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February 2008 Edition

Silent Night??? Not at the December dance...

It may have been called a silent auction at the Christmas Down Home, but it was far from a silent evening. Once again, with a great turnout for both the supper and silent auction, not to mention the wonderful items that were donated from very generous sponsors. With the hall decorated in a traditional Christmas fare, and a wonderful roast beef supper. With over 80 folks in attendance, and live entertainment, there was lots of visiting and very heavy bidding going on. Bidding continued into the evening with closing bids providing crowds competing over many of the items.



**Rodeo
Committee
Meeting dates:**

- February 21
- March 18

Old Y Boardroom
223 12 AVE SW



Thanks to Bryan C. (above) for all of his hard work and dedication to organizing a wonderful auction. Thanks also to all of the sponsors who donated items for the silent auction, your support is greatly appreciated.



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Thank You.

While preparing desserts in the back at ARGRA's Christmas Dinner I was asked to come out front. When I asked now what? Was told to just mingle.



Being one that likes to be in the background working, and doing my own thing my way. It was with humility to accept this plaque for my time and efforts given to ARGRA and IGRA. It was much appreciated and I say a heart felt "Thank You".



Al C. being presented with IGRA appreciation award by President Heather Murray.

Not only do I say "thank you" for this recognition of my efforts. But thank you to ARGRA's Board/Rodeo Committee and members for friendships formed over the years.

ARGRA is a great organization to be part of. I look forward to many more months of slinging beer at the beer bar during dances, mopping floors at 2 AM (well maybe not that part) and manning the gates at the rodeos.

Again Thank You. Lets rodeo in grand style in June 08.

Saddle up and Ride with Pride.

- Al



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.

Thanks to the following donors who helped to make our Christmas Silent Auction such a success:

- Horse N Hound Bed & Breakfast*
- Calgary Opera*
- Calgary Philharmonic*
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- Willow Home Accessories Boots*
- Arts Hotel/Raw Bar*
- Christine Silverberg*
- Fleur De Sel*
- Talisman Centre*
- Delta Airport Hotel*
- Spring Valley Guest Ranch*
- Riley & McCormack Western Wear*
- Downtown vision Care*
- Pierre Cadieux*
- Lorrie Murphy & Michele Flynn*

Stay tuned for even more auction items at this year's rodeo. If you would like to donate to this year's rodeo auction, please contact sponsorship@argra.org for more sponsorship opportunities.

Howdy from Fundraising.

THANK YOU to our Volunteers. We can't do it without you and of course to you, our supporters that come out and have fun at the events.

The New Year started off with a great start with our January dance, Holstein Hop, The Sequel. A night of dancing, drinks, and with our late night buffet, good times had by all.

Upcoming Dances:

Old Fashioned Social

February 16th 2008
 Doors open 8:00PM
 \$6 Members \$10 Nonmembers
 Late night buffet

15 on 15

March 15th 2008
 Doors open 8:00PM
 \$6 Members \$10 Nonmembers
 Late night buffet

Fun in the Sun Country Style

April 26th 2008
 Doors open 8:00PM
 \$6 Members \$10 Nonmembers
 Late night buffet

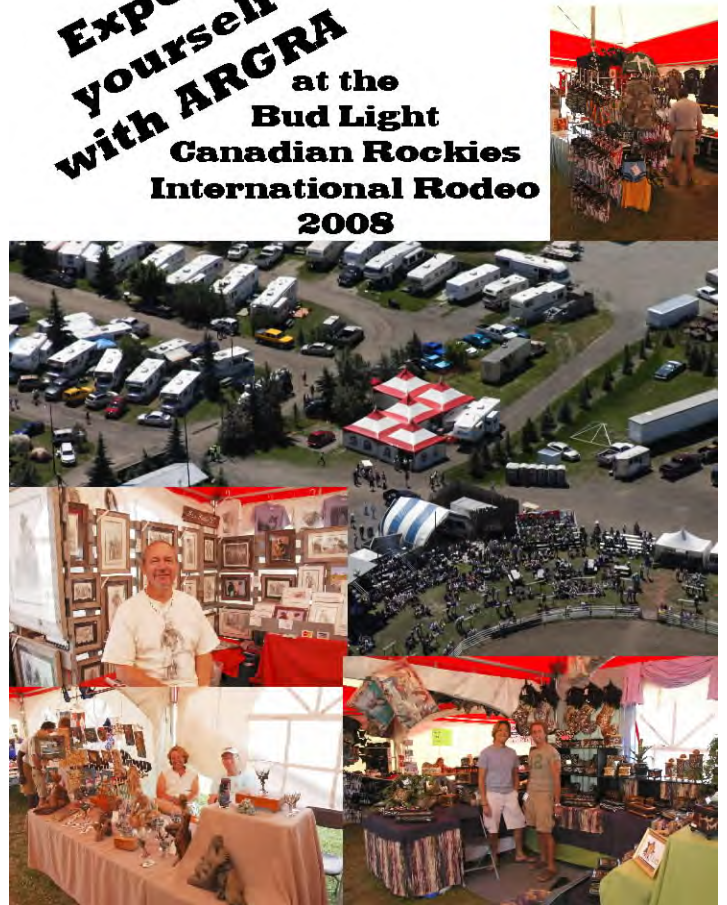
More information on dances and date is on our website www.argra.org.

