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GRAND PRIX MORGANS— MY JOURNEY WITH BLUE AND WHITE RAVEN

By Jennifer Drescher

My partnership with Raven began somewhat unexpectedly. My long term partner, Kody, a 17.2 hand grey warmblood whom I had for 15 years and competed through I-1, had injured himself and required a couple months of light work. In the interim my long-time trainer, Cathy Echternach, offered me Raven to take lessons on and ride a couple times a week while Kody recovered. Raven had arrived at the barn maybe a couple of weeks earlier as a sale



*Blue and White Raven and Jennifer Drescher.
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horse, though he had boarded there a few years before. I was aware of Raven as a youngster—everyone affectionately referred to him as a young wonder horse with amazing extensions. What started out as a filler to keep me in the saddle and riding-fit, quickly turned into an “oh, wow, I think I have found my next horse.” In secret I had my good friend, Krista Martinko, video me from her phone so I could see how we looked together. I had concerns about the adjustment from 17.2 hands to 15.3 hands and wanted to make sure we “fit”—I also wanted to ensure we were a suitable match before I presented my interest to Cathy. Lastly and most importantly, I had to approach my husband to determine whether I was crazy to even consider adding another horse to my family given my daily challenge to balance my riding hobby with my life as a full-time working mom. Fortunately for me, my husband is super supportive and told me to “go for it.” Cathy and I laugh now that she never thought of me as a potential buyer, but admits that it worked and sometimes fate has a way of leading us where we need to go.

Raven had an excellent foundation and was shown successfully in many venues during his younger years. When I became his official partner in Spring

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News and Reminders:

- *Been getting your new email news bulletin the “MDA Extensions”? No? [Let us know](#) so we can get you on the list! The next MDA Extensions will be in February.*
- *It is that time! Remember to renew your memberships for 2015: MDA, USDF, USEF, local dressage and Morgan clubs...The new year is upon us!*
- *Not sure if you renewed your MDA membership? Check the Membership Directory on the MDA website. Your name in **italics** (or missing?) You need to **join or renew!***
- **IMPORTANT!** *Dues for the MDA are changing for 2016! See [Page 5](#) for details.*

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Blue and White Morgans and Foxcradle Farm

By Joanna Kelly

I got started breeding Morgans in 1997 when I met my first Morgan and fell in love. The Morgan had all the majesty of the Arab I loved, but had the wonderful sane mind. I met many Sport Morgan breeders in the Mid-Atlantic area who were very supportive and helpful. I studied pedigrees and gradually put together in my mind the Morgan I wanted to breed for. I connected with trainers and owners soaking up whatever I could about the Morgan and how the bloodlines affected the way the Morgan moves. I gradually honed in on the bloodlines I liked and was very fortunate to meet Gary and Linda Hopson of Homeward Morgans who owned B-L Independence, a black stallion, often described as a great sport horse before his time. He was born in 1964 and not shown as a sport horse, but his movement and conformation would certainly make him a leading sport horse sire today. It is his bloodlines that are behind my mares, wonderful old government lines going back to Ulysses, Tutor, Senator Graham, Mentor and a favorite, Mansfield. One of my broodmares, now retired, had Mansfield on the last line of her pedigree. The Hopsons helped me get started by leasing me two of their great black mares. From there I bred and bought other mares gradually incorporating other bloodlines in in to my program. I added Brunk lines, Beamington, Mr Breezy Cobra, and Flyhawk, and most importantly the Western Working bloodline of the great stallion Red Correll. This stallion produced an excellent canter, and his bloodlines can be found behind many top Morgan sport horses today.

I connected with Cathy Echternach and Lori Shoemake, both Morgan dressage trainers, and also Lucy Tidd who at the time was competing with her B-L Independence-bred mare. At Morgan Horse shows I found one of my most helpful insights—scribing for judges. Here, during a long slow morning of scribing Training Level tests, there would be plenty of down time and I had many delightful conversations with judges about the breed. Everyone I worked with was eager “to talk shop” and I learned important lessons that I value, like looking for a great walk as the canter follows and lightness. Most judges had the



same critique about the breed: “too earth bound”. With this in mind, I stumbled on my herd sire while helping a friend look for a Morgan mare.

