

**News from the USDF Region 1  
Youth Championships**

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**All three teams VADAF sent to the Region 1 Jr/Yr Team Competition won their divisions. WOW!! Secrets of the Nile Team represents VADAF at the Junior Team Championships!! Congratulations to all the team members (and their moms!) who showed the VADAF pride!!**

VADAF sent 3 teams to the Region 1 Youth Team Championships held at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA July 23 and 24.

The Introductory Level Team, Team Sphinx, consisted of Hannah Lucas riding Argento, Jenny Carroll riding Viggie, and Adam Sinnott riding Patches of Gold. Their combined team average for the week end was 66% earning them a well earned first place finish.

The Training Level team, Team Anubis, included Hannah Owens riding Jamberry, Brittany Hryczaniuk riding Myte Barquette, and Jennifer Hodges riding Blue Dawn. Their team average was 67% allowing them to bring home blue.

And Team Bastet, the First Level team with Michelle Minnich riding Kyle, Justine Hryzaniuk riding Greatest Expectations, and Matt Steenhuizen-Nelson riding Isabella won their division with a combined average of 64.404%.

These nine Junior/Young riders, their parents and their coach, Debbie Bowman spent the weeks leading up to the competition painting sheets with

Egyptian Hieroglyphs, going to schooling shows and figuring out color schemes. Everyone met at Morven Park Friday afternoon to set up stall decorations, get the horses settled, figure out a time schedule for Debbie for the week end and try out the schooling area. There were over 180 horses, ponies, and kids entered in this competition, making the schooling area quite hectic for most of our young riders. They persevered, got their tack cleaned, and came out of the first day's competition pretty well -- then really rocked the second day and cleaned up!

It was fun to see the entire team decked out in red tee shirts, white britches, black boots and red polo wraps on the horses and great big blue neck ribbons for their horses. Everyone had so much fun, they were already talking about decoration schemes for next year!

Congratulations to all and a big thank you to all parents and supporters and most especially, Debbie Bowman.



