

# 2024 MORGAN BROODMARE HALL OF FAME

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If you are a Morgan breeder or if you have talked shop with one, you know there is universal consent for the importance of the dam line in the genetic equation. Traditionally, however, fame and fortune accrue to stallions. They are more prolific than mares can ever be; they are promoted through the success of their get; breeding programs are often constructed around them; and the good ones tend to be money makers.

The Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame was established to redress the balance; to put objective information into the calculations of breeders and buyers; and, we hope, to recognize and enlarge the prestige associated with the great contemporary Morgan producers.

The following bullet points recap the history of this program, inaugurated five years ago in these very pages:

- A Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame was originally a project of *The Morgan Horse* magazine. We at the magazine were approached by a few breeders who thought there should be such a program in our breed as there is in others. Refining and developing the idea involved two years of research.
- We set a high bar for qualification in the BHOF. To be eligible, mares had to have produced a minimum of three world champions. The world championship database provides a singular source for quantifiable research. And entries at Grand National compete in nearly every discipline in which the Morgan breed competes.
- Determining the qualified mares was an enormous project. *TMH* staff originally imported the names of more than 3,300 world champions who have been crowned since the beginning of Grand National in 1973 into an Excel spreadsheet. (At the conclusion of Grand National 2023 that number had increased to 4,694 world

champion titles held by 2,346 individual horses.) The next step was to search and input into the spreadsheet the dams of all these Morgan horses, enabling results to be sorted electronically.

- We introduced the results in the January/February 2019 Breeding Guide. At that time, a remarkable 63 mares had earned inclusion based on their production records. Tallies change with each annual edition of Morgan Grand National. Currently, one mare has ten world champions; one mare has produced eight world champions; two mares have produced seven world champions each; there are two with six; 11 with five; 19 mares have four; and 50 mares have three. The total number of mares currently inducted into the Hall of Fame is 87.

- At the April 2019 meeting of the AMHA Board of Directors, it was voted that the BHOF would be an official program of AMHA, as well as *The Morgan Horse* magazine. And the Registry Committee agreed that BHOF would become a designation on the permanent record of each inductee in the Registry database.



## HOUSEKEEPING AND UPDATES MOVING ON UP

A few mares already inducted into the BHOF have seen their stock go up as additional progeny earned world titles. They are:

**Cache**, now with 10

**Dragonsmeade Valkyrie**, now with 4

## EQUITATION RESULTS

The AMHA Board of Directors has agreed that titles won in the equitation section will now be entered into a horse's permanent show record, starting with the 2020 show season (previously those titles

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As our annual profiles of inductees to the Broodmare Hall of Fame continue, *TMH* is featuring more vintage mares. We make every effort to contact previous owners or those knowledgeable about the mares' careers. Occasionally the passing of time or of key players makes that effort challenging.