In 2002 I bought my herd sire, GKB Coal Magic, as a three-month-old suckling after seeing some photos and video of him and his dam. He had an amazing presence and most importantly, he had “lightness”—literally

floating off the ground when he moved. His bloodlines went back to the great Government-lines on his sire line, and his dam's line had Brunk lines and Red Correll breeding. Coal Magic grew up on our farm showing his amazing temperament as a very trainable and willing youngster while still covering mares. With his first foal crop it became very apparent that he stamped his get with his brave, confident temperament and willingness to work. My broodmares all vary in temperament, but each foal consistently gets the sire's wonderful brain.

From birth, I raise my youngsters to become sport horse prospects. They are handled daily and taught life lessons for the first two years, so they can safely and confidently move in to a training environment. Little things, like teaching a yearling to stand quietly in cross ties, load in to a trailer, or have a leg wrapped, makes a huge difference when it comes time to starting their training. They are confident and ready for work. It is very important to me that I lay the groundwork for my horses so they can leave here and reach their greatest potential. Over the years I have been very fortunate to have sold youngsters to five professional Dressage trainers, who have given my horses great opportunities. Blue and White Raven, one of the first Morgans I bred, just competed at the Grand Prix level scoring a 63%, and most recently qualified and competed at the 2015 US Dressage Nationals in Kentucky at Grand Prix. Blue and White Freedom has been an USDF All breeds winner, and others are competing successfully at all levels. Others compete in Carriage, Endurance and Competitive trail; Blue and White Justice has completed 1000 Eastern Competitive Trail ride miles and 600 Endurance miles.

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Morgan Dressage Association 2015 Scholarship Report:

MARGARET BAILEY-MILLER (KENNEBEC LADYHAWKE)

By Margaret Bailey-Miller

As part of the MDA Scholarship requirements, recipients are asked to provide a short narrative of how they spent their training year. Margaret and Ladyhawke were our FEI category winner.



This year I had the opportunity to ride with David O'Brien, who is a legendary favorite around Maine as a truly talented and gifted instructor. David has worked with some of the greatest names in eventing and dressage, including Mike Plumb, Wash Bishop, Captain Mark Phillips, and Sandy Phillips. He has also studied dressage with Walter Christensen in Germany and is a valued instructor in dressage as well as jumping and cross country. In 1988, David was chosen to work with Jack LeGoff in the USET developing rider program, and has evented successfully through the Advanced Level at Fair Hill and Rolex, among other venues. A Level 4 ICP certified instructor through the USEA, he also coached USEA Area II Young Riders to CCI* gold and CCI in 2009.

David had not been to Maine in years, and I jumped at the chance to ride with him. He figured out my mare, Kennebec Ladyhawke right away. He had us do medium canter back to collected canter as a way of getting her back to loosen up and move more. We also did counter-canter and half-pass as a means to get her back softer. The difference was incredible! Unfortunately, David was only visiting family, and doesn't teach anymore in Maine. The clinic was a one-time event, which is too bad, because I would ride with him all the time if I could!

My other clinic was with Gerrit Claes Bierenbroodspot who, at the age of twenty-four, was National Trainer of the Dutch Three-Day Event Junior/Young Rider teams for five years, until he started to work for the Dutch Equestrian School for Professionals. Here he worked as an instructor for sixteen years, the last six years as Head Instructor.

Gerrit-Claes has trained in and all over the United States on a regular basis since 1988 and helped riders from training level up through Grand Prix. He also trains/has trained riders of all levels in Denmark, Belgium and England. For Claes, horsemanship, understanding of the horse's reactions, and the horse's well-being are key factors. I try and ride with Claes once or twice a year in semi-private or group lessons. He flies to the USA from Holland.

