



**NYCHA**  
NATIONAL YOUTH CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER

*Investing On Our Youth Is Investing In The Future*

**April 2020**

### UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

I know everyone is going through some tough times right now, and the near future is uncertain. Unfortunately, these are things we cannot control in life and we must find the silver lining around the dark clouds, and be grateful for things like our family, friends, health and God.

This crisis is temporary, and I want to reassure you that we will move forward, just as we have always done in times of crisis throughout the decades. The NYCHA Jr/Sr National Officers and Youth Area Directors possess great leadership skills. They are showing our youth membership how to continue to lead through times of uncertainty. There are many positive things that we can do now.

You all have a lot of great ideas that will benefit the NYCHA, and the NCHA. In a short period of time, the NYCHA JR/SR. National Officers has established a governmental foundation, passed by-laws, created a form of communication to reach out to all youth, conducted educational events and helped charities just to mention a few. Their attitude is: what can we do to make the NYCHA stronger as this organization move forward.

During the down time from competing their focus has been on the following items:

- Looking at rules that need to be updated or need to be added
- Figuring out some sort of Championship that can involve the entire membership
- Looking at other programs, events, leadership and educational seminars
- How to create a membership drive by involving other organizations
- Exploring existing programs that other organizations use so that they can possibly adopt it
- Exploring a NYCHA Youth Assistance Tutoring Program

One important item that they have done is to write monthly articles for their NYCHA Newsletter. In order to make the NYCHA GREAT it will take the entire membership to help. By using this form of communication, it's helped our young leaders to have a positive voice in their organization.

The NCHA Executive Staff, Executive Director, Jay Winborn, and the NCHA Staff are working diligently to make plans for the future of the NCHA/NYCHA. Trust that leadership as we trust our youth leadership.

My plans, with everybody's help, the Mom Squad, the Youth Committee, the NCHA Staff and the Membership is to continue preparing for the 2020 Youth Convention Week. I'm hopeful that this will become not only a celebration for our youth, but for all of us coming together stronger as a family.

Thank you and God bless

Mike Simmons  
Director of Youth

## SENIOR PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

What's up NYCHA!

I wanted to let you all know that this newsletter is specifically made to give y'all information and updates on current events and things happening in the youth association. With that being said, everyone is more than welcome to contact one of the officers with things to add to the newsletter.

So, if you have an update, announcement, or story that you want to share with NYCHA please reach out to me or any of the other officers so we can try to get your information implemented in the upcoming newsletters.

The craziness of the Corona virus has affected the Super Stakes Easter egg hunt. Unfortunately, we will not be having the Easter egg hunt as the Super Stakes has been postponed until further notice. All other events, as of right now, are still on. We will keep you posted if anything changes. Don't forget about the Western Nations in Colorado in June! Hope to see you there.

As always let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or updates that you want to see in the next newsletters...

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

## SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The Nation Youth Cutting Horse Association senior scholarships will be coming out soon and I encourage all of the high school seniors to look into these scholarships! The NCHA Foundation has given so much back to the youth and given us a great opportunity to earn more scholarship money. The applications will be found on the youth page under NCHA Foundation scholarships. The Foundation is working on creating an online forum for students to fill out the application form. The due date for these is May 15th! If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me!

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Riley Farris – Reporter

## PRESIDENT ELECT'S UPDATE

NYCHA! The 2020 Eastern Nationals Costume Cutting was a blast. There were many great costume ideas and real competition in the show pin. It is something very special to our youth because not only do we have juniors participating, we have plenty of seniors joining the fun. Y'all start coming up with ideas for next year because these costumes are serious and prizes are awarded for the best team costume and team scores!

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## UPCOMING DUE DATES

**April 1:** NYCHA Hall of Fame Application

**May 15:** NYCHA Outstanding Area Director Awards Program

**May 25:** NYCHA National Officer Application

**May 25:** NYCHA Area Director

**June 1:** NYCHA LEAP Forms

**June 1:** A Friend of the NYCHA Award

**June 1:** Photo, Essay, and Artwork Contest for 2020 Youth Convention  
**Theme: Leaving A Legacy**

## SENIOR SECRETARY/TREASURER'S UPDATE

Hello NYCHA members! I hope everyone is safe and well. With the cancellation of school and cuttings I know we are all worried and a little scared. Let's all try to remember what's most important. God, family, friends. I have been reading through devotionals and found this one that made me feel better and I hope it will you too.

God is a protector: He is protecting you from something you can't see.

God is a provider: He is providing something if only you'll look for it. Just because His provision is different doesn't mean it's not good.

God is present: Even when others are absent. God does incredible things in the unseen.

