

February 2011 Region 5 Message

I hope you are all surviving this winter. It's been very cold here the last few days, allowing or forcing me (depending on your point of view) to sit in front of the computer a little bit more and work on the upcoming show season when I would much prefer to be sitting on my horse. The warm weather will be here soon in Colorado but meanwhile I will remain a little jealous of you folks further south.

We have had a couple of shifts in volunteers for our regional positions this year. First, let me once again thank Theresa Hunt for her many wonderful years of service to our region as the Regional Director. I also need to thank Susan Rudman, our departing FEI Jr/YR coordinator. She has worked tirelessly with our Juniors and Young Riders and helped them be very successful in travelling to NAJYRC and having positive, rewarding experiences. We will miss her at the helm, but she will not be leaving us completely! Susan will continue on as the Chef of the NAJYRC teams this year. We must say thank you to Diane Stanley who has led the nominating process in our region but is handing the reins over. She will be staying very active as the head of the Technical Delegate council.

Big warm welcomes, therefore, go out to a couple of new folks. Kathleen Donnelly will be stepping into Susan's very large shoes as our new FEI Jr/YR coordinator. As a former NAJYRC participant herself, Kathleen will bring a great perspective to the position. Kathleen's contact information is kathleendonnelly20@hotmail.com or 970-310-8729. Please feel free to contact her if you have questions or input. Remember, declarations are due March 1st without penalty. Kay Lorenzen will be our new regional Nominating Committee representative. Kay will be contacting many of you shortly to see if you would like to be participating delegates for the upcoming USDF convention. This year's convention will be in San Diego and if you commit to being a delegate, we really hope you'll be there! You can contact Kay at 602-789-7782 or kaylorenzen@cox.net.

There will be some other shifts in our regional representations on various councils and we will work to keep everyone up to date on those changes. Please be sure to check the USDF Region 5 website regularly: www.usdfregion5.org.

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for an important date in the future. The USDF Region 5 Championships will be November 4-6, 2011 in Arizona and we hope to see many of you there!

I really look forward to working for and with all of you.

Heather Petersen
Region 5 Director