

Region 8 News

Spring is here...YEAH! I think many of us did not ever think it would happen! Many Horse Shows are in full swing. Mystic Valley Hunt Club had their first show at the end of April and then we jump into the many May shows....Good luck to you all!!

On April 18th, the USDF Executive board met in Lexington, KY for their spring meeting. There were many, many items discussed but I will only hit these two highlights. I am pleased to say that the NEDA Fall Festival will host the 2019 Regional Championships again. The Competition Management committee will hold an educational seminar at the 2018 Adequan/USDF Convention in Salt Lake. It will be how to take advantage of social media. What a great topic and as social media is taking over, it is very timely.

We held our spring Region 8 meeting on April 22nd. It was a nice large group with several on the phone! Here are some of the items discussed.

At the meeting, I wanted everyone to know that NAJYRC has been changed to NAYC, North American Youth Championships. The basic reason is the Jumpers brought in their children's division last year and it does open the door for dressage to follow. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Jen Dillon, our Regional Coordinator for NAYC, has been very busy contacting the declared riders and starting the initial planting of the seed for fund raising. Sadly Jane Karol could not be our Chef d' Equipe this year because the NAYC dates conflict with her show at Bear Spot. Since the meeting, I am very proud to announce that Liz Caron and Meagan Davis have agreed to co-chef. They will make a great team and I am VERY excited!!!

Linda Mendenhall reported that we do have a full slate for PM Delegates, ie 12 nominations for 11 spots. Many regions do not have their full allotment. She will have about a month off and then she starts with securing GMO delegates. GMOs all get votes at the USDF Board of Governors and this is something we as membership should be very proud of. However, in the past, GMOs have been very relaxed about doing anything with their votes. If the GMO is not sending anyone to represent them, then they need to proxy the votes over to Linda. Linda then works hard to find someone who is going to the convention who can represent that GMO well. However, many of these are done too late or not at all. This year is particularly important as we will need to elect a new president, treasurer and I, as you regional director, is up for re-election. So Linda's goal is to get everyone represented this year and I am here to help her!

Cindi Rose Wylie was able to call into the meeting. She reminded us that the deadline for GMO awards newsletters, websites, and volunteer of the year is August 30th. In the past, Region 8 has been poorly represented in these awards and in some cases the volunteer award has not even been given out. So this is your first notice...and I will continue to remind you.

I finally mentioned that USDF has grant money set aside for our region's GMO to use for an adult clinic. If it is not used we lose it. I hope GMO's are reading this and will seek the information out to get this grant money!

We will hold our next board meeting on October 21, 2018, 1pm, at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. We do like meeting face to face and I hope you can spare the time to make it. As we rent the room, I would like to see a bigger turnout. So I am giving you all heads up now! Put it on your calendar. However, I do realize distance is an issue and we will be able to use the NEDA conference hub again! Thank you NEDA! So no excuses!

As many of you know Region 8 gives our riders who go to the US Dressage Finals, a saddle pad and hat with our logo on them. This year we almost have enough pads...I may need 10-15 more. However, we will need hats. If anyone wants to donate money for the hats or if your company wants to donate them we can put your logo on the side!!!

Wow! Long letter! Better Quit for now!!!

See you on the Centerline...

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USDF Region 8 Director

Region 8 Youth News



The Dressage Foundation's 2018 Young Rider International Dream Program

This year's program will tentatively take place July 16-23, 2018 at the CHIO Aachen. Four YRs were selected, and Callie O'Connell, NEDA member and USDF Region 8 member, was one of them.

Callie is 19-years old and lives in Wilmington, MA. She is entering her junior year at MassArt College in Boston, MA. She is studying Fashion Design. She is a student of Jane Karol's at Bear Spot Farm in Concord, MA. She earned her USDF Bronze Medal when she was 14, and she is currently working toward her Silver Medal. In 2012, Callie earned the Dressage Seat Equitation Championship for ages 14-18 at the NEDA Fall Festival of Dressage, and she was a member of the 2014 Junior Team at the NAJYRC. Callie and her current partner, Furst Story, won Region 8 JR/YR Regional Championship at First Level and are currently competing at Third/Fourth Level.



The concept of this program is to allow Young Riders the opportunity to enhance their understanding of dressage through this 2-week long European tour. Riders selected for the program will spend their time observing, discussing and absorbing multiple aspects of the European dressage scene. They will watch their peers compete in shows and championships while also visiting the stables of some of Europe's top trainers and riders. This program was started in 2000 by Michael Poulin, Olympic Medalist and long-time board member of The Dressage Foundation.



