

I know a lot of us in Colorado are happy we have had some smaller snow falls and we would sure appreciate more moisture soon (at least at this point in mid-February!), but at least the weather is warm and we are getting lots of riding in!

Fundraising efforts are once under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 201 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. The Championships will be held August 1-5, 2018 at Old Salem Farm, North Salem, New York. It is going to require a tremendous amount of funding to send our teams as most likely we will have to fly the horses in order to avoid 3 days of driving on either side of the competition. If we drive them, this will very much mean we will have to arrive to the competition quite early in order to give them enough rest before they show. We hope we will be able to send a 8 riders with their horses, grooms and Chef d'Equipes. In addition to the transportation to the show, there are the expenses of hotel, team uniforms, chef expenses, feed, bedding and oh so much more that they need help with. 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](mailto:jnclay@comcast.net) or 970-420-0877 or our Fundraising Chair, Kathy Gillespie at [kjpagillespie@msn.com](mailto:kjpagillespie@msn.com) or 303-921-5253. If you are still interested in participating in the FEI Junior and Young Rider program for 201, the last intention deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> but the less expensive deadline is May 2nd, so be sure to get in your intentions soon.

Regional Championship bids for 2019 have been received and we should know soon where the competition will be held, though only one bid was received for Region 5. USDF will announce the locations of the 2019 Regionals in May. I hope everyone is planning on attending the Regionals in 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona at WestWorld. It's a beautiful venue with lots of fun things to do. It should be a great show hosted by the Arizona Dressage Association!

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 Eva Maria Adolphi at [adolphi@redrock.net](mailto:adolphi@redrock.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 15<sup>th</sup>.

Till next month!  
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