

USEA AREA II NEWSLETTER OPTIMUM TIMES

Welcome, Spring!

Dear Eventers,

Another winter is behind us, green grass is coming in strong and the first events in the area have completed. We have been busy working on the 2019 calendar process and, are about to get started with 2020!!! YR and the Adult programs are in full swing. It looks to be a busy year in Area II, including the WEG! If anyone is planning to go and can share their experience with the rest of us, please let me know!

I'm still looking for some volunteers to help with a collection of the history of eventing in Area II. If you have any pictures, stories, videos of events both current and gone that reflect the spirit of eventing in Area II, please reach out and share them with me. I can be reached via email at Stubenberg@rf.com. And even better if you would like to take a role in helping to pull this together! If I don't respond...please email again as sometimes my spam filter goes a bit crazy.

We are also looking for volunteers in many other capacities if you would like to get involved in the Area and support eventing!

Anyway, it is time to knock off the rust (I have a lot of that to knock off)...and hopefully get out and enjoy some great eventing and eventing related activities in any capacity!

Melissa Stubenberg
Area II Chair



Annual Young Riders Online Auction Under Way

Incredible Donations: Olympian Course Walk, Party for 6 At Laurel Races, A Week of Training, Gift Certificates, Lessons, A Complete Soundness Exam and much, much more! Something for every eventer!

Area II's annual Young Rider benefit online silent auction is under way. **You can see all donated items at usea2.net/auction. The auction will END MAY 10 at 8pm**, so be sure to log in, and bid often! This is a great favorite of many area eventers. We have donated services, goods, gifts and much more! Right now just a few of the great things donated include: a full soundness exam by Dr. Jeff Beshear (value \$1,200)an incredible afternoon at the races for 6 people donated by leading race trainer Tim Keefe; course walks at Rebecca Farm by Ian Stark, and much more. Keep up with the auction offerings on the Area II Facebook page. There's time left to

Upcoming Events

April

Ongoing: Young Riders online auction at the Area II website – check your bids!

May

10 – Young Riders online Auction ENDS at 8pm – put a reminder on your calendar to check bids prior to 8pm! (Payment due by Friday, noon)

14 (Tuesday) Adult Riders Cross-Country Clinic with 4* Rider Tim Bourke, WinGreen, VA – contact Wendy Owens for details. wendyowens79@gmail.com

Summer

Area II Council Meeting - TBA

November-December



Area II Annual Meeting – TBA

For a complete list of events in Area II, go to: www.useventing.com, click on the "Competitions" tab and select "Area II".

Check the Area II website calendar for additional activities and clinics.

Active Departments at usea2.net:

Adult Riders

Young Riders

Young Rider Advancement Program

Year End Awards

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Annual Meeting

donate, too: email Holly at eventhorse@gmail.com to get your item in the auction. The funds raised help us to get our kids to Montana! We need you to bid, so go to the Area II website at usea2.net/auction, log in to your account and bid! Last year, this auction provided almost all the funds needed to ship the horses from the east coast to Montana; we need to raise a similar amount or more this year, so please help us – and get a cool lesson, service, or gift for yourself!

Area Leadership

The following people have volunteered their time and services to help the area. If you are interested in helping with any department, contact the coordinator(s). Thank you!

Area Council:

Recording Secretary: Susan MacRae Organizer Representative: Mary Coldren Association Representative: Janet Gunn

Young Rider/YRAP

Coordinator: Chris Donovan (cdonovan@gmail.com); Coach, Holly Payne-Caravella; Chef, Meg Kepferle (megkep@gmail.com)

YR Fundraising Committee: Kim Horn, Holly Covey (eventhorse@gmail.com)

YR Selection Committee: Lynn Symansky, Holly Hudspeth, Allison Springer, Lillian Heard, Melissa Stubenberg

Adult Riders

Co-Coordinators: Carly Eddahri (carlyeddahri@gmail.com) and Wendy Owens (wendyowens79@gmail.com)

Year End Awards:

Points Chairman: Ann Baumgardner (annbaumgardner1@gmail.com)

Trophies/Awards: Helen Hayn

Annual Meeting:

Coordinator: Holly Covey (eventhorse@gmail.com)

Area Communication:

Area II website / usea2.net - Cheryl Microutsicos, Web master (webmaster@usea2.net)

Adult Rider News

From Donna Bottner, former Adult Coordinator:

Hi Everyone: I'm all settled in to the great state of Colorado and Area IX. As I'm no longer in Area II, I'm passing the baton to Wendy Owens (wendyowens79@gmail.com) and Carly Eddahri (carlyeddahri@gmail.com). I'll be available to them as a resource so I'm sure this will be a smooth transition. Wendy and Carly already have some fun events planned for you and you'll be hearing from them soon!

