

What a winter our Region has had so far (and truthfully quite a bit of our country!). I hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying as much horse time as you can around some of these odd weather systems. The show season has gearing up a bit down in Arizona and the northern parts will hopefully see some shows starting in May. It will be nice to have a bit more of normal year, though we will still see Covid protocols in place for our USDF/USEF recognized competitions and events.

Fundraising efforts are once again under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 2021 FEI North American Youth Championships. The Championships will be held August 9-15, 2021 at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival in Travers City, Michigan. It is going to require a tremendous amount of funding to send our teams though thankfully the distance will enable us to drive the horses. We hope we will be able to send 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 or 970-420-0877. If you are interested in competing in NAYC, the application and fee should be turned in to the USDF office by March 16, 2021 in order to avoid stiffer fees. If you apply by March 16th, the fee is only \$50. Applications submitted between March 17th and April 27th are \$100 and the final application deadline is May 11th, but it will cost you \$300 to apply between April 28th and May 11th. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 11th.

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 Dorothy Kapaun at dorothykapaun@yahoo.com 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 15th.

If you have any educational event you would like listed on the Region 5 website, please don't hesitate to let me know and we will get it posted!

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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