

# NATIONAL REINING HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

## ACTIVITY AT THE FUTURITY

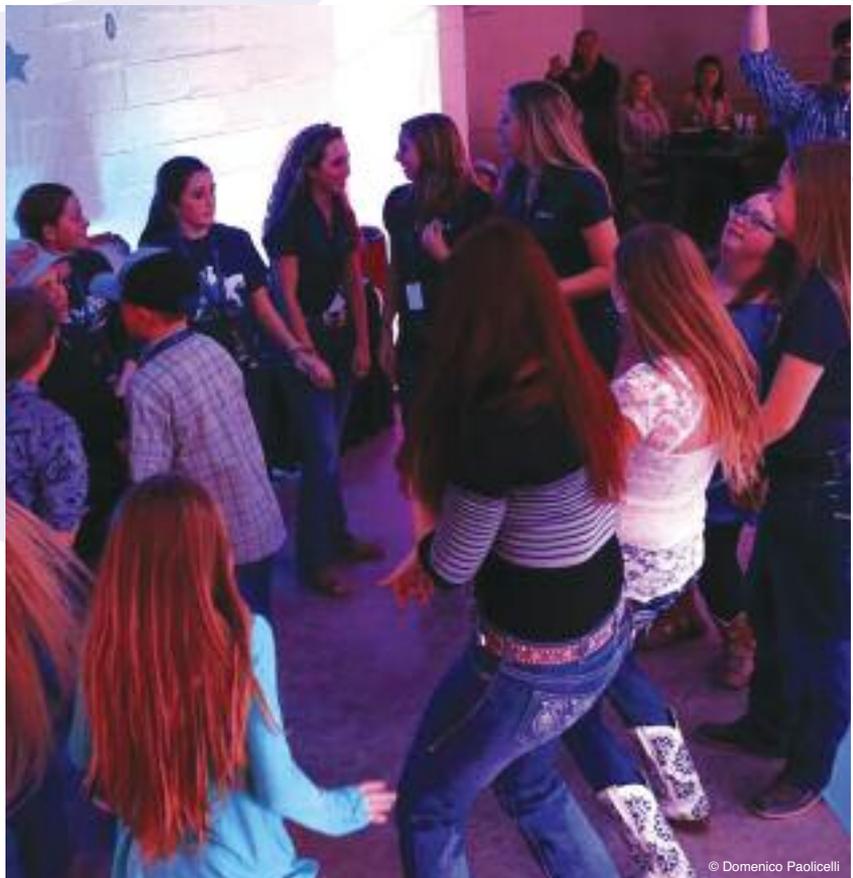
- The 2017 NRHA Futurity was one for the books. The event had a great turnout, gorgeous weather and raised money for the youth association through many fundraisers and donations.

BY LERIN THOMAS, YOUTH PROGRAMS ADVISOR

**A** new event was introduced and it is safe to say the inaugural Space Jam was a tremendous success. The 2017 NRHyA Officers, 2018 NRHyA Officer candidates and youth members enjoyed socializing, playing games and dancing the night away. This was a wonderful event that allowed the youth members to catch up with one another, make new friends and memories together.



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Starting on November 1, the NRHyA held an online silent auction to raise money for the youth association. There were numerous generous donations and we are thankful for those who continue to support our programming.

This year's stallion breeding auction was held in conjunction with the NRHA/ Market Futurity Prospect Sale on Friday night, December 1. Eleven premier stallions were donated and raised more than \$25,000 for youth scholarships. This is a huge amount that we are so grateful to receive!



Thank you again to the following owners for donating such quality stallion breedings to raise money for our youth organization: Colonels Shining Gun (Katarzyna Roleska); Dun It for Whizkey (Cardinal Hill Training Center LLC); Gunnatrashya (Arcese Quarter Horses USA); HF Mobster (Silver Spurs Equine); Inferno Sixty Six (Slide or Die LLC); Master Snapper (Cuoghi Quarter Horses); Not Ruf At All (Vaughn Zimmerman); Platinum Vintage (Silver Spurs Equine); Spooks Gotta Gun (Silver Spurs Equine); Walla Walla Whiz (Arcese Quarter Horses USA) and Wimpys Little Step (Silver Spurs Equine). We are excited to see the talent that comes out of those breedings and cannot thank our generous donors enough!

The NRHyA Raffle is always an anticipated fundraiser put on by our organization. Youth members start selling tickets at the beginning of the year and they are available throughout the Futurity. We are grateful to our generous raffle sponsors: John Deere, Continental Saddlery, Shorty's Caboy Hattery, Cinch, SmarkPak, Platinum Performance and Bluebonnet Feeds for their support of the youth raffle! One of the most exciting events of the Futurity was the annual youth meeting and elections that were held on December 1. The 2017 officer team conducted the meeting and shared important information about the 2018 NRHA Convention, Varsity Reining Club, introduced the 2018 NRHyA delegates



and the members in attendance elected the 2018 officer slate! There were nine officer candidates running for the five officer positions. The voting was completed online by active youth members in good standing.

After calculating the votes, the 2018 officer team is: President, Taylor Masson; Vice President, Liz Blaser; Secretary, Ashton Knerr; Treasurer, Grace Wilson; and Historian, Emma Lane. This is a great group of young women and they will do a fantastic job representing the Association.

THE NRHYA SILENT AUCTION



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Past President, Morgan Knerrand 2018 president, Taylor Masson

With a busy 2017 wrapped up, it is very exciting to see all the things that will unfold in 2018! As the new Youth Programs Advisor, I am excited to watch the youth members grow and gain valuable leadership skills that will help them throughout their life. The NRHyA offers many once in a lifetime

opportunities and friendships. Being a part of the reining family, as I am quickly learning, is an invaluable experience and I am excited to be a part of this association.

The NRHyA is a great organization and I am ecstatic to play a small part in helping it become even better! •

From left to right: Emma Lane, historian; Liz Blaser, vice president; Taylor Masson, president; Ashton Knerr, secretary; Grace Wilson, treasurer



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