



MORGANS COMPLETING THE 100-MILE show no signs of having been through more than they could stand. From left to right are Applevale Sorcerer, Wynakee Furka, Stockbridge Orpheus, Donald Twilight, Select Twilight, Manomet's Shikari, Topsey Allen, Temptation and Elizabeth.

Morgans Dominate 50 and 100 Mile Rides

Morgan enthusiasts can be proud of the achievements of their breed at both the Vermont 50 and 100-Mile-Ride this year. The events are sponsored by the Green Mountain Horse Association. The 50-Mile-Ride was held August 22nd - 24th and the 100-Mile Ride followed a week later.

Of the 67 entries in the 50-Mile-Ride, all eight Morgan entries finished well. The two top awards for the best conditioned horses in the ride went to two Morgans. Claiming first was Kim Bartlett of Windsor, Vt., on High Pastures Saradon, a four-year-old mare. Second place went to Nina Cressy of Weston, Mass. on Manomet's Shikari, a ten-year-old gelding. Kim and Nina both received first in Horsemanship in two different divisions — Junior and Senior.

The other six riders and their awards included: Patricia Phelps of Raynham, Mass. on Cordon Sabrina who received second in Horsemanship and third in Stable Management; Laurie McIntosh of Pittsford, Vt. on Triton Pinnacle who



THE PAUL WOODS FAMILY congratulates Janet Lord aboard Donald Twilight on winning the Lightweight Division of the Green Mountain Horse Association 100-Mile Ride. This pair also won the New England Morgan Horse Award for highest-placing registered Morgan in the Senior Division.

received the award for Most Improved Rider; Amy Holt of South Woodstock, Vt., on Bald Mt. Vigilante who received fourth in Horsemanship and in Stable Management; Sylvia Maker of Shrewsbury, Mass. on Townshend T. Bell who received third in Stable Management and second in Horsemanship; Susan Wood of White River Junction, Vt., riding Mr. Jester who received tenth in Horsemanship; Linda Nadeau of White River Junction, Vt. rode Yellow Sight.

Of the 61 entries in the 100-Mile-Ride, 42 finished. Among the partial breed run-down of those finishing were ten Morgans, three Arabians and three Appaloosas. Overall the Morgans did very well as evidenced by the report sheets given each rider after the awards ceremony. Remarks by the senior judge, Helen Sterns, and the two veterinarian judges, Dr. Jill Beech and Dr. Victoria Rafter, on one Morgan, after 80 miles indicated expressions like — Alert, eager, looks good, nice fast trot, very happy and one of the better. On the final check the morning after the 100 miles had been finished were these notations — Looks very good, moving freely and enthusiastically. In sum, two of the Morgans finishing gained weight and four lost less than two per cent of their starting weight.

Winners in the Lightweight Division



NINA CRESSY of Weston, Mass., aboard Manomet's Shikari, a ten-year-old gelding, took second for best conditioned horse on the 50-Mile. Nina also won the award for Horsemanship.



THE 50-MILE FINISHERS also appear alert and ready for more. From left are Triton Pinnacle, Cordon Sabrina, Manomet's Shikari, Bald Mt. Vigilante, Mr. Jester, Townshend T-Bell and High Pastures Saradon.

included: Donald Twilight owned by the Paul Woods from Quechee, Vt. and ridden by Janet Lord. This five-year-old bay stallion, who was on his first big ride, won the Lightweight Division and was presented the New England Morgan Horse Award to the highest placing Registered Morgan in the Senior Division. Donald Twilight is by Sam Twilight out of Select Lady Ashbell. Second in the Lightweight Division was Applevale Sorcerer, a seven-year-old gelding ridden by his owner, Susan Williams from Mahwah, N. J. This large bay Morgan, sired by Pecos and out of Bonny Ellen, won the Morganfields Perpetual Trophy awarded to the Registered Morgan best suited for Pleasure Riding in any division and not necessarily the highest placing Morgan in the ride. Placing eighth was 13-year-old Stockbridge Orpheus who was ridden by his owner, Emily S. Ryland from Wrenham, Mass. This black gelding was sired by Chief of Stockbridge and out of Belle Gales.

Winners in the Middleweight Division were: 13-year-old Temptation who placed fourth, a mare of Broadwall breeding owned and ridden by Mary Ann Riley from Bellingham, Mass. A seven-year-old stallion, Wynakee Furka by Windcrest Glory and out of UVM Eloise, placed seventh for its rider Melody Robinson and owner Gayle Swift of Pittsford, Vt.

