

MR. CHARLES DORR



MRS. SHIRLEY GOODSPEED (PHOTO BY ANDY ILLES)

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Maine Morgan Masters

by Selina Cloutier

Each year the American Morgan Horse Association recognizes two individuals from each Morgan Club, over the age of 60, who have had meaningful experiences with the Morgan horse. The MMHC was proud to nominate Mrs. Shirley Goodspeed and Mr. Charles "Charlie" Dorr. The following are the biographies submitted with their nominations.

Shirley Goodspeed

I have always been involved with horses, owning a paint mare and her son as a young girl, mostly for riding around the neighborhood. I did some local small shows and parades in my local area of Lincoln, Maine.

When my children started riding, we bought a part Morgan gelding for them, and began my love affair with

the Morgan horse. My brother introduced me to a man from Vermont named Bronc Farnsworth. He owned Ashland Juneson who Maxine Snow used to own and ride. He had a month old colt in the pasture and I bought him on sight. His name was Juneson Cracker. I bought 4 Morgan mares from Bronc and proceeded to breed, raise, train and show Morgan horses. We also bought a Morgan gelding, Applevale Tarryon for my daughter, Sue.

I joined AMHA and MMHC in 1973. When Sue started showing, I got involved in the youth part of the club and became Morgan youth leader for the club, running the Youth of the Year event for our state show and helping out in
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Member Spotlight:

Sue & Shane Oliver

Meet longtime MMHC members, longtime BOD members and Morgan breeders, Sue and Shane Oliver of Silver Lake Farm. (Pictured with Hugo Boss-photo by Andy Illes)

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Oklahoma during the National show with the Youth of the Year events. My daughter, Sue, competed in the event for 3 years, winning world reserve the last year. I took a team to OKC one year for the horsebowl event.

I have been involved with the MMHC in one way or another since I became a member; sponsor, youth leader, director, secretary of the state show, ribbons/awards person for the show.

My greatest accomplishment was at age 62, buying a 4 year old Morgan gelding, with no training or handling, taking him home and breaking him myself. The next step was talking myself into showing him with Mike Carpenter. What a feeling to be back in the ring again!

The Morgan Horse has had a huge impact on my life. My life has revolved around my children and my horses. I have met some of the greatest people; famous, rich, poor; and made some awesome friends. I will always be involved with Morgans in one way or another. Once you own and love a Morgan, you are hooked for life.

Charlie Dorr-Morgan... the horse that chooses you! Well at the ripe old age of 6 it chose Charles Dorr of Dresden, Maine. Having no idea that the horse that brought that wide-eyed appeal was Troutbrook Playboy's mother-

Mistress Merridawn, then owned by Harlan McCobb. Charlie's love of the Morgan horse began. Many aday Charlie would arrive at Harlans, just a short piece from his home, to catch a ride on this unknown mare. But it was a bond that began the relationship of a lifetime.

Charlie first began his horse career in the hunter/jumper world, but it was not long before that passion for the Morgan Horse won out and the Morgan was back in his life. Morgan ownership did not officially come into his life until the early 70's purchasing his first from Martha and Gordon Van Buskirk of Holly Farm. Yet, at that point it was a lifelong friendship and passion that would take a compassionate horseman down many roads in the Morgan World. Charlie began breeding and raising Morgans after this first purchase of a Serenity Fleetwind son, Correllation. Many more Morgans were purchased after that, including 4 of Courage of Equinox's first foals... Charlie and his cousin Melanie Small decided to take a trip to Vermont to look at some bloodlines that Charlie had taken a liking to- that of Superman, and decided to stop into a farm owned by Orin Beattie to see his Superman bred stallion. That in itself is a story all unto its own.

After learning not only did he have a deep seated love of the

Morgan breed, Charlie also had a passion and communication with the horse that soon led him into the professional world of training. In 1984 Charlie accepted the position of head trainer for Maine Event Morgans- owned by George Schott's in Greene, Maine. The MEM prefix was then new to Morgandom, but that was short lived. By the end of his first, full show season, Charlie had earned the respect and camaraderie of the trainers up and down the east coast and Maine Event Morgans was a name synonymous with quality Morgans, which it still holds title to now under the direction and guidance of Rick Lane.