## BROODMARE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NAME	WC	QUAL	NAME	WC	QUAL	NAME	WC	QUAL
Cache	10	2012	Southview Whisper	4	1993	Lookaway's Krystal	3	2005
Kim's Bellegante	8	2008	Tedwin Tremendous	4	1998	Mantic Mardi Gras	3	2012
AFF Beulah	7	2006	Treble's Pomp And Byzazz	4	2019	Merryweather Anne B	3	2015
Treble's Unchained Melody	7	2008	Waseeka Valiant Lady	4	1984	Merryweather Beldona	3	2014
HVK Ancient Cry	6	2012	Wide Eyed Innocence	4	2010	MI First Love	3	2002
Lost River Sanfield	6	1988	Arboria Satori	3	2003	Minion Marquise	3	2022
Aljaks Miss Wham I Am	5	2019	Bri-B Classicpiece	3	2019	Penncrest Dyna Pepper	3	2018
Century Enjolie	5	2001	Cedar Creek With Bells On	3	2019	Porvenir B Bonnet	3	1987
Century Oak Denali	5	2003	CHMH Grand Gift Of Honey	3	2014	Purest Adrenaline	3	2005
GLB Bell Of The Ball	5	2013	CHMH Spice Town Girl GCH	3	2022	Saddleback Su Prano	3	1999
Graywood's Epona	5	2017	Cingate Starry Night	3	2019	Schiaparelli	3	2006
HVK Obsidian	5	2013	Cozys Cole Kessie	3	2008	Seasons French Fantasy	3	2021
JLS Deer Sal	5	2003	CT Ginger Lee	3	2017	Silverheels Imari	3	2006
Long Acres Broadway	5	2015	Desirebelle	3	2023	Slip Into Silk	3	2021
Merriehill Dusk To Dawn	5	2016	Devan Melmore	3	2004	Snowcrest Precious	3	2003
Miss Bluegrass	5	2010	DG Morning Glory	3	2011	Southview Supersally	3	1997
Pompp And Pazazz	5	2008	Donatella	3	2013	Star Lake Ellisa	3	2015
Carlyle Ten	4	2004	Double M Temptation	3	2003	Stoncroft Shalimar	3	2013
Cedar Creek Pirouette	4	2013	Erotic Dancer GCH	3	2020	Topic Of Conversation	3	2020
Dancity Gracious Remark	4	2008	Excess Princess	3	2008	TVM Tiara	3	2000
Dragonsmeade Valkyrie	4	2020	Fletcher Music Lee	3	2006	UVM Nancy	3	1986
Dutch-Mor's Joy	4	2018	FRF Stolen Moment	3	2017	UVM Victoria	3	1990
Gulfwind Dawncommand	4	2006	Honeytree's Simply Unique	3	2018	Westwold Dona Resa	3	1984
Havenwood's Beam-Que	4	1999	HVK Belleek	3	2002	Wham Bam's Aeroflyte	3	2007
HRH Trophyet	4	1993	HVK Noble Dance	3	2023	Wild Imaginings	3	2017
Lakehurst Sweet Sue	4	1987	J'st Coastn Countess	3	2002			
MEM Twisted Sister	4	2018	JW Belle Aire	3	2008			
Napaley's Obsession	4	2003	Kendalwood Fortune	3	2001			
Nobelle	4	2002	KJM First Lady	3	2020			
Queen's No Mercy	4	2018	Kresknoll Miss Val	3	2005			
Rush To Judgement	4	2012	Ladybird Command	3	2005			

KEY | WC: Number of World Champion Offspring QUAL: Date of Induction Qualification



accrued to the rider only). The record of a Morgan in an equitation world championship now counts toward its dam's eligibility for inclusion in the BHOF. An application form is available at [www.morganhorse.com/registry/bhof/bhof-equitation-eligibility/](http://www.morganhorse.com/registry/bhof/bhof-equitation-eligibility/) to have past equitation results submitted toward BHOF status.

### NEWLY INDUCTED

Grand National 2023 results qualified two additional mares to join this prestigious group, each now the dams of three world champions. They are Desirebelle and HVK Noble Dance.

### BLOOD THAT BREEDS ON

An interesting and hopefully predictable trend can be observed as we move further down the list of eligible mares: Hall of Fame mares are showing up in the pedigrees of Hall of Fame mares profiled below. The paternal granddam of HVK Noble Dance and Mantic Mardi Gras is Lost River Sanfield, BHOF. Long Acres Broadway, BHOF, is out of Mantic Mardi Gras, BHOF, who is profiled in this article. Broodmare Hall of Fame inductee CHMH Spice Town Girl is the great-granddaughter of MI First Love, BHOF, profiled in this article.

### MARE PROFILES

Introducing the BHOF in 2019 we profiled a dozen of the inducted mares, starting with those with the highest numbers of world champion offspring and proceeding alphabetically, profiling an additional handful each year in *The Morgan Horse's* Breeding Guide. We continue that practice here with the featured 10 mares who follow.



#### DESIREBELLE

CHESTNUT

02/25/1983

LAST RECORDED

OWNER:

Richard Cecchetti

BREEDER:

Barbara Wright

SIRE: Noble Command

(Waseeka's In Command x

Waseeka's Interlude)

**DAM:** Highmeadows Bluemist (Kadenvale Don x Bar-T Contoria)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** JW Solar Command (by Nobility), En Excess NKS GCH (by En Possession NKS), NKS Gentle Persuasion GCH (by En Possession NKS)

Desirebelle was a much-desired mare who spent time producing for C. A. "Tony" Lee III's family and their Shingle Branch Farm, Judy Whitney under the JW prefix, and Kathleen Shaver at her North Kountry Station farm. Desirebelle started her career as the two-time winner of the Grand National Filly-Sire Sweepstakes and was also Reserve Yearling Futurity World Champion. Tony Lee remembers that "Desirebelle possessed the legendary Whitney determination to meet any task head on with unrelenting power and subtle femininity. Her tenacity paired well with the right stallion to

carry on the historic traits of the Noble Command line."

