

November 2015

Another great competition year has passed for USDF and we have wrapped up the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships in Scottsdale, Arizona. I'm very sorry I wasn't able to attend this year due to family commitments but the classes looked quite large and there was great representation from all over our region. Many many thanks to the great show management team and the wonderful volunteers of the Arizona Dressage Association and other volunteers from all over the Region who pitched in to help at the show. Thanks to everyone for joining in for a fantastic show.

The 2016 Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships will be September 15-18, 2016 at the Stanley Park Fairgrounds in Estes Park, Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society will be our host and we're looking forward to another great year. We're hoping for some new and diverse bids for the 2017 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 still must be held by mid-October since the winners of the Adult Amateur and Open divisions will continue to feed into the Nationals Championships. We will know hopefully by the USDF Convention if we will be seeing the National Championships rotate to a new venue for 2017. The National Championships keep 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! It's Vegas Baby! December 2nd-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!

A reminder that your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2015 are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Joan Clay, Rusty Cook, Scarlett Fahrenson and Susan Leutwyler. Please contact them or myself if you have any concerns regarding items listed on the BOG agenda or anything you would like to have brought forward at the 2 Regional meetings during the convention.

Till next month!
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