

Morgan



Trader

From the Desk of the President

New York Morgan Stallion Service Auction

On a frigid January night in Saratoga Springs, NY, Morgan breeders gathered in person, online, and on the phone for the chance to score the winning bid on one of almost 60 prime stallions offered at the New York State Morgan Horse Society's annual Stallion Service Auction.

The festivities began around 4 p.m. with NYSMHS's High Point Awards for 2025, followed by a cash bar and light appetizers. A delicious Italian buffet dinner and an acoustic guitarist kept attendees happy while they waited for the main event to begin. At 7 p.m., David "Tuffy" Owens stepped up to the podium to get the auction rolling, while volunteers at the phone bank kept off-site bidders in on the action.

It may have been cold outside, but the bidding was hot inside. Soon after the final bid was called, Tuffy announced that a record-breaking \$71,775 was raised, making the 2026 SSA the most successful in the event's history. In an unusual twist, the top bid was not on a particular stallion, but on one of the "Name Your Mare" slots. Among the evening's Top Ten stallions were The Latest Trend JY GCH, EKL Shakedown CH, Dressed Up GCH, and Totally Undone. Kudos to NYSMHS President Jennifer Peek and her team of volunteers, Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer Tuffy Owens, the stallion owners who generously donated services, and of course the bidders, who all contributed to the auctions tremendous success. Be sure to join us next year in Saratoga!



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Congratulations!



New York State Stallion Service Auction: \$71,775

The Highest bid went to the Name Your Mare spot, followed by this impressive lineup of top stallions (in alphabetical order)

- Dressed Up GCH
- EKL Shakedown CH
- Keepin' Busy
- Ledgefield's Jagged Edge GCH
- Man In Black GCH
- Merriehill After Hours GCH
- Queen's Sebastian GCH
- The Latest Trend JY GCH
- Totally Undone

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who worked the phones and organized the event, the stallion owners who donated their stud services, and the bidders who participated to raise money for this popular sweepstakes program!

High Point Awards 2025

Congratulations to all our 2025 High Point contenders and winners! We would like to thank you for submitting your points and taking part in our high point program.

Place	Horse/Rider	Division	Owner
1	LPA Here and Now	Am& Jr.Ex. Pleasure Driving	Lindsay Atkinson
1	Roselyn Echo	Carriage Driving	Leigh Semilof
2	R'surene First Date	Carriage Driving	Lorraine Van Luven
3	Derawndas Annie Oakley	Carriage Driving	Teresa Jackson
4	Sunny Acres Amazing	Carriage Driving	Patricia Anslem
5	Greentree Joyful	Carriage Driving	Gina Handy
1	Whitemud High Society	Classic Driving	Leighann Buzzard
2	DTA Coupe DeVille	Classic Driving	Dorothy Atkinson
3	Latours I Otto B Famous	Classic Driving	Mark Langdon
1	Ledyard Oakley	Classic Saddle	Danielle Brandt
2	Latours I Otto B Famous	Classic Saddle	Mark Langdon
1	Chandelle Hi Tesseract	Dressage	Susan Barkman
2	TFF Carbonado	Dressage	Robin McNabb
3	Stoneleigh Time After Thyme	Dressage	Mary Ellen Mulligan

Place	Horse/Rider	Division	Owner
1	JMJM Mr Jenson	English Pleasure	Will Vidler
1	Energizer	Hunter Amateur	Sherri Bos
2	Whitemud High Society	Hunter Amateur	Leighann Buzzard
1	Uncharted	Hunter Pleasure	Cassandra Mauser
2	Whitemud High Society	Hunter Pleasure	Leighann Buzzard
3	Morgan Hill Six Shooter	Hunter Pleasure	Rebecca Arotsky
4	Hidden Springs Jaguar	Hunter Pleasure	Patricia Walter
5	Equinox Commander N Chief	Hunter Pleasure	Joanne Peters
1	MAL Harlequin's Dream	in-Hand	Mark Langdon
2	Dressed In Roses	In-Hand	The Kirsch Family
3	Guac This Way	in-Hand	Ashley Kesilewski
4	Whitemud High Society	In-Hand	Leighann Buzzard

High Point Awards 2025 cont.

