

2005 Jubilee hosts Breeder Sweepstakes; program in 15th year

In its 15-year history, the Morgan Breeder Sweepstakes has spotlighted hundreds of top Morgan weanlings and awarded almost a million dollars in payback to owners, handlers and stallion owners. Many of its winners have gone on to careers as top show horses and producers.

Prestigious event rewards industry's top weanlings

Successful? Yes – and probably more successful than most in the industry would have predicted.

Designed as a private enterprise by Morgan owners Kelli Ross, Maxine Snow and Carol Hudson, the first Sweepstakes classes were held in 1991 at two regionals: New England, Northampton, MA and Jubilee, Springfield, IL. After dividing the classes between East Coast and Midwest venues for four years, the board consolidated the Sweepstakes at one show, moving over the years from Jubilee to Mid-Atlantic Regional in Pennsylvania and back to Jubilee.

In 2001 the Sweepstakes board agreed to try yet another approach to accommodate participants from across the country: alternate between East Coast and Midwest locations. To this end, the 2005 Sweepstakes will be held in conjunction with the Jubilee Regional



2004 Morgan Breeder Sweepstakes Champion Angel Eyes & John Hufferd

and in 2006 it returns to the New England Regional.

The first year, 14 stallions were nominated for each of the East and West Coast divisions at \$5,000 per stallion. Now 40 stallions are enrolled in the program at a \$3,000 fee. Payback,



2004 Morgan Breeder Sweepstakes Reserve Champion, Foal Of UVM Unity & Lynn Peeples.

administrative costs and the annual Sweepstakes gala are funded by the stallion owners themselves. Owner of the champion weanling wins \$25,000 with payout to ten places.

In 2004, the Breeder Sweepstakes Championship went to Angel Eyes by Continental Vision and out of MEM Blue Light owned by Bill & Kathy Taylor and led by many-time Sweepstakes winner John Hufferd, Roanoke, IN.

The 2004 Reserve Champion was Foal of UVM Unity by Born To Boogie and out of UVM Unity owned and shown by Lynn Peeples, Buttzville, PA.

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