

June 2019 Region 5 Message

Summer is hopefully coming soon. Colorado has had crazy weather this spring and I'm ready for it to be warm. The snow and rain has made everything very beautiful, but please just let it be warmer...

It has been announced that the Regional Championships for 2020 will be back in Parker, Colorado. Sadly, we didn't receive any bids and the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society was able to put something together so that we would have a Regional Championship. I am looking forward to visiting a couple of facilities outside of Colorado this summer that have the potential for Regionals and hopefully we will have some various options to consider for 2021.

The 2019 USDF Convention will be December 4-7 in Savannah, Georgia! Coming visit Region 3! The host hotel is right on the harbor and is also a golf and spa resort, so you can enjoy some pampering and perhaps convince a spouse to join you. The history of the area is incredible and there are lots of wonderful places to visit and great restaurants to try.

We have 4 declared Juniors and 2 declared Young Riders for the 2019 NAYC in Old Salem, New York. I sadly have to say very few of those who are declared are planning to attend due to the cost and travel involved. It is a hard trip for those who have older horses and some of our folks also experienced some equine injuries before the qualifying season and weren't able to compete. Still, even if we can send 1 or 2 of our youth, it's the experience of a lifetime! 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. These young adults work very hard, as do their parents, trainers and friends and every little bit of support is greatly appreciated.

We currently have one large educational event on the horizon in our region. Please mark your calendars for September 28-29, 2019 and join the Tucson Dressage Club for their symposium with Laura Graves. For more information, please visit their website at tucsondressageclub.org.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're happy to get it out and about for you.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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