

OFFICERS' MESSAGES

INDIANA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Dear IQHYA members:

As we enter into 2008, I hope this finds all of you having a happy new year. I am honored to be your 2008 IQHYA President, and I feel privileged to have such outstanding officers, directors, members, advisors, and IQHA Board Members to work with throughout the upcoming year. Not to dwell on the past, but it's difficult not to look back, considering what successful years we had in 2006 and 2007. Honestly, I couldn't see a better team to face the future that lies ahead than our very own. *By working together, we can make a difference.*

We had 51 completed ballots received for the recent election of officers and directors. Wow! This amount of participation is remarkable, and it is terrific to see so many members involved. It is obvious by the number of ballots returned that this was another step toward leading us into the future by working together. Though the attendance was low due to families' schedules, the attendees accomplished a great deal, so please check out the IQHYA minutes from the November meeting at www.iqha.com.

Our association is looking forward to another unforgettable show this April. A new facility, "Fun and Games" Team Tournament, Egg and Spoon Calcutta, exhibitor parties, and a silent auction are all on the agenda for this year's show. How could anyone pass up the opportunity to make so many memories? Keep in mind that the Youth Show is a significant opportunity to get some of your hours in for the World/Congress teams. Each member can work a maximum of four of their six hours here, and IQHYA would greatly appreciate any help offered. If you are able to find any items for the silent auction, please let me know. *Teamwork is what will hold this show together!*

Whether you have been trail riding through the snow, earning those last points, preparing your horse for the spring, or just taking a break, I hope it's been an enjoyable time with your Quarter Horse. I encourage every member to attend the annual meeting in January held before the evening award's banquet. Check out the website regularly for more information on this upcoming meeting and all other IQHYA news! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

To each member, thank you for such a memorable year in 2007; let's have another one in 2008!

May you always find happiness,

Katie Warnock

Hi guys!

I'm Samantha Eckert your new IQHYA Reporter for 2008. I show a bay gelding named Lopin En Style. We show in youth all around events and there is nothing I love more than a busy horse show weekend. We are now under the guidance of Seth and Cassandra Marlatt. I am a senior at Roncalli Life Prep High School where I'm the Varsity Baseball Manager and a member of the Rebel Team Wranglers.

I was also a Junior Journalist for *The American Quarter Horse Journal* at the 2006 Ford Youth World Show. I am hoping that that experience will help me be the best IQHYA Reporter I can be. I will be at all Indiana Quarter Horse Shows to help promote our *Journal*.

As the Reporter I would love to ask help of other youth to put together the Indiana Scrapbook to be presented at the Ford Youth World Show of 2008. This includes current events, past events, the history of IQHA and loads of pictures. Please feel free to contact me through my cell phone, e-mail, or at a show!

I really hope I can bring something special to the *Indiana Quarter Horse Journal*. Wishing you good luck and good rides,

Samantha Eckert



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