



**Bud Light  
Canadian  
Rockies  
International  
Rodeo**

**June 29–July 1**

**Last Chance  
Dance**

**May 26, 2007**

Please remember  
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall  
is a Non-Smoking Facility

**RODEO  
Volunteers Needed**

Are you planning on coming to the rodeo?  
Looking for a great way to meet others?  
Then why not speak to Ross Scarrett our  
Volunteer Coordinator at  
*volunteers@argra.org* about a volunteer  
shift, and make some new friends.



**Ride 'em in the Rockies**

**Rumor Has it...**

*By Lorrie Murphy*

People seem surprised to hear we are once again at Symons Valley Ranch for the 14th annual Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo. Just to have it come from the horse's mouth we are letting everyone know we have another year on our current contract with Symons Valley (and no they haven't sold). We will start negotiations for the next contract in the spring. What's happening now?

The Rodeo Committee and Executive have been once again putting in hour after hour to put together another World Class Rodeo. The countdown has begun and we are rolling up our sleeves to put the finishing touches on the rodeo. The last part of the equation is YOU. We need you to help make this rodeo a

success. So polish your boots and dust off your hats and plan your Rodeo weekend. Tickets are on sale now and remember that prices go up on June 1st. 3 day packages include Emerson Drive on Friday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday night, all the dances and of course the Rodeo each day.

One way to meet more people is to volunteer on one of the many shifts available at the rodeo. You can sign up at the May 26th Last Chance Dance or email Ross our volunteer coordinator at *argravol@gmail.com*

*See you at the rodeo!*

*Lorrie Murphy*

*Rodeo Director*

**CRIR Competitors**

If you have competed at any of the previous IGRA rodeos, including our very own Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo you must pre-register and have your registration postmarked no

later than June 8, 2007. If you plan on competing but have never competed at any of the IGRA rodeos you can register Friday night June 29, 2007 at Symon's Valley Ranch.

# Volunteers Bring it all Together



## Want to be a cowboy or cowgirl?

Have you ever thought about trying one of the rodeo events? This year make that dream a reality! The Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo is unique in that we have rodeo teams that make up a large part of our contestant base, and provides a great way to get introduced to the various events. If you are interested, give any of the ARGRA executive a call, and we will do our best to match you up with either a team or individual and make that rodeo dream a reality.

## Reminder

Please remember that the Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo is an event for everyone to attend, so please keep things in good taste (there could be families with children present). We would also ask that everyone remember to wear appropriate footwear when in and around the rodeo grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.



Every year it always amazes me how the Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo brings so many people together for a great weekend of fun and entertainment. There is no way that we could ever put on an event like this if it wasn't for the commitment and dedication of our many volunteers.

Take for example the dedicated group that gets up before the crack of dawn Saturday and Sunday and gets breakfast going. Not a small job by any means, when you consider that breakfast is included in your weekend pass and for all competitors. This dedicated team led by Irish and Charlotte will always make sure that you get your day off to a good start.

Another area of dedicated individuals is our security group headed up by Kathy. You see

them everywhere, always friendly and ready to assist, from early in the day to late at night, you know this group is there to help ensure that you have a good weekend, and is also a great way to meet others in the community. To volunteer talk to Ross our Volunteer Coordinator at the May 26th dance.

The list goes on and on... there are so many volunteers and some work diligently behind the scenes all year, and some are just here for rodeo weekend. From the executive to dance volunteers, to the financial team and the rodeo committee, it takes all of these individuals to make this rodeo and association work, and to all of you THANK YOU, and let's all have a great time at the rodeo.... See you there!

## Advertise with ARGRA

If you are interested in taking out a business card ad with ARGRAculture, please contact the Communications Director at [communications@argra.org](mailto:communications@argra.org). The cost is \$20 per newsletter issue for a business card ad.



*ARGRAculture is produced 5 times a year as a communications to the membership.*

*If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, we would love to hear from you. You can reach any of the executive via their contact information at the back of the newsletter.*



## Rodeo Tickets and Weekend Packages

Don't Wait ! Now is the time ! Get your rodeo tickets or packages for the largest annual gay event in Calgary, Alberta Canada; the Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo.

The weekend includes the Friday Night Headline act Emerson Drive and Cabaret presented by Stuart Aikins Casting Inc and ARGRA; Saturday and Sunday morning pancake breakfasts, two full days of rodeo, Saturday night Dinner and Bud Light Barn Burner Dance that draws close to 2000 people, and Sunday night awards ceremony and Money Pennies Happy Trails Dance. All of this occurs in one location with dance halls, rodeo grounds and a camping facility that holds over 900 people who camp in recreational vehicles, tents, and trailers. Our rodeo is unique not only because it is a Gay event but also because the venue allows people to get to know each other in a variety of settings and because the party begins

Friday night and doesn't stop until the early morning hours of Monday morning.

