

July 2011 Region 5 Message

Show season is in full swing in Colorado and other Region 5 areas finally after the EHV-1 outbreak cancelled several shows. It was a hard decision for a lot of show management to make regarding the cancellation of shows, but I know I appreciate their diligence with regards to the welfare of our horses and I hope that you do also! Hopefully the outbreak has settled for foreseeable future.

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
 - GMO Newsletter and Website Award nominations must be submitted by the GMO Presidents.
 - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
 - Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention November 30-December 2, 2011 in San Diego, California.

The end of the qualifying period is coming for the 2011 NAJYRC Championships as is the period for the USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses and Brentina Cup. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 sponsored events and plan to join us:

- USDF Region 5 Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams – October 22-23, 2011. Parker, Colorado.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – November 4-6, 2011. West World, Arizona.
- USDF Region 5 Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore – April 21-22, 2012. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – October 5-7, 2012. Salt Lake City, Utah.

Another reminder - The 2011 USDF Convention will be held November 30-December 2, 2011 in San Diego, California. Hotel rooms prices and convention registration prices will be the lowest they have been in years, so please consider attending for the education programs and to learn more about the governance of this great organization. The USDF Symposium will be December 3-4, 2011 also in San Diego and will feature our US National Coaches – Anne Gribbons, Debbie McDonald, Jeremy Steinberg and Scott Hassler. You won't want to miss this one – the young horse through the Grand Prix including the FEI Juniors and Young Riders.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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