Charlie's desires and a new connection with his wife of now 23 years- Judy Dorr the desire to breed, raise and train their own Morgans took shape. Riverside Morgans of Boothbay, Maine became Charlie's passion along side Judy. They became competitive amateurs and have bred and shown several New England Champions. His love of the Morgan horse remains strong although he admits that time has a way of slowing down his motivation. It is common to see his face at a New England Morgan horse show with one or two of home bred Morgans. But never will his desire and passion be more strong for the breed that chose him!-Judy Dorr

President's Message

Looking Forward
through 2012

by Selina Cloutier

The Maine Morgan Horse Club has many exciting things planned for the coming year. We are all looking forward to a fresh start that the New Year always brings. We are also starting with a fresh and optimistic outlook as to what we will offer and accomplish

as a club in 2012. As Morgan owners and enthusiasts, the Maine Morgan Horse Club holds the versatility of the Morgan Horse in high esteem. Our outlook for 2012 is to emulate the versatility of our breed as it relates to the function of our club. We plan to offer events and educational opportunities to cover the breadth of interests of our membership. We are also offering events to those that have other breeds! This year is about celebrating our horses, whatever the discipline.

To start the New Year, the Maine Morgan Horse Club will be holding its annual year end awards at the Kennebec Tavern in Bath, Maine on January 28th starting at 5PM. The MMHC offers year end awards in the Show Division, Dressage, Working Western, Trail and Pleasure Ride/Drive. We will be honoring our winners that evening as well as holding our annual membership meeting. I hope to see you all there!

Happy Trails,

Selina Cloutier

In the next issue:

Let's see those Stallions! The

February newsletter will feature Maine Morgan Stallions. Send in your information and pictures and the graphics department will put together a feature page for you! *Ribbons, Ribbons, Ribbons-* we will revisit the 2011 Annual Awards Banquet, if you get any good pictures please send them in. We welcome any and all news and pictures from our Maine Morgan members, send it in by the 15th of each month to make it into that month's newsletter. Smsc77@aol.com

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www.memorgan.com

Silver Lake Morgan Farm



Members Spotlight:

*Sue & Shane
Oliver*

Woolwich, Maine

THE OLIVERS WITH HUGO BOSS (PHOTO BY ANDY ILLES)

The Maine Morgan Horse Club, Inc. is deeply indebted to the Olivers. They have been a constant in the Club and their joint participation has helped to keep the Club together during tough times. They have been our "Silver lining" when there have been dark clouds surrounding us. I would like to personally thank them, on behalf of the entire Club, for all that they have done and continue to do on behalf of the Morgan breed in the state of Maine.

Our sincerest thanks,

Selina Cloutier

How did you get involved with Morgans?

I was fortunate to have parents who had a horse farm. Mom tells me that as a young child, if I was missing from the house, she would find me in the barn. My grandfather always had Belgian workhorses and two more aunts and uncle had horses too. My parents bought our first Morgan, Juneson Cracker, as a foal from Bronk Farnsworth in NH. I was five years old, and I remember riding home in the horse trailer (yes the trailer) with the four month old colt as we brought him home. Horses have always been a part of my life since I remember.



Sue & TEM Checkacko



Sue & Silverlake In Line

How did you become involved with the MMHC?

My parents, Shirley Goodspeed and Richard Tolman, Jr., have been members of the MMHC since I was young. As a young competitor, I participated in Year End Awards program. When I was 18, my mother was on the Board of Directors, and I would usually travel to the board meetings with her. They must have needed someone on the board, and I remember Wayne Dakin, who was president at the time, asked me to join the Board. And I have been involved with the Board since in some capacity.



Sue and Shane

The Breeders Classes have been a big focus for Shane and I, since its inception. We were part of the core group. We believe these classes revitalized the Maine Morgan Horse

Show and has been a contributor to the success the show achieves each year. Although some years the BC entries have a small turnout, when you look around the ring regardless of the number of entries and see no free space all around the rail, you know we are doing something right. I think one of my favorite ideas that was implemented was the People's Choice Award for each class. This concept allows the spectators to be involved and participate and a great motivator for getting people to bring their friends and get them to vote for them!

Shane married into the MMHC. He traveled with me to the board meeting and eventually got asked to be on the Board. He has been an active board member for quite a few years now.

What are some things you would like to see us do as membership?

