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We need the whole world as a friend.  
Herbert Hoover

CALENDAR OF STANDING EVENTS

2ND Tuesday	7:30	Rodeo Events Comm.
2ND Thursday	7:00	Board Meeting
	8:00	General Membership
3RD Tuesday	7:30	PR-Fundraising Comm.
3RD Thursday	7:30	Entertainment Comm.
4TH Tuesday	7:30	Membership Comm.
4TH Thursday	7:00	Board Meeting

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 4	Mr-Ms-Miss Interviews
Nov. 5	Mr-Ms-Miss Western Wear-Talent
Nov. 6	Mr-Ms Horsemanship Fall Gymkhana Awards
Nov. 9	Colorado Springs Club Night
Nov. 12-13	C.G.R.A./Columbine Lodge
Nov. 18-20	T.G.R.A. Rodeo
Nov. 23	Welcome Home From Texas
Nov. 24	Function of the Month
Nov. 27	The New Mr-Ms-Miss C.G.R.A. Annual Turkey Feed

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# CGRA November CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		P.R. Fund-raising Committee Mtg. 7:30 Charlies <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	MR.MS.MISS. CONTESTANT MTG. 7:30 CHARLIES <b>3</b>	MR. MS.MISS. INTERVEIWS COMPETITION 6:00 BJ's <b>4</b>	MR.MS.MISS. WESTERN WEAR, TALENT COMPETITION 56:00 CHARLIES
FALL GYMKHANA. MR.MS. HORSEMANSHIP COMPETITION. AWARDS CEREMONY <b>6</b> CHARLIES.	<b>7</b>	Rodeo Events Committee Mtg. 7:30 The Metro <b>8</b>	<b>9</b> CLUB NIGHT COLORADO SPRINGS 8-12 THE EXIT	C.G.R.A. BOARD MEETING 7:00P.M. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 8pm <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	C.G.R.A. FUNDRAISER COLUMBINE LODGE COLORADO SPRINGS <b>12</b>
C.G.R.A. FUNDRAISER COLUMBINE LODGE COLORADO SPRINGS <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	P.R. Fund-raising Committee Mtg. 7:30 Charlies <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	Entertainment Comitee Mtg. 7:30 Charlies <b>17</b>	T.G.R.A. RODEO AUSTIN,TEXAS GOOD LUCK C.G.R.A.MEMBERS <b>18</b>	T.G.R.A. RODEO AUSTIN,TEXAS <b>19</b>
T.G.R.A. RODEO AUSTIN,TEXAS <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	WELCOME HOME FROM TEXAS PARTY. CHARLIES 9:00P.M. <b>23</b>	FUNCTION OF THE MONTH. 8:00pm BJ's TO BENEFIT PROM COURT <b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
NEW MR.MS.MISS. C.G.R.A. TURKEY FEED 7:00 CHARLIES <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	Membership Committee Mtg. 7:30 Charlies <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			



## BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I wish this article could begin saying congratulations to all of our people who competed in the Reno I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. Unfortunately this isn't possible. It was a hard weekend for all of us who went in anticipation of that cinal chance to compete against the best and possibly bring home that buckle. I feel very fortunate that I live in an area where we have not had to face unsurmountable prejudices.

Congratulations to Magnolia, our new Miss I.G.R.A. 1988-89. Also to Mark, Mr. C.G.R.A.; Shelly, Ms. C.G.R.A.; and Magnolia, Miss C.G.R.A. for a year very well done. We are all proud of you. Thank You!

We are coming into the holiday season and once again we are planning many fun get-togethers. It will begin with one of our biggest events of the year: Mr., Ms., and Miss C.G.R.A. Competition. These people are possibly our organization's most visable people to the community. It is extremely important to have dedicated people to represent us.

Watch your calendars for other things we will be doing throughout the season. Mr., Ms., and Miss Turkey Feed and our annual Christmas Party, just to mention a few, you won't want to miss.