USDF JR/YR Clinic

For the 2nd year in a row, Carberry Fields hosted the annual Region 8 USDF JR/YR Clinic, and once again, USEF Youth Team Coach Charlotte Bredahl-Baker was the featured clinician. Riders at this year's clinic were

Sophia Chavonelle (ME)
Ava Dzilenski (RI)
Paige Hendrick (RI)
Grace Jordan (ME)

Fiona Perreault (ME)
Lilly Simons (CT)
Eliza Windsor (RI)

The USDF JR/YR Clinic Series is an annual educational opportunity for youth dressage riders striving to compete at FEI levels. These clinics are organized by the USDF and held at regional facilities. Currently, the clinics are conducted by George Williams, Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, or Anne Gribbons.

The 2019 clinic is slated for April or May and may be held at Avalon Farm in North Salem, New York. Contact Region 8 Coordinator, Jennifer Dillon, if you'd like to be added to the Region 8 Youth contact list.

If you'd like to host a future USDF JR/YR Clinic, please contact Region 8 Director Deborah Reinhardt or Coordinator Jennifer Dillon.



NAYC

The NAYC, formerly known as NAJYRC, is an international competition hosted by the USDF and run by the USEF under FEI rules. It is considered a continental championship and is the only such championship held annually in the United States.

Junior and Young Riders, ages 14-21, go through a process similar to that of professional riders vying for a spot on any other international team (Pan American Games, Olympic Games, World Cup, and World Equestrian Games). For the NAYC, the FEI designates the USDF Regions and Canadian provinces as “countries,” and riders from each region and province declare their intent to compete for the team and seek to fulfill the qualification requirements set forth by their respective country’s national governing body. Upon achieving those requirements, teams are then selected based on scores and ranking.

This year’s qualifying period began August 1, 2017 and ends June 18, 2018.

April 28-29, 2018	Mystic Valley	Gales Ferry, CT
May 19-20, 2018	Centerline Events @ HITS on the Hudson	Saugerties, NY
May 25-27, 2018	ENYDCTA Dressage Days I/II @ Stockade	Glenville, NY
June 2-3, 2018	Young Horse Dressage @ Maplewood Warmbloods	Middletown, NY
June 8-10, 2018	Mystic Valley	Gales Ferry, CT
June 15-17, 2018	GMHA June	Woodstock, VT
June 15-17, 2018	Centerline Events @ HITS on the Hudson	Saugerties, NY

Riders had to declare their intent to compete for a spot on their region’s team before the May 15th deadline. The following USDF Region 8 Riders have declared for NAYC:

Junior Riders

Sophia Chavonelle (Windham, ME)
 Amelia Devine (Bedford Hills, NY)
 Ava Dzilenski (Warwick, RI)
 Siena Harris-Gissler (New York, NY)
 McKayla Hohmann (Williston, VT)
 Madeleine Long (Pelham, NY)
 Riley Reardon (Plaistow, NH)
 Leah Tenney (Yarmouth, ME)
 Eliza Windsor (Hope Valley, RI)

Young Riders

Lara Erdogus-Brady (Harvard, MA)
 Isabel Hamill (South Thomaston, ME)
 Sydney Horgan (North Easton, MA)
 Bobbie Kerr (East Aurora, NY)
 Alison Redston (Needham, MA)
 Caitlin Smith (Stamford, CT)
 Emma Szegvari (Carlisle, MA)

June 2018 Region 8 News

Our show season is well under way! The weather could be a bit less rainy ...So let's all do the rain dance.

A lot is going on in the region besides shows. There is a variety of judge's programs, certified instructor's workshops, and clinics. USDF JrYR Clinic with Charlotte Bredahl held May 12 & 13 was a huge success. Thank you to Jen Dillon for making sure it happened and Liz Caron for giving us her lovely Facility! The opportunities in Region 8 are totally endless. Remember if you do not want to be a participant, these programs offer auditing which is huge benefit! You can see how judges score or what they are looking for OR instructor's education process to get certified. I sure hope you are watching the calendars and taking advantage of these opportunities in your back yard.

As a reminder (and where I may sound like a broken record), the US Dressage Finals is for each Regional Open and Adult Amateur Champion and Reserve Champion to compete head to head with the other regional champions. There is also the wild card where you can go to the finals if you have received a wild card score at the regional championships. IMPORTANT note, please remember you will have to declare that you are willing to go to the 'finals' if invited. This declaration must be done before the first day of our Regional Championships.

On June 1st Participating members received an email from USDF to say that the voting for your PM delegates that will be attending the USDF Convention in December has begun and will be concluded on June 30th. In the last few years, Region 8 has had the lowest PM Delegate voting turnout among the regions. So PLEASE go look for that email, go to the USDF website or use this link, <http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/vote/index.asp>, login in to your USDF account and VOTE. This is very important!!!!!!!