Place	Horse/Rider	Division	Owner
1	Ultra's Now and Forever	Jr. Ex. Pleasure	Lindsay Atkinson
2	JMJM Mr Jenson	Jr. Ex. Pleasure	Will Vidler
3	LPS Rebel Yell	Jr. Ex. Pleasure	Bailey Dippel
4	BMW The Motion Man	Jr. Ex. Pleasure	Lindsay Atkinson
5	Ultra's Spirit of the Law	Jr. Ex. Pleasure	Andie Ward
6	SLR In Rhythm	Jr. Ex. Pleasure	Claire Lamb
1	DTA Coupe DeVille	Jr. Horse Driving	Dorothy Atkinson
2	Dressed In Roses	Jr. Horse Driving	The Kirsch Family
1	Energizer	Jr. Horse Saddle	Sherri Bos
2	A Million to Burn	Jr. Horse Saddle	Jamie Bish
3	SLA Dark Roast	Jr. Horse Saddle	Lisa McTygue
4	HPS Spoonful of Sugar	Jr. Horse Saddle	Elizabeth Ramsey & Charles Adams
5	Dressed In Roses	Jr. Horse Saddle	The Kirsch Family
6	Valley Acres Clementine	Jr. Horse Saddle	Dawn Hennessey
	Arcola Allain	Jr. Horse Saddle	Brylee Fitzwater
	HPS Certainly Fabulous	Jr. Horse Saddle	Elizabeth Ramsey & Charles Adams

Place	Horse/Rider	Division	Owner
	Avery Tusch	Leadline	
	Brylee Fitzwater	Leadline	
	McKenzie Murray	Leadline	
1	WCA Perfection	Park	Rebecca Arotsky
2	VDM Game On	Park	Laurie Sterling
1	Corinthian Quasar	Pleasure Driving	Phyllis Whitchurch
2	JMJM Mr Jenson	Pleasure Driving	Will Vidler
1	Whitemud High Society	Promotion	Leighann Buzzard
2	MDMS O Shanessey Brigade	Promotion	Mari Neidlinger
3	BMW The Motion Man	Promotion	Lindsay Atkinson
4	Riesling Ridge Normandy	Promotion	Holly Bedient
5	Greentree Joyful	Promotion	Gina Handy
6	Riesling Ridge Moscato	Promotion	Holly Bedient
	CenturyOakHollywoodNights	Promotion	Holly Bedient
	Starberry Cosmic Enya	Promotion	Lindsey Berry
	Patrick's True Sport	Promotion	Judith Vassie
	QLS Pizzicato	Promotion	Judith Vassie
	Creed CSD	Promotion	Judith Vassie

High Point Awards 2025 cont.

Place	Horse/Rider	Division	Owner
1	Whitemud High Society	Road Hack	Leighann Buzzard
1	HPS Spoonful of Sugar	Specialty In-Hand	Elizabeth Ramsey & Charles Adams
2	Corinthian Chorus Line	Specialty In-Hand	Sandra Trushel
3	Whitemud High Society	Specialty In-Hand	Leighann Buzzard
1	Whitemud High Society	Versatility	Leighann Buzzard
2	Dressed In Roses	Versatility	The Kirsch Family
3	JMJM Mr Jenson	Versatility	Will Vidler
1	Ultra's Now and Forever	W/T	Lindsay Atkinson
2	Patriotic Fireball Flaire	W/T	Nicole & Hailey Cornaire
3	Sunny Acres Alakazam	W/T	Rebecca Arotsky
4	Morgan Hill Six Shooter	W/T	Rebecca Arotsky
5	QLS Pizzicato	W/T	Judith Vassie
6	Riesling Ridge Moscato	W/T	Holly Bedient
1	MDMS O Shanessey Brigade	Western Amateur	Mari Neidlinger
2	The Rookie	Western Amateur	Susan Hyman
3	Feel the Burn	Western Amateur	Karen Saville
4	Bri-B Bishop Piece	Western Amateur	Cindy Grimm

Place	Horse/Rider	Division	Owner
1	TFF Carbonado	Western Dressage	Robin McNabb
2	Corinthian Chorus Line	Western Dressage	Sandra Trushel
3	Stoneleigh Time After Thyme	Western Dressage	Mary Ellen Mulligan
1	Riesling Ridge Normandy	Western Pleasure	Holly Bedient
2	Bri-B Bishop Piece	Western Pleasure	Cindy Grimm
3	MDMS O Shanessey Brigade	Western Pleasure	Mari Neidlinger
4	SLR In Rhythm	Western Pleasure	Claire Lamb
5	The Rookie	Western Pleasure	Susan Hyman
6	Feel the Burn	Western Pleasure	Karen Saville
	Whitemud High Society	Grand Champion Horse	Leighann Buzzard

Be sure to renew your membership!