Have a Happy Thankgiving!!

Your President  
Jeanie Nelson

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

"Thanks" to everyone who has taken part in all the fund-

raisers to send our contestants to the I.G.R.A. Finals. Without all your support, we could not have the great Rodeo Association that we do. Also congratulations to Buddy - "Magnolia" on bringing the title of Miss I.G.R.A. back from Finals. You do us proud!

Also "Thanks" to all who walked in the "From All Walks of Life" to benefit those with AIDS.

Good luck to all those who are running for our upcoming Mr., Ms., and Miss contest and our Fall Gymkhana.

Corresponding Secretary  
Kirk Frank



### PUBLIC RELATIONS/FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

We have made it through another month, deadlines and all. I do want to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. The Reno I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo not only put a cramp in our contestants but also made this newsletter get a late start at the press. We all know what the press is like!

This coming month is going to be just as exciting and filled as the past few months have been. On the weekend of

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November 4th, 5th and 6th, we start off with the selection of our New Mr., Ms., and Miss C.G.R.A. for 1988-89. The weekend will start off with the interview portion of the competition Friday night at B.J.'s. This however is a closed competition, for only the contestants and judges. Saturday night, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Charlies, we will be holding the western wear and talent portion of the competition. Sunday morning at the J. & J. Stables the Mr. and Ms. horsemanship competition will be held beginning at 9:00a.m. Registration for the Fall Gymkhana will start at 11:00a.m., with the Grand Entry begin at 12 noon. The awards for the Fall Gymkhana and the Mr., Ms., and Miss Competitions will be held at Charlies. The night festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the awards hopefully beginning around 7:30. So this weekend is really filled, with one of our MAJOR functions of the entire year. It should be fun!!

The Colorado Springs Satellite will be holding its Club Night at the Exit Lounge from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight, the night of November 9th.

November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at board will be meeting followed by the general membership meeting at 8:00p.m.

The weekend of November 12th and 13th we (the state) will be having a major fundraiser in the Springs at the Columbine Lodge. There will be a welcome reception Saturday at 3:00p.m., dinner Saturday evening at 5:00p.m., dancing and entertainment Saturday night, as well as breakfast Sunday morning for those who want to stay over. There is

still some spaces available to spend the night, so make plans now.

The Texas Rodeo is November 18th through 20th. We wish all of our Colorado contestants to have a safe and prosperous time in Texas. We hope you all bring back lots of belt buckles and ribbons, and to celebrate all of our winning there will be a welcome home party on Wednesday, November 23rd at 9:00p.m. at Charlies.

Thanksgiving Day is also our Function of the Month. This time we hit B.J.'s at 8:00p.m. to benefit the Prom Court Travel Fund with a scrabble night and a show. If you were at the last Function of the Month at Brick's, you know how much fun and craziness we cowboys and cowgirls can have.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, the annual Mr., Ms. and Miss C.G.R.A. Turkey Feed will be at Charlies on November 27th. This is one of their major fundraisers for the year and is always a wonderful feast. This is also their first public fundraiser for the year, so don't forget to come out and support our new royalty.

The Public Relations-Fundraising Committee meetings are always the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m. at Charlies. Anyone interested in coming to these meetings please feel free to come on by. As we get closer and closer to our rodeo, we will be soliciting help from our membership, so why not get involved NOW!!!! We need and want your support and help. This is your organization. Make it what you want.

Public Relations-Fundraising  
Chairperson  
Buddy Sojourner

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Who said he could sing?



ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN

Greetings and welcome once again to another rousing rendition of the C.G.R.A. newsletter, and the award winning and ever popular entertainment column.

For those of you that are now thinking to yourselves "Damn!! that Russ Forrest is arrogant", CONGRATULATIONS! on being one of the few members who cares enough to read our efforts in this newsletter. You are to be commended for being informed!! God knows that my committee never reads this, because if they did they would know when committee meetings are scheduled and would show up!! Meetings are awfully lonely and unproductive without you kids!!!! So, for ANYONE who is interested in the entertainment committee the next COMMITTEE MEETING IS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17TH AT 7:30 P.M. AT CHARLIE'S!!!!!!!

