

NRHYA

National Reining Horse Youth Association

2006 "Year of the Youth" Hi Everyone!



I am sure by now that most of the Youth have started back to school. The end of summer is always sad. You know that the start of school is here. But this year, I found myself counting the days until the end of August. Why the excitement for the end of summer? No, it wasn't the start of school, but rather the Shawn Florida Workshops!

The Workshops turned out better than I could have hoped. We had young people from as far away as New York, North Carolina and Georgia visit Springfield, Ohio, to ride with Shawn, a multiple NRHA Futurity and Derby Champion. Everyone had a wonderful time. Not only did we get help from an NRHA Million Dollar Rider, but we also got to meet country music star Chris Cagle! This was a pleasant surprise for all participants on Saturday. Mr. Cagle rode, ate lunch with us. He even signed autographs and took time for pictures! We all had a great time chatting with Mr. Cagle, but that wasn't the end of the activities for the weekend.

After Saturday's Workshop, everybody was invited to a cookout at Shawn and Michele Florida's house, courtesy of the Floridas and TizWhiz. At the cookout, there was great food: BBQ pork, corn on the cob, baked beans and several scrumptious desserts. After eating, we swam and played volleyball, but the biggest hit seemed to be the inflatable slide. It was great fun for the "big" kids as well as the younger ones. By the end of the night, we were all ready for a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning started off bright and early with a short

Judging Seminar by Ollie Griffith. He gave us a quick overview of the judging program and helped the participants gain a better understanding of penalties.

After Ollie was finished, it was time for the second group of participants to ride in the second Workshop. Shawn went through each maneuver and helped every person individually. I am confident to say that each and every person in attendance learned something to help themselves and their horse.

Not only were the Workshops successful, but they raised \$5,000 for the NRHyA! This was a great event, but it certainly couldn't have been done without the help of several people. I would like to thank Shawn and Michele Florida for their donated time and help in planning the Workshops, TizWhiz, Ollie Griffith, Rod's Western Palace and Henderson's Western Store for their donations and door prizes, Jill Walton for giving the Workshops television coverage, Frank Costantini and Walter Fuchs for helping plan the Workshops, and last but not least, I want to thank everyone who participated! Without everybody's help and participation, the Workshops wouldn't have been as successful.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful start to their school year, and wish you all the best of luck at the NRHA North American Regional Affiliate Finals and the NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship Show! □

Sincerely,

Ashley Fuchs

Youth Team Tournament Results

Each NRHA North American Regional Affiliate Finals includes a Youth Team Tournament where Youth contestants compete for scholarships. The results from the NRHA Central, Eastern and Western US Regional Affiliate Finals are as follows:

Central US Affiliate Finals

First Place Team: Spin Reiner

Spin Reiner won first place with a total score of 421.5

Team Members Included:

Allison Byrd, Murfreesboro, AR

Alexis Daggett, Montello, WI
Carlie Thompson, Dublin, OH

Second Place Team: Me & My Gang

Me & My Gang won second place with a total score of 418.5

Team Members Included:

Angela Gebhart, Maple Grove, MN
Angelee Hale, Hamel, MN
Helen Lauth, Eyota, MN

Third Place Team: Super Spinners

Super Spinners won third place with a total score of 417



Team Members Included:

Claire Eggers, Mingus, TX
 James Myers, Rochester, MN
 Krista Persinger, Round Rock, TX

Eastern US Affiliate Finals:

First Place Team: Live to Rein

Live to Rein won first place with a total score of 430

Team Members Included:

Lauren Tieche, Ocala, FL
 Kate Stewart, Dawson, GA
 Alexis Daggett, Montello, WI

Second Place Team: Spintastic

Spintastic won second place with a total score of 425.5

Team Members Included:

Seth Forgey, Thurman, OH
 Ashley Fuchs, Canfield, OH
 Carly Galbraith, Rocky Mount, NC

Third Place Team: Tri - State Sliders

Tri - State Sliders won third place with a total score of 420

Team Members Included:

Cody Switzer, Cynthiana, KY
 Ian Barnard, Kendallville, IN
 McKenzie Lantz, Fremont, MI

Western US Affiliate Finals:

First Place Team: Big Stoppers

Big Stoppers won first place with a score of 426.5

Team Members Included:

Tamra Hunt, Eagle Point, OR
 Jennifer Thompson, Torrance, CA
 Brooke Boyle, Ione, CA

Second Place Team: West Coast Cowgirls

West Coast Cowgirls won second place with a score of 422.5

Team Members Included:

Nichole Hurst, Granite Bay, CA
 Kaitlyn Hurst, Granite Bay, CA
 Ashton Fairey, Redding, CA

Third Place Team: The Best in the West

The Best in the West won third place with a score of 421

Team Members Included:

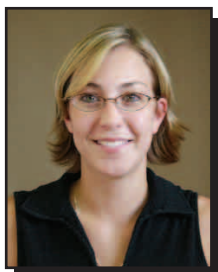
Samantha Gately, Woodinville, WA
 Racheal Shirley, Snohomish, WA
 Ryann McKinzie, East Wenatchee, WA



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Annual Youth Meeting and Elections



With the NRHA Futurity quickly approaching, our current NRHyA officers are preparing to finish a very successful year. There are many activities planned for the NRHyA members during this year's NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship Show to be held November 23 through December 2 in Oklahoma City.

NRHA Judge, Cyndi Brown of Gainesville, Texas, will offer a Youth Judging Clinic and practice on Saturday, November 25. This is a great opportunity for all Youth to become more familiar with the NRHA judging system. You can never know too much about how you are being judged.

There is also a fun night planned for Thursday, November

30, complete with games and food. The festivities will conclude with the annual NRHyA Meeting and the Election of Officers on Saturday.

The NRHyA is very excited about the delegates who will be running for office. All NRHA Youth members are invited to attend the meeting and vote for the 2007 officers. The meeting will take place in the Hall of Champions from 1-3 p.m., following the Clinton Anderson Downunder Horsemanship Clinic, presented by *Horse & Rider Magazine*, the NRHA's educational partner, which is FREE to all Youth! I look forward to seeing everyone at the show. □

Thank you,

Mandy M. Kennedy
Supervisor of Youth Programs



Futurity Activities For NRHyA Members

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26	MONDAY NOVEMBER 27
YOUTH SILENT AUCTION		YOUTH JUDGING CLINIC/PRACTICE 11 AM - 3 PM COLISEUM Contact Cyndi Brown for Details 940-727-9757		
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30	FRIDAY DECEMBER 1	SATURDAY DECEMBER 2
YOUTH SILENT AUCTION		YOUTH 13 & UNDER CLASS SLIDER'S GAME NIGHT FOOD & GAMES 6-8 PM NRHA Office, Great Hall	YOUTH 14 - 18 CLASS	CLINTON ANDERSON CLINIC 10 AM - 1 PM FREE FOR YOUTH YOUTH MEETING & OFFICER ELECTIONS 1-3 PM Hall of Champions - Treats and Soda