Claes knows Ladyhawke very

well since I've been riding with him for about four years now. He is a master at getting the horse balanced and straight by just getting the rider to focus on feeling. Nothing extravagant, just quiet meditative riding that results in a higher degree of throughness and collection. Last year I had to skip riding in his clinic, but thanks to the Morgan Dressage Scholarship, I got to ride with him in a private lesson, which is a real special opportunity to get the most out of his teaching.

I supplemented my clinics with weekly or bi-weekly lessons with Beth Brainerd, a gifted instructor who has trained with Michael and Sharon Poulin, as well as Barend Heilbron and Gunnar Ostergaard. Beth has taught and trained her own daughter to Grand Prix on a Percheron/TB cross, and has worked with many non-warmblood breeds, so she understands training an atypical dressage horse. When I ride at her farm, I immediately feel at ease and at home, knowing no one is judging me for buying a 15 hand Morgan mare as my lifelong dressage partner!

This year, thanks to some wonderful instruction, Ladyhawke and I qualified for the Region 8 Championships at Prix St Georges and Fourth Level freestyle.

We also received our final scores to earn our Silver Freestyle Bar from USDF. Next year we hope to come out at Intermediate I.

Thank you so much, Morgan Dressage Association, for this scholarship. It is such a huge help for an amateur like myself trying to compete with the "big boys!"



2015 USDF All-Breeds Awards



TRAINING LEVEL OPEN

1. 72.174 Hollyhock Frida Kahlo (Hollyhock Bella Noche x Ironstone Flirtation). Ridden and owned by Denice Wax; Breeder, Pamela Eller.
2. 68.269 LR Amie Angel Fire (Memory June's Alfred x Sirrah Jennifer). Ridden and owned by Jennifer Thompson; Breeder, Robert Daulton.
3. 68.182 Quietude Seneca Rocks (Calutta of Quietude x Quietude Kindle). Ridden by Elaine Hayes; Owned by Ruth Shaw; Breeder, Shannon and Susan Hanley.
4. 67.530 Rustic vs Ready to Launch (Dragonfire Kirin x Sheza Ballerina). Ridden and owned by Jennifer Thompson; Breeder, Wendy Meyer.
5. 67.446 Spring Hollow Cassanova (Statesman Sillhouette x Spring Hollow Legacy). Ridden and owned by Jerri Anesetti; Breeder, Lyn Skillington.

QUALIFIED BUT NOT PLACED: Spring Hollow Destrier/Sharon Sexton, Linda Swank; EMR Arising/Erin Scelba-Johnson; W-B Momint/Sharon Sexton; VVB Fargo/Christine Landry; CBMF Stolen Kisses/Samantha Richards; Scandias Nordic Promise/Shelley Jansen; DVF Kootenai Ice/Ursula Cristofaro.

TRAINING LEVEL ADULT AMATEUR

1. 72.174 Hollyhock Frida Kahlo (Hollyhock Bella Noche x Ironstone Flirtation). Ridden and owned by Denice Wax; Breeder, Pamela Eller.
2. 68.269 LR Amie Angel Fire (Memory June's Alfred x Sirrah Jennifer). Ridden and owned by Jennifer Thompson; Breeder, Robert Daulton.
3. 67.530 Rustic vs Ready to Launch (Dragonfire Kirin x Sheza Ballerina). Ridden and owned by Jennifer Thompson; Breeder, Wendy Meyer.
4. 67.446 Spring Hollow Cassanova (Statesman Sillhouette x Spring Hollow Legacy). Ridden and owned by Jerri Anesetti; Breeder, Lyn Skillington.
5. 67.116 Spring Hollow Destrier (Statesman Sillhouette x Nodoway Tilli). Ridden and owned by Linda Swank; Breeder, Lyn Skillington.

QUALIFIED BUT NOT PLACED: W-B Momint/Sharon Sexton; CBMF Stolen Kisses/Samantha Richards; Scandias Nordic Promise/Shelley Jansen; DVF Kootenai Ice/Ursula Cristofaro.

