

## August 2009 Region 5 Message

Congratulations to our riders who qualified for the North American FEI Junior and Young Riders Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park this year. Our Region 5 Junior Team: Catherine Chamberlain and Verdicci, Jackson Freismuth and Dalwhinnie's Martijn, Morgan Heinrichs and Royal Mirage, with Deeda Randle as our Chef d'Equip. It really has been a team effort from the shows that hosted Qualifying classes, and a big "Thank You" to all the efforts of the riders, parents, silent auction contributors, and supporters throughout our region and especially, Susan Rudman, our FEI Jr/Yr Coordinator. Everyone who participates in this premier competition with its Olympic-like atmosphere is a winner.

Our 2009 regional championship show will be October 16-18 in Albuquerque, NM. The prize list and entry form will be on the USDF website [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

Utah Dressage Society will be conducting a USDF "L" program starting with session A, October 24-25 with Sandy Howard teaching biomechanics. If you are interested in participating contact Stephanie Brown-Beamer 435-513-0930 or [sbbeamer@earthlink.net](mailto:sbbeamer@earthlink.net)

Deadlines: Region 5 GMO volunteer of the year award is due to USDF by August 31. The Ruth Arvanette Grant for three members to go to the USDF convention (up to \$500 airfare expenses, plus free registration, and ½ hotel expense) is due to USDF by August 31. Also it is time to start thinking about GMO baskets for the convention, a great way to show off your GMO at the convention.

The next convention will be in Austin, TX, in 2010 it will be in Jacksonville, FL, and in 2011 in San Diego, CA.

Stay Cool and Happy Riding!

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