## 2022 Honourees LAUREL GOULD



Laurel Gould was born and raised in the grassroots Morgan Horse country of Massachusetts and Vermont. She first rode at 5 years of age at Stowe Stables and began taking lessons first in Tewksbury Massachusetts with Dotty Greenleaf. Dotty helped her buy her first horse, Molly (a Morgan/draft cross) when she was 10. Then she studied under Duane Cobb, owner of Stowe Stables in Stowe, Vermont, for years. It was Duane who put Laurel on UVM Allenfield, a liver chestnut Morgan gelding. It was "Morgans forever after" for Laurel.

Her next horse was a 7/8 Morgan (1/8 Saddlebred) named Maplewood's Windy Dawn. She also used to ride the neighbors black Morgan stallion "Trojan". She often snuck out at night and would ride him in just a halter all through the woods and racing down the dirt road they lived on.

Laurel started training horses for local people at age 13. She showed her Morgans in Stowe and Morrisville, Vermont in the summers and in Massachusetts during the school year. Out on her own in Vermont, she leased an Upwey Benn Don daughter and rode her saddle seat for a couple years.

Laurel has lived around Morgans throughout her life. In 1991 she moved to Ontario, Canada and her involvement with the Ontario Morgan world began. In 1997 she was introduced to the Ontario Morgan Horse Club (OMHC) and purchased Michland Richmond. He would be her partner for many years. They showed all over Ontario representing the breed and having fun.

Through the years Laurel rescued and purchased many Morgans. Northline Regency Hawk, Fly Di Thunderstorm, Norvue Limited Edition, Cyan Star Cerulean, Lauralee Mountain Man, Northline Song Bird, Northline Raindance are just a few of the Morgans she has owned. Laurel opened Windsong Stables in 2000 and started a lesson program using many of these Morgans.

Through her stables, she introduced countless youth and adults to the Morgan Horse. She had a show team for several years on the open and Morgan circuit. Several of these riders eventually purchased their own Morgans and some are still involved to this day. Laurel was the

first person to put the current OMHC president Ashley Reeson on a Morgan and sold Ashley her much loved partner, Northline Enterprise.

When Laurel was not introducing people to the Morgan Horse, she was volunteering and helping the OMHC. Laurel served as an OMHC board director and ran several club events, including the annual banquet. She helped organize an Equine Foundation of Canada trail ride on behalf of the club and hosted clinics and fundraisers to benefit the club. She even hosted a youth club sleepover! She also helped financially with donations to the OMHC and Classic Morgan Horse Show whenever she could. In the 2000's she was awarded the Humanitarian award from the Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) for her work with Morgans and children at Windsong. She also was the OMHC Promotion High Point Champion several times.

Laurel has been a vital, influential individual, showing many people about how great the Morgan horse is. From her involvement showing, teaching and promoting the breed, she has been an outstanding member in the Morgan community, especially in Ontario. She even showed her Morgan Fly Di Thunderstorm to be the first ever OMHC Sport Horse High Point Champion!

Laurel Gould has been a dedicated supporter of the OMHC and the Morgan Horse in Ontario for many years and is very deserving of induction into the OMHC Hall of Fame.





## Adanac Halla's Dawn

(Danny Easter Vermont x Halabart)



When Linda (Joyce) Ross and Nancy (Joyce) Kavanagh first joined the Ontario Morgan Horse Club with their parents in 1977, there was a Morgan mare who totally dominated the Ontario Morgan show scene. They describe being in awe of this beautiful mare and envious of her talent and training. That Morgan's name was Adanac Halla's Dawn and she was a showy, typey, versatile mare that was hard to beat in the show ring. Adanac Halla's Dawn was bred by Ralph D. Parker and foaled at Mr. Parker's Adanac Horse Farm, Elizabethville, Ontario on May 24, 1972. Dawn was sired by Danny Easter Vermont (Easter Vermont lines), one of Mr. Parker's well known prolific stallions. Her dam was Halabart, who was from a long line of California western working Morgans. Halabart produced eight foals for Adanac Horse Farm; six sired by Danny Easter Vermont. It was a golden cross that started with Dawn.

Dawn was purchased by David & Jane Butters and remained under their ownership for the rest of her life. Dawn was a striking dark chestnut with a bit of white on her face. It is thought that David Butters started Dawn in harness as he had a background with Standardbreds. They entrusted her saddle training to a young Greg Reeves (Chestnut Hill Morgans) at some point. Greg and Dawn had an amazing partnership. There was clearly mutual trust between horse and rider when Greg rode this mare. They teamed up in English, Western, Trail, and Justin Morgan classes. She also showed pleasure driving with David as whip. Adanac Halla's Dawn really did do it all and all with outstanding excellence. Nancy remembers her jumping at the Classic with Greg too. Dawn was a Champion In Hand horse as well, as evident by the four Justin Morgan In Hand honours she earned.

