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Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association Newsletter

July 2017

OQHA President's Letter

What an exciting beginning to the summer we have had in our association! It seems to me that every year we surpass the previous in the quality and quantity of Quarter Horse events. This summer is no different, as June recently drew to an end, we were able to look back and assess the success of the 2017 Redbud Spectacular. With over 16,000 entries we not only achieved an increase in number of entries and stalls, but we built on the success of the recently added classes and overall received positive feedback from all who were involved. As I mentioned earlier this year, the success of the shows in our state relies on the ability and willingness of members like yourselves to step up and serve.

This summer has also continued the trend of offering our youth members excellent opportunities to achieve greatness in and out of the arena. Some of our state's brightest are heading to Amarillo, TX for the 2017 Youth Excellence Seminar. Being held July 10-13, the Y.E.S. convention has continued to educate our youth members to become leaders within the industry, in their schools, and in their communities. Oklahoma has been proud to provide some of AQHYA's strongest leaders and hopes to continue that this year. Of course, it is hard to mention the youth without getting excited about our state's 10th year hosting the AQHYA Youth World Championship in August. With the addition of the Level 2 classes at this year's championship, there is no doubt that the show will be larger, more competitor friendly, and of course more exciting to all involved.

Besides the Youth World Championship, there are plenty of other shows in the coming months including the NSBA Championships in Tulsa. The show has become a staple of the industry, and once again provides a stage for our state to display just how strong and important the American Quarter Horse is to us in Oklahoma.

I hope everyone continues to have a fun filled summer, and I look forward to seeing each of you at the various shows coming up!

As always, enjoy our great American Quarter Horse,

Rebecca Halvorson

OQHA President 2017-2018

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Calendar of Events

August 4 - 12
AQHVA World Show
Oklahoma City, OK

September 2 - 4
Go for the Gold
Claremore, OK

September 14
Oklahoma State Fair Barrel Race
Oklahoma City, OK

September 16
OAQHA Novice Show
Purcell, OK

September 27
Western Heritage Days School for the Blind
Haskell, OK

December 16 - 17
Tri-K Barrel Races
Duncan, OK

February 3 - 4, 2018
Tri-K Barrel Races (Barrels and Poles)
Duncan, OK

***WE WOULD LOVE TO
SEE YOU AT OUR
NEXT EVENT!***



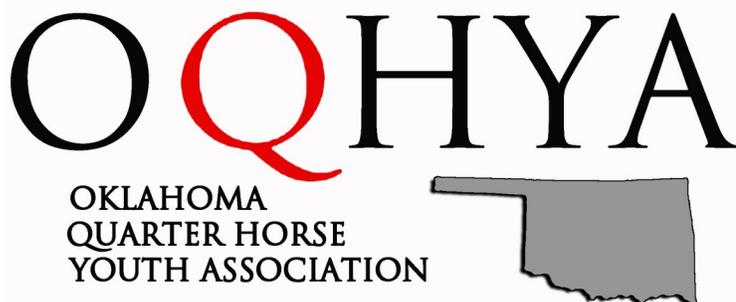
OAQHA President's Letter

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone had a fun and successful Redbud. We had great weather, and I enjoyed seeing our members showing and supporting our show. The OAQHA Novice Show is scheduled for September 16, and we would appreciate your support. Volunteers are necessary for this show, and it's a great way to meet other members. Lastly, I hope everyone can support our youth next month. We are fortunate to host this show in Oklahoma, and our youth really appreciate your support.

Enjoy the summer with your Quarter Horse!

Jan Kimball
OAQHA President



OQHVA President's Letter

OQHVA Members,

I hope you all are having a great summer so far! We have had a fun month and a successful Redbud Spectacular. We had several fundraisers and events going such as the shavings fundraiser. I'd like to thank everyone who helped bed stalls before and during the redbud. It was a great fundraiser and one I hope that will continue for many years to come. Also, Interstate Equine, LLC donated a YETI cooler and two YETI tumblers to raffle off which was AWESOME!!! Continuing our month, we had five OQHVA members attend the Youth Excellence Seminar in Amarillo, TX. We'd like to congratulate and recognize Sierra Walter as she was elected Region 8 Director!

The next point of discussion is the AQHYA World Show. First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who is qualified this year! We have a great team going this year and I hope you are all as excited as I am! The AQHYA theme for the year is Reach Out and we are putting our own twist on that by making our state theme Reach Out for the Stars. We will begin painting and getting stall decorations ready very soon so stay tuned on Facebook and also be checking your e-mails. Lastly, I'd like to mention that we are currently looking for sponsorships for meals each day during the world show and would like to thank those who have already committed!

Happy Trails,

Cheyenne Walter
OQHVA President