The Maine horse industry needs help. The Maine Morgan Horse Club provides many activities and events for our membership. I would like to see the MMHC build our membership by hosting events and activities that promote the Morgan horse to young and old, who would be new owners. The market needs revitalization and the board is in a good financial position to try some marketing venues that are different and would expand our reach and depth beyond what we currently do. We need to help our breeders and trainers get new clientele so the Morgan horse base will thrive and prosper for years to come. If the membership and board take actions to promote Morgans to potential horse owners and guide their choices to the Morgan breed, I believe we will continue to be strong and viable in the future.

Do you have any other passions or hobbies? I love to play tennis, but do not have the time anymore.

Shane and I love antiques, especially American Pottery. Vic and Muriel Burnheimer really helped foster this passion and created a constant search for unique and rare pottery.

Shane loves to hunt and fish. He is always scouting turkeys, deer, ducks and when driving down the road with him, he sees all the wildlife and makes sure to point it out to whoever is riding with him. This past year, he successfully got a turkey, 8 point buck and ducks and geese. He takes Mugsy, our chocolate lab, with him when hunting waterfowl.



The Maine Morgan Golf Scramble to Benefit the Breeder's Classes- Just one more of Sue's great ideas!

What would people be most surprised to learn about you?

I am going to University of Maine to get my Bachelor's Degree in Business. I have an Associate's Degree in Business Management and when I stopped playing tennis, I needed something to occupy my time and mind. I take one course a semester, as I have a full time job at LL Bean, along with four horses at home.

Editor's Note: Sue was also a Reserve Grand National Youth of the Year. Sue is a Past President of MMHC and the current Vice President.

Congratulations Kate!

In October, Kate Foy participated in the AMHA Youth of the Year Finals at the Morgan Grand National and World Championship Show. Kate represented the 2011 Maine Morgan Youth of the Year Contest. Kate topped the field in the written exam and the oral presentation and finished second in horse judging before being named the 2011 AMHA Youth of the Year.



Kate Foy & Irina Shavlik
Photo By Howard Schatzberg

Kate Foy

2011 AMHA Youth of the Year



Kate & Queen's Nightwatch
Photo by Casey McBride

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS



Got an Opinion????

Send in your letter to the editor at smc77@aol.com or Selina Cloutier, 616 Portland St., Unit 33, Rochester, NH 03867



Dates For 2012

2012 MMHC Board of Directors

Shirley Goodspeed

David Vose

Shane Oliver

Margaret Bailey Miller

Melissa Spencer

Deb Plengey

Jen Smith-Alternate



Are You A Writer????

We are always looking for content for our newsletter. Send in your photos, news and articles to smc77@aol.com or Selina Cloutier, 616 Portland St., Unit 33, Rochester, NH 03867

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I can't stop smiling! Just got the newsletter. AMAZING! GREAT JOB! WOW!

-PAM VOSE

Editor's Response : Glad you liked it !