It's that time of year when every club and organization is asking for your renewal and the NYSMHS is one of those groups. All 2025 members will receive an email notifying them membership expires January 1, 2026 with an option to renew online. You can also renew with the paper membership form and mail to me with a check or credit card. (If you renew by paper form please ignore the email notifying you of membership expiration on January 1st.) Be sure to keep your 2026 card handy so you know you have renewed.

2026 is a Club Directory Year!

The deadline for inclusion in the club directory is March 1st. Any memberships received after that date will not be listed but will receive a directory. Be sure to update all your information including your horse listings. The directory has always been an important part of the NYSMHS and many people love to share it with customers and potential Morgan lovers, however it is only available to current members.

All Life Members: please update your information by emailing me directly or sending an updated paper form. I will call Life Members who haven't contacted me to get updated information.

Please consider purchasing ad space in the directory...

Full Page (near your listing) \$135.00

Half-Page (near your listing) \$70.00 (please let me know if interested in a half-page ad)

Front/Back Cover & Inside Front/Back Covers - contact me for availability and pricing

Be sure to put a reminder on your calendars to renew your 2026 Membership with NYSMHS and submit your information for inclusion in our 2026 Club Directory!

Special note: I will be stepping down as membership chair after distribution of the 2026 Directory is complete. A replacement Membership Chairperson is needed and I am willing to assist the new chairperson for the remainder of the 2026 year.

Thank you,
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New York State Morgan Horse Society, Inc. Membership Form (Please Print Carefully)

Individual \$30 :

Family \$45 :

Youth \$20 :

(One (1) adult vote per family, adult
*designated when submitting form below.)

(Individuals not yet 22 years old, Youth
members who have attained 18 years of
age on or before Jan. 1 of a given year
have a single vote.)

Life \$300 :

Entity \$45 :

(Must be at least 18 years of age)

Any business comes with one (1) vote cast by individual *designated by Entity when
submitting form below.

**Membership dues must accompany this form. Make Checks payable to NYSMHS and mail to:
Donna Fox, 1974 Murdock Rd., Lyndonville, NY 14098 (demorgan@lakeplains.net)**

Or Charge to Account #: _____

Name on Charge Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code #: _____

Billing address if different from below: _____

Name of Member*:
(* = Designated voter if applicable --
with Family/Entity submissions)

Name(s) and age of Youth Member(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

URL address for your farm if you have one: _____ www. _____

Areas that you have interest in :

(TP = Trail/Pleasure, D = Dressage, C = Carriage, R= Reining, HJ= Hunter/Jumper, SW = Shows, WD=Western Dressage, E=Eventing)

Check here to receive a paper copy of "The Trader". Please included \$40.00 for printing and postage

Check Here if you do **not** wish to be included in our NYSMHS Directory of members

Would you be interested in volunteering? If so, check any of the below areas which you have interest in:

Shows: Western NY Show NY Morgan Show

Committees:

Futurity

High Score Program

Membership

Newsletter

Sport Horse

Stallion Service Auction

Note: Your membership allows you to list up to 8 registered Morgans (owned by you) in our rolling electronic directory.



Western New York Morgan Show News

The Western New York Morgan Horse Show is looking forward to seeing all of our exhibitors in 2026!

WNY Morgan Horse Show

5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

May 22 - 24, 2026

Officials

Judge - Melissa Moore

Secretary - Nikki Gorecki

Farrier - Mike Sandvill

Ringmaster - Karen Homer-Brown

USEF Steward - Shannon Price Heald

Photographer - Terry Young

Be sure to go to our website for all the updated forms including Prize List!

www.wnymorganshow.com

Check out the Facebook page for any updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243168743300>

Member Submitted News

News from Corinthian Stables

HISTORY MADE! Congratulations to the FIRST Morgan World Champion Parade Horse to win in the new coliseum at Oklahoma City! MASTERCLASS GCH (The Masters Touch x NBN At Your Command) shown by Todd Trushel and owned by Michelle McCleester, trotted to victory in a unanimous win.

