

Congratulations to all of our Young Riders and Juniors who competed at NAJYRC in Kentucky this year! Everyone did very well and we are so proud of you.

Young Riders:

Lauren Asher & Lysias
Victoria Fernald & Ahmaroo

Juniors:

Lexy Donaldson & Power Play
Dallas McCullough & Bailar
Megan McCracken & Amazing
Molly O'Brien & Vermeer

GOOD JOB LADIES! Jackson Gillespie, who also qualified to ride on the Juniors team, joined us as groom extraordinaire and we were happy to have him along. Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Joan Clay, who also was Chef d'Equipe for one of our teams. We could not have done it without you. It was an honor to Chef myself this year and many thanks to the girls, their parents, trainers and grooms for all their hard work and wonderful attitudes the entire week. The miniature golf team dinner with the USEF Youth Coaches was a great highlight and I think many will never forget the "Miracles" course.

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 Las Vegas this year December 3rd-6th. 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 2015 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

If you are not into the Vegas scene, remember, it's a great area for many other adventures. There is wonderful hiking in Red Rocks (a wild burro herd there also!), great restaurants that are off the strip, and other neat areas to explore. We will be participating in miniature golfing and roller coasters this year!

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships open August 21st and close September 21st. Join us in Scottsdale! The prize list is available at <http://azdressage.org/octoberfest/>.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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