2011 Annual Awards Banquet & 2012 Annual Meeting

January 28th, 2012

Kennebec Tavern, Bath, Maine

Board of Directors Meeting

February 12th, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

March 4th, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

April 1st, 2012

Spring Trail Ride

Date TBD

Popham Beach

Spring Dressage Show

April 29th, 2012

Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm

Board of Directors Meeting

May 6th, 2012

Spring Fun Show

May-TBD

Windsor, ME

Summer Fun Show

June-TBD

Southern, ME

Maine Morgan Horse Show, Breeders Classes & Youth Contest

July 4-7, 2012

Deerfield, NH

Late Summer Fun Show

August-TBD

Central, ME

Acadia Trail Ride

September 8-9, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

September, 2012

Fall Dressage Show

TBD

Board of Directors Meeting

October, 2012

General Election

November 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

November, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

December, 2012

2011 AMHA Awardees Announced

The AMHA Awards Committee is pleased to announce the following individuals will be recognized at its annual convention, which will take place February 29-March 3 in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations to all! Man and Woman of the Year Awards honor those individuals for their continued support of the breed. This year's honorees are **David Rand** and **Elaine Galatz**. **Barbara Irvine** will be awarded the Cecil Brown Memorial Sportsmanship Award, which is given to a Morgan exhibitor who has displayed outstanding sportsmanship. Inducted into AMHA's Hall of Fame are **Jane Blue** and the late **George Arnold**. The Breeders' Hall of Fame honors a breeder(s) who has produced Morgans that have had a significant impact on the breed. This year's honorees are **Burkland Farm**, **Cabot Morgans**, and **Raintree Morgans**. The Golden Reins Award is given to a Morgan professional who has a 30-year career in training or instruction. **Cheryl Marcelonis**, **Jackie Ross**, and **Scott Thacker** will receive this special honor. **Byron Singer** will be honored for his outstanding contributions to the Morgan Youth program as the Youth Person of the Year. Two Morgans will receive special recognition for their work with people with disabilities. This year's honorees are **Merlin Tris Don** and **Barr's Lucky Lady**. **Angela Conner Bulmer** was selected as the recipient of the Morgan International Award for her years of Morgan involvement in the United Kingdom. **Nancy Caisse** will be honored as the first AMHA Promoter of the Year recipient for her many years of going above and beyond in breed promotion. Inducted into the Show Horse Hall of Fame this year are **HVK Courageous Flaire**, **Kickapoo Kracker Jax**, and the driving team of **Batton's Regency** and **Batton's Oak-A-Motion**.



**Jack Brainard
and Eitan
Beth-
Halachmy
Clinics in New
Hampshire**

When: Jack's clinics will be July 6-8 and July 11-13. Eitan's clinics will be July 17-19 and July 22-24.

Where: Kokonini Farm in Wentworth, New Hampshire. (Mid-state, an hour north of Concord, NH, two hours from downtown Boston.)

Contact: Space is very limited and is first come, first served. Interested riders, auditors or assistants may contact us by email at: chris@rstours.com We can be reached by phone at: 603-764-5905 (EST). Additional information can be found on our website: www.rstours.com, along with photos of our farm and facilities, plus some candid shots from previous clinics. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or to secure a rider, auditor or assistant position.

2012 MMHC Officers

**President-
Selina Cloutier**

**Vice
President-Sue
Oliver**

**Secretary-
Jenn Hartwell**

**Treasurer-
Karen Marlin**

**Past
President-Sue
Oliver**

Continuing Horsemastership Grants

Due to the varying interests of our membership, the Maine Morgan Horse Club, Inc. has decided to offer its members continuing horsemastership grants. Since our club is not able to offer enough clinics to reach all of our members and their versatile Morgan horses we have resolved to offer this support in order to reach our entire membership.

Guidelines:

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of the Maine Morgan Horse Club, Inc.
2. Applicant must be an amateur, youth or junior exhibitor.
3. The grant is to be used for eligible clinic fees. (audit fees are not eligible)
4. A clinic will be determined as eligible if the Maine Morgan Horse Club, Inc. does not offer one of comparable content.
5. A registered Morgan Horse must be used in the clinic by the applicant.
6. Each member is eligible for one continuing horsemastership grant in each the calendar year.

7. Each grant will awarded at the following rates:

Clinics under \$35.00
100% Grant

Clinics \$35-\$75
50% Grant

Clinics > \$75
50% (not to exceed \$75.00)

8. Applicant must file application with the Board of Directors of the Maine Morgan Horse Club, Inc.
9. Applicant must provide a receipt for the clinic fee. Grants will be distributed after clinic fee has been paid by the applicant.
10. Applicant will be notified if their application for the grant has been accepted after the next Board of Directors meeting held after receipt of application.
11. A total of 10 grants will be available for 2012.

Continuing Horsemastership Grant Application

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Name/date of clinic: _____

Clinic contact info: _____

Reason for attending clinic: _____

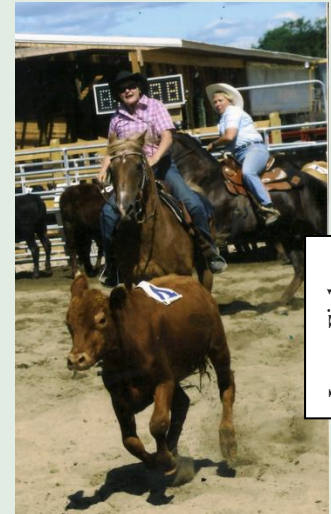
Send application to: Selina Cloutier, 616 Portland St., Unit 33, Rochester, NH 03867
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WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?