God is faithful: No matter what is being taken from you right now, place it in the hands of God. Give it to Him as your sacrifice. For whatever we willingly place in the hands of God, He will redeem. Martin Luther once said, "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." (Lysa TerKeurst)

If you need anything, please contact me.

Thank you,

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## JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hello NYCHA! I wanted to let everyone know that the 2020 Eastern Nationals Youth was a success. We had a great meeting, lots of fun games, and tons of competition in the arena. We give big thanks to all the sponsors that made it possible for us. We couldn't do it without you. As we all know, due to the COVID 19, we have cancelled many shows, but that is just giving us more time to get some practice in and keep everybody healthy. I hope that you find something enjoyable during the break and stay safe! If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask me.

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## SENIOR REPORTER'S UPDATE

Hey fellow cutters!

Congratulations to all the champions at Eastern Nationals and the Houston Livestock show! We are in the middle of some crazy times, and the National Cutting Horse Association headquarters is temporarily closed. Unfortunately, the Super Stakes has also been postponed, and the NCHA recommends approved events to be postponed. This is a great time to get back to the basics and appreciate your horses without the pressure of competition. Remember social distancing doesn't mean disconnecting, and we are so blessed with technology, so stay in touch with your friends! Please say a prayer for our country and those leading our country through these difficult times! In the meantime, we will be busy planning future events! Stay healthy everyone! Thank you!

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

## JUNIOR PRESIDENT-ELECT'S UPDATE

Hello NYCHA members! If you missed the Eastern Nationals in Jackson, Mississippi, you missed an awesome show. We had a great time at the Team Cutting and the Family Fun Night. It is so fun hanging out with all my friends from around the country. I would like to thank the NCHA staff, NYCHA staff, all the sponsors, and the parents that helped make this event so much special for the kids.

I hope everyone is making the best of your time off from school because of COVID-19. Please stay safe, and I can't wait to see everyone back in the show pen.

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## JUNIOR REPORTER'S UPDATE

Hello NYCHA! Welcome to April. Although it's April Fools', I kid you not when I say the competition is getting fiercer and fiercer. There is an innumerable amount of weekend shows in the upcoming weeks. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and Eastern Nationals have concluded and I would like to congratulate all of the participants, finalists, and champions. Please check the weekend events calendar and attend every show you can. Thank you and God bless. If you have any questions or anything you would like for me to add to a newsletter or chatter article, feel free to contact me.

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## AREA 13

Amidst the chaos surrounding the world right now, youth kids from all over the country competed in the Eastern Nationals in Jackson, MS a couple weekends ago. The turnout was spectacular, and Area 13 was well represented by several members who showed in both the Youth cutting on Saturday morning and the costume cutting on Saturday night. The costume cutting is always a fun outlet for the kids to show in a friendly competition, when they aren't feeling a lot of pressure. While Jackson is always a great time, concerns have been brought to our attention about the current COVID - 19 pandemic. Schools all across the country are shutting down and some states are considering closing down borders; this leaves unanswered questions for world haulers on their potential at making the top 15 by May 31. However bad this virus may seem, though, we all must remember to stay calm and not feed into the widespread panic consuming the country. Good luck to everyone out there and stay safe and healthy!

Hannah Jackson, Youth Area Director  
Area 13

## JUNIOR SECRETARY/TREASURER'S UPDATE

Hello everyone, after a wet and cold winter spring is finally arriving! And with that comes the usual getting horses ready for spring and summer shows, cattle work, fencing, pasture work etc..... In Oklahoma we are out of school at least another 2 weeks due to the corona virus. Hopefully all will be well and back to normal soon!

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## AREA 2



The 2020 PCYCHA Youth Judging Contest was held in conjunction with the PCCHA Roundup this past weekend in Paso Robles. We had a great turnout of NCHA Youth members as well as high school rodeo cutters. Winning the contest and a five-hundred-dollar

scholarship was Amber Lammendola. A two-hundred-and-fifty-dollar scholarship was split between Reagan Glenn and Kylie Kaufmen for second place. The contest wouldn't have been possible without the PCCHA Youth fund donating the scholarships and Ted and Seth Petit for assembling the videos.

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## AREA 10

Hey cutting crew! We would like to congratulate everyone who competed in Houston and Eastern Nationals! During Eastern, the youth conducted a meeting and we discussed some very crucial topics essential to making this organization even greater. Also, I am sure you have heard that all NCHA shows have been cancelled until March 17th. This is due to the updates and spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). NCHA is doing all they can to prevent the spread. The Super Stakes may have been postponed, but as of right now, the Summer Spectacular is still on schedule. Stay safe!

