

USDF hosted another great educational venture in Florida in January – the Succeed/USDF FEI Trainers' Conference with Steffen Peters and Scott Hassler. It had a wonderful turnout and the reviews were incredible once again. USDF also helped to sponsor the 2014 Global Dressage Forum North American in February, also in Florida. USEF Network has also been broadcasting some great dressage from some of the CDIs in Florida this winter and having attended several of those CDIs myself, I must say, there is so much to learn from just watching these classes. It's been a very busy educational winter in the Southeast with the many forums offered by various groups and organizations and I know a few folks have been able to attend some of the sessions. The energy during the Florida season is amazing and the opportunities to learn are incredible with many riders and trainers from Europe present in addition to our top trainers in the US. There are some additional educational opportunities being offered this year and next year out on the West coast in California and Nevada in 2015 with the World Cup in Vegas. Start saving now and plan on a Florida and West Coast trip in those winter months of 2015.



Global Dressage Festival, evening of the CDIW*** Freestyles

Fundraising efforts are once under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 2014 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. The Championships will be held July 15-20, 2014 at the Kentucky Horse Park. It is a very large undertaking to take our group of 8 riders to Kentucky with their horses, grooms and Chef d'Equipes and they need all the support we can give them. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877 or our Fundraising Chair, Julie Barringer-Richers at jabr57@gmail.com or 720-341-5033. If you are still interested in participating in the FEI Junior and Young Rider program for 2014, the last intention deadline is April 30th but the less expensive deadline is April 1st, so be sure to get in your intentions soon.

If you are interested in being a delegate to the Board of Governors meeting, there is still time to contact our Nominating Council representative and have your name added to the ballot for Participating Delegate. Please contact Scarlett Fahrenson at stgeorg@dakotacom.net and let her know your interest and she can provide you

with more details on the potential responsibilities. PM Delegate nominations are due in to the USDF office no later than April 15th.

The USDF publication on horse show management, Show Biz, has been updated very recently and now includes sections on Dressage Sport Horse Breeding competitions and Para Equestrian classes. It will be available for purchase through the USDF store in the Spring.

Till next month!
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