

Well, it's been another interesting year. Thankfully, horse shows, for the most part, have gone well and had great attendance. Clinics and educational opportunities have returned and we are all enjoying spending time with our horses. Covid still has a very strong presence in our lives sadly.

The USDF convention and the awards presentations are just around the corner and it's time to set some time aside in your busy schedules and join us on Zoom for some good information and unique socialization. The convention schedule has been posted online at www.usdf.org so that you can start to plan out the meetings and educational sessions you would like to attend. We had really hoped to be back in person for Convention this year, but things just didn't work out that way. 2022 will be the year and we'll be in Lexington, Kentucky!

We are hosting a Region 5 meeting prior to the USDF Convention on November 18th at 6pm. Here is the call information:

Time: Nov 18, 2021 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83882353284?pwd=RHkvZDFxeGYzcDZFUmUmtmS25MUUVlkdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 8235 3284

Passcode: 280120

All members of Region 5 are welcome to join us. This will be a bit more of a working meeting as our meeting during the USDF Convention will have some time set aside for USDF President Candidates to speak and other USDF business.

A reminder that your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2021 are Joan Clay, Cecilia Cox, Sarah Lindsten, and Sarah Martin. Please contact them or myself if you have any concerns regarding items listed on the BOG agenda or anything you would like to have brought forward at the Regional meeting during the convention. There are some very important things that will be covered, so please let your delegates know how you feel.

We're hoping for some new and diverse bids for the 2023 championships. I'd love to hear from any interested parties as soon as possible so I can get you a list of the information we're going to need for those bids. All Regional Championships still must be held by mid-October since the winners of all divisions will continue to feed into the Nationals Championships. That's right folks! The Junior/Young Riders will also now be competing at the US Dressage Finals as of this year, currently held each November in Lexington, Kentucky.

There were a few educational opportunities in our Region this year and we were able to host the USDF Jr/YR Clinic in October in Colorado. We had 8 lovely riders who participated in the clinic and traveled from all over Colorado and Utah to be there. More great things are being planned by our GMOs throughout the winter and into next year so please be sure to check them out and support your local groups with your attendance as participants and auditors so these educational opportunities can continue!

Till next month!
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