There, now that I have that out of my system let's get on to the more pleasant tasks at hand!!

First off mr/ms/miss weekend is at hand! November 5 and 6 mark the contest for the contest and awards dates as well as our fall Gymkhana on the 6th. This years contest is sizing up to be a tough competition that I'm sure you will all enjoy. Be sure to be at both the contest and

Gymkhana and support your favorite candidate as they vie for the right to represent us for the next year. By the way if you are interested in running you have until 12 o'clock noon on Thursday November 3rd to get your applications in.

FUNCTION OF THE MONTH this time around will be held at BJ'S CAROUSEL on November the 24th, yes that is turkey day, and will be a benefit for the Prom Courts travel fund. The evening will consist of a really sick show, done in the true Prom style, and a rousing edition of that age old (even older than some of you) game show Scrabble. The unique part of this game contest is that you get to pick the word and the clue for everyone else to guess. It only costs a dollar, and all the proceeds will go to help out the Prom Court. Don't miss this one!

Everyone that attended the last function of the month had a ball!! In addition to all the fun and games BJ'S will have a simply sumptuous Turkey day buffet available for all those poor souls that have no where else to go, and all you pigs too!! Seriously, knowing Bob and the crew as I do I'm sure it will be flawless! We were also very well recieved. Thanks to all you brave souls that are willing to get out and support a new fun idea!!

The 9th of November marks the day for the Colorado Springs satellite's Club Nite at THE EXIT in the fair city to our south. The bar has some very unique and fun facilities for Club Nites, and they are always a lot of fun. So plan on jumping in the car and getting out of town for an

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evening. It will help your nerves!!

On the 12th and 13th the Colorado Springs satellite will be holding a weekend long event at the Columbine Lodge. For those of you who have never been there, the place is just gorgeous!! There will be fun, games, and entertainment all weekend, so be sure to make your reservations and attend this terrific event.

As is tradition with the C.G.R.A., the first major function for our new MR, MS, and Miss will be the annual turkey feed. This wild and wacky event has always delighted the stomach and boggled the mind. It will be held on Sunday November 27th at Charlie's. Don't miss the official kickoff to all the holiday season festivities!!

Sorry that all this isn't in exact chronological order, but all of you who know me are not surprised I'm sure. You know how dizzy I can be sometimes.

Anyway...Please do not forget the weekend of the 25th - 27th is the T.G.R.A. rodeo.

Enough said for me!!! This computer screen is starting to blur! Have a great month and be sure not to miss ANY of our fabulous, fun, frivolous, fantastic, far-out, fun-filled, flaming, flowing, flamboyant events!!!!

Gotcha!! I know none of you thought I could use that many "F" words without being obscene.

Goodbye for now...and may no swamp rats take shelter in your bathtubs.

Russell (wacko) Forrest  
Entertainment Chair

You want me to insert my lance through this little ring? I know I want to be butch, but not that butch!!!



### RODEO EVENTS COMMITTEE

As you all know, November 5th and 6th is our Fall Gymkhana and Mr., Ms. and Miss Competitions. Sunday the 6th at Jody and Laura's (J. & J. Stables) the activities will begin at 9:00a.m. sharp.

The Mr. and Ms. horsemanship competition will begin at 9:00a.m. followed by the Gymkhana and the People's Events. Anyone interested in any of these events please contact me or any of the board members.

I also want to to "Thank" everyone for the fundraisers for the people who went to Reno.

Those of you who may be interested in a Winter Gymkhana (i.e. Indoor Arena) please let me know.

Rodeo Events Chairman  
John Beck

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### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Hello again! It seems like only yesterday we received the last monthly newsletter. At least for those of us who have a current mailing address in the computer and are dues current.

