

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

Young Rider:

Lexy Donaldson & Power Play

Juniors:

Jackson Gillespie & Westpoint

Gaylen Davis & Mojito RH

Katherine Scotford & Dean Martin

Paige Smith & Welkin

GOOD JOB EVERYONE! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Joan Clay, who also was Chef d'Equipe for our teams. We could not have done it without you. Joan also received the Patsy Albers Award – awarded to the dressage chef d'equipe who best demonstrates the same level of dedication, enthusiasm, and team spirit shown by Patsy throughout the years. The award is open to all of the dressage chefs d'equipe, and any competitor or chef d'equipe can nominate a candidate by submitting a written explanation as to why that chef deserves to win the Albers Award.

The kids faced a lot of adversity this year and were amazing! Many thanks to the team members, their parents, trainers and grooms for all their hard work and wonderful attitudes the entire week. The 2nd annual miniature golf team dinner with the USEF Youth Coaches was a great highlight again this year and helped with team bonding and making our Region as a whole feel a little closer to each other.

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 St. Louis this year November 30th - December 3rd. 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 2016 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships is coming up September 15-18 in Estes Park, Colorado. Entries have already closed, but we hope to see everyone there to cheer each other on! We will be having a brief Regional meeting on Saturday, September 17th.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director