

Gold and Silver – we medal once again! Congratulations to the Region 5 Young Riders for winning Team Gold and to the Region 5 Juniors for winning Team Silver. Members of the Young Rider team were Madeleine Birch and Uoeri, Catherine Chamberlain and Verdicci, Aylin Corapcioglu and Ruhmann, Brandi Roenick and Pretty Lady. Members of the Junior team were Taylor Hershaft and Westfalica, Taylor Lindsten and Raoul, Brook Santangelo and Daylight, Devon Wycoff and Power Play. Brandi Roenick and Pretty Lady also took the Individual Silver medal and several of our girls finished in the top 10 individual and freestyle results. GOOD JOB LADIES! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Kathleen Donnelly, who also was Chef d'Equipe for one of our teams and many thanks to Susan Rudman who was Chef d'Equipe for the other team. We could not have done it without you.

The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium. We are in lovely San Diego this year November 30th-December 4th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/. All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors meeting by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2011 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

We have received two nominations for the USDF Region 5 Life Time Achievement award and we will award both nominees for 2011. We'll announce these recipients at the convention and present their awards to them there if they are attending. Please plan to attend the Region Meetings; we'd love to have your input.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships open September 1st and close October 3rd. Join us in Scottsdale!

Till next month!
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