCIES. Change the word "unexplored" to "unexpired" This change is a clean up from the previous revision.

Article IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1: THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Delete the following from the second paragraph since there is no longer a Futurity Committee - this change is a clean up from the previous revision: "and for seats on the Futurity Committee which become vacant at the time of the first membership meeting following the Southern States Morgan Show."

Section 2: LIST OF COMMITTEES. Delete #8 Sport Horse as a committee; Add Website and Historical/Archives as new committees. (These changes were approved at the summer 2012 membership meeting.)

Section 5: SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Renumber as Section 4

Section 6: REMOVALS FROM OFFICE. Renumber as Section

Rebecca Jones to Represent Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club in Oklahoma!

As per custom, a youth club member who wins a regional YOTY contest will receive support to represent us at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show. The VCMHC board of directors approved a \$1000 stipend to give to Rebecca to represent us in OKC 2012.

Good Luck Rebecca!

Who is Going to OKC?



2012 Summer Updates and Plans for going to OKC from Tara Farm, Cedarwood Farm and BridleWood Farm

Tara Farm



Laura Austin and her beautiful mare AMHF Double Miss C

BridleWood Farm

Who is going to OKC???

I received some details from a few of you going to the 2012 Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show as follows:

[An Update from Tara Farm by Dini Swanson](#)

Tara Farm has had a great show season so far. Laura Austin and her beautiful mare AMHF Double Miss C just finished out the year with a great win in the Amateur English Pleasure Championship at the NC State Champ Show. The lovable gelding Wendigo's Tenderfoot has had a super busy summer! Starting out strong in the spring with his new best friend Anna Pugh, and ending the season introducing Pat West to the Saddleseat world in style by winning the NC State Champ Open English Pleasure Championship. Abbey Lockhart is leasing a new Tara acquisition, Ces't La Vie. They had fantastic performances at the New England Regional, and NC State Champ shows and are headed to Oklahoma City to rock the 14 - 17 Classic English Pleasure class.

The rest of the Oklahoma Contingent from Tara are; the beautiful Classic Driving mare Dragonsmeade Alsace owned and shown by Holly Johnson. The incomparable JW That Special Flaire GCH competing again in Open Park Harness, and another new member of the family, 2011 World Champion Mare, Jungle Love CH, who will defend her In Hand title and also show in 4 yr old pleasure driving.

If you are in OKC, please come by Tara's stalls for a visit, then cheer loud for all of our VCMHC contenders!

[An Update from Cedarwood Farm by Jim Paden](#)

The show season is quickly coming to a conclusion with only a couple of shows remaining. The riders at Cedarwood have worked hard to realize the goals



**Rob Marsh and Briarstead
Ladies Pearl in Western
Dressage**

they set for themselves early in the year. They have shown in classes ranging from Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Classic Pleasure, Classic Pleasure Driving, English Pleasure, Park Saddle and Park Harness. Oklahoma is right around the corner and all are working hard to make it a fun and rewarding show. The following horses and rider are representing Cedarwood in OKC this year;

BW SHREK - Classic Pleasure Saddle & Driving

Masters with Betsy Buchanan

MACH ONE - English Pleasure Masters with

Betsy Buchanan

RYANS STARBEAM - Hunt Seat Pleasure / Equitation

with Kate Zakrajsek

CKH PACKIN HEAT- English Pleasure Masters

with Sue Stroud

CBMF NO LIMITS - Futurity Park Harness / Park Saddle

with Jim Paden

All of us at Cedarwood sincerely wish a safe and successful show to all those attending Oklahoma this year.

[An Update from BridleWood Farm by Anne Ebbert](#)

The 2012 show season for BridleWood farm has been full of adventure and lots of fun. After Southern States, horses and riders made the long trip up north to attend Vermont Heritage Days followed by a trip to New Hampshire to attend the Maine All Morgan Show. These shows packed in a lot of successes by all and a lot of first time attempts by horse and rider. Andree Vetrano won in Adult Saddle Seat Equitation. Rob Marsh debuted in Western Dressage with Briarstead Ladies Pearl and claimed the blue for the open breed dressage champion and overall high point dressage champion (look for this pair in OKC!) Anne Ebbert debuted Total Recall in his first ever dressage class and took 4th out of 17 entries.

Dana Weiner had wins in hunt seat equitation and pleasure as well as western seat medal and western pleasure. She was reserve champion in saddleseat equitation, and UPHA Challenge Cup winner also

Volunteer Opportunities!

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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winning the junior YOTY competition at Heritage and receiving the Champion Sportsmanship award at the Maine All Morgan Show. Sam Haj won several walk trot classes with (JJF The Big Easy) as well as the YOTY walk trot. Zayden Marsh won the leadline YOTY award with the highest judging score and pattern ride. Omar Mohammed rode with confidence (and a big smile) in his walk trot classes on Ma'Laga. Riley won on Dove.

Congratulations to the Evens family on purchase of Flintlocks Gidget and good luck at the state fair where this new team will debut.

We are headed to OKC with the following horses and riders:

Lilac Hill Grand Chase - Saddle Seat Equitation
Classic Pleasure Saddle Junior Exhibitor
with Dana Weiner

Lilac Hill Grand Chase - Classic Pleasure Saddle /
Driving Masters with Andree Vetrano

BriarOak Sky Walker - Hunter Pleasure Amateur
with Kristin Luster

BriarMeade Ladies Pearl - Hunt Seat Equitation /
Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor with
Dana Weiner

BriarMeade Ladies Pearl - Western Dressage with
Rob Marsh

Good Luck to everyone and see you in OKC!!!

News from Canondale

by Betsy Buchanan

Phil and I had an amazing summer combining horse shows with travel. One of Phil's organizations had an international conference in Kos, Greece and we decided to take that opportunity to visit Athens and Istanbul as well. We had almost two weeks and found when



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by November 15th**

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we returned that it had been hotter in the US while we were gone! The photo at the window of the tile shop is about the closest we came to horses, but our Istanbul guide recommended a return trip to the center of the country where we could trail ride around the mountains - maybe some day!

Show wise, we came home early in July just in time for daughter Mary and myself to go with Mary Daughtry and Joan Brimley to Lexington, Ky for the Jr League Horse Show at the Red Mile. If you've never been, give it a try! It's really fun!

The Blue Ridge Classic Show in Asheville came next. Phil especially enjoys that show because he gets to spend time with his sister who lives in Franklin, just an hour away. I showed Mach there for the second time and we took the Reserve Champion Amateur title. Shrek was the Classic English Pleasure Champion for the second year - all in all, a very successful show!

The NC State Championship Show is just over and what a surprise I had there - my riding instructor from summer camp days, Dot Backer, had come out from Missouri with her daughter who was part of the secretarial staff for the show! Dot taught at William Woods and both of her daughters are employed in the horse industry. We've kept in touch over the years, but this is the first time I've seen her since camp. It was so special getting to visit with her!

Looking forward now to the Grand National, taking Mach and Shrek. Cedarwood will have five entries this year and we're all excited about the trip.

December Newsletter Submissions

Our next newsletter will be the December issue. Please send your print ready articles

along with photos to me by November 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,

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