

February 2010 Region 5 Message

Ravel, USEF Horse of the Year, and Steffen Peters (for the second consecutive year) won the title of USEF Equestrian of the Year. What a great way to start 2010!

With the new competition year, as usual we have rule changes. Be sure to look them up on the USEF web site. This is also the first year that dressage has different levels of competitions. The rule change is DR 126.2, but the chart on the USEF web site shows the different levels and criteria. The good news is that level 3 and lower may offer "Opportunity Classes" that provide riders new to dressage to show without all the membership requirements.

<http://www.usef.org/documents/competitions/DressageLevelsChart.pdf>

USDF has several new executive board members and is providing orientation information for them, and the rest of us as well. As many of your organizations have had recent elections, now is a good time to review your policies and procedures and provide them to new board members.

FEI Jr and Yr qualifiers are underway, and we need to raise funds for our team. Please contact Susan Rudman, sewrunred@msn.com, if you are going to declare as a competitor or if you would like to help with fundraising for the team.

Our region, as well as the rest of the country, has had some crazy weather this year so far. We have Canadian visitors here in Arizona who truly appreciate our weather and dressage education, not to mention the shopping.

Happy Riding!
Theresa Hunt
Region 5 Director