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## President's Message

A HUGE **THANK YOU!!** to all our members that have volunteered to make our shows successful! It is truly appreciated by all that either competed or put on the show.

I am sure some of you have noticed that the RMDS Championships have been removed from the calendar. Unfortunately, The Polo Club is unable to guarantee the improvement necessary to fulfill a Level 3 show. The RMDS Board and I have exhausted every venue we have been able to think of. This situation has devastated the Board. There is a small hope that the Colorado Horse Park closes within the next week and we can still pull off Championships in mid-October. This is a small hope, one that we are not putting much stock in. We have already started looking for a venue for next year. We may be needing to head to Douglas or Grand Junction. In 2025 we will also be able to put in a bid for the National Western Stockshow venue.

I am very sorry for this news.

Dorothy Kapaun  
RMDS President

## USDF Region 5 Director's Message

Summer is here and shows are thankfully rolling along again this year, though Covid is still ever-present in our worlds. Colorado still has a lot of shows that are filling either on opening day or within a few days of opening day. The demand for shows hasn't decreased this year and that's good news as we head into some tougher times with higher prices for diesel and many other staples such as shavings and hay. We will likely see a downturn soon in show attendance, but hopefully, our educational activities will continue to flourish.

We are very excited to announce that the Great American / USDF Region 5 Championships will be returning to Arizona for 2023! I'm very excited to have

them back in the rotation for the Regional Championships and cannot thank Arizona Dressage Association enough for their hard work in this endeavor. The 2023 dates will be September 29 – October 1 at West World in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The 2022 USDF Convention will be November 30 - December 3 in Lexington, Kentucky! The host hotel is right downtown and there will be plenty to do and explore outside of meetings and educational programs. We will be heading to Omaha, Nebraska for 2023 and don't forget to make plans for the World Cup the first weekend of April, 2023, also in Omaha!

We have 4 Juniors and 2 Young Riders on our nominated entry for the 2022 NAYC in Traverse City, Michigan. We're very excited to have a great group of kids going to represent Region 5. It's an expensive venture and they could use your help. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at [jnclay@comcast.net](mailto:jnclay@comcast.net) or 970-420-0877. These young adults work very hard, as do their parents, trainers and friends and every little bit of support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to our riders (in alphabetical order) who are heading to NAYC: Audrey Allen, Mckenzie Miller, Katherine Nayak, Elizabeth Petersen, Kali Riddell, and Olivia Williams.

The qualifying period for the 2022 USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses, Children, Ponies, Young Riders, Juniors and U25 Grand Prix will close at the end of July. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors for those championships as well.

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
  - GMOs can submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
  - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
  - One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2022 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Houston, Texas. The grant includes full convention

registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses.

Applications due by **August 31**

- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention.

One program I'd like to spotlight this month is the USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program. This is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of our members that isn't very well known! The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s). Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log below and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer.

A couple of cool educational events coming up:

- The USDF Region 5 FEI Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams will be October 15-16, 2022 at Nighthawk Equestrian Center in Longmont, Colorado. For more information, please see [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).
- Arizona Dressage will be hosting an education clinic with Bill Warren October 15-16, 2022 at West World in Scottsdale, Arizona. More information is available at <https://azdressage.org>.
- The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society has an L program in the works that will be starting this winter and more information will be available soon.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're happy to get it out and about for you.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Summer USDF Region 5 Meeting!

We will be meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86036097869?  
pwd=eDZpOEE2Qnl2a3graFdpcGtpZlo2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86036097869?pwd=eDZpOEE2Qnl2a3graFdpcGtpZlo2Zz09)

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

## Robert Dover Symposium Coverage



[Click here for a recap and fabulous tips from the master.](#)

By Natalie Fee Mendik

<https://yourdressage.org/2022/06/22/praise-and-diligent-work-go-hand-in-hand/>

## North American Championships: What Does it Take to Go?

by Elizabeth Peterson



Every rider has goals that they are striving for, whether they are receiving a 60%, riding the Grand Prix, or even just going down centerline for the first time. These may be goals for some youth riders, but many have their minds set on competing in the North American Youth Championships (NAYC). Competitors come from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and potentially several other countries, and compete in show jumping, dressage, or eventing. In the dressage portion, competitors will be showing in front of a panel of impressive international judges.

