

Gold and our Young Riders medal once again! Congratulations to the Region 5 Young Riders for winning Team Gold for the third year in a row! Members of the Young Rider team were Madeleine Birch and Uoeri, Victoria Fernald and Amazing, Brandi Roenick and Weltino's Magic, Devon Wycoff and Power Play. Brandi Roenick and Weltino's Magic also took the Individual Gold medal and the Freestyle Gold medal. All of our girls finished in the top 15 for the Young Rider individual test but unfortunately we could only send our top 3 through to the Freestyle, so Victoria was not able to do her Freestyle with Amazing, though she did a great job of supports and cheering on her fellow team mates during their Freestyle. Maddi and Devon finished 6th and 7th overall and a great job.

We had one Junior attend NAJYRC in Kentucky, Bethany Roof with her horse Welkin. Unfortunately Welkin ended up not being quite sound before the jog and he was found to have some issues with a front foot that thankfully the great farriers and vets at NAJYRC were able to help her with. Bethany didn't get to ride but she was a great asset and wonderful person to have on the Region 5 team. GOOD JOB LADIES! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Joan Clay, who also was Chef d'Equipe for one of our teams and many thanks to the parents and trainers who helped our girls have wonderful experience. Another special thanks goes to Sadie Lahey from Region 6, who came as a groom for Region 5 when her horse was suffered an injury and was unable to come. This was a truly wonderful year for Region 5 at NAJYRC – I'm so proud of all of the girls and their support staff for the positive outlooks on life during the show and their camaraderie. I can't wait to experience this great opportunity again with our teams in 2013.

The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium. We are in New Orleans this year December 5th – 8th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/. All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors meeting 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 the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. 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 2012 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships open August 20th and close September 10th. Join us in Heber, Utah!

Till next month!
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