After producing Notoriouslee for the Shingle Branch Farm, Judy Whitney leased back her mare to cross with her grand stallion Nobility which produced the world champion JW Solar Command, who won the 1993 Futurity Yearling Gelding World Championship. Shortly after, Kathleen Shaver, a client of the Whitneys, added Desirebelle to her boutique breeding program and the mare produced four offspring carrying her NKS prefix. "I loved her pedigree. She went back to Waseeka and Ben Don. I liked her sire a lot and I thought she would cross well into our program," Kathleen stated.

Kathleen bred Desirebelle to her two homebred stallions, En Possession NKS and En Succession NKS, both by Nobility, which doubled up on the Noble Command bloodstock. "We specifically hand-picked Desirebelle. My husband brought a lot of pedigree knowledge with his background growing up on a working cattle ranch and livestock breeding. He taught me a lot. He pulled that across to the Morgan breed," Kathleen shared. While the only En Succession daughter from the cross, Successive Desires NKS, didn't have an extensive show career in the United States, it is historically interesting that she sold to the President of Japan with Eitan Beth-Halachmy serving as the sales agent. "Successive Desires was a magnificent mare," Kathleen recalls.

When asked about her beloved mare's contributions to her foals, Kathleen says, "she passed on a lot of her type and brains. Her get tended to be bigger and stretchier. Desirebelle was a mare who, at that time in Morgan breeding, was on the cusp for those looking for a little more game, a little more knee, and she added that. To look at her in a pasture, she was regal. She had hocks and attitude; she was an inspiration in the mare set. So, when I looked at her babies, they always hit the ground like their dam with spice and then they found their division. I felt she was passing along her attitude and presence."

In 2006, Desirebelle's son En Excess NKS GCH was undefeated at Grand National in amateur hunter pleasure with Garn Walker's client Julie Chan, winning both the amateur and ladies amateur world titles. Full sibling NKS Gentle Persuasion GCH won the 2023 Hunter Seat Adult Equitation World Championship.



#### HVK NOBLE DANCE

BAY • 05/16/2004

LAST RECORDED

OWNER:

David & Nina Kohler

BREEDER:

Herbert V. Kohler

SIRE: Noble Flaire (Noble

Command x Lost River

Sanfield, BHOF)

DAM: HVK Flamenco

(HVK Bold Look x HVK Gandy Dancer)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** HVK Daring Dance GCH (by ZZ Top), HVK Light Fantastic (by Jake Ryan CH), HVK Midnight Fling (by Merriehill After Hours GCH)



During her tenure with Kohler as resident trainer, Shirley O’Gorman sat behind HVK Noble Dance as the mare earned the 2018 Reserve Grand National Pleasure Driving Mare Championship title. Shirley was also integral to the mare’s planned breedings to Jake Ryan CH and Merriehill After Hours GCH, which produced the dam’s second and third world champions, HVK Light Fantastic and HVK Midnight Fling, respectively. Shirley remembers, “Reba’ was always very game with gobs of attitude and a motor that never stopped. She was up for whatever party you wanted to go to. Reba produced better than herself which is always the breeder’s goal. She had lovely crosses with a number of stallions and was a premier broodmare.”

Just as HVK Light Fantastic was starting training with Shirley, Mike Murphy was merging into his new role as Kohler’s resident trainer in 2022. Mike attributes the mare’s good start to Shirley, who worked the HVK Noble Dance daughter and got her started in long lines. “Light Fantastic caught the eye of Bob Kellert and Mary Cockriel as a coming two-year-old, so they bought her for a client,” Mike recalls. HVK Light Fantastic went on to win the 2022 Two-Year-Old Futurity Mare World Championship, with Mike Murphy leading for an injured Bob Kellert.

Reba’s third world champion, HVK Midnight Fling, became the 2023 Two-Year-Old Futurity In-Hand Gelding and Junior Gelding World Champion. “Both Light Fantastic and Midnight Fling were extremely trainable and intelligent,” Mike recalls. “Especially Midnight Fling, all of the After Hours offspring are good thinkers.”

Included among HVK Noble Dance’s world champion offspring is HVK Daring Dance. As a four-year-old, Daring Dance was part of the four-in-hand team to win the 2016 Carriage Pleasure Driving Multiple and Obstacle Multiple World Championships with Joe Yoder on whip. In 2017 and 2018, the team repeated the wins, the 2017 drives included breeder and owner Herbert V. Kohler accompanying Joe in the carriage. HVK Noble Dance still resides at Kohler Farm. Mike says, “She is a solid citizen and easy to interact with. She has a foal coming in 2024 by HVK Summer Night that we are really excited about.”