This year's NAYC will be occurring August 9-14 in Traverse City, Michigan and we have seven riders competing for Region 5! There are four talented riders who are riding on the Region 5 Junior team: Audrey Allen from CO, Katie Nayak from AZ, Kali Riddell from AZ, and McKenzie Miller from AZ. Along with the Juniors, two impressive riders are on the Region 5 Young Riders team: Olivia Williams from CO and Elizabeth Petersen from CO. It is a huge honor that they have all qualified for the USDF Region 5 team. Hours upon hours of preparation and qualifying have been put in by each of these individuals in order for them to find success in making the team.

Through a competition such as NAYC, youth riders develop a clear understanding of what it means to work as a team and how to be a true sportsman. Lifelong connections are made between fellow teammates, competitors from other regions and countries, along with riders from other disciplines.

#### EXPENSES:

- \$934 for entry/stabling per horse
- Approximately \$150 per person for team clothing
- \$380 for the team golf cart
- Diesel is ~\$6.00 per gallon currently
- Hotel rooms in Traverse City, Michigan are currently going for \$300+

With this wonderful opportunity comes many expenses, such as transportation for both the horses and riders, stabling, food, etc.

The team could not attend this competition without the help of generous sponsors and donors like YOU. Fiscal donations and/or product donations will both be appreciated greatly. These donations are also tax-deductible. **Checks can be made payable to: USDF Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider; Attention: Heather Petersen; and mailed to: 22750 County Road 37, Elbert, CO 80106. There is also a direct link to USDF that can be used for credit card donations: <https://www.usdf.org/online-services/applications/region-cc-processing.asp?region=5>**

## Here are more of our amazing young riders. Please support them!



# It's a wrap! The 2022 RMDS JR/YR Summer Intensive is in the books.

We had a wide range of youth dressage riders in attendance with skill levels ranging from just learning about dressage to eventers honing their dressage skills to regular dressage competitors up to 3rd Level. It was great to see so many young riders embracing their love of dressage and coming together to learn and build bonds! We could not have asked for a nicer group of young people.

Here are just a few of the things they were able to experience throughout the Summer Intensive:

- Learning about the USDF developmental programs for youth (thank you for the wonderful information and your dedication to our Junior/Young Riders, Joan Clay!).
- Getting inspired by a demonstration ride and Q&A by Region 5's 2021 NAYC Junior Rider and 2022 NAYC Young Rider, Elizabeth Petersen (thank you Elizabeth and Heather for making the time in your busy schedules!).
- Lessons with Sara Storch-Kay during which many riders focused on strengthening their dressage foundations and building a better connection with their horses (thank you Sara for a perfect kick-off to our lessons!).
- Learning about musical freestyles and pas-de-deux dancing with their horses through lessons with Shannon Warner and a super-fun Grand Prix musical freestyle demo (thank you Shannon for your flexibility and support!).
- Lessons with Annie Morris — the kids were ready and asking to be challenged by the last day (thank you Annie for sharing your expertise and experiences!).
- Talks by young riders about their out-of-state dressage experiences (Lamplight, Dressage Seat Equitation Finals, Dressage 4 Kids)
- "Camping" in the barn with the horses.
- Games every night in the indoor.
- S'mores around the fire pit.
- Lots of laughs.
- Making new friends!

A special thanks goes to Tomora Training Center in Greeley for being such gracious and generous hosts, letting us take over their indoor for three days, and providing the most amazing "Camp Dad" who helped ensure everything went smoothly. And thank you to Jewlee Bellah and Simone Hersh for

dedicating your time to making sure the Summer Intensive was a success. We hope to see you all next year! In the meantime, stay tuned for other Youth Dressage events...

Photos below feature a few of the riders that participated in the Summer Intensive.



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