Area 10 Directors: Lexy Slaughter, Faith Farris, Riley Farris, Brea Collier, and Brinley Lippincott.

## AREA 16

Hey, it's Area 16 Director Ryleigh Flynn, I hope everyone is doing good during this time of isolation. I took the time to interview Vice President elect Ted Sokol. Below is a transcript of the interview. I also had the opportunity to interview Mr. Skip Jones who is running for Vice President. A Huge thank you to both candidates for allowing me to interview them and serving as my very first interviews!

Best Regards,

**Ryleigh Flynn**  
Area 16 Youth Director



Hey Mr. Ted, let's start with an introduction. My name is Ryleigh Flynn. I am the Area 16 Youth Director. I've been cutting for four years and my Trainer is Mr. Ted Sokol.

Mr. Ted has been a member of NCHA since 1982. He has served as an NCHA National

Director for 20 years and a member of Florida Cutting Horse Association since 1986, also serving as an officer for over 30 years for FHCA. So, Mr. Ted let's get to a few questions.

### 1. How do you plan to support NYCHA?

**Ted Sokol answer:** To support the NYCHA continue to work on Regional Programs and Scholarships to increase membership. Promote education with the scholarship money. I also think to support NYCHA, NCHA needs to have a Social Media Director and through this we can reach out to FFA, 4H, High School and Junior Rodeo associations to invite the youth to experience our youth programs and the scholarship opportunity. Make people more aware of what we offer.

### 2. What advice would you give any trainer working with youth?

**Ted Sokol answer:** We all want our kids to be great and win and be best in the arena they can be. We need to instill in our youth the care of our horses, appreciate the horse, and the importance of sportsmanship. The attitude is so important for growth when turning into adults.

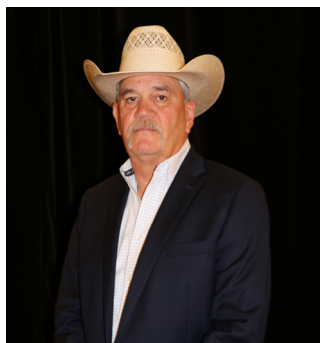
### 3. What is your number one goal as Vice President Elect?

**Ted Sokol answer:** Increase membership. I want to increase membership across the board for adults and youth.

### 4. What changes would you like to see in NYCHA?

**Ted Sokol answer:** I think NYCHA is doing a great job. A couple of additions I would like to see is more recognition given to our novice youth riders and more recognition given to our youth that ride their own horses.

Thank you, Mr. Ted, for allowing me to interview you!



Hey Mr. Jones, let's start with an introduction. My name is Ryleigh Flynn. I am the Area 16 Youth Director. I've been cutting for four years and a member of NYCHA.

Mr. Jones has been a member of NCHA for more than 25 years. Mr. Jones has served as President of the Panhandle Cutting

Horse Association for more than 10 years. Serving as president of the West Texas Cutting Horse Association, he has helped produce the Metallic Cat West Texas Futurity for 19 years. So Mr. Jones let's get to a few questions.

### 1. How do you plan to support NYCHA?

**Skip Jones answer:** Good Morning Ryleigh, I'd like to start by thanking you for doing this interview. To start off the NYCHA is very fortunate at this time with Youth Director Mike Simmons. Mike cares about the youth members and the programs. I plan to support Mike in any way possible to enhance his ability to support and grow the NYCHA. The most effective thing we can do is support the people who are working with our youth.

### 2. What advice would you give any trainer working with youth?

**Skip Jones answer:** That's a good question. I would advise them to be patient and have fun. We have competitive kids in our group who like to win as much as anybody else. The Key to working with our kids is to have fun.

### 3. What is your number one goal as Vice President Elect?

**Skip Jones answer:** My goal as an NCHA officer if I'm fortunate enough to be elected Vice President which is a three-year term then you become President of NCHA. My Goal is to help our Executive Director Jay Winborn and his capable staff to develop a stable environment for growth in NCHA. Nothing flourishes in a chaotic situation; all of our members need to work in the same direction and for NCHA. We have the staff in place to do that, our officers should support them and help them in any way possible.

### 4. What changes would you like to see in NYCHA?

**Skip Jones answer:** NYCHA is pretty solid. I will tell you in the last year there has been a pretty significant change transferring the scholarship over to the NYCHA Foundation. That allowed a lot of clean up and a lot of reconciliation to everyone's accounts. This process makes it very easy to check on the status of youth account. I would like to see the scholarship fund to grow for kids in the future without the possibility of running out.

Thank you, Mr. Jones, for allowing me to interview you!

**Skip Jones:** Anyone that has questions can email or call me I'm readily available to speak with anybody.