If you would like to volunteer at upcoming events please contact myself at volunteers@argra.org. Your help is welcomed and appreciated.

Ross Scarrett
 Fundraising Director



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December Dance – Christmas Down Home



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Chute Dogging – Rules Have Changed!

With the start of the 2008 rodeo season, the rules have changed significantly for Chute Dogging. The biggest change is that previously, all one had to do is get the nose of the steer across the line before the whistle blew and a competitor then dogged the steer. The rules now state that all four hooves must cross the line before the steer is dogged. Only then will the whistle sound and then you are allowed to dog the steer. Keep in mind, for example, that if the front two hooves go across the line and then back, you only need to get the remaining hooves over the line. The whistle is now blown once the 4th hoof crosses the line.



Also, the rules are more strict on tripping the steers. The way the rules now read is that you either have to stop the steer and then dog it or change its direction and then dog it. The biggest thing to keep in mind is that you cannot step in front of the steer and use its momentum to flip it – this is tripping and will result in a no time.

While the tips above hopefully will help you understand some of the changes, make sure you read your new 2008 IGRA Rule Book so you are aware of all the rule changes.

Now is a great time to try Chute Dogging, especially if you have not tried it before!! Everyone will be learning it, to some degree, all over again!

Rob Somers
Vice President, ARGRA

Phoenix Rodeo – ARGRA was there!

The first rodeo of the 2008 year was held in Phoenix, Arizona this past weekend (Jan 18th to 20th) and a number of our ARGRA members were there! It's always a big rodeo and always a great time. Our members either volunteered to help run it or competed. On the first day, Hank J. and Jeff N. placed 3rd in Steer Deco, Darcy S. placed 3rd and Rob S. placed 4th in Chute Dogging and Marian G. in her very first rodeo competition placed 3rd in Calf Roping on Foot.

Also – big thanks to Frankie L. and Kevin B. for volunteering for the Arena Crew and Chute Crew.

The next rodeo in 2008 is in Fort Worth, Texas February 29 to March 2. Hope to see you there!

Rob Somers
Vice President, ARGRA



CPS SEXUALITY & GENDER DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
(Police Liaison Committee)
-Jamie Cumberland



During my volunteer tenure with ARGRA I've also had the pleasure of representing ARGRA on the CPS Sexuality & Gender Diversity Committee (commonly referred to as the Calgary Police Liaison Committee). The Calgary Police Service recognizes the need to serve all Calgarians in the most effective and efficient manner possible. Specific communities have special needs that require a unique response. The Committee is made up of members from Calgary's GLBTT Communities and police officers who work together to build trust and understanding to address issues, concerns, ideas and initiatives from within the community. The Diversity Resources Unit of the Calgary Police Service, has a member, **Cst. Christine Robinson**, who is assigned to liaise with the GBLT community to increase awareness and understanding, both within the Police Service and between the Service and Calgary's diverse community. The position came to fruition in January of 1996 and the portfolio has recently been renamed, Sexuality and Gender Diversity. Previous liaison officers have included Doug Jones and Bev Voros (who is now Sergeant of the Diversity Resources Unit).

The Sexuality and Gender Diversity Chief Advisory Board was created in May of 1996 with a commitment to focus on the following initiatives:

- Promote effective two-way communication
- Promote education awareness
- Identify and resolve crime and safety concerns
- Increase police awareness specific to the community based issues.

The committee is presently working on getting together a website to report hate crimes, gay bashing posters to be disseminated to increase awareness and wallet cards to give out to police officers and victims of crime. The Calgary Police Service works hard to build trust and identify policing needs so you can feel comfortable reporting any victimization and provide ongoing support, information and referral service to victims. The Calgary Police Service can help you deal with same sex domestics, violence, sexual assault and gay bashing.

- Emergency? 911
- CPS Resources Available:
 - Police Non Emergency - 266-1234 - 24 hrs
 - Sexuality and Gender Diversity Liaison - 206-8159 - Daytime only
 - Victim Assistance Unit - 206-8398 - Daytime only or call 266-1234 at night



An Old Fashion *Social (DANCE) February 16, 2008



* a party of people assembled to promote sociability and communal activity

Wet your Whistle with great drink prices! Late Night Buffet!

Where: Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community hall, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alberta

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