Reference photo: Bears Covergirl

### LOOKAWAY’S KRYSTAL

**CHESTNUT • 03/08/1984**  
**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:** Michael &  
Amy Bearman

**BREEDER:**

James B. Stewart  
**SIRE:** Southerly  
Conowingo (Lord Apple-  
ton x Phi)

**DAM:** C Nine Charmaine (X-T-C x Tara’s Charm)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Bears Covergirl (by Ultras Special Agent), FMF Wild Heiress (by Wildtime), PKF Hollywood (by PKF Prize Premier)

Brian Stewart and his father, James, patriarch of the Lookaway

Farm breeding program, took one look at Southerly Conowingo at the Mid-A show in the early ’80s and knew they wanted to cross him on their mare, C Nine Charmaine. “We saw Conowingo with Mike [Goebig]. Conowingo was a type of horse that we didn’t get to see very often in the area,” Brian says. “My dad and I immediately thought he was a cool horse and were drawn to him.” It didn’t hurt that Conowingo was the first Morgan stallion to settle a mare by semen transport either. Lookaway’s Krystal was the first foal C Nine Charmaine produced for the Stewart family.

Brian’s cousin, Shirley O’Gorman, started the yearling filly, preparing her for competition at the Ohio State Fair. Shirley remembers that “she won the class. The class was so large the horses lined the entire ring twice. Krystal was a show horse from day one with her tail over her back. She had the most beautiful, big brown eyes that I have ever seen; they would melt your heart. She thought she was as big as the sky and wasn’t afraid to tell you.”

As a three-year-old, Lookaway’s Krystal went to Alan and Cathy Brubaker where she produced FMF Wild Heiress who would go on to be the 1994 Three-Year-Old Hunter Pleasure Futurity and Hunter Pleasure Finals World Champion. From there she went on to produce for Susan Hall’s Pine Knoll Farms, having the world champion PFK Hollywood who excelled in the low working hunter division.

Krystal’s final home was with Amy Bearman at her Bearsfield Morgan Farm. “One thing we have learned is how intertwined horse breeding decisions are with personal experiences and opportunities,” Amy says. The Bearman’s first horse show experience resulted in their first homebred competing against a daughter of Lookaway’s Krystal. “Judge Tom Caisse chose the very best foal there, FMF Wildfire, out of the mare Lookaway’s Krystal,” Amy says. “I remember wondering if we would ever own a mare like that.”

A friendship was born between Susan Hall and Amy Bearman and after leasing Lookaway’s Krystal on two occasions, the mare eventually became available and the Bearmans purchased her. On April 4, 2001, as the second lease went into effect, the mare was hauled directly to Ultra Morgans to be crossed with Ultras Special Agent. The Western Pleasure World Champion Bears Covergirl was born in March of 2002. “I was fortunate in owning a mare who had proven herself again and again,” Amy says. “Krystal set a standard for my broodmares to live with at home. The ‘Pussycat Personality’ goes a long way in my barn!”



### MANTIC MARDI GRAS

**BAY • 06/21/1991**  
**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Frank & Ann Miller

**BREEDER:** Beth Maxey

**SIRE:** Nobility (Noble  
Command x Lost River  
Sanfield, BHOF)

**DAM:** Mantic Monique  
(Mantic Peter Frost x Por-



venir Glamor Girl)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Causing Chaos (by Hollybrook Stage Rage), L A Ricochet GCH (by Tug Hill Whamunion), Long Acres Broadway, BHOF (by Tug Hill Whamunion)

The mating of Mantic Mardi Gras with the 1990 World Champion Stallion Tug Hill Whamunion was a home run backed by a stacked pedigree. The cross produced the world champions L A Ricochet GCH and Long Acres Broadway. Broadway has a record three consecutive World Champion Mare titles from 2003 to 2005. Broadway also became a Broodmare Hall of Fame inductee, surpassing her dam with five world champion offspring. Broadway's dam, Mantic Mardi Gras, is by the popular Noble Command son Nobility, who was the 1985 World Champion Stallion. Mardi Gras is out of Mantic Monique, a former Reserve World Junior Champion Mare. Long Acres Broadway was bred to be a world champion, but she also gave back with her offspring.