TRAINING LEVEL VINTAGE CUP

1. 72.174 Hollyhock Frida Kahlo (Hollyhock Bella Noche x Ironstone Flirtation). Ridden and owned by Denice Wax; Breeder, Pamela Eller.
2. 67.446 Spring Hollow Cassanova (Statesman Sillhouette x Spring Hollow Legacy). Ridden and owned by Jerri Anesetti; Breeder, Lyn Skillington.
3. 67.116 Spring Hollow Destrier (Statesman Sillhouette x Nodoway Tilli) Ridden and owned by Linda Swank; Breeder, Lyn Skillington.
4. 63.874 Scandias Nordic Promise (Townshend Norseman x Scandias Crystal Promise). Ridden and owned by Shelley Jansen; Breeder, Kathleen Defazio.

FIRST LEVEL OPEN

1. 67.685 Merriewold Legacy (Rosevale Leggo x Willowist Promise to Keep). Ridden by Cindy Ramirez-Smith, Alejandro Salazar; Owned by Mary-Ann Maloof; Breeder, Merriewold Morgans, LLC.
2. 65.496 GBR Devine Decadence (Santa Fe Renegade x Greentree Ever Reddi). Ridden by Sean Cunningham; Owned and bred by Wendy Bizzaro.
3. 64.118 Orrwood Madison Bay (Thunderbay x Jellico Fancy Affair). Ridden by Elizabeth Petersen; Owned by Victoria Fernald; Breeder, Darlene and Peter Orr.
4. 63.530 VVB Fargo (Caduceus Panache x Lee-els Midnight Dream). Ridden by Christine Landry; Owned by Susan Nonis; Breeder, Victoria Bennett.
5. 63.125 Roy-Els Belle of the Ball (Roy El Princeton x Roy-Els Countess). Ridden by Lindsay Naas, Tracey Krajenke. Owned by Breeder, Deborah Seybold.



Merriewold Legacy Star and Alejandro Salazar



EMR Maximus

QUALIFIED BUT NOT PLACED: EMR Maximus/Lisa Romano Johnson; EMR Counselor/Nancy Berrington; Up-Hi Santana/Jennifer Kaiser; Pink Martini/Karen Rossen; Road Gait Titan/Linda Anderson.

FIRST LEVEL ADULT AMATEUR

1. 62.997 EMR Maximus (Coal Creek Dallas x EMR Starfire). Ridden by Lisa Romano Johnson; Owned by Nancy Motyka; Breeder, Edward Radtke.
2. 62.879 Roy Els Belle of the Ball (Roy El Princeton x Roy-Els Countess). Ridden by Lindsay Naas, Tracey Krajenke; Owned by Lindsay Naas; Breeder, Deborah Seybold.
3. 62.206 EMR Counselor (Iron Forge Starman x Caduceus Symphony). Ridden and owned by Nancy Berrington; Breeder, Edward Radtke.
4. 61.759 Up-Hi Santana (LV's The Music Man x Up-Hi Mem-O-Ree). Ridden and owned by Jennifer Kaiser; Breeder, Janis Bailey.
5. 61.481 Pink Martini (LPS The Boogie Man x Queen's Midori). Ridden by Daren Rossen; Owned by Karen Rossen; Breeder, Sheaffer Farm.

QUALIFIED BUT NOT PLACED: Road Gait Titan/Linda Anderson.



Morgan Dressage Association 2015 Awards of Excellence



*CBMF Stolen Kisses
and Samantha Richards*

TRAINING LEVEL OPEN

1. 65.781 CBMF Stolen Kisses (GLB Bell Pepper x Chocolate Kisses). Ridden and owned by Samantha Richards.
2. 65.300 FRM Anastasia (RG Stuart's Monarch x FRM Hope). Ridden by Sally Anderson; Owned by Catherine Lerner.
3. 63.560 EMR Starlight (Iron Forge Starman x EMR Ebony). Ridden by Ashley Anderson; Owned by Sally Anderson.
4. 62.160 Black Tuxedo Sebastian (Equinox Black Tuxedo x Annie Get Your Gun). Ridden and owned by Peggy Hedin.
5. 60.830 Whippoowill Monument (Montana Harvest x Whippoowill Memento). Ridden and owned by Rob Robillard.