Both Corinthian Stables and Possibility Stables, and all of "Scooby's" fan club were excited to see him shine. The "Rhinestone Cowboy" lit up the beautiful new OG&E coliseum.

Todd Trushel and Masterclass GCH – 2025 Morgan World Champion Parade Horse



2025 USEF NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR – Corinthian Chorus Line and Liz Jones showing in Morgan Western Dressage

More news from Sandy Trushel is the announcement of her young mare, CORINTHIAN CHORUS LINE (Ben's Rhapsody x Corinthian Sentimental) winning the 2025 USEF NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR in Western Dressage. She is trained and shown by Liz Jones of Equestrian Elite, Oberlin, Ohio. While defending her OKC World Champion title from last year, this strong mare earned several Reserve National Champion titles in OKC this year. Those wins, along with the Championships from the Michigan All Morgan Show and the tri-colors from the Ohio Buckeye All Morgan Show gave her the lead in the USEF competition. This talented mare is five generations of Corinthian bred mares, many of which showed through the New York Futurities! This National award will be presented at the USEF 2026 Convention in Louisville, KY in January.

-Sandy Trushel (Trushel8@aol.com)

Meeting Minutes

NYSMHS Annual Meeting
Drive, East Syracuse NY

Location: 1st United Church of East Syracuse, 823 Franklin Park

Date: Saturday December 6, 2025

Officers and Directors in Attendance in person: Jenn Peek, Annette Bakic, Gina Handy, Beth Grella (phone), Donna Fox, Patty Waring, Nancy Herrick, Officers and Directors not in Attendance: Whitney Roberts, Pat Ross, Kate Kirsch, Danielle Rice, Lindsey Berry, Alexa Rahman, Anna Kufs, Daisy Beisler

Meeting called to order at 11:23 AM by Jenn Peek

*Secretary's Report ~ Annette Bakic Nan Herrick made motion to accept November NYSMHS Budget Meeting minutes. Patty Waring 2nd Motion passed.

*Treasurer's Report ~ Beth Grella Presentation of current accounts.

*Stallion Service Auction: expenses included website on-line bidding services, del Lago site costs, NY Regional awards.

*NY Regional Show ~ profitable, but less than in recent years. Costs increased, horse count down. Should improve in 2026, 4H will increase stalls by 110.

*Western District Show ~ profitable

*Club Services ~ credit charges adding up, add \$3.00 fee to Futurity CC payments, discuss adding CC fees at next meeting. Club purchases advanced fraud protection services ~ 59.00 per month

*Account Balances ~ leave current savings account balance as-is, do not move to different account. 2025 budget included money for items we did not use, shift unused funds into checking account.

*Detailed budget report and copy of Budget Presentation slide show available to any member of NYSMHS upon request.

*Joanne Smail made motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Donna Fox 2nd Motion passed.

*Membership ~ Donna Fox Memberships coming in slowly. 197 total 2025 membership. Discussion of NYSMHS Directory. Patty Waring suggested publication every 3 years instead of current 2-year schedule. Further discussion at next meeting.

*Futurity ~ Mary Ellen Mulligan 20 Foals in 2025 Futurity. The NYSMHS website will publish all past Futurity graduates from 1959 onward on the website. Mary Ellen stepping down, Meghan and Emma VonBallmoos will co-chair Futurity.

*Trader ~ Danielle Rice Club previously approved 1 printed edition for disbursement to members. Planning for Summer 2026, quantity 200. Will consider more copies for availability at horseshows. Donna Fox will forward list of members requesting printed copies of Trader.

*Equifest ~ Donna Fox to represent NYSMHS at 2026 event.

*Western NY Show ~ Beth Grella Show profitable.

*NY Regional Show ~ Beth Grella Show profitable, but down from last few years. Costs going up, unanticipated expenses, horse count slightly down. Show dates late this year, September 16 – 19th, 2026, but Grand National was moved to October 17th. With addition of new 4H stalls, will have plenty of stabling available. Will add Open classes to all Breed classes. Planning 3 days of Dressage, with open classes added to All-Dressage Day. Will be either classical or western, to be determined. Technical delegate will be required for open dressage. Opportunity classes are planned for Hunt Seat, Western, Saddle Seat and Driving, 8 classes. Had full carriage division in 2025. Robin McNabb won the Sporthorse award.

Meeting Minutes cont.

