



Morgan Dressage association

Dedicated to promoting and supporting Morgan Horses in dressage.

2004 Scholarship Awardees

Janet Finley, an adult amateur from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, purchased her first Morgan--her current mount, Chester County--several years ago after working with her gelding's sire in combined driving. She decided that she liked the breed's temperament, willingness, talent and disposition for dressage. She is not new to the sport, having begun working in the discipline more than 30 years ago. Janet and Chester County competed at Training level in 2003 and won several USDF high-score awards in addition to placing third in the USDF Regional Championships and fifth in the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Championships – all in Chester's first year of competition and Janet's first show season in 30 years.



Janet Finley on Chester County



Fortune's Maestro

Junior/Young Rider **Emily Knight** of Hanover, New Hampshire, said in her application that she “fell in love with Morgans as a little girl because I thought they were the most beautiful breed in my favorite horse book.” She began riding Morgans when she was six and has competed successfully in many disciplines from the local to the national level, earning her AMHAY Bulrush, Woodbury and Sherman badges and participating in numerous Youth-of-the-Year competitions. Now a student at Dartmouth College, Emily and her current mount, Fortunes Maestro, have competed through Fourth level, earning the scores necessary for Emily's USDF Silver Medal

Phyllis Laderman is an adult amateur rider from Escondido, Calif., who has competed her Morgan, Alibi Only Playtime, through Third level. Phyllis has owned Morgans since 1974, and since 1978 has ridden more than 100 dressage tests – all on Morgans. Phyllis and her current partner have won a number of USEF high-score Championships, including the 1999 First Level Freestyle Champion at the Morgan World Championship.



*Phyllis Laderman and Alibi
Only Playtime*



*Dee Loveless and Meadowmere
Courelation*

Dee Loveless of Columbia, Conn., is a professional and “R” USEF dressage judge. She has ridden for more than 25 years, competing in hunter, eventing and dressage. She and her husband, Rick, purchased their first Morgan in 2001 as Rick’s mount and the couple attended two Morgan shows that summer. In her application Dee said she enjoyed the experience so much and was so impressed by the breed and people she met that she sold her Fourth-level Hanoverian and bought her current dressage mount, Meadowmere Courelation, as a green-broke 3 year-old. Since then she has contributed articles to Morgan and all-breed publications touting the advantages of Morgans in the sport. Dee and her gelding have won year-end awards through USDF, USEF and MDA through First level and have won championships in several USDF-recognized competitions.

Professional rider **David MacMillan** of Provo, Utah began his work with Morgans in 1999 when he started riding Karin Weight’s then 4 year-old gelding, West Mt. Winston. Since then David has brought Winston to fourth level, and competed another of Karin’s geldings, West Mt. Christopher, to first level, winning year-end awards with both geldings from USDF, AMHA, MDA and USEF in addition to a number of championships at the Morgan Grand Nationals.



David MacMillan on West Mt. Winston



*Nancy Mangum on
Canequin's Local Hero*

Nancy Mangum, an adult amateur rider from Essex, Vermont. Nancy has competed Canequin’s Local Hero through 2nd level. Nancy began riding at age 4 and purchased her first Morgan in 1978. She began riding dressage in 1982 when she was forced to give up jumping. The pair have won United States Dressage Federation, United States Equestrian Federation and Morgan Dressage Association year-end awards and high-score awards at numerous USDF-recognized competitions.

Adult Amateur rider **CeAnn Shipley** began her love-affair with Morgans in the 1970s when she began riding Morgans in a lesson program. She purchased her first Morgan in 1975 and has been a breeder since 1992. She has trained and competed her homebred breeding stallion, Mythic Aladdin, through First level in both open and breed shows. In addition, she has organized a number of dressage competitions, including the Mid-A Morgan Show, which has one of the largest dressage divisions in the breed.



CeAnn Shipley on Mythic Aladdin



*Devon Shoemaker and Spring Hollow
Night Magic*

Thirteen year-old **Devon Shoemaker** rode her first Morgan when she was 3, and has been competing in dressage on Morgans for the past three years. She has shown successfully in open and breed-show competitions in dressage, hunter and combined training and in 2003 earned her C-1 Pony Club rating with her current mount, a 7-year-old gelding, Spring Hollow Night Magic, which required them to ride components of Training/First-level dressage tests, jump grids, stadium and cross country fences up to 2'9".