

# NYCHA NEWSLETTER

February 2020

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

February 2020 Newsletter

Hey everyone!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good holiday break and are ready to start the new year off strong.

For those of you hauling for the top 15...we are going to have some new and exciting things this year at the world finals so keep up the good work! It's going to be a ton of fun. Don't forget about the stock shows coming up, they have some great scholarship opportunities that you don't want to miss out on. Also don't forget the Eastern and Western Nationals in Mississippi and Colorado. Those shows are always a blast and we are going to have some fun activities at them as well.

If any of you have any questions about membership, shows, or anything else don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members. They are doing a fabulous job of trying to keep everyone informed with updates so put them on the spot if you need to :) I am also always available to help if needed. Good luck to everyone showing!

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"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." Psalm 28:7

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Hello NYCHA! It's that time of year when we have the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo! Who wants the chance to win some really cool prizes, lots of points, and spend time with your friends at the carnival? Well, if that's you, y'all come on down to Houston, TX, February 29 and March 1. This is a great opportunity to earn points towards world finals considering that it is a split youth. Both Junior and Senior will show each day but different classes. We are looking forward to seeing many people there this year! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me.

NYCHA Junior President  
Brea Collier  
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**Youth Convention Week**  
**July 13, 2020 – July 17, 2020**



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Area 16

## FCHA Winter Circuit

Florida Cutting Horse Association hosted a winter circuit in Ocala, Florida. The weather was beautiful with only a few nights dropping to 48 degrees. FCHA hosted over 700 entries at the show which created some pretty large classes. The Florida Horse Park in Ocala was spacious enough to accommodate all of our riders.

The youth class had over 10 entries each day with some days reaching 22 riders. While the youth had downtime we enjoyed our time together playing hide and seek, tag and football. The Budweiser Clydesdale even made an appearance at the Florida Horse Park.

In addition to our new show grounds we even began raising money for our Youth Scholarship Cutting we are planning to host in 2020. Please stay tuned and be on the lookout for exact dates to be posted soon.

Florida Cutting Horse Association has a website you can reference for important dates and details <http://floridacuttinghorseassociation.com/>. I hope you can join us on February 20-23 for our next show.

Ryleigh Flynn  
NYCHA Junior Reporter

Hello fellow cutters,

We have some big news! We almost \$106,000 from the stallion auction! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and supported us!

We are beginning to think about the Eastern and Western Nationals and the Youth Convention that are going to soon be upon us, and we are busy getting everything planned and prepared!

Eastern Nationals is going to be held in Jackson, Mississippi from March 5-14, so mark your calendars! We'll be looking forward to seeing you all there!

Faith Correll  
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Whatever you do, do with all your heart, riding for the Lord and not for men. Colossians 3:23



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The 2020 show season kicked off in Abilene, Texas and it was an amazing time for the youth of the National Cutting Horse Association. The senior and junior youth classes had a huge turn out with a total of 37 riders over three days. The Abilene Spectacular is always good to the youth, giving scholarships to every kid that show for the circuit. This scholarship show is in remembrance of Junior and Carolyn Gray and Shelia Welch. Mrs. Birdwell, the show's secretary, started the memorial scholarship show in honor of her parents, Junior and Carolyn Gray in 2003. In 2014, Mrs. Welch's name was added to the award. This year they awarded 36 total scholarships to the riders who participated in the circuit. First place in both the junior and senior classes received a \$1,500 scholarship, second received \$1,000, and third received \$750. Congratulations to the Junior Youth Champion Brody Magby riding SS Blacks Lil Kitty and the Senior Youth Champion Ryleigh Ferrier riding Spookystimetoshine. The other 30 youth riders received \$400 scholarships.

Mrs. Birdwell says her favorite part of the show is "being able to give back to the youth". She has definitely done this well over the past 17 years investing in the future education of so many. We appreciate her effort in leading a dedicated group who make it possible. Thank you everyone who helped by raising funds, collecting and donating items for the silent auction, and donating to the scholarship fund.

Alycua Bellenfant  
Bill and Billie Aylesworth  
Buster Welch  
Caren Gray Birdwell  
Carly Clearman  
Calvin Allen Saddlery  
Jennifer Palmer  
Mrs. Groves  
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Tractor Supply of Coleman, Texas

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Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you are having a great 2020.

I would like to invite you to join us for some great cuttings in Tennessee and Alabama this year. Our first Area 22 show will be in Harriman, TN February 8th and 9th. For more details, check out the new Facebook pages for Area 22 and the Area 22 Youth.

Cody Gann  
NYCHA Junior President Elect



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## Mom Squad

The Mom Squad is a group of dedicated volunteers that work very diligently to assist in organizing the Youth Convention, that is held this year in July.

The Youth Convention is 5 days packed with the World Finals, Scholarship Cutting, Leadership Seminars, Elections, Family Fun Night, Banquet, Talent Show, Two Dances, Family and Friends.

Each event is a major undertaking and the Mom Squad does everything that involves planning, organizing and executing every one of those events. Because of the dedication and commitment of all the volunteers it's one of the most successful events of the year.

## 2020 NYCHA Stallion Auction

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's stallion auction. What a successful fundraiser, \$105,975 due to the generosity of all the stallion owners, stallion station owners and bidders.

Wow let's talk about that Youth Stallion Action!! We want to thank all of the amazing stallion owners who donated, without your generous support all of this would not be possible. We had a total of 70 stallion donated. The auction ran from November 15 to January 15 allowing people to bid on these beautiful stallions. We are very proud to say the highest stud went for \$6,500, WE RAISED \$105,775 in the auction.

We want to give a huge thanks to Big Sky Internet and Tom Bruch and his staff. The youth is excited to be able to use the money raised on scholarships, leadership conventions and much more.

Brinley Lippincott  
NYCHA Senior Secretary/Treasurer



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Happy 2020 from Area 14!

We started with the Winter Circuit in Jackson, MS, it was a fun show with a lot of entries.

Our next show was in Forest, MS, it started with a fabulous awards banquet. Then, the show was so big that the Youth had 2 bunches. There were so many entries. The show concluded at 4:00 am Sunday morning... ALL WHILE TORNADOES WERE IN THE AREA!!!

We have the IKE in a couple of weeks with The Eastern to follow. Don't forget the costume cutting!! Forest is again to follow!

Come join us in all our fun!!!

Lindi Polk  
Area Director  
Area 14

Coming up at the next show in Graham, TX the youth of Area 9 will be having a food drive to benefit the youth of Graham. We will be collecting donations of pop tarts, rice crispy treats, fruit cups, granola bars, pudding and jello, juice boxes, breakfast bars, and peanut butter and jelly Squeezables. This is a great opportunity for the youth to give back to other youth kids. All of the donations will benefit an organization called Backpack Buddies that sends food with students over the weekend.

Will Bushaw  
Junior President Elect