

USDF Region 5 April 2019 Update

Gosh what a winter it has been here in Colorado! I was lucky enough to see a few of you in California at the Adequan West Coast Dressage Festival and it was great seeing others down in Wellington, Florida when I went down for USEF meetings in March. It has been very snowy and wet in Colorado this winter and we will have green pastures this spring, but I have had very little turnout due to all the mud the last few months and my horses are a bit stir crazy at times. Lots of riding, hand walking and turnout in the indoor recently... That said, the show season is about to start in the northern part of our region and I would love it if the weather would cooperate for that as well!

I had the wonderful opportunity to travel south in March to Tucson, Arizona for the March Madness shows so my daughter had a chance to show a bit before the Colorado qualifier season starts and so that I could have an opportunity to show. The hospitality was excellent; the volunteers, management and officials were so friendly and it was a great chance to visit with other parts of our region and meet more USDF members.

Dressage is winding down a bit in the southern part of the US and gearing up in most of the rest of the country and there are plenty of clinics and educational events to choose from in Region 5. The Santa Fe Dressage group is hosting a great clinic in April with Bill Warren and Bill McMullin and the Pikes Peak Chapter of RMDS is hosting a clinic introducing the new tests with Janet Foy. Mark your calendars! If you are interested, there is more information on both on the Region 5 website. Please be sure to let me know if your barn, GMO, club, chapter or other groups are hosting events and we'll get them in our monthly USDF GMO newsletter that contains great links to all the Regions and on the Region 5 website. We want to let our members know about as many dressage opportunities as we can. Tucson Dressage has a great symposium scheduled with Laura Graves as well for September!

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15**. Our region will have 5 PM delegates for the 2019 USDF Convention in Savannah, Georgia December 4-7. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Eva Maria Adolphi at adolphi@burgoyne.com. Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

As of May 16th, our potential candidates for the 2019 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships July 30 – August 4 in Old Salem, New York will be finalized. As I write this, we have 4 riders who have declared (2 Juniors and 2 Young Riders). If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. Sadly, due to the distance and the older age of quite a few of our horses, travel is a strong consideration and if enough money can be raised to help fly the horses, it will make things a lot more feasible for our kids. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR DECLARATIONS!

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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