

2006 REGION 13 YOUTH REPORT



REGIONAL NEWS!

NEW 2006-2007 REGION 13 YOUTH BOARD

Director: Curtis Andersen

Vice-Director: Kaysie Gorczyca

Secretary: Erin Kleibecker

Treasurer: Katie Niemerski

Immediate Past Director: Brette VanKlompberg

Curtis just returned from the AHYA Board of Directors meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky on October 22nd. He and Kaysie will also attend the AHYA Board of Directors Meeting held in Denver in March.

Our next board meeting will be sometime in March after they return. A notice will go on the Region 13 web site with the exact time and location, or you can call Curtis Andersen at 616-837-9498 for more information. Please encourage the youth in your area to attend this meeting.

FUNDRAISERS

Honey stix sales have been slow but consistent. With the a little financial help from the adult board the kids were able to put honey stix bundles in all the goody bags at convention. They also included an order form to generate more sales. 800 hundred of them to be exact!!!

Garland sponsorships for our Regional Championship Show were down this year. The kids are planning to mail out sponsorship forms to our regional members to encourage more sponsors for next year. A sponsorship form has also been attached to this report. Please feel free to fill it out and return it to Curtis Andersen at your earliest convenience. Due to some difficulty in collecting the money during and after the show, payment will need to accompany all sponsorship forms.

DAVID RINEHART MEMORAL TROPHY

The Dave Rinehart memorial trophy is presented to the Region 13 youth who best exhibits true sportsmanship and camaraderie, which so aptly described Dave. This year's recipient was Brette VanKlompberg.

NATIONAL RESULTS

I would like to list each rider individually, however it would be a pretty lengthy list. So I will just tell you that at Youth Nationals our youth came home with 4 National Championships, 7 Reserve National Championships and 39 Top Tens.

At National Show Horse Finals our youth came home with 7 National Championships, 3 Reserve National Championships and 30 Top Tens. One of the things that make National Show Horse Finals so exciting is the prize money and scholarships they have available for the kids. In the NSH Saddle Seat Equitation 17 & Under Grand Championship class they offer \$11,500.00 in scholarship money. Region 13 Youth received a good portion of this by coming home with \$4500.00 in that class alone.

AHYA NEWS!

NEW AHYA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Jennifer Stice
Vice-President: Kirsten Kimbler
Treasurer: Brittany Butterworth
Secretary: Nikki Capps
Immediate Past President: Kristen McKee

The new AHYA Board of Directors met for the first time October 22nd, following US Nationals in Louisville Kentucky. Board members spent the day identifying needs for the coming year, discussing committees and AHA resolutions, laying plans for the AHYA Convention, and selecting themes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (AS OF THE 2006 JULY BOD MEETING)

Monica Christian reported that Sundowner Trailers would continue to be a Corporate Partner through 2007. Other fundraisers for the 2006 year included Show Number Magnets at Youth, AHYA bracelet sales, Youth Qualifier T-Shirts Sponsorships (secured by 14 board members for a total of \$6,250.00). For the year 2005, the Hippology and Novice Judging Contests raised \$1,025.00 combined, The Road Apple Rumble raise \$500.00. The U.S National Judging Contest raised \$3200.00, and the AHYA Silent Auction and the Trailer Raffle raised \$24,600.00 combined. Goals for the coming year include increasing involvement in fundraising activities, submitting Silent Auction items the exceed or equal the cost of plane fare for the spring meeting, finding a new sponsors and donations, and helping youth become more aware of AHYA programs.

FFA

AHA set up a booth at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis October 25-27. The primary objective was to reach advisors (youth educators). 325 advisor packets were distributed and approximately 259 advisor contact information was collected, along with hundred of youth addresses collected due to the daily drawing for miscellaneous AHA merchandise. Unfortunately due to the odd dates of this convention, (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) during school, we were not able to have a youth from our region attend. All in all, it was still a very successful outreach program.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES: by Nancy Harvey

We had a great Youth Nationals this year, despite the weather! Participation was down slightly at some of the events while others had increased participation. Thanks to some careful planning and budgeting by Katie, we project being under budget for Youth Nationals. The changes that were made to the AHYA convention were definitely a success and we have a base to build upon. The new workshops were a total hit, and great guest speakers were appreciated as well. We have some tweaking to do for next year but we are definitely on the right track with the smaller group

workshops. The only major issues we need to address seem to be the expansion of the show itself into Saturday morning. We lost some delegates that were showing in the Trail division. The AHYA board recognizes this issue and is already looking into a possible solution to this problem.

ARABIAN HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

49 teams entered, making this the largest contest since 1998.

10 classes, consisting of Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Country Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, as well as Arabian Mares, Half-Arabian Mares, Arabian Geldings and Half-Arabian Geldings, Stock Hunter Type were offered. Feed back on the contest has been overwhelmingly positive, with coaches citing it as the “best” and “exceptional”. The quality of competitors and contest combined with excellent officials to yield a tightly scored, highly competitive event.

YOUTH JUDGING VIDEO- VOLUME 2:

We have had such a great response to the DVD; we are planning to make another one. Anyone interested in being a part of the team, please contact Nancy Harvey or Katie Reynolds.

REGIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

We had planned to alter and improve this plan, however, due to some changes at AHA, this project has had to be put on hold until 2007. Fact is, with all of the changes due to the merger and the restructure of the AHA personnel, we do not yet have the IT infrastructure to take this program online. After some discussion, Katie and I decided that we should postpone making changes to the program until we can do everything we want.

YOUTH OUTREACH

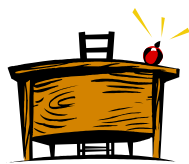
The Leg Up program website boasts over 1,100 hits in the first 10 weeks! If you are interested in learning more about it, go to: <http://www.arabianhorses.org/youth/legup.asp> It's a great outreach program that we need to promote to anyone and everyone.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

We had 6 nominees all very qualified, which made the selection a difficult one. But a winner was chosen. The 2006 Youth of the Year winner is Stephanie Schroeder.

2006 BREYER CREATIVE CONTEST

This year's theme was “Treasure of the Desert”. We had 27 participants aged 21 and under competing in the following categories: Art, Audio-Video, Computer, Creative Writing and Photography. If you have the time I highly recommend you go to the AHA web site and click on the Youth link to check out the entries and the winners to fully appreciate the talent of these kids.



THE END

