

Another great competition year has passed for USDF and we have wrapped up the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships in Parker, Colorado. I was honored to be part of the management team for the event again this year and had a great time working with my staff and the wonderful volunteers of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society and other volunteers from all over the Region who pitched in to help at the show. The weather was once again almost perfect and we had a lot of wonderful competitors' events! There were dinners each night starting Wednesday and a nice Sunday morning brunch too! We had competitors from all the states in our Region and also some Kansas. Thanks to everyone for joining us for a fantastic show.

The 2015 Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships will be October 9-11, 2015 at Westworld in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Arizona Dressage Association will be our host and we're looking forward to another great year. We're hoping for some nice bids for the 2016 championships. I'd love to hear from any interested parties as soon as possible so I can get you a list of the information we're going to need for those bids. All Regional Championships must now be held by October 20th since the winners of the Adult Amateur and Open divisions will continue to feed into the Nationals Championships, which will be rotating to a new venue for 2016. The National Championships are growing and it's great to see so many folks from the Region 5 Championships planning to attend the Nationals.

The USDF convention is just around the corner and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium if you haven't done so already!. We are embracing the Northeast in Cambridge, Massachusetts this year December 3rd-5th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/. If you're coming to the awards dinner, let me know and we'll save room for you at our Region 5 tables!

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2014 are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Joan Clay, Scarlett Fahrenson, Beth Geier and Sarah Martin. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. Please feel free to contact them regarding your viewpoints. There will be lots of great informational sessions presented and some great veterinary sessions too.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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