Bob Hughes worked both Tug Hill Whamunion siblings, L A Ricochet and Long Acres Broadway, and recalls both tending to be like their sire in their work ethic. "Broadway was beautiful as the Mantic-bred horses were, but both Ricochet and Broadway were amazing horses to work. I saw Long Acres Broadway come down the entrance ramp at Far West Regional. I was already in the class myself, but there was something about her as she came down that ramp. She won the class and I immediately inquired about her. I showed her as pleasure horse first, then made her park, and the only reason we showed her in-hand was because she hurt her leg and we couldn't quite put her back to work. We were at Medallion and Luman Wadhams was the judge who tied her first. We went on to Oklahoma where, of course, she won World Champion Mare."

L A Ricochet GCH also has ties to Bob Hughes and has been a perennial favorite in the walk-trot and junior exhibitor ranks since 2006. "We bought Ricochet for Katie Kabel and he won with her and many other young riders," Bob remembers. "He has so much longevity with walk-trot and junior exhibitor riders. He was a great little horse."

Mardi Gras' final home was with Ann and Frank Miller at their California farm. While with the Millers, Mantic Mardi Gras had the filly Causing Chaos by Hollybrook Stage Rage. "We have had a number of Stage Rage babies and almost all of them were world champions. We have had really good luck with the Stage Rage blood," Ann says. Chaos became Mardi Gras' third world champion offspring by winning back-to-back World Champion Mare titles in 2012 and 2013. "Mardi Gras was not only a great

producer, but she was wonderful with her riders. She was the 2017 AMHA Therapy Horse of the Year for her work as a lesson horse in our program," Ann went on to say. "She truly was a wonderful lesson. She had a few babies for us. She was very kind, not a mean bone in her. She had a lot of heart. We would turn her out and she had the biggest open trot. She was a huge part of our program for many years, not only as a broodmare but as a lesson horse."



**MERRYWEATHER ANNE B  
BAY • 06/13/1977**

**LAST RECORDED OWNER:** University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm

**BREEDER:** Karen M. & John R. Merryweather

**SIRE:** Windcrest Bob B (Upwey Ben Don x Bald Mt Carol)

**DAM:** Eaton's Nanette (Schoolmaster x Ironwood Hello Dolly)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD**

**CHAMPIONS:** Tropic Anne's Legacy GCH (KEW Majestic Heart), UVM Columbine (by UVM Nobel), UVM Windfall GCH (by UVM Tennyson)

Merryweather Anne B was donated to UVM by her breeders, John and Karen Merryweather, who were friends and donors of the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm during the time of Dr. Donald Balch's administration. Steve Davis remembers her as a quality horse, "15-plus hand, bare feet, who was refined in her body type. She had a beautiful eye and was a reflection of her heavy concentration of Upwey Ben Don breeding."

Merryweather Anne B produced six foals for the UVM program. Steve, the farm's director at the time, planned the mare's matings along with the staff. Two of these matings produced the world champions UVM Windfall GCH and UVM Columbine. The mare was crossed on UVM Nobel three times, who also goes back to Upwey Ben Don through the mare UVM Kris on both his sire and dam's side. "The recipe resulted in very good quality offspring and Columbine was probably the nicest of them all. All though her full sister UVM Veronica was a wonderful performance horse for the farm, she did not get national acclaim," Steve remembers.

"UVM Windfall was a raffle foal, hence the name," Steve says. "He had a full brother, UVM Bonanza, who was also a raffle foal for the farm. Both of those colts were good quality and representa-

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tive of what we wanted to promote as a raffle foal. Windfall turned out to be quite the performer. He landed in the right situation after leaving the farm as a weanling. He was a good-sized colt with a beautiful head. He was also so kind and very trainable.”

Steve went on to emphasize that sibling “UVM Veronica was close to 16 hands with plenty of athletic quality as a third level dressage performer. Her full sister UVM Columbine was not quite as tall at the withers but had more beauty than Veronica. We prepared her and I showed her at New York Morgan in the hunter pleasure junior class.” From her start with Steve, Columbine went on to train under Kathleen Peebles where she won the 2001 Hunter Pleasure Open World Championship and the 2002 Hunter Pleasure Ladies World Championship.

Columbine and Windfall created a lasting benefit for the UVM program. “Valerie Siemer did a wonderful job developing Windfall in the sport division, especially in carriage for her client Lora Dunlap. Lora, who was the raffle winner, became a wonderful benefactor for UVM and the reason was Windfall,” Steve says.

