

## **Upcoming deadlines:**

To access the rest of the 2010 Regional Timeline: <http://www.usdfregion9.org/RegionalBusiness/RegionalTimeline.html>

### ***February***

- PM Delegates, and Executive Board nominations open.
- February 10 Deadline for competitions - submit completed Regional Championships Host Site applications to Regional Director.
- February 12 - Regional coordinators, chairs & regional board- current year regional budgets due to Region 9 treasurer & Regional Director. Approval of budgets at winter meeting, or by email.

### ***March***

- March 15 - reports from Regional Coordinators & Chairs, to Region 9 director- for inclusion in the Spring EB Report Book.
- March 1 FEI Jr/YR Declarations of Intent to qualify for the NAJYRC due to the USDF office.
- March 15 Late NAJYRC Declarations of Intent can be submitted with a \$150.00 late fee.
- March 16 - 22 Late NAJYRC Declarations of Intent accepted with a \$200 late fee. March 22 FINAL postmark date.

### ***April***

- April 1 - Dr. Bob Fund Applications due to Region 9 FEI JR/YR Coordinator. Application on Region 9 Website: [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org)
- April 15 Deadline for PM delegate nominations to the USDF office.
- Mid-April USDF Spring Executive Board Meeting.

April 30 NAJYRC Host Qualifier applications and payment due to USEF electronically for competitions being held January 1 December of the next year.

**Upcoming events:**

**For more events:** <http://www.usdfregion9.org/EducationEvents.html>

## **Judges Seminar with Gary Rockwell**

Organized by Austin Dressage Unlimited

**Feb. 20-21, 2010**

Georgetown Library, Georgetown, Tx.

Improving Your Judging Eye & Showing Skills ~ What Judges Are Looking For,

USDF approved continuing education program, with additional funding from HDS, ADA, and The Dressage Foundation's Edgar Hotz Judges Endowment Fund.

Contact Carol Riazzi [criaz@aol.com](mailto:criaz@aol.com) or 512-680-7999.

## **Region 9 Business Meeting Feb 20 - Austin, TX**

Saturday late afternoon- 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm - at the Georgetown Library.

Held after the Judges seminar with Gary Rockwell.

Contact: Bess Reineman - [reinemanb@gmail.com](mailto:reinemanb@gmail.com)

## **USDF Region 9 Instructors Certification Course**

March 6 & 7, 2010 Teaching Workshop with Vicki O'Neil

May 14, 15 & 16 Lungeing Workshop with Gerhard Politz

Diamond M Dressage Park, Marion TX  
Contact: Vera Muckleroy e-mail.  
More information on the [Instructor / Trainer page](#)

**March 20-21, 2010**

**USDF Adult Clinics with Charlotte Bredahl- Baker** ([get application](#))

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Contact: Evie Tumlin ( [email](#) )

### **DDC member Jonathan Wentz named to USEF Youth Council**

DDC member Jonathan Wentz was named to the USEF Youth Council representing the ParaEquestrian Discipline.

US ParaEquestrian's now have an affiliate organization, USPEA: United States ParaEquestrian Association which became an officially recognized affiliate of the USEF at their 2010 Annual Meeting which is held simultaneously with the Youth Convention.

He attended the 2010 Youth Convention in Louisville, KY January 15 – 16, 2010 and met with other Youth Council members representing their affiliates to begin plans for the 2011 Convention and to discuss ways to promote their mission which is: Create a genuine commitment to the safety and well being of horse and rider, regardless of value or competition level; Advance the level of horsemanship across all disciplines throughout the United States; and, Generate interest between competitors and enthusiasts from all breeds and disciplines in the challenges and demands of each others' pursuits.

The convention offered a terrific opportunity to expand his appreciation of all equestrian sports, and the workings of USEF in those sports as well as getting to meet other Youth equestrians from around the country.

Youth convention participants were able to meet and learn from USEF President David O'Connor, Olympic Eventing medalist Karen O'Connor, and USEF CEO John Long. They also attended the Pegasus Awards Dinner where Steffen Peters received the 2009 USEF Equestrian of the Year award for the second consecutive year and Jessica Ransehausen was honored with the 2009 USEF Lifetime Achievement Award. After the dinner convention members enjoyed a youth dance.

Jonathan has been riding since the age of two and began competing in dressage at age thirteen. In November 2008 he began training at North Texas Equestrian Center with Kai Handt, and in May 2009 he competed in his first CPEDI3\* where he earned his certificate of capability for the 2010 World Equestrian Games and placed seventh in the USEF ParaEquestrian Nationals.

Jonathan will be competing at Del Mar in March at a CPEDI3\* and in June at the US ParaEquestrian Team Selection Trials and the ParaEquestrian Nationals being held at Lamplight EC in preparation for the 2010 WEG in Lexington, KY. For further information on Jonathan and his pursuits, go to

[www.jonathanwentz.org](http://www.jonathanwentz.org)

### **Update on 2011 USEF Dressage Tests**

The USEF Test Writing Sub-Committee is in the process of revising all USEF Dressage Tests (Training–Fourth Levels) for 2011, which will take effect December 1, 2010 (the beginning of the USEF competition year). As work continues, several important changes are being made, including the number of tests per level, test requirements, directives, and test length. More information is available online at [www.usef.org/\\_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/natDressage.aspx](http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/natDressage.aspx)

### **THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION APPOINTS 2010 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

December 14, 2009 - At the annual meeting of The Dressage Foundation's Board of Directors, the following Officers and Board Members were approved and elected for 2010:

Jonathan R. Burton (AZ) Chairman  
Michael Poulin (FL) Vice Chairman  
Ralph F. Dreitzler III (WA) Treasurer  
John F. Boomer (NE) Secretary  
Clay Teske (NE) President & CEO

Lowell Boomer (NE) Founder  
Maryal Barnett (MI)  
Beth Baumert (CT)  
Vivien Bobo (MA)  
Barbara A. Cadwell (WI)  
Joseph E. Carr (KY)  
Michael Matson (MD)  
Judith Noone (MA)  
Eliza Sydnor (NC)

John H. Fritz (IL) Emeritus  
Lazelle Knocke (NJ) Emeritus

### **Pin Oak Charity Horse Show to Celebrate 65th Season**

The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show, one of the country's oldest and most prestigious horse competitions, has officially launched its 65th season. This year's show will be held, once again, at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, TX, starting on March 17, 2010, and will run through March 28, 2010. It was announced that BBVA Wealth Solutions would be returning as the lead sponsor of the show.

"We are thrilled that BBVA Wealth Solutions has agreed to be our lead sponsor again this year. Their generous support and that of all our sponsors and show participants will allow us to continue our tradition of raising millions of dollars for our charities, Texas Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House of Houston," said Pin Oak Charity Horse Show President Lynn Walsh.

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