

September 2010 Region 5 Message

Gold for Region 5 again! Congratulations to the Region 5/6 FEI Young Rider Team: Madeleine Birch and Starlight, Laura DeCasari and Cheenook II, Brandi Roenick and Nobel from our region; along with Jhesika Wells and Intrepid from Region 6. She was the only Young Rider from Region 6 so was added to our team. She also won the Individual Gold medal after contributing a high score for our Team Gold medal. Junior rider, Catherine Chamberlain and Verdicci won the Individual Silver Medal and then went to Gladstone to the Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival of Champions, to place second in the Junior Championships. In 2008 our teams won three Gold Medals at the NAYJR Championships. Thanks to our FEI Junior/Young Rider Coordinator, Susan Rudman and Chef d'Equipe Ellie Stine-Masek, as well as all of our supporters and competitions.

It is time to start planning to attend the USDF Convention December 1-5, 2010 in Jacksonville, FL. Information and the agenda are on the USDF website. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2010 BOG meeting at convention. All GMO's were asked to designate their delegates by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until 6:00 pm the night before the BOG meeting. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier.

The 2010 Adequan/USDF National Symposium will take place December 4-5, at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center in Jacksonville, FL. The theme for this year's symposium will be "Cross the Bridge from Training to Showing" and will focus on learning to ride the new tests with the featured presenters, Gary Rockwell and Lilo Fore. It will be a great opportunity to see the new dressage tests with great judges reviewing the rides. Hope to see at the convention and symposium.

Happy Riding!

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