I want to "Thank" all of you who are dues current and encourage those of you who are not, to pay your dues through November.

We are currently involved in a membership drive for C.G.R.A. and so far have several new members. We want to welcome Bob Shaw, Juan Ruiz (aka Jessica Scott), A. Lee Hogan, and Michael Elder to the membership of C.G.R.A. We are growing and will continue to keep you informed. The membership drive will go through January 1989. What the membership drive is all about is that any C.G.R.A. member who signs up a new member and signs that new members application, will get credit for that new member. The person who signs up the MOST new members will receive one years membership to C.G.R.A. FREE. Not a bad deal!!!!!!

The month of November is very busy for all of us, so be sure to keep your calendar handy. Remember the Mr., Ms. and Miss competition the weekend of November 4th and the Fall Gymkhana on the 6th. For those of you who are planning to participate in the Gymkhana, you must be dues current to receive any prizes. There will be a representative from the membership committee at the registration table to receive your dues. Also, please plan to attend the November General Membership Meeting on November 10th at

Charlies beginning at 8:00p.m.

I have several complaints about voting procedures at the general membership meetings. According to our Bylaws, you must be dues current before you are allowed to vote on any subject that may come up at a meeting. Beginning at the November membership meeting, we will be checking for dues current members and issuing a voting tool.

"Thanks" again for all your support and plan to attend ALL C.G.R.A. meetings.

Membership chairman  
Tommy Channel

Miss Blue Moon Lake 1988-89



### I.G.R.A. BOARD MEETING

The final quarterly I.G.R.A. board meeting was held October 22 at the Reno Hilton.

First order of business was committee reports. Very few committee chairs reported in.

For old business, both Texas and Colorado came prepared with a rodeo "checklist" to ensure that more areas of the rodeo are being accounted for instead of only times, scores, points, and payoffs. Texas agreed to use this checklist in Austin first and then will present a final draft.

Incoming President Gerald Ford announced the committee chairs for the upcoming year.

Under new business, Silver State apologized for the rodeo (or lack of) and retracted the bid for the 1989 finals rodeo. The bid for the 1989 finals rodeo is now open to all state associations.

The Trustees met following

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the board meeting and granted recertifications for judges, secretaries, arena directors, and chute coordinators.

The first board meeting for the 1989 rodeo year will be in Austin on Friday, November 18, at 8:00 p.m. The location will be announced.

Colorado Trustee  
Larry Lindstrom

## COLORADO SPRINGS SATELLITE

The Colorado Springs Satellite will be having it's board meeting at 6:30p.m. and it's general membership meeting at 7:00p.m. at the Exit Lounge, November 7th. Club Night will also be at the Exit on November 9th, from 8:00p.m. until 12 midnight.

The weekend of November 12th and 13th, Columbine Lodge and the Colorado Springs Satellite will be hosting a weekend retreat. For more information please contact 719-632-CGRA.

## NORTHERN COLORADO SATELLITE

I guess what they say about no news is good news...there was nothing to report from our partners from the north. Hope this newsletter finds all of our northern friends happy and well and making lots of plans to make the Northern Colorado Satellite a strong and viable part of the C.G.R.A. community.

## THIS PAST MONTH

## FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

"Thanks" to all those who turned out and made the walk

for life a success on October 2nd. A special note of "Thanks" to our C.G.R.A. Colorado Springs Satellite for making the trip to Denver to participate.

People from both the straight and gay communities walked in harmony for a very worth while cause, to help those with Aids.

Lets not forget those who have fought the battle so bravely against Aids and continue to help those carrying on the fight.

Tony Shade

## RENO ROAD SHOWS

Despite the problems that surrounded the I.G.R.A. finals rodeo in Nevada last month, our attending contestants, workers and general membership are to be congratulated on a job done well.

