

October Region 5 Update

I hope everyone has a successful Regional Championship competition if you've attended one of the nine Regional Championships this year! I was so excited to have attended 3 different Regional Championships this year, including our own Region 5 Championships, but unfortunately Covid caught up with me and kept me home from Santa Fe this year. Still, it's always fantastic to watch the success of our competitors and the dedication to our sport.

The USDF convention is just around the corner and we are finally back in person! Join us in Lexington, Kentucky, the home of USDF, the US Dressage Finals, the United States Equestrian Federation and many amazing thoroughbred farms. Be sure to check the convention schedule and attend the Region 5 meetings, along with the Board of Governors and learn more about how your USDF works. The information and schedule will be posted at www.usdf.org/Convention/. Our first regional meeting will be virtual and will be held in November. We'll touch on a few points we covered at our July regional meeting and talk a bit about the convention agenda as well.

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2022 are Joan Clay, Cecilia Cox and Sally O'Dwyer. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. If you have an opinion on any things of import, please reach out to the delegates and let them know your thoughts. – their contact information can be found at <https://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/delegates.asp>.

We will have the USDF Region 5 Jr/YR clinic with George Williams at Nighthawk Equestrian Center in Longmont, Colorado on October 15-16, 2022. Spectators will be allowed this year and we hope that you'll join us. Thank you very much to Karen Whitman, Eleanor Harrison, Kim Luther and Gedeon LaFarge for the donation of your lovely facility for this clinic. Congratulations to the folks who were selected to ride – Audrey Allen, Bailey Armbricht, Emilia Deyarmond, Ryler Horansky, Megan Kelleghan, Elizabeth Petersen, Sophia Still, and Olivia Williams. The alternates named for the clinic are Isabelle Veed and Emma Glass.

We will be holding a meeting for those interested in representing Region 5 at the 2023 North American Youth Championships in Traverse City, Michigan. Fundraising efforts are a key part of the process and folks want to get started a bit earlier this year. If you are thinking of joining in the qualifying process, please plan to attend the meeting. The meeting will be November 1st at 7pm (MDT). Contact Joan Clay (jnclay@comcast.net) or myself (slush@drwg.net) for the Zoom call information!

There are many fun things on tap for education with our GMOs in the near future, so please be sure to check your local calendars and participate in these great opportunities! One of the upcoming events is a clinic with Amelia Newcomb October 22-23 at the beautiful American Ranch in Prescott, Arizona. The Northern Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Dressage Association will be hosting this clinic. For more information, please contact Sherry Tekamp at dtekamp@gmail.com.

Till next month!
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