Merryweather Anne B spent time on lease from UVM with Kim Hildreth producing for his Tropic breeding program. Tropic Anne’s Legacy GCH garnered 2015, 2017, and 2018 Fitting & Showmanship World Championships.



Reference photo: GPM Genesis B GCH

**MERRYWEATHER BELDONA**

**BAY • 06/01/1980**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Melissa & Garn Walker

**BREEDER:** Karen M. &

John R. Merryweather

**SIRE:** Windcrest Bob B

(Upwey Ben Don x Bald Mt Carol)

**DAM:** Paramounts Novelette (Paramount’s Emperor x Sixpence Betsy Cabot)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** GPM Genesis B GCH (by Serendipity Brazos B), GPM Pheonix B (by Serendipity Brazos B), Indian Outlaw (by Cedar CreekHarlequin)

When asked about Merryweather Beldona, Melissa Walker is quick to credit Karen Fontaine of Golden Phoenix Morgans with Beldona’s success as a broodmare and the golden cross on the Aplevale Cadence son Serendipity Brazos B, “Karen Fontaine had a great eye. She was the brains behind all of this. She waited for ‘Brazos’ for years before he was born. She knew what she was doing.”

“I had greatly admired the Serendipity horses out of Porvenir B Bonnet [BHO],” Karen says. “I had bought Merryweather Beloved to breed to Serendipity Storm B, but she was unable to have foals. ...I tracked down her sister [Beldona] ... but by then Storm B had passed away. I liked that Serendipity line, so I called up Porvenir B Bonnet’s owner and put in an order to buy her first colt. A year later she had a colt, Serendipity Brazos B. We fell in love and

bought him. And the rest is history.”

While Brazos B was maturing, Merryweather Beldona had a brief show career with Garn Walker. “I believe we won a reserve world championship in English pleasure. Beldona was the type of horse that I said, ‘as soon as she wins a world title, she needs to become a broodmare’ and that is what we did with her,” Garn recalls.

Karen adds, “Once Brazos was old enough to sire babies, Merryweather Beldona was crossed on him. Porvenir B Bonnet is by Windcrest Bob B and Merryweather Beldona is also by Windcrest Bob B, so it was the double crossing on Bob B that I liked.” Beldona produced two world champions by Serendipity Brazos B, GPM Genesis B GCH, whose first world title came in 1998 in Hunter Pleasure Open with Garn Walker, and GPM Pheonix B, who won the 1996 Furturity Western Pleasure Three-Year-Old World Championship, also with Garn. Genesis B also won world titles with Melissa in the 1999 Hunter Pleasure Amateur and in 2003 the pair was undefeated winning both the amateur and the ladies amateur world championships. In 2006, Melissa and “Gene” added the Hunter Pleasure Amateur Masters World Championship and the honor of claiming all the amateur hunter pleasure titles.

Melissa and Garn Walker eventually took over Serendipity Brazos B and Merryweather Beldona and the two horses became part of the Walkers’ program. “We loved Serendipity Brazos B. The Merryweather mares were the ones that crossed with him so beautifully. The mares were great in the show ring but where they came to life was as broodmares. They had beautiful babies,” Melissa says. Garn supported Melissa’s sentiment, saying, “Beldona has contributed beautiful, typey horses. They were balanced, they were stunning. They all had huge eyes and hinge-y necks. They looked like Morgans and as show horses they were trainable and successful.”

The Walkers bred Beldona’s final foal and third world champion, Indian Outlaw, whom they sold to the Miller Family. Indian Outlaw was undefeated in Western Dressage at the 2015 Morgan Grand National with Rebecca Miller.

“I used to tell Garn that Beldona was the smartest horse I ever met,” Karen says. “I would go up to the fence to give the mares carrots. Beldona would line up first, get her carrot, and then line up again at the other end. She did that every single day and the other two mares never did catch on that she was getting two carrots.”



Reference photo: Man About Town LPS

**MI FIRST LOVE**

**CHESTNUT**

**03/31/1975**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Lynn Peebles Stables

**BREEDER:** Gene G. Tron

**SIRE:** Devan Wexford

(Devan De Vere x Devan

Lady Hawk)

**DAM:** HLM Caption

(Long Hill Vigiltor x Devan Lady Fireflight)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Illicit Love (by



Horne's Windsor-Glow), Man About Town LPS (by Tug Hill Celebrity), Pot Of Gold (by Trija Mr Pepperpot)

World championships abound in the MI First Love family and its deep-rooted family tree of titled and fruitful offspring. It is an incredibly productive family of sires and dams, all out of Lynn Peoples' foundation broodmare. MI First Love's vibrant chestnut daughter Illicit Love was the 2002 World Champion/Grand National Park Saddle Youth Finals Champion. Illicit Love also lives on through her two world champion daughters, LPS Out Of Bounds and LPS Endless Love, who are important broodmares in the Ledyard Farm program.

