

USDF Region 5 April 2018 Update

Hope everyone had a great winter! I was lucky enough to see a few of you in California at the Adequan West Coast Dressage Festival and it was great seeing others down in Wellington, Florida when I went down for the month of March. It has been dry in Colorado again this winter and I wish we would have more moisture, but that said, the show season is about to start and I would love it if the weather would cooperate for that as well!

Dressage is winding down a bit in the southern part of the US and gearing up in most of the rest of the country and there are plenty of clinics and educational events to choose from in Region 5. The Colorado Horse Park and Rocky Mountain Dressage Society are hosting a wonderful education symposium May 17-20 with Scott Hassler, Lilo Fore, Janet Foy, Lisa Wilcox, Alison Brock and Judy Reynolds. Mark your calendars! RMDS is also hosting an instructors' continuing education with Lilo Fore on May 15-16. This is a working closed session for instructors only to work on teaching and training techniques and is always well received. If you are interested, please contact Beth at rmds@rmds.org. RMDS is also hosting an Adult Amateur clinic April 21-22 with USDF certified instructor and instructor examiner William McMullin. Please be sure to let me know if your barn, GMO, club, chapter or other groups are hosting events and we'll get them in our monthly USDF GMO newsletter that contains great links to all the Regions and on the Region 5 website. We want to let our members know about as many dressage opportunities as we can. Many many thanks to Dorie Vlatten-Schmitz for hosting the USDF Instructors Workshops this winter at her Central Arizona Riding Academy. They were very well received and attended.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15**. Our region will have 5 PM delegates for the 2018 USDF Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah November 28-December 1. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Eva Maria Adolphi at adolphi@burgoyne.com. Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

As of May 16th, our potential candidates for the 2018 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships August 1-5 in Old Salem, New York will be finalized. As I write this, we have 4 riders who have declared (3 Juniors and 1 Young Rider), but I believe from talking to folks that we should hopefully have enough riders who will declare to field two full teams, though maybe only an abbreviated Young Rider team. 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 Kathy Gillespie, our fundraising coordinator, at kjpgillespie@msn.com or 303-921-5253. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR DECLARATIONS!

Till next month!
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