



## Year End Awards- Best Sportsman & Most Improved

*Sportsmanship is defined as ethical, appropriate, polite and fair behavior while participating in a game or athletic event. When a basketball player plays by the rules, is fair to his opponent and is gracious when he loses, this is an example of **sportsmanship**.*

As we all know, competition in the American Ranch Horse Association is tough and can be even more so in our ever talented Youth Program. Over the year I have paid more attention to the Youth than ever before. During horse shows, after the horse shows, and while preparing I have seen some of the best sportsmanship come from our Youth! They are always there to help each other and pick each other up when they are down. You will see youth who are competing in the same class cheering for each other it is truly amazing.

Because we feel as though Sportsmanship is such a strong trait to have the ARHyA have decided to recognize the youth who exhibit the greatest amount of sportsmanship in each Charter. If you have personally witnessed or been part of an act of sportsmanship by a youth please send an email, write a letter, to the ARHA office describing the sportsmanship. You will need to include: Names, Date of Show, Show Name, and your name.

The Best Sportsmanship Charter Award will be presented at the 2016 Awards Banquet. For any questions please contact the office at [arhacontact@aol.com](mailto:arhacontact@aol.com) or 606-636-4112.

**Most Improved-** Many of us begin our show careers in the American Ranch Horse Association. We are lucky to have such a close group of competitors with many experienced trainers, coaches, and teachers to assist us along the way. It has amazed me watching exhibitors grow over a year. That being said, those who start at the beginning often aren't chasing high point titles and awards so I would like to recognize them for their efforts for starting at the beginning and making improvements over the year. If you have watched a youth in your region improve over the year and feel they should be recognized at the 2016 Year End Banquet please email or send a letter to the office with the Youths name, how they have improved, and your name to the office. For any questions please contact the office at [arhaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:arhaoffice@gmail.com) or 606-636-4112.

**Please have any nominations into the office by December 1, 2016.**