Becky Totten

Dressage



Lena Fiske

Working Western



Madison Cromwell

Jumping

Changes to Year End Awards Programs

The following are the rules for the YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM 2012. They are in an abbreviated form to highlight changes made to the program for 2012-see the full listing at memorgan.com under year end awards. The changes were made at the request of membership and voted on at the January Board of Director's meeting. All changes were made to add to the awards and correct some deficiencies in some award areas. If you have any questions contact Selina Cloutier smsc77@aol.com 603-953-3470



WORKING WESTERN –no changes

RULES FOR HORSE SHOW DIVISIONS

QUALIFICATIONS:

There will be a minimum of three shows to qualify and a maximum of ten classes counted.

The Maine Morgan Horse Show will count as two qualifying shows.

EXHIBITOR DIVISION

5. WALK AND TROT 11 AND UNDER

- Saddle seat/Classic
- Hunt/Western seat

6. LEADLINE 7 AND UNDER

- western
- saddle seat
- hunt seat

OPEN COMPETITION DIVISION

Points from classes open only to all breeds and all exhibitors without restriction or qualification

G.CARRIAGE DRIVING

- Driven Dressage
- Obstacle Driving
- Pleasure Driving
- Open-to include

Reinsmanship, Carriage Pace and Sleigh

DRESSAGE

1. Intro-Fourth Level Scores must be earned at a minimum of 3 different shows and from 3 different judges. FEI levels scores must be earned at a minimum of 2 different shows and from 2 different judges.

3. Intro-2nd level must have a minimum of 5 scores except for the Musical Freestyle which must have a minimum of 3 scores to be considered for a year-end award. 3rd and 4th level must have a minimum of 3 scores to be considered for a year-end award. FEI levels must have a minimum of 2 scores to be considered for a year-end award.

6. The median (middle) score of the top 5 tests (top 3 for Musical

Freestyle & 3rd/4th level. Top 2 for FEI) will be the year-end score. If only 2 scores are required they will be averaged. The median must be 50% or higher to be eligible for an award.

9. Awards will be given out through fourth place in open division.

10. Awards will be given out through fourth place in USDF/USEF division to both Junior and Senior rider.

OPEN & USDF/USEF Recognized Shows (all levels)

- 1. Introductory level**
- 2. Training Level**
- 3. First Level**
- 4. Second Level**
- 5. Third Level**
- 6. Fourth Level**
- 7. FEI Levels**
- 8. Musical Freestyle**

PLEASURE RIDE AND DRIVE

1. 50 pleasure hours must be participated in order to qualify for a year-end award in this division.

Organized trail hours not to count in this division-see competitive and non-competitive trail section. Cumulative Awards for Pleasure Ride & Drive

- **Provide a trophy for 5000 accumulated hours.**

COMPETITIVE & NON-COMPETITIVE TRAIL

1. A minimum of 3 **organized** competitive/non-competitive events must be participated in order to qualify for a year-end award in this division.



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10 STEPS TO PROMOTING THE MORGAN TO LOCAL YOUTH!

Step 1: Identify a local professional riding establishment with ties to the Morgan Horse Community

Step 2: Secure a date, preferably during the school year (weekend day) to hold the event.

Step 3: Determine the maximum number of invitees.

Step 4: Determine a schedule for the day and if lunch will be provided, for sale or if it needs to be brought by participants.

Step 5: Contact local Girl & Boy Scout troops.

Step 6: Secure volunteers for a demonstration or

demonstrations and other duties.

Step 7: Determine topics for different "stations" around the barn which will allow you to break the group up in to smaller groups and will enable hands on activity.

Step 8: Procure promotional materials (from MMHC) and any other informational handouts that may be site specific.

Step 9: The week before the "Scout Day" visit the troops and discuss safety around horses and answer other basic questions.

Step 10: Promote the Morgan Horse to young people who may find a lifelong passion!

Example Schedule of Events

9 AM Meet the Morgan
9:30 Group Activity
Rotation: grooming, feeding, safety, leading & riding
11 AM Lunch Break
11:30 AM Demonstrations

The Maine Morgan Horse Club, Inc. could assist your "Scout Day" with support in the following ways:

Act as a liaison between Scout Troops and your facility

Assist with local media coverage

Provide breed promotional products and giveaways

Provide volunteer help

Congratulations!



Cabot Morgans & Rick Lane

**AMHA Breeder's
Hall of Fame**

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