

NRHyA

National Reining Horse Youth Association



The NRHyA President's Message

President Ashley Fuchs

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Hi!

This year our Youth have been very hard at work to improve the NRHyA. We attended an NRHA Board of Directors meeting, manned a booth at Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio, began a fundraiser involving raffling off a horse, and planned two Youth workshops with Shawn Florida. Many of our projects are part of the Reining Horse Sports Foundation Year of the Youth campaign. Also, the first Youth Rookie Day will be held on July 15th in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

On the weekend of April 1, the NRHyA officer team traveled to Oklahoma City to sit in on the NRHA Board of Director's meeting. It was an exciting weekend for everyone involved. Vice-President Sarah Locker, Treasurer Cash Bridges and I were able to attend the meeting as well as various committee meetings. The weekend wasn't just full of meetings for us though. On Friday night, we were able to go to a basketball game to see the Hornets play thanks to the generosity of Terry Wiens for donating the tickets. On Saturday, we woke up ready to get to work. We had a quick meeting over breakfast to discuss what plans we would take to the NRHA Youth Committee to propose as Derby activities. Later, we had another meeting to outline and fine tune our ideas. In the end, we approached the Youth Committee with the ideas to host the NRHyA Youth Fun Day for 4-H / FFA members and also to have a fundraiser Cookout. The Committee loved the ideas! That night, the Officers ventured to Remington Park to watch the horse races. We had a great time! On Sunday, we got up bright and early to go to the Board meeting. There, we learned about the happenings within NRHA and also gave an Officer's report. That afternoon, we went to Bricktown for dinner before we had to say good-bye. The weekend was definitely a fun-filled and educational weekend.

The work didn't stop there for the NRHyA Officers in April. The very next weekend, we hosted a booth at the Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio. Throughout four days, 1,500 tickets for free iPods® were given out. These tickets directed over 700 people to the NRHA website. Also, we put on a presentation at the youth pavilion with the help of 2005 Treasurer Keith Ceddia. The weekend was a tremendous success and was a great event to spread the word about Reining.

The officers also have some projects in the works right now. One of the projects is planning a Youth Workshop with NRHA Million Dollar Rider and multiple Futurity Champion Shawn Florida. There will be one workshop on August 19 and another on August 20 in Springfield, Ohio. If you are interested in signing up, visit www.NRHyA.com or email me at AMFuchs1026@aol.com for a registration form.

Another project is our major fundraising – a 2007 futurity prospect colt raffle to raise money for the Youth. Frank Costantini and Walter Fuchs have generously donated a two-year-old stud colt, SCF Kiss My Cash. He is by Missin James and out of Kiss My Nic, a daughter of Reminic. We are selling tickets for \$10 each and are asking all of the NRHA Affiliates to help us with our fundraising efforts. The winner will be drawn at the 2006 NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship Show (winner need not be present).

We are planning for this to be a great fundraiser for NRHyA. The officers are working extremely hard this year, and we have already seen an impact within the association. We hope to see everyone at the shows!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Fuchs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Fuchs
NRHyA President