Attention GMOs: newsletter, website, photography, and volunteer of the year nominations close August 30th. So before your summer gets under way, please submit them! It is a great way to get recognition for your GMO or an outstanding volunteer plus for Region 8! Here is the link with all the information....<https://www.usdf.org/awards/service/gmo.asp>

Remember we will hold our next regional meeting on October 21, 2018, 1pm, at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. We do like meeting face to face and I hope you can spare the time to make it. However, we have been given the opportunity to use the NEDA conference hub and number for those of you too far away,so that you can call in. So no excuses! But you will miss the great food at Publick House and the great company!

This it is for now!
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This year Region 8 sent two full teams to the NAYC which was held at Old Salem Farm, Old Salem, NY. and they did well. It is a young team; where many first timers went to this event, and they did well. Meagan Davis, Chef d' Equipe for the Junior Team, and Liz Caron, Chef d' Equipe for the Young Rider Team, did the most amazing job. A simple thank you is not enough.

Remember our qualifying for regional championships ends on August 27, 2018. There are many shows you can still get those two scores from, and to get your entry into the NEDA Fall Festival. I will remind you again the US Dressage Finals open to the Open and Adult Amateur Champion and Reserve Champion from the Regional Championships, and also to riders who reach a certain score (information on the USDF Website). These riders will be invited to Lexington, KY to compete head to head with the other regional champions. I am hoping for a big showing from Region 8 again. IMPORTANT note, please remember you will have to declare that you are willing to go to the 'finals' if invited. This declaration must be done by day before our Regional Championships. The USDF website will have more information.

I would like to welcome the newly elected USDF PM Delegates. They are Cynthia Wylie, Regina Cristo, Kathy Hickerson, Stan Horton, Sophia Chavonelle, Jane-Marie Law, Darian Quinn, Daniela Valentgas, Fie Anderson, Diane Holston, and Linda Mendenhall. Some are returning as delegates and others are new. I look forward to working with you this next year as it will be a big one for Region 8! I also want to thank those who decided to step down for all your work you have given Region 8.

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Happy Holidays!

I am very sorry for missing last month's newsletter. We were unable to download our regional newsletter to USDF website and when it was fixed I was unable to get it done as was in the middle of the US Dressage Finals. So this newsletter will be a bit bigger than normal to catch you up!

NEDA hosted an awesome Charlotte Dujardin Symposium on October 13-14, 2018 at Mt Holyoke, MA. It is my understanding it was a huge success. While Region 8 does not have anything to do with the NEDA symposium, it was nice to have such a wonderful event and be successful in our region! Thank you NEDA!

The US Dressage Finals were a huge success for their sixth year, and Region 8 had their largest representation ever. I want to give a big THANK YOU to NEDA, Lisa Valone and Fie Andersen for donating towards the beautiful pads and hats this year, and Jannike Gray for transporting them to Kentucky. They were beautiful and look great in awards photos where we were well represented!!!! YEAH! The photos were up on our Facebook page! I also want to thank all the volunteers that came from Region 8 to US Finals Dressage. Cannot do it without you!

Shortly after the Finals, we were off to the USDF Convention in Salt Lake City, NV. What a beautiful place. The mountains were just magnificent plus it snowed while we were there giving them a coat of white...Just Beautiful! During the convention we had many things happening. The main issue was regarding the new rule that took effect December 1, 2018 changing the qualifying score from 60% to 63% for a rider/horse combination to compete in a Freestyle. The discussion had many good points on both sides but the bottom line was the Board of Governors passed a motion, "*The USDF Executive Board, be directed to submit an extraordinary rule change request to the USEF to rescind the extraordinary rule change to DR129.9 under GR152.3.a.*" The BOG discussion prior to the vote would suggest the primary concern was with the process in which the rule change went forward, without opportunity for adequate member discussion. It will now go to USEF Dressage Sport Committee for review and it is up to them to decide to move on it. So we wait and see.

The GMO Dues will increase \$4 starting in December 1, 2019 and the April 2019-March 2020 budget was approved. By approving the budget a new program, USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards, will be put in place. This is an award system to give regional awards for riders attending schooling shows in their Region. Please watch USDF website for formal announcements.

Final action at the BOG was the election of Lisa Goretta as USDF President, Lorraine Musselman as USDF Treasurer, and our region has re-elected me for another 3 year term. Thank you very much! Remember I am here if you have any questions or concerns. I may not be able to help directly but I can find out!

I have another letter coming to you right after the first of the year and will let you know about Region 8 Spring Meeting. Have a great safe Holiday!

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