*Sport Horse ~ Gina Handy Working Equitation Clinic is planned for Spring. Lisa Towne is organizing, details to come. Club will sponsor lunch. Club sponsored Genesee Valley award in 2025 and will expand sponsorship to up to 4 shows in 2026. Gina stepping down as committee chair, Lindsey Berry will chair.

*Stallion Service Auction ~ Jenn Peek Will be held January 24, 2026, at Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs. Block of rooms reserved. Will include High Point Awards, buffet/dinner.

*High Point ~ will suspend in 2026 and reorganize for 2027 if interest. Remove from Directory and announce suspension of program in email blast.

*By Laws Committee ~ Judy Manchester-Vassie will continue to work on revisions.

*Boot Camp ~ to be held in March 2026. 100 seats for auditors, rider slots all taken. Club costs: originally set up as money-maker for Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York Morgan Clubs. Jenn will bring club membership applications and swag for bags to the event.

*Facebook Manager to be topic of discussion at next meeting. Need someone to update our Facebook page with news and information.

*Suggestion to add Obituary section to Trader. Club lost members Linda Burke and Phyliss Whitchurch this year.

*Up for future discussion ~ Website Multi-club clearing house to include links to different Morgan groups/clubs.

*Next BOD meeting planned for February 2026.

*Gina Handy made motion to adjourn meeting, Nancy Herrick 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned by Jenn Peek at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Annette Bakic

NYSMHS Recording Secretary

Classifieds



2022 4 Star 2 Horse Slant Trailer. Like new condition. Interior Height 7' 6" High polished Aluminum finish. Drop down feed doors and additional interior lighting. Many extra features including E-Z lift ramp which is very easy to lift. \$25,000. Contact: Todd Trushel 814-474-5839



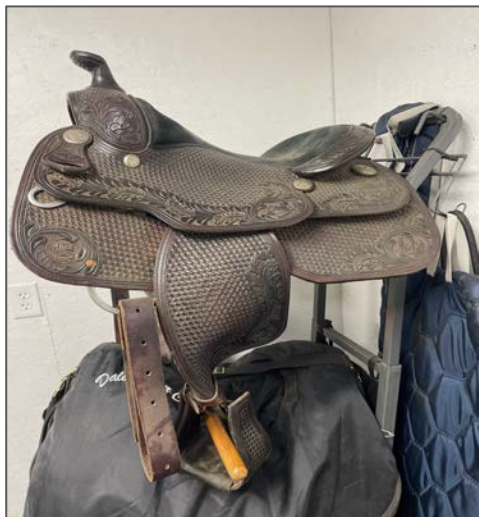
For sale: Gorgeous cob-sized presentation vehicle for pleasure or CDE. Black with turquoise pinstripes and brass trim. Detachable dickie seat included. Very smooth and comfortable ride. Excellent condition and ready to show. Buyer arranges pickup or shipping. Located near Scotia, NY.



For sale:
*Serafin cart, showable, brown w/ blue pin stripes w/ harness - \$600
Text:6072373049
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Houghton training cart extra long shafts \$250
Text:6072373049
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For Sale:
Dale Chavez Work Saddle
Excellent Condition \$1500
Contact: Robin Pelham
607-329-6358



HDR Synergy Plus CC Saddle
Wool Flocked, Adj. Gullet System, Like New \$950
Contact: Danielle Rice
607-377-4538
riced4538@gmail.com



For Sale: Cutback Saddle 19.5", adj. stirrup bars, excellent condition \$500
Text:
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For Sale: Corbette Hunt Saddle, 16.5",
\$200
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Wintec Western Work Saddle, deep seat
\$150
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Officers & Committees

2026 Officers

President - Jennifer Peek

Vice President - Gina Handy

Recording Secretary – Annette Bakic

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Herrick

Treasurer - Beth Grella

Director at Large - Coby Holowacz

Committee Chairs

By-Laws Committee – Judy Manchester-Vassie

Jr. Horseperson of the Year - Sue Gramse

Membership - Donna Fox

Morgan Trader Newsletter - Danielle Rice

Nominations -

NYSMHS Futurity - Emma & Meghan von Ballmoos

NY Regional Morgan Show - Beth Grella

NY Stallion Service Auction - Jennifer Peek

Silver Horseshoe & Promotion - Patti Waring

Sport Horse Committee - Lyndsay Berry

WNY Morgan Show - Annilee Bienias