How do I get a package that will include all of the fun and excitement of the weekend? The answer is simple: Call the Visa/MasterCard line at 403-938-7329. Buy your packages locally at Money Pennies, The Calgary Eagle, Priape, The Backlot, or at the next ARGRA dance May 26, 2007

Print the Ticket Order Form from the website; [www.arga.org](http://www.arga.org) and mail it in with a cheque or money order. Fill out the Ticket Order Form page of the brochure and mail it in with a cheque or money order.

How do I guarantee a good time? Just show up and Rodeo with us !

*Please note discounted ticket prices are good only until May 31, 2007*

*Judy Munson*

*ARGRA Communications Director*

## Schedule of Events

*All events take place at Symon's Valley Ranch unless otherwise noted.*

### Thursday June 28

8 pm Prairie Fire Warm-Up at Money Pennies Eatery & Bar (1742 – 10th Ave SW)  
9 pm Wet Jockey contest at Calgary Eagle (424A 8th Ave SE)

### Friday June 29

6 pm – 9 pm Contestants & Grand Entry registration, Valley View Hall, Symon's Valley Ranch (Lower Level)  
Friday Night Cabaret presented by ARGRA & Stuart Aikins Casting Inc.  
8 pm Rooster in a Hen House  
9 pm Emerson Drive

### Saturday June 30

8 am – 10 am Pancake breakfast  
9 am Contestants meeting (first time competitors must attend)  
10 am Roping Events  
12 Noon Grand Entry & Rodeo Events  
6:30 pm Dinner (doors open at 5 pm and tickets must be purchased in advance) Toni Vere  
9 pm – 2 am Saturday night Bud Light Barn Burner Dance

### Sunday July 1

8 am – 10 am Pancake Breakfast  
10 am Roping Events  
12 Noon Grand Entry & Rodeo Events  
5 pm Doors open at the Driftwood Hall  
8 pm – 2am Awards Ceremony  
10 pm Money Pennies Happy Trails Dance

### Monday July 2

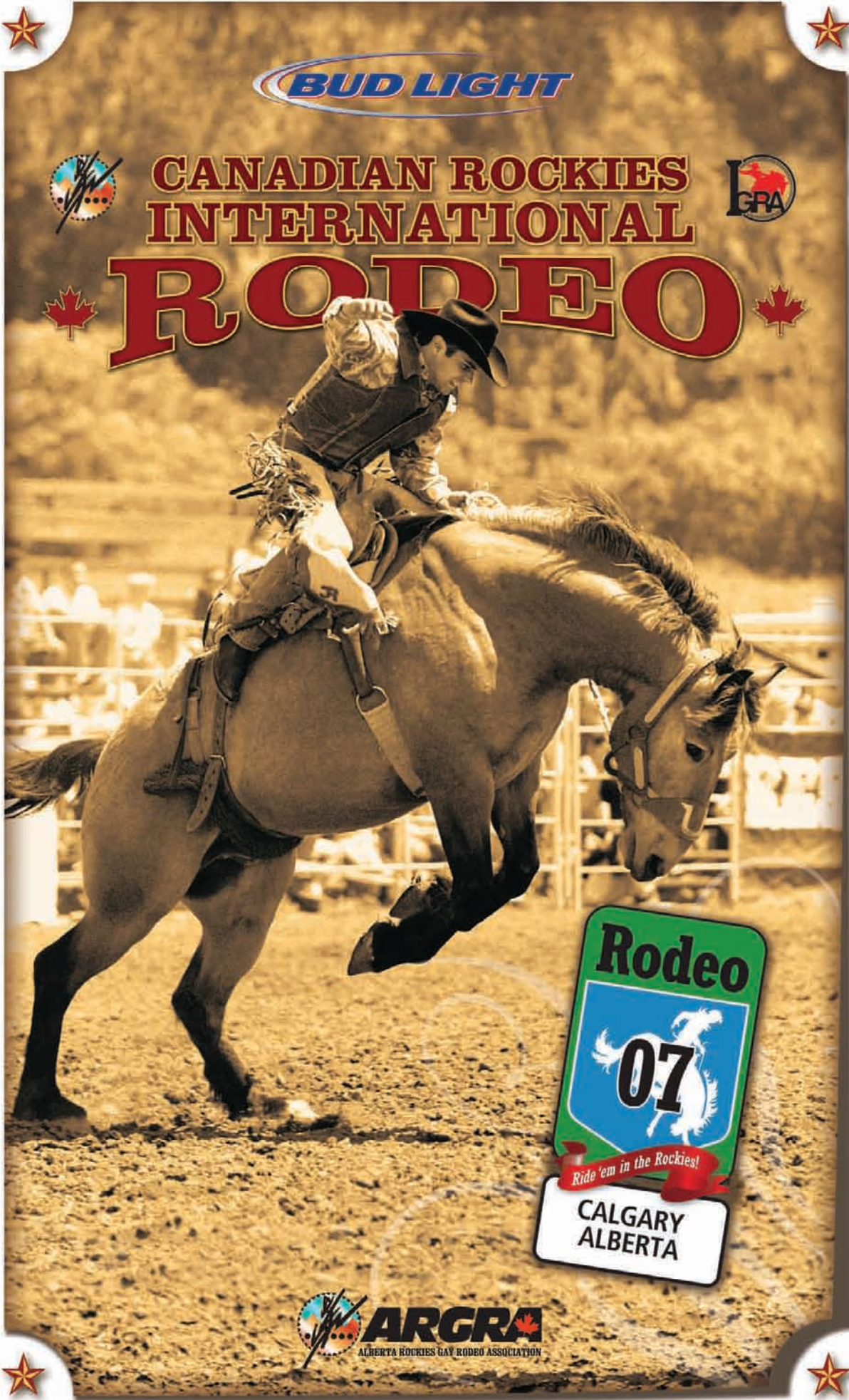
5 pm ARGRA's Official Survivor Party – at Money Pennies Eatery & Bar (1742 – 10th Ave SW)  
10 pm The Last Stand Calgary Eagle (424A 8th Ave SE)