To really understand how powerful this mare was in the show ring, you only have to look at the number of Justin Morgan Awards with the Canadian Morgan Horse Association (CMHA) she earned.

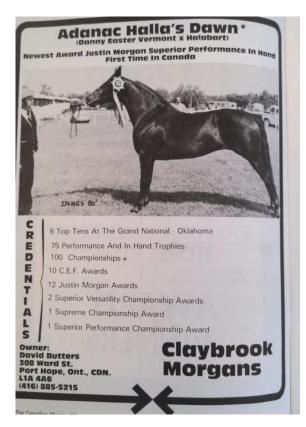
4 In Hand; 2 English Pleasure; 2 Western Pleasure; 3 Pleasure Driving; and 1 Western General Purpose A total of 12 Justin Morgan awards.

She also earned 1 Superior Justin Morgan Plaque; 1 Superior Versatility Plaque; and 1 Supreme Justin Morgan Plaque. Only a handful of Morgans, in the CMHA award history, have achieved this record of honours. She truly was a very special Morgan.

In 1978, Halla's Dawn made the trip to the Grand National Morgan Show in Oklahoma City. She earned a Top 10 in Western Trail, English Trail and the Justin Morgan Versatility class. Greg also won 6<sup>th</sup> place in Stock Seat Equitation with her. Halla's Dawn produced 2 filly foals for the Butters: Claybrook Patience (foaled 1981) and Claybrook Halla Dawn (foaled 1983); both sired by the Butters' stallion Darlies Precocious (Royal Fleetson x Orcland Donissa).

Adanac Halla's Dawn personified the Morgan show horse in Ontario in the late 1970's and early 1980's. She was an Ontario Morgan ambassador extraordinaire.





## PINEHAVEN LUCKY BOY

(Pinehaven Lucky Lad x Pinehaven Lockette) 1981 - 2000



Pinehaven Lucky Boy was bred and raised at Pinehaven Farm in Saginaw, Michigan. At the age of 4, he was purchased after a long search by the Jackman family to be a special partner for Ontario Morgan Horse Club (OMHC) youth member, Michelle Jackman. He joined Adanac Topsy Too, who was sister Andrea's Morgan mare, at Cedar Ridge Farm in Cameron Ontario. Lucky was green but had so much natural talent and kind heart that the Jackmans quickly knew they had found a once in a life time horse. It took Michelle and Lucky a full year to become a true team. Once Michelle and Lucky had formed that special bond, they were beautiful to watch and unstoppable in the show ring.

Lucky dominated the Morgan classes at all the local fairs across Ontario from approximately 1986-1993. He excelled in the English Pleasure, Saddle Seat Equitation and Pleasure Driving classes. He was a real joy to ride in and out of the ring; a very proud and honest horse always trying his best. Lucky was a crowd favourite (and yes....in his day there were crowds of people watching). His equitation patterns were flawless showing off the exquisite riding of Michelle and Andrea. Some of the highlights of his career include Morgan English Pleasure Championship at New York State Fair 1988; multiple wins of the Saddle Seat Equitation Championship and the Morgan Horse English Pleasure at the CNE from the years 1987-1991. He also showed successfully at the Michigan All Morgan and several of the New York Morgan Regional shows in Syracuse. Lucky loved to be in the spot light. One favourite memory for Andrea was showing Lucky at the Ottawa Winter Fair when, in celebration of their class win, he did a full rear prior to doing his victory lap. The crowd cheered and he pranced his way down the rail. He was quite a showman.

Lucky won many OMHC High Point Awards over the years as well...including top awards in Morgan English Pleasure (Champion 1988, 1989); Morgan Pleasure Driving (Champion 1986, 1988; Reserve Champion 1987); Morgan Gelding In Hand (Reserve Champion 1985, 1986, 1988); Versatile (Reserve Champion 1988). He also partnered with Michelle and Andrea to earn top OMHC Youth High Point Awards in Equitation; Showmanship; English Pleasure; and Pleasure Driving over his show career.

As powerful as he was in the show ring, he was a gentle giant when children came around. There are many fond memories of Lucky standing as still as a statue while crowds of kids gathered around him to pat & brush him. He introduced countless people to the kindness, compassion and spirit of the Morgan during his lifetime.

Lucky was the perfect Morgan ambassador cherished by his loving human family - Michelle, Andrea and their mom, Sharon Rodd. They considered themselves very privileged to have a horse as special as Lucky. He blessed their lives long after the spot light of the show ring had gone out. Sadly, Lucky died far too young at the age of 19.

Michelle, now a pediatrician and Andrea, now a veterinarian, remain extremely grateful that Pinehaven Lucky Boy was an integral part of their lives. He taught them much and was a wonderful equine companion and friend.

Pinehaven Lucky Boy was an exceptional Morgan competitor and a positive representative of the Morgan Horse. He is a very deserving inductee to the OMHC Morgan Horse Hall of Fame.