We held two official fundraisers last month for the purpose of creating a fund to assist those attending the finals rodeo. All of those involved did a fabulous job. These two shows raised over \$1100.00!! That is a fantastic total!!

In addition, Amanda held a roast that raised over \$200.00. These funds were also added to the contestant fund.

All in all, the monies raised were a great help to all those who attended. "Thanks" to all of you who attended and helped out. This just proves once again that C.G.R.A. is the greatest bunch of people in the entire gay community.



## FUNCTION OF THE MONTH

The first version of our brand new FUNCTION OF THE MONTH has proved to be a terrific alternative to the old Club Nite.

All of those who attended had a terrific time watching Miss Casino nite (in a new gown thank god) host "Win Lose or Draw". The evening turned out extremely well in all respects.

We raised \$100.00 to be divided between the M.C.C. and the Rocky Mountain Rainbeau Society for the Deaf.

We hope that all of you who supported the first Function of the Month will continue to do so, and encourage the rest of your friends and fellow members to do so also.

## DON'T FORGET

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, November 10th at 8:00p.m. at Charlies. This is the time when your voice can be heard and is important if you are a DUES CURRENT MEMBER. Please be there and bring a friend (or an enemy) to help in our membership drive. This is your organization...be proud...take the time.



## MARYBELLE

Dear Editer,

I find it flatterin as heck that you have chosen me to be featured in your newseyletter. Howeversome, I do haffta tell you that I really am the only one who could do it jestic. I am, I am!!

What really impresses me, it that you think I am anybody who is somebody!! You see, Mr. Editer, I always though it wuz really neat how all you people get to go down the stairs all the time. Real V.I.P. iffing you know whut I mean. But, I must confess that I never been down the stairs, so I don't know whair the C.G.R.A. room is. Well, I did get half ways down onest. You see, one-o-the bartenders onest ast me to go down with him and help him get some beer outta the cooler. WOW! I get to go down the stairs liken I wuz someone who is someone.

Well, about the time we gor almost down the stairs, this here bartender snapped the light off, unzipped my pants, and had MY DEALIE in his hand fastern I knew whut wuz happenin. He did, he did!! Well Editer, it so scared me that I whupped my dealie outta his hands, and run up them stairs fast as I could go! I am only tellin you this cuz he wuz so drunk, that I am sure he dosen't remember whut happened.

But Editer, I will never go near those stairs again. I won't!! I won't!!

Howeversome, I have decided that in your colom, I will give all you C.G.R.A'ans a PUBIC SERVICE MSSAGE ever month. And this here month for your PUBIC SERVICE MESSAGE is:

## FEATURE ARTICLES

DON'T ever sit across from Pres. JEANNIE whilst she is in a leather minny skirt. cuz hon's and honie's she got so drunk that her legs were all spread out, didn't have andy unkie's on, and her 10 X BEAVER wuz stairin me in the face all nite long. Well, I am a still havin nightmares!! I keep-a-dreamin that thairs BEAVERS crawlin all over my face. oh NO. oh NOOOOOO!!!

I realize EDITER, that this feature artikle is longern you have in mind, but I jest had to give some good dirt, so's all the C.G.R.A.'ans that don't get to Charlie's often, will know what the hell is goin on.

I suppose by the time you read this, you will have already heard all about BOISE!!

I magine you heard about the three flat tires on the SAME moterhome all in one eve?

And I spoze you also heard bout the motermouth GREG T. They couldn't shut him up all the way to BOISE!! Even DICK B. couldn't get a word in edgeways. Now DICK is pissed cuz HE wuz the one that got iarengietis! Oh my, oh my!!

Well hon's and honie's, I'll tell ya whut I wudda done iff'n I wuz gitten all them flat tires. I woulda stoled a garden hose outta somebodys yard, cut it in three pieces, rolled down the winders, hooked them three hoses on the bad tires, and stuffed all three of the other ends inta GREG'S mouth and then them tires wudda staid up all the way to Caneda, or even the U.S. TOUR!! I would, I would!!

