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Quarterly updates for the Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association

TQHA SHOW & TQH YA AWARDS BANQUET

A Recap on TQHA'S Convention and Year-End Awards

The Texas Quarter Horse Association started off the new year in the same way it has for years. With a few more health and safety precautions, TQHA was able to have its annual TQHA Awards Presentation for Show & Youth Year End Awards and its Youth Convention. The socially distanced meeting started out at Nettles Country Store-Home of the world famous, Nettles Stirrups. Here, TQH YA members got a behind the scenes tour of how Ronnie Nettles hand makes custom stirrups. Youth members got to hear about the history and many details behind the lengthy process of designing and making the stirrups. After a very educational visit at Nettles Country Store, the group traveled a short distance to ChampionFit Equine located in Madisonville, Texas. The TQH YA members got to get up-close and personal with the equine sports medicine facility, as they toured the rehabilitating equipment, racetrack, equine swimming pool and more. The informative visit at ChampionFit was followed by a community service project done by all of the TQH YA members present. The youth made nearly 100 pet toys and donated over 15 bags of pet food to a local pet shelter, The AggieLand Humane Society.

The last event of the day was the Covid-Safe TQHA Awards Presentation for Show & Youth Year End Awards. Youth and Amateur TQHA members gathered to receive awards that were earned by accumulation of points throughout the year. Included in these awards was the presentation of the 2020 TQHA Novice Saddle Series Winners. There were 8 Western Saddles, 4 English saddles and 2 Show Halters awarded to the High Point exhibitors in the Youth and Amateur Novice All-Around Events. In addition to these awards, two of the ten members of the 2020 Youth World Cup Team USA were presented their awards from their participation in the 2020 AQHA Youth World Cup. Due to Covid-19, the international event had to be held virtually where members of the AQHA affiliated teams submitted videos of themselves performing patterns on unfamiliar horses. The 13 countries competed in Horsemanship, Showmanship, Reining, Ranch Riding, Trail and Hunt Seat Equitation. There were also non-riding events which included a Lip Sync Contest, Scrapbook, Art Challenge and a Patriotic Freestyle Competition.

Team USA Members and Coaches (from L to R), Michelle Tidwell, Claire Lee, Lauren Pursley and Nancy Cahill.

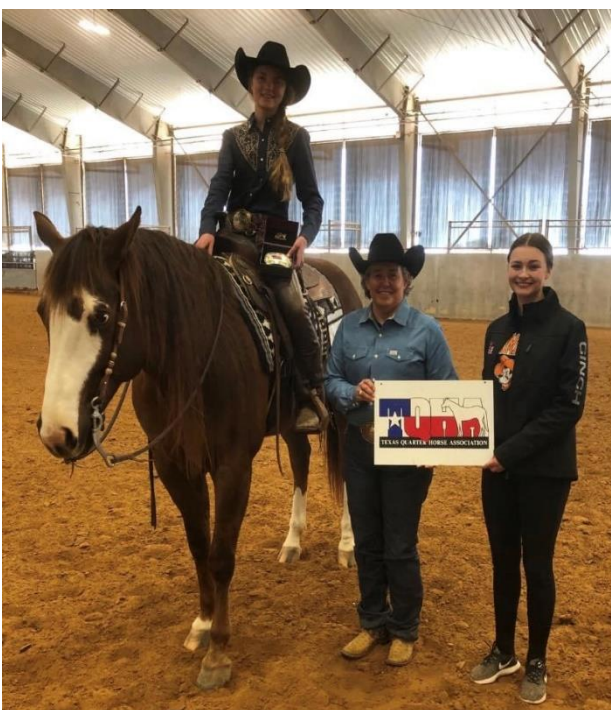


Awards From the 2020 TQHA Saddle Series

THE AGGIE SUPER CIRCUIT

TQHA'S First Saddle Series Show of 2021

Held in Bryan, Texas, the Aggie Super Circuit is a favorite show among many members of TQHA. This spring show was a part of TQHA's Saddle Series for 2021 where exhibitors can compete for a saddle at the end of the year in the following events- Ranch Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Trail and



Rosemary Hartman and Spot On Joe at the Aggie Super Circuit 2021

Showmanship. One of the members competing in the Saddle Series is Rosemary Hartman with her horse Spot On Joe. At the Super Circuit, Rosemary and her horse clenched the Level 1 Ranch Riding Buckle. However, their journey to this point wasn't an easy one. As a young horse, Spot On Joe injured himself in an accident which led to some serious leg damage. After spending a lot of time growing and healing, he was good to go. A few years later, the 2014 gelding sustained another life-threatening injury. With Hartman's special care, Spot On Joe was able to get back in tip top shape again. Rosemary and her horse are now top competitors in the AQHA Ranch Riding pen.

AQH YA UPDATE

The Inside Scoop of What the AQH YA Leadership Team is Working On

At least once monthly, the AQH YA Officer and Director Team gets together for a full board call where they discuss regional updates, committee updates, plans for webinars, conventions and more. The recent focus of these calls has been getting our youth members more engaged especially through social media and with the 2021 AQH YA theme of Make Your Mark. How do you think we can get youth members more involved? The youth leadership team has come up with many ideas and is excited to share them soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AQHya Activities You Don't Want to Miss

This summer is guaranteed to be packed with many great AQHya experiences including the Bank of America Youth Excellence Seminar (Y.E.S). The Y.E.S Convention is a three-day youth event held July 12-14, 2021 in Amarillo, TX that offers excellent keynote speakers, fun leadership activities and the AQHya Officer and Director Elections. Y.E.S. registration is open and the entire youth board can't wait to see you there! *"The Youth Excellence Seminar is the event to be at this summer. With AQHya members and horse enthusiasts from around the country coming together, there is not a more exhilarating or fun-filled event out there! From leadership*



workshops, keynote speakers, and days filled with excitement, everyone can find something for them in Amarillo this summer. I hope to see you there!"

- Justin Eddy, AQHya President



Another fun filled youth event this summer will be the Built Ford Tough AQHya World Championship Show held July 28 – August 8 2021 at the OKC Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City, OK. Exhibitors can either nationally qualify by the end of the qualifying period, April 30, 2021, or meet TQHya's requirements. To be on Team Texas you must be a member of TQHya. Even if you aren't showing at the AQHya World Championship Show there are opportunities for everyone. AQHya holds contests at the show such as an Art/Photo Contest, Scrapbook Contest,

Prepared and Impromptu Speech Contest, Wrangler Jeans and Justin Boots Decorating Contest, Stall Decorating Contest, Team Spirit Contest and a Horse Judging Contest.

Each year through member sponsorships, TQHya is able to host meals throughout the AQHya World Championship Show. If you are willing to sponsor a meal for Team Texas, please contact Dawn Forest dives88934@aol.com

For more information on Y.E.S, the AQHya World Championship Show or any other AQHya activities, visit [AQHA Youth Overview - AQHA](#)



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STAYING INVOLVED

How You Can Stay Interactive With TQHya Through a Few Questions

After a busy and fun-filled quarter we are excited to march right into the next one, but not without some reflecting. Here are some questions for you to answer as we look back on these past few months.

1. What kind of progress did you make?
2. What's something you learned?
3. What do you hope to achieve next quarter?

We'd love to hear about your success! Send your answers to LaurenPursley29@gmail.com