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2018 please take a moment to do it now so you don't miss out on the year's Adult Rider Sponsored activities. You can go online through the USEA dashboard or contact our membership coordinator, Susan Heytler (heytlers@gmail.com). It's the best \$25 you'll spend all year!

Welcome, Wendy and Carly, and I hope you all have a fabulous year!

Adult Rider membership gets you many discounts off clinics, etc. throughout the year. There are usually at least four or five activities that will be located near your location throughout the area. Adult Riders participate in Team events as well.

The Adult Riders give two awards to a top Adult Rider and a Top Horse at the annual meeting. For more, check out the Adult Riders section on the Area II website, usea2.net.



Sign Up Now For Area II Year-End Awards

Be eligible to receive Fantastic awards at the annual Area II Meeting! The 2018 Registration is now open so if you want to be eligible for awards and have some extra motivation, you need to join!

This program differs slightly from the National program. In order to participate, you need to register both you and your horse (see Registration Form). Registration fee is \$20 (unless you register late than it's a little more). The 2018 Forms and Rules are available on USEA Area II website under Points and Awards Program - FORMS. The Points system follows USEA points, so if you participate USEA Area II Junior/YR or Amateur division, you will be awarded upgraded points in accordance to USEA rules, check out the rules!



VOLUNTEER TO BE ELIGIBLE

If you are registering for the 2018 USEA Area II Year End Awards Program, note that the program has a "Volunteer Incentive" component. You can choose to volunteer in a variety of ways at area events, such as fence judging, scoring, scribing, set up, take down, stuffing packets, or really just about anything directly relating to eventing, including other area II activities.

The total hour requirement of 8 hours can be completed in any variety of ways. For example, you can choose to volunteer for one day at an event, or two half days at different events. Organizers have many tasks to complete so you can contact an organizer to see how you can help. They are awaiting your call! You can also do volunteer hours by working on other area activities. Just contact us and we can find a way you can help! Please submit your volunteer confirmation form as soon as you are done. (Confirmed hours at EventingVolunteers.com is also acceptable.) And remember that volunteering can be just as rewarding as competing!

It is the rider's responsibility to check this website during the season and verify that the points shown are accurate. All of the points tracking is done manually, and mistakes can be made, so please contact the USEA Area II Points Chair, Ann Baumgardner, with any possible discrepancies.

Submit your Registration Form <https://www.usea2.net/forms/points-a-awards-forms> to the Points Chair at: Ann Baumgardner, USEA Area II Points, 15 Bellevue Lane, Washington VA 22747, annbaumgardner1@gmail.com

Young Riders/YRAP Calendars and important dates

Young Riders

Observation Trials took place in March at the Carolina International, and in April at The Fork CIC3*/CIC2*/CIC1* & HT (Mill Spring, NC), Fair Hill International H.T. (Elkton, MD). In May, the following observations trials will be held: May 9 - 13 Jersey Fresh International Three-day Event (Allentown, NJ) - May 24 - 27 Virginia CCI/CIC & H.T. (Lexington, VA). The final observation is June 7 - 10 Bromont CCI (Canada).

Following are important dates for Young Riders:

May Application due (see your YR documents) • Long List will be announced (alphabetically listed, mid-May) • Short List (ranked) will be selected Wednesday following Bromont • Prep Camp (mandatory of all Short List riders) will be at USET Gladstone facility in NJ, June 30 - July 3. There will be a two-week BREAK before horses ship • Horses will ship from a central location for arrival on Sunday July 15 or Monday July 16 at Rebecca Farms in Montana.



YRAP: Overnight Camps and Clinics at Area Training Centers (average price \$150/day) Email cdonovan03@gmail.com for fliers and more information.

- June 16-19 NC War Horse & Southern WoW Camp, Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC
- July 9-12 WoW Frying Pan Park, Dumfries, VA tied to MDHT
- October 17-21 Waredaca Classic Teams, Damascus MD
- Cross Border Team Challenge (no additional cost) August 2-5 Millbrook Horse Trials, Millbrook NY