

# Reflections

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I’VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION SINCE I WAS NINE years old. I’ve been riding horses all my life, but around that time was when my parents bought me my short-stirrup horse, Rocket. As my eighteenth birthday approaches, and my very last year as a youth looms ahead, I wonder where the time went. Looking back, I’m very glad that it went the way it did.

Back in 2009, I didn’t know who the youth officers were. I didn’t know there was a delegate system, I didn’t even know about raffle tickets. However, I had a lot of youth years ahead of me, and the range was wide open. As I look at our spectacular youth classes at the NRHA Derby this year and past Futurities, it’s not the 212s and 143s that I see. I cheer for my delegates who are running for office. I smile and give a thumbs-up to the short stirrup kids and try to make it look like it’s really not scary to be a national officer. After all, they are the future of NRHYA, and they need to be encouraged. Now I, and all of those whose youth years are dwindling down, are the future of NRHA.

With the celebration of the 50th running of the Futurity this year, my team and I have been working on a way to make our meeting really rock. We’ve made it 50 years, and it’s the youth of right now that will carry this association through the next 50 years! Cheers to that! Our meeting will be held on Friday, December 4th, in conference room A. We’ll be teaching you about opportunities outside of the show pen, announcing our 2016 Delegate Team, and electing officers for 2016. Of course, we’ll be playing games and celebrating US, the future of NRHA. That’s what it’s all about: making sure that the association that allows us to do what we love most is there for us to enjoy for years to come.

Speaking of what we love to do most, I’d like to send ‘Big Congratulations’ to all of you who qualified at your ARC for the Adequan® North American Affiliate Championships. I’m sure you’ve been working very hard in preparation for both the ARC and NAAC, and I’ll be there to cheer everyone on. Good luck to all of you, including our youth showing in the Cinch NRHA Non Pro Futurity as well. I can’t wait to see your hard work pay off.

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