Taking eighth in the Heavyweight Division was Select Twilight, sired by Timmy Twilight and out of Select Lady Jane. He is a real typey chestnut gelding owned and ridden by Paula Adams of White River Junction, Vt.

Those finishing also included: 13-year-old Rocky, sired by Trillibrook Joe and out of a Ben Don daughter, who finished with plenty left for his rider Reba Plante and owner Marjorie Howland of Hartland, Vt. A chestnut mare, Elizabeth, ridden by Patty Owen and owned by Reba Plante finished well. She's sired by Dyberry

Buddy and out of High Pastures Sally Ann.

The special awards judge, Mrs. Joan Ross presented Nancy Sellman from Norwich, Vt. with the Senior Sportsmanship Award for Women. Her horse, Madison Ethan, a big five-year-old gelding did not finish.

Manomets Shikari, a ten-year-old bay who had placed very well in the 50-Mile-Ride, came in third in the Junior Division and took home the trophy awarded to the highest rated Registered Morgan in the Junior Division, won the Morgan Breed Trophy awarded to the highest rated Registered Morgan in the Junior Division to the Morgan placing highest in any division owned and ridden by a girl under 20 years of age. His owner and rider, Nina Cressy, won the girl's Junior Sportsmanship Award. This Morgan is by Orcland Don Darling and out of Townshend Dona Bee Bop, who hap-



WATER PROVES NO DETERRENT to Donald Twilight as he and Janet Lord ford a stream on the 100-Mile. Miss Lord is from Meriden, N. H., and Paul Wood, owner of Donald Twilight, lives in Quechee, Vt.



STOCKBRIDGE ORPHEUS, a 13-year-old gelding, was ridden by his owner, Emily S. Ryland of Wrentham, Mass., to an eighth place finish on the 100-Mile.



ELIZABETH was among the 100-Mile finishers. Patty Owen did the riding for the owner, Mrs. Reba Plante of Newmarket, N. H.



TOWNSHEND T-BELL, with Sylvia Maker of Shrewsbury, Mass., aboard, won awards for Horsemanship and Stable Management on 50-Mile Ride.

pens to be a half sister to the well known Sweepstake winner and great 100 Miler — Lady of Peace.

Topsey Allen, owned and ridden by Sylvia Maker, placed fourth among the Juniors. This seven-year-old mare is by Topfield and out of Orcland Fanny Allen. Sylvia won the Junior Stablemanagement Award and the Harrison Harwood Memorial Trophy given to the Junior entry who, regardless of order of finishing or placing, has given evidence of the most thoughtful care of the mount on the trail and in the stable. This 14-year-old conditioned two Mor-

gans this year and rode Townshend T-Bell in the 50-Mile-Ride.

It is indicative that the winner of the Junior Division was a classic conformation Standardbred mare, Loritha Hanover, who had been purchased for \$16,500. as a race and future broodmare. She soured on the track and was broke to saddle two months before the ride and has now joined the broodmare band to a more sedate and profitable life. This mare and her rookie winning rider, Marjorie Wade, compiled a startling 98 points and if the rules had allowed would have been named the Sweepstakes winner. For you Morgan breeders who say, "I can't enter my horse because it is too valuable," — take note.

The winner of the Sweepstakes award was a horse ridden by Dr. Carr, a president of a mid-western college. Dr. Carr just wanted to finish the ride so his horse, Maybe, just jogged up and down the hills and posted these pulse and respirations: 42/48, 48/16, 46/15, 44/12.

Dr. Carr proclaimed that he intends to change Maybe's name to — For Certain.

The Morgans in this year's ride proved to one and all that sound horses, fit condition and their most obvious intangible — heart — could do the grueling ride quite well indeed.



SEALECT TWILIGHT, owned and ridden by Paula Adams of White River Junction, Vt., took eighth in highly-competitive Heavy-weight Division of 100-Mile Ride.



HIGH PASTURES SARADON and Kim Bartlett of Windsor, Vt., won 50-Mile Ride's award for the best conditioned horse. Saradon is a four-year-old mare.



CORDON SABRINA and Patricia Phelps of Raynham, Mass., captured second in Horsemanship and third in Stable Management in 50-Mile Ride.

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