

Region 8 News

Happy New Year!

The USDF Convention was a great success in St. Louis. As usual I never saw the outside from the moment I arrived until I left for the airport! It is great to see fellow dressage people and network with other regions. Educational sessions were awesome!

As for the business end of the convention, our Region 8 meetings were so busy that we barely finished business. Many discussions were about the Participating membership dues increase which was part of the budget that the Board of Governors had to approve. Several extra meetings were held to explain the reasons behind it, and Steve Schubert, USDF Treasurer, attended each regional meeting to discuss questions and/or issues being raised with the increase. When all was said and done, the budget was approved with the dues increase. Please note that the Group Member Organization dues were not increased or even part of the discussion.

A major part of the new budget was the approval of the new Adult Clinic formats. There are three different formats and you can find them on the USDF website under Adult Education. Each region will be given \$3000/yr to hold these clinics. They must be held by a GMO and the most the GMO can receive is \$1000. So that means we can hold three per year and I want to see Region 8 do this. So get going on your planning as I will sound like a broken record every month!!!

There were some changes in our committees. Diane Holston will be on the Awards Committee, Jennifer Dillon will be on the FEI Jr/YR Committee and regional coordinator for NAJYRC, and Jane Karol will be the Chef d'Equipe for Region 8 teams at NAJYRC.

Other major news is that the NAJYRC will be held at HITS in Saugerties, NY on July 19-23, 2017. I believe this is the first time being held in our Region!!!YEAH! So Jane and Jen have extra planning to do for this year.

There is some important information regarding qualifying this year for Regional Championships. You are allowed to ride more than one qualifying class per day at a show. So you can ride Training test 3 class as Qualifier and Training test of choice class as Qualifier if you ride Training Test 3 in that class. HOWEVER...there is always a however or a but...only one qualifying score will count. What it is doing is giving riders more chances to qualify on the same day and if both classes are qualifying scores, only one counts. The rule still applies where it is one qualifier per show and that you must get two scores from two different shows to qualify. Hope this is clear.

Our region does wish to continue to give saddle pads and hats to the riders who go to the finals. However, we need sponsors for them. The cost per year is about \$1800. So if you know anyone or any group or company that would like to help, please contact me, debra@centerlineevents.com.

Speaking of the Spring meeting....April 9 at Publick House in Sturbridge, MA at noon. At all the regional meetings I tried to make it clear that I am not going to be making the decisions of where activities are held or what activities are held or even what our Region does. This is YOUR region and it is your decision. At these meetings, we will vote on issues. Delegates, both PM and GM, will carry the number of votes they carried at the convention. So it will be important for delegates to come for sure but even if you are not a delegate, it will be a huge education to learn what the region is doing. You will have a huge opportunity to voice your opinion and to participate and get involved. I urge everyone to come.

Give hugs and kisses to our equine partners...and STAY WARM!

See you on the Centerline...

Debra Reinhardt

USDF Region 8 Director

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Greetings and I hope everyone is having a nice winter. Let's hope the ground hog tells us spring is just around the corner.

Jen Dillon is our FEI Jr/YR Regional Coordinator for the NAJYRC and she is in full steam ahead mode. Jen is presently looking for a place and time to hold the Jr/YR Clinic and would welcome any ideas. As for you, Juniors and Young Riders, don't forget to declare if you are going to compete for a place on the team. If you have any questions, please contact Jen, Jen@dilloneq.com. Once you declare she will be contacting you for sure!

Some great news for Region 8! The NAJYRC will be held at HITS in Saugerties, NY. I believe this is the first time ever or at least in a very long time it has been held in our region. We will need help, volunteers, etc but most of all support for these riders. So put the dates on your calendar, July 18-23, 2017.

At one of the CDIs here a few weeks ago, I was the show secretary. It certainly was not a huge show but the number of non-members who were doing their renewals online at the show was huge. So here is YOUR reminder to get your memberships done, your Coggins done, download the entry forms and fill out all but the class info. Think about your goals for your riding and discuss them with your trainer, and basically relax as it is only a few weeks before the first shows and clinics are here.

REMEMBER another date....April 9th will be our spring meeting at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. I know the agenda will have sub-committee reports on fund raising, discussion on possible off year adult clinic for the region, and more. This is YOUR region and you will have a huge opportunity to voice your opinion and to participate and get involved. I urge everyone to come.

That is all for now. Stay Warm...give hugs and kisses to our equine friends!

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