

Hello Everyone,

2007 is off to a great start and there are so many projects currently in progress, and many more that are just being hatched up. Last year was phenomenal and as the new President, I am doing my best to keep the NRHyA on a roll. Last year our fundraisers went so well, partly from the help of the officer team, but there were also so many others that helped us achieve our success. When deciding what fund raiser we are going to do this year, the vote was unanimous. Why change something when it is working? This is why for this year's project we will be raffling another horse.

Thank you to the generosity of Tim and Colleen McQuay, we have an excellent sorrel colt to raffle. His is by Little Bo Badger and out of a daughter of Nu Cash. The money from the raffle tickets sold will help support the growth of the NRHyA, additionally, 20% of each ticket will go to the affiliate specified by the youth selling the ticket. This is a great opportunity for all of you to raise some money for your local group. The raffle tickets are only \$10 and will be sold throughout the year. The drawing will be held at the Futurity during the open finals. If you would like to buy or SELL any of the raffle tickets, please feel free to contact Mandy Kennedy or any of the youth officers.

The youth officer team recently made the trip to Oklahoma City for the March board meeting. The trip turned out to be a lot of fun and we got great insight into how the full board operates at the meetings. The Youth Officers go once a year to the full board meetings, and it is worth the missed days of school to have the opportunity to go.

On a special note, I would like to thank Lisa Cover. Some of you may remember that at the 2006 Futurity, she won the raffle colt. Lisa recently sold the colt and showing her true generosity, gave all the proceeds to the NRHyA. It is the people like her who help make the NRHyA so successful. If you come across her down the line, please thank her.

Good luck and health to all. Brandon Boyle