I wuzn't gonna mention the bartenders name with the stairs, but I decided that I must tell my public the

truth...So hon's and honie's the bartender that wuz drunk, and had my DEALIE in his hands, wuz none other'n than DIAMOND DAN hisself!! It wuz, it wuz!!

I will close for now Mr. EDITER, in hopes that you will print this one MARYBELLE in it's intereity, and from now on I will be pleased to give you C.G.R.A.'ans a tid and a bit ever month.

Have a nice day,

MARYBELLE



FROM THE KEYBOARD OF THE  
EDITOR (AND HE IS NOT AMUSED)

My Dearest Marvbelle,

"Thank You" ever so "REALLY" for your article in this month's BIG C.G.R.A. Newsletter. We here in the down stairs C.G.R.A. office "REALLY" do feel like V.I.P.'s. Because, WE ARE, it's true, it's true!!

However girlfriend, we WILL provide you with a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 'cause your spelling is worest than Russell and Buddy's, not to mention John Beck's.

We "REALLY" do appreciate you submitting your article in the same format that our BIG C.G.R.A. Newsletter is printed, however, in the future if you could put your article on a BIG floppy disk, addressed to "EDITOR" instead of "editer", and place it on a 30 character column with a 2 space indention, it would be most "REALLY" appreciated. Besides, you are already

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familiar with "BIG" floppy Dealies from your whirl-wind experiences on the "BIG C.G.R.A. V.I.P. STAIRWAY". We can't believe that you tucked your "Dealie" and ran, girlfriend, because we all know that "DIAMONDS" are a girl's best friend.

In regards to your "PUBLIC SERVIVE MESSAGE", it would behove you in the future, not to "RE-FUR" to the private parts of BIG C.G.R.A. V.I.P.'S. In particular, the private parts of our "REALLY BIG V.I.P." President...Ms. Jeanie Nelson.

We here in the "BIG, C.G.R.A. NEWSLETTER ROOM" "REALLY" do appreciate your advice about our one and only Mr. Tinslev...a point well taken!! It is, it is!!

Well, in closing Dearest Marybelle, we in the "BIG C.G.R.A. NEWSLETTER ROOM" are looking so very "REALLY" forward to your next article. We "REALLY" did get such a chuckle from this one that this "EDITOR" had to go change her panties. I DID, I DID!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE "REALLY BIG C.G.R.A.  
V.I.P. EDITOR"



Nevada might have a Fallon-  
but C.G.R.A. has an Alexis.

## HORSE SCENTS

### STABLE VICIS AND OTHER BAD HABITS

Horses in confinement often develop habits that may be annoying to their owners and even harmful to themselves. Most stable vices result from sheer boredom.

"Bolting" is a horse's habit of eating its concentrate feed very rapidly and without chewing it properly.

"Cribbing" refers to a condition in which the horse bites the manger or another object while sucking in air. It sometimes causes a bloated condition, and the horse is more likely to develop colic. This condition may be remedied by buckling a strap snugly around a horse's neck in such a way that it compresses the larynx when the neck is flexed or extended. If properly placed, such a strap will cause no discomfort at other times.

"Halter pulling" refers to the habit of pulling back on the halter rope or bridle reins when tied. The halter or strap may be broken, allowing the horse to run away.

Some horses develop a habit of "kicking" or "striking" the stall or other objects with their rear feet. They apparently do this for the satisfaction derived from striking something.

"Tail rubbing" is a habit of persistently rubbing the tail against the side of a stall or on another object. This may result from parasites.

"Weaving" is a condition in which a horse weaves, or sways from side to side, while standing in a stall.

Draft horses may develop the habit of "balking" when hitched to heavy loads. Thus they refuse to push their shoulder against the collar. Such a habit sometimes develops because of a poorly fitting collar, which causes a sore on their necks or shoulders.

