

Fundraising efforts are once under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 2015 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. The Championships will be held July 14-29, 2015 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 2015, the last intention deadline is April 30th but the less expensive deadline is April 1st, so be sure to get in your intentions soon.

Regional Championship bids for 2016 have been received and we should know soon where the competition will be held. Hope everyone is planning on attending the Regionals in 2015 in Scottsdale, Arizona at WestWorld. It should be a great show hosted by the Arizona Dressage Association! On a similar note, USDF is currently working through the bids received for the 2016-2018 USDF National Championships and we hope to know soon where that competition will be. It will be hopefully moving more west and should offer our region a venue that's a bit closer than Kentucky.

If you are interested in being a delegate to the Board of Governors meeting, please 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 FEI World Cup comes back to the United States April 17-19, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada. I'm going and I hope to see many of you there! It will be a fantastic opportunity to see some of the best dressage and jumping horses in the world. The World Cup will also return in 2017 to Omaha, Nebraska. This will be a new venue and I'm excited to work there this coming April as an FEI steward when they do the first test event for dressage. It's great to see International dressage coming to the state where the United States Dressage Federation was founded.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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