TRAINING LEVEL ADULT AMATEUR

1. 65.781 CBMF Stolen Kisses (GLB Bell Pepper x Chocolate Kisses). Ridden and owned by Samantha Richards.
2. 62.160 Black Tuxedo Sebastian (Equinox Black Tuxedo x Annie Get Your Gun). Ridden and owned by Peggy Hedin.
3. 60.830 Whippoowill Monument (Montana Harvest x Whippoowill Memento). Ridden and owned by Rob Robillard.

TRAINING LEVEL JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

1. 63.560 EMR Starlight (Iron Forge Starman x EMR Ebony). Ridden by Ashley Anderson; Owned by Sally Anderson.

FIRST LEVEL OPEN

1. 68.765 EMR Courage (Iron Forge Starman x EMR Sunshine). Ridden and owned by April Leytem.
2. 68.389 EMR Maximus (Coal Creek Dallas x EMR Starfire). Ridden by Lisa R. Johnson; Owned by Nancy Motyka.
3. 68.170 Merriewold Legacy (Rosevale Leggo x Willowist Promise to Keep). Ridden by Aljeandro Slazar/Cindy R. Smith; Owned by Mary-Ann Maloof.
4. 66.214 EMR Counselor (Iron Forge Starman x Caduceus Symphony). Ridden and owned by Nancy Berrington.
5. 65.592 Pink Martini (LPS The Boogie Man x Queen's Midori). Ridden and owned Karen Rossen.
6. 63.400 Hollyhock Bella Luna (Summit's Conbrio x Hollyhock Isabella). Ridden and owned by Brenda Thoma.



*EMR Starlight
and Ashley Anderson*

FIRST LEVEL ADULT AMATEUR

1. 66.214 EMR Counselor (Iron Forge Starman x Caduceus Symphony). Ridden and owned by Nancy Berrington.
2. 65.592 Pink Martini (LPS The Boogie Man x Queen's Midori). Ridden and owned Karen Rossen.
3. 63.400 Hollyhock Bella Luna (Summit's Conbrio x Hollyhock Isabella). Ridden and owned by Brenda Thoma.

SECOND LEVEL OPEN

1. 66.580 FRM Flower of Remington (Caduceus Denver x Bay Y's Lori Lynn). Ridden by Judy Kelly; Owned by Birgit Villeminey.
2. 63.783 Hollyhock Bella Luna (Summit's Conbrio x Hollyhock Isabella). Ridden and owned by Brenda Thoma.
3. 61.213 Mantic Nemo (RJM Pardon My French x D&D April's Promise). Ridden by Ashley Anderson; Owned by Sally Anderson.



*Flower of Remington
and Brandt Clark*

SECOND LEVEL ADULT AMATEUR

1. 63.783 Hollyhock Bella Luna (Summit's Conbrio x Hollyhock Isabella). Ridden and owned by Brenda Thoma.

SECOND LEVEL JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

1. 61.213 Mantic Nemo (RJM Pardon My French x D&D April's Promise). Ridden by Ashley Anderson; Owned by Sally Anderson.



*Flower of Alliance and
Sally Anderson*

THIRD LEVEL OPEN

1. 65.178 Flower of Alliance (Caduceus Denver x Caduceus Sonata). Ridden by Sally Anderson; Owned by Valerie Radtke.
2. 64.070 Exeter's Painted Black (Homeward Middlebury x Exeter's Encore). Ridden and owned by Pamela Walters-Whalon.
3. 62.920 Highover French Krystle (Highover Oaklyn Command x SM Forever Krystle). Ridden and owned by Angela Thayer.
4. 61.810 The Legacy of Scotmadison (Charlestown Scotland x Equinox Madamoiselle). Ridden and owned by Rebecca Darragh.



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