A horse may develop the habit of "rearing" on its hind legs when an attempt is made to lead it. Others may rear when mounted. Some horses develop the habit of "striking out" with the forefeet when they are being led and/or when they rear up on their hind legs. Other horses develop a habit of shying when ridden and may even unseat their rider. Draft horses sometimes develop the dangerous habit of running away when hitched to a wagon or other moving vehicle. Tiding horses, especially cow ponies, may "cold-jaw", a habit of taking the bit in their teeth and running at top speed. Pulling on the reins other methods commonly used in stopping them are often unsuccessful. Once these runaway habits develop, little can be done to correct them.

Another undesirable habit horses develop is that of playing "hard to catch" when their owners try to drive them into a stable or catch and bridle them in a pasture or pen. Other horses object to being harnessed or saddled. Gentle horses may develop the habit of expanding their chest cavity (breathing deeply, commonly called swelling up) when the saddle cinch is tied or buckled. They exhale air after the cinch is fastened and thereby cause the saddle to be loosened. Some cow

ponies, probably because of the manner in which they are first broken and handled, develop the habit of bucking. This habit marks some horses as unsuitable for riding; others seem gentle but they may "break in two" and throw their riders when least expected.

Most vices (bad habits) of horses are difficult to correct once they are developed. Preventing the habit is much more desirable than trying to correct it. Older horses, however, can be broken of many undesirable habits and taught new tricks. It should be remembered that horses are not generally considered pals, as is often the relationship of dogs to man. Rather, horses must be taught to serve and respect their master.

#### CARE AND TRIMMING OF THE FEET

A majority of horses are presently kept for either riding or driving purposes. These uses involve movements of various kinds, and proper movement is dependent upon healthy and sound normal feet. In fact, many movement defects among horses are related directly or indirectly to improper care and trimming of the feet. Therefore, horse owners should care for the hooves of their horses in a proper manner and use the services of a professional when appropriate. Tools most often used to trim the feet include hoof nippers, a hoof knife, a hoof pick, and a rasp. Properly and improperly trimmed hooves are shown in the figure below.

Proper care of feet starts with the young foal. An unshapely hoof causes uneven wear and may result in unsound legs. Faulty legs can often be corrected by proper trimming of the hooves; however, it is more desirable to keep hooves properly trimmed as a prophylactic measure against such an unsoundness. The foal's feet should be observed while it is standing on a hard surface and then when in action, both at a walk and at a trot.

Most necessary foot trimming of young foals can be accomplished with a rasp because they seldom need more than a little smoothing and rounding. Even if little shaping is necessary, handling the foal's feet makes shoeing easier at maturity. Regular hoof care in the foal and young horse will favor proper development of the legs and correct movement. It is sometimes used on young show horses. Some horsemen who raise cow ponies on the range prefer to run them in a rocky area or where the ground is hard and firm. They believe that horses raised under such conditions have harder and more durable feet in later life. Mares and foals are never shod under such conditions.

The hoof of a normal healthy horse grows about 1/2 inch monthly. If the ground is

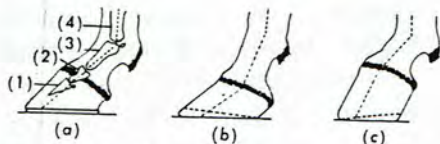


Fig. 20.5 Trimming horse feet. (a) Properly trimmed hoof with normal foot axis: (1) coffin bone, (2) short pastern bone, (3) long pastern bone, (4) cannon bone. (b) Toe too long, which breaks the foot axis backward. Horizontal dotted line shows how hoof should be trimmed to restore normal posture. (c) Heel too long, which breaks the foot axis forward. Horizontal dotted line shows how trimming will restore the correct posture. (USDA.)

mostly soft and the hoof is not trimmed, the wall will break off and wear unevenly. Under such conditions the hoof should be trimmed monthly. Nippers may be used to trim the horn, and the wall may be leveled with a rasp. If the hoof is uneven, it may be necessary to correct this over a period of time with several trimmings. The frog of a foot should also be carefully trimmed by removing the ragged edges so that dirt or other extraneous matter will not accumulate in the crevices. Since it serves as a cushion for the hoof, the frog should not be trimmed excessively. The sole should be trimmed little, if any. It is recommended that the outside walls of the hoof not be rasped, since this removes the outer protective layer which normally prevents evaporation.