## Community Goat Dressing

Six lucky rodeo spectators, who have never participated in a rodeo event before, will team up with an experienced rodeo competitor. The idea of this event is that a team of two is to put a pair of underwear on a goat in a timed event. It's a fun and easy way to start a rodeo career! Sign up at the Friday night cabaret or email [rodeodirector@arga.org](mailto:rodeodirector@arga.org)  
*Note: Community Goat Dressing is not a sanctioned IGRA event as regular Goat Dressing is.*

**Charlie's**  
Chicago  
Phoenix  
Denver  
Las Vegas





**BUD LIGHT**



# CANADIAN ROCKIES INTERNATIONAL RODEO



**Rodeo**

**07**

*Ride 'em in the Rockies!*

**CALGARY ALBERTA**

**ARGRA**  
ALBERTA ROCKIES GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Platinum



Gold



International



**June 29-July 1, 2007**  
**Symon's Valley Ranch**





# Contact *ARGRA*

**Website:**

www.argra.org

**Telephone Hotline:**

403.541.8140

## Board *members*

**Trustee**

Pierre Cadieux . . . . . 403.275.4544  
*trustee@argra.org*

**President**

Heather Murray . . . . . 403.472.7499  
*president@argra.org*

**Vice-President**

Del Stevenson . . . . . 403.540.3149  
*vicepresident@argra.org*

**Secretary**

Alec Masee. . . . . 403.238.7520  
*secretary@argra.org*

**Communications Director**

Judy Munson. . . . . 403.938.7329  
*communications@argra.org*

**Membership Director**

Jason Baker . . . . . 403.651.6879  
*membership@argra.org*

**Sponsorship Director**

Greg Holsworth. . . . . 403.815.5970  
*sponsorship@argra.org*

**Fundraising Director**

Darrel Reid . . . . . 403.720.0687  
*fundraising@argra.org*

**Rodeo Director**

Lorrie Murphy. . . . . 403.470.7411  
*rodeodirector@argra.org*

**Treasurer**

Brent Zuber . . . . . 403.802.1263  
*treasurer@argra.org*



**Last Chance Dance!**  
**May 26, 2007**

**Last Chance Dance...Next Stop The Rodeo!**  
**Membership, Rodeo Packages and Fun!**

Where: Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community hall, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alberta  
Doors open at 7:30pm, \$6 members/ \$10 non-members. Memberships are available for purchase.  
Check out :www.argra.org for all your info!

Title Sponsor: **BUD LIGHT**

ARGRA Platinum Sponsors: **Crucio Line** 403.777.0494, **Gay Calgary** magazine, **PIVE**, **Misty Penicote**

ARGRA Gold Sponsors: **X-TRA**, **OUT**, **STYVEN**, **Boat Days**

## OVER 18 *Policy*

Due to our liquor license anyone under the age of 18 will not be allowed into the ARGRA dances. This includes the monthly dances as well as the CRIR Entertainment and dance Friday night, Saturday night dinner and dance, Sunday night awards and dance. All ages are welcome to attend the rodeo Saturday and Sunday. If you look like you may not be 18, then you will need to produce a picture I.D. Thanks for helping us enforce our liquor license obligations.