

Stand And Deliver



RETIRES IN THE OKLAHOMA SPOTLIGHT

By Diana Davidson

World Grand Champion Stand And Deliver's fabulous Friday night retirement ceremony was the first ever held at the Morgan Grand National. The 17-year-old stallion was in world champion form as owner Tara Good rode him into the coliseum accompanied by life-long trainers Mike Goebig and Dwayne Knowles. The large and enthusiastic audience celebrated with them in this memorable ceremony and at the party held at Broadmoor after the evening session.

Announcer Mark Farrar and the video presentation featured the following:

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a very special night as we celebrate the first-ever retirement ceremony held at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show.

Earning the distinction is World Grand Champion Stand And Deliver . . .

Stand And Deliver was foaled on April 8, 2000. The bay colt was sired by Queens Vanity Flair and out of NBN At Your Command. Breeder Tara Good was excited to breed her favorite mare NBN At Your Command, herself a world champion in park saddle and in hand, to her favorite stallion Queens Vanity

Flair, a five-time world champion in the park harness division.

Mike Goebig was the trainer of both the sire, Vanity, and the dam, Carly. It was a cross that both Mike and Tara looked forward to and felt would bring forth the best attributes of both sides of the pedigree.

When asked about the young colt, Good and Goebig were both excited about him from the start. While his registered name is that of the song, Stand And Deliver, his nickname Stilts was attributed to his freakishly long legs as a foal.

Tara Good said, "Stilts had that 'thing' right from the start. After he'd been in training for a few months, I went to see him and Mike said, 'I don't know what he's going to be, but he'll be really good at it!'"

Those words were profound indeed.

Goebig added, "Within a couple of months, Stilts was different from all of the other yearlings that were started at the same time. He was always totally coordinated with enormous athletic ability."

The Morgan world was first introduced to this athletic bay stallion in October of 2002 when Stand And

Deliver made his show ring debut right in this very coliseum as Two-Year-Old Park Harness World Champion.

His junior career highlights include back-to-back Junior Park Harness Championships in Northampton in 2003 and 2004, as well as Oklahoma victories in the two, three and four-year-old park harness divisions.

While Stilts was sensational in harness, it was his 2005 debut in park saddle that brought his prominence to a new level. His eagerly awaited saddle debut came at the New England Regional where he won the stallion class and added the East Coast Park Saddle Championship. Stilts and Goebig repeated those victories in 2006.

The Oklahoma spotlight is where Stand And Deliver shines the brightest as he was crowned Park Saddle World Champion in 2005 and 2006.

After a few years of concentrating on his burgeoning breeding career, Stilts made his show ring return with his breeder and lifelong owner Tara Good.

They made their blue ribbon debut at the 2010 Blue Ridge Charity in the Amateur Park Saddle class. Their performances in 2010 and 2011 also earned them victory passes from New England Regional and New





York Regional as well as right here in the Oklahoma City coliseum.

While thinking back on his show career, Good added, "Watching him gave me chills, but actually riding him is unlike any other horse, it's just so cool what he can do with his body.

We welcome back to the Oklahoma City coliseum in his final show ring appearance Stand And Deliver with Tara Good...

Some of the many people who have been with Stand And Deliver every step of the way are here with him tonight. In addition to Tara Good, Mike Goebig and Dwayne Knowles, the winning team includes instructor Jane Bennett and his farrier for his entire show career Chester Sebastian, who shod his sire and his dam as well.

Stand And Deliver's popularity has garnered him numerous People's Choice Awards including 2005 Horse Of The Year. His performances in the show ring

along with his wonderful temperament and work ethic coupled with the strength of his pedigree also made him the choice of many breeders.

His first foal crop in 2004 produced his first Oklahoma winners. The growing list of world champions sired by Stand and Deliver includes; Signed Sealed Delivered, Floored, Gordel's Deliverance, Indian Creek Broadway Joe, Deliver The Dream, RWF On Display, Raintree Rebecca, Stand In Tribute, RDF Bell Ringer, Livewire, Whitemud Fine & Dandy and SPR Wing It.

Stand And Deliver's team is proud he has been chosen as the first horse to be retired at the Grand National and World Championship Horse Show. They invite all of his friends and fans to come celebrate with him after tonight's final class at Broadmoor.

One of our breed's best, we ask you to stand and honor World Grand Champion Stand And Deliver as he bids a fond farewell to the show ring! Stand And Deliver Ret 10.