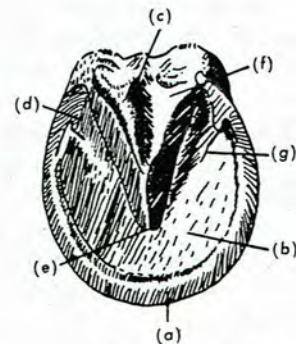


Fig. 20.6 Parts of a horse's foot. (a) Bearing edge and hoof wall; (b) sole; (c) median furrow of the frog; (d) lateral furrow of the frog; (e) apex of the frog; (f) branch of the frog; (g) bar. (USDA.)

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The bars (either of the recurved ends of the wall of a horse's hoof where they curve in to the sole) should never be trimmed below the level of the walls. Frequently, the novice trims these excessively, which allows the wall to collapse inwardly and thereby pinches the lateral cartilage.

Shoes are a necessity when horses pull loads or ridden on hard surfaces. Otherwise, the hooves wear down, the feet become tender, and lameness results. Cow ponies worked on the range, especially in rocky ground, must be shod. Shoes of a proper size should be used for each horse. They are shaped to fit the contour of the hooves. When nailing on a shoe, care should be taken not to drive the nail into the "quick" or sensitive part of the hoof. When nailed through the hoof, the sharp ends of nails should be twisted off, and the remaining blunt ends tapped lightly to bend them downward and thereby hold the shoe firmly in place. Shoes are commonly replaced or reset at intervals of 4 to 8 weeks. Those worn too long may allow the hoof to grow out of proportion and thereby throw a walking or running horse off balance. Corrective shoeing to relieve an abnormality requires skill.

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### HORSE SCENTS CONTINUED FROM J 7 J STABLES

GET YOUR CHECK LIST READY  
FOR AUSTIN

Colorado law states-You must have a brand inspection before moving your horses from state to state. For many of us a permenate brand inspection is more practical and can be obtained from the Colorado Brand Board 2940895. The brand inspection is title to your horse and allows you to travel without a lot of A.Q.H.A. paperwork. It takes a week to receive a permenate, but a regular brand inspection is given immediately. The fees are \$5.00 per owner, \$0.30 per horse, and a permenate inspection is \$10.00 more.

When buying a horse in Colorado, a brand inspection must be done before ownership is recognized and this insures buyer and seller that the said horse is legally the horse in question. We have all been VERY lucky that we have never been impounded while trasveling, so let's not push our luck.

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A Coggins Test and Health Certificate is equally important and necessary when hauling horses.

A Run-thru on the trailer is necessary, for the drivers and horses' safety (i.e., brakes, lights, tires and spare for the entire rig). There should be bedding inside the trailer to ease the impact of the long haul on the horses legs. Leg wraps or shipping boots are a must as well as a sheet or blanket. Tail wraps are optional.

Electrolites should be started a week to 10 days prior to the haul, and carried out throughout the trip. Let's avoid dehydration in Austin!

A quick check on equipment should be done to insure the riders and horses' safety during performance. Be sure to have head stalls, reins blankets or pads, and saddle wear. Be sure to check your leggins and stirrup restraints. Having an extra pair of reins and a extra headstall is good for a backup, incase of breakage. Horses drink 10 to 30 gallons of water a day; don't forget a couple of buckets per horse.

If you are planning to use alfalfa pellets instead of hay, transition should start at least 10 days prior to travel. Ask your vet about the quantity of the pellets to be used instead of the hay. Hay bags during travel also helps to relieve a horse's boredom