The cross with Trijas Mr Pepperpot produced the 1992 colt Pot Of Gold who would go on to become the 1995 World Champion Stallion as well as the sire of world champions such as Gaits Of Gold GCH, HyLee's Goldsmith GCH, Tracemark Touch Of Gold, HyLee's Gilt Edge, and Graycliff Four Nines Fine.

MI First Love's second World Champion Stallion was the significant breeding stallion Man About Town LPS. Man About Town LPS is sire of the world champion stallions Man In Motion and LPS The Boogie Man GCH, who, when you add Pot Of Gold are four world champion stallions from this one family. Man About Town also sired Lynn's successful breeding stallion Town Assets, sire to CHMH Spice Town Girl GCH, BHOE, world champion producer Man In Black GCH, and Lynn's newest in-hand star, The Latest Trend JY CH. Again, the productivity of the males in the family is impressive and the offspring remain a significant and leading presence in today's breeding and show horses.

Lynn comments, "[MI First Love] had three world champions by three different sires. It takes a special mare to have three by different studs. All three were park horses which is special as well. And, of course, two were world champion stallions which is special in my book. She passed on athleticism and their quality came from the sires."



**PENNCREST DYNA PEPPER**

**CHESTNUT**

**05/27/1989**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Tony & Denny Maunder

**BREEDER:** Wendy Penn

**SIRE:** Trijas Mr Peppertime (Serenity March Time x Little Miss Pepper)

**DAM:** Serenity Cara Mia (Black River Major x Three Winds Betsey)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Briar Oaks Patriot (by Liberation First Star), Briar Oaks Pep In My Step (by Stonecroft Byzantine), Lone Star Bill GCH (by Man About Town LPS)

Penncrest Dyna Pepper came to Tony and Denny Maunder's Briar Oaks Farm with her colt Lone Star Bill at her side. "We

purchased Dyna Pepper in 2000 and Briar Oaks Pep In My Step was actually part of our family's first foal crop with the Briar Oaks prefix," daughter Jodi Maunder Hadley states. "My dad brought Dyna at John Hufferd's suggestion because of the Peppertime in her pedigree. And Peppertime was known to throw strong trotting horses."

"She was the absolute best mother," Jodi remembers. "She foaled out on her own, we never had any issues with her foaling. Dyna was quiet but also a disciplinarian. She did not let her babies get away with much. She taught them very good manners."

Briar Oaks Pep In My Step and Briar Oaks Patriot were both sent to Belle Hufferd to begin training. In 2005, Belle won the Hunter Pleasure Three-Year-Old Futurity World Championship with Patriot and Pep In My Step earned her first world title in the 2005 Open Training Level Dressage with Jennifer McFall. "Lexi" went on to win countless titles, including the 2009 and 2011 wins of the Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 14-17 World Championship, as the beloved partner of George Liberty.

Dyna's world champions all come from three different sires and Jodi is quick to share how Dyna influenced her offspring. "She stamped each one with the best brain, athleticism, and honesty. They were all true to the Morgan standard. Her daughter BriarOaks Good Vibrations earned a reserve Grand National champion title in the park saddle mares her first time in Oklahoma, but her career ended early due to founder. She was equally as talented."

Lone Star Bill GCH earned his grand champion status and was Dyna Pepper's final world champion as he won the 2018 World Champion Western Dressage Award Introductory Level Amateur/Junior Exhibitor.



**PUREST ADRENALINE**

**BLACK/DARK CHESTNUT • 03/20/1992**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:** Arcola Farm

**BREEDER:** Steven &

Robin Young

**SIRE:** Charlestown

Eclipse (UVM Promise x Equinox Mademoiselle)

**DAM:** AMF Exquisite Lee (Arrow Hill Adonis x Triton Marigold)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Black Tie Optional (by High-Y Black Tie), Haute Couture (by High-Y Black Tie), Metolius (by HollyBrook Stage Rage)

The world champion offspring from Purest Adrenaline have much in common. Bob Hughes bred her first two champions Black Tie Optional and Haute Couture, both by the Shaker's Alimon son High-Y Black Tie. Bob was also at the lines for both of Black Tie's Pleasure Driving Open World Championships. Priscilla Marconi eventually purchased Black Tie Optional and Haute Couture,



as well as their dam Purest Adrenaline, from Bob to add to her collection. Both colts went on to win world titles their three-year-old years under the direction of Gerry Rushton. Black Tie Optional won the 1999 Futurity Three-Year-Old English Pleasure and Futurity Three-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Championships following his Futurity Pleasure Driving Two-Year-Old World Championship, and Haute Couture won the 2002 Futurity Three-Year-Old English Pleasure and the Three-Year-Old English Pleasure World Championships. Priscilla also bred the mare's third world champion, Metolius, who in his brief show career was the 2005 Four-Year-Old Western Pleasure World Champion with Garn Walker.

"Both of the High-Y Black Tie offspring were completely different but incredibly nice horses," Bob Hughes recalls. "The first one, Black Tie Optional, looked like his sire, and the second looked more like Purest Adrenaline, with the dark coat and silhouette. She was a beautiful mare with a pretty head and eyes. I remember both of the colts having good attitudes and wanting to be show horses. I tried to work their dam, but she wasn't as eager. High-Y Black Tie contributed to the offspring's good attitude."

In her later years, Purest Adrenaline found a lasting home with the Johnson family of Arcola. She produced five offspring under the Arcola prefix. "She was a beautiful, quintessential Morgan mare, and as sweet as they come. We lost her too early, while in foal to High-Y Black Tie, her golden cross," Kirsten Johnson says. "We are so thankful to have gotten the chance to own such a wonderful mare and have cherished our time with her and her beautiful foals."



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**SADDLEBACK  
SU PRANO**

**CHESTNUT**

**03/25/1976**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Herbert V. Kohler

**BREEDER:**

Saddleback Farm Inc

**SIRE:** Saddleback Supreme (Mad River Sailor x

Trophy's Emerald)

**DAM:** Waseeka's Band Box (Waseeka's Nocturne x Mannequin)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** HVK Frango (by

HVK Fieldmarch), HVK Madonna (by HVK Bell Flaire), HVK Pavarotti (by Noble Flaire)

Herbert V. Kohler and trainer Tom Caisse were savvy collectors of what turned out to be highly productive broodmares to breed to the iconic stallions of Kohler Stables. Among those stallions, HVK Fieldmarch, Noble Flaire, and HVK Bell Flaire struck gold when crossed with Saddleback Su Prano, producing three world champions. Of course, Saddleback Su Prano comes from royalty as well, sired by the talented world champion park harness performer Saddleback Supreme crossed on a daughter of Waseeka's Nocturne.

Kohler Stables broodmare manager Nancy Neese has firsthand accounts of Saddleback Su Prano, who obviously inherited her sire's vigor and personality. Nancy says, "Su Prano was always a lady with a great work ethic. Her head was up, her ears up, and she was always ready to go and gave 100 percent of herself. She was big-hearted and never quit. She was a mare who loved her job. Su Prano was beautiful, with a huge eye and a pinch of spunk!"

The chestnut stallion HVK Frango was Su Prano's first world champion. After winning the 1986 Three-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Championship he went on to win the open pleasure driving world titles in 1988 with Tom Caisse and 1991 with Mike Goebig. Mike prepared the dynamic performer for owner Cindy Nord who won the 1992 Pleasure Driving Amateur World Championship. Mike remembers, "Frango was such a unique individual. He had an incredible shoulder and beautiful head, with drive off his hocks. His powerful trot was always complemented with a perfect walk and charisma to spare."

HVK Pavarotti won the 1997 Three-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship, survived a bout with cancer, and closed out his grand performance career with appearances in parade. He retired across the barn aisle from his father, where he earned the celebrated title "Royal Son." Pavarotti went on to have success in the breeding shed as well.

HVK Madonna claimed the 1999 Futurity Park Saddle Three-Year-Old World Championship as well as the four-year-old park saddle reserve world champion title, in addition to her three Grand National championship wins. Kurt Hufferd, who was the jockey for the world title, recalled Madonna as "a game, good thinking, pretty mare. Madonna was very square-trotting and great off her hocks. She would sort of purr when she worked in harness and would snort and blow when she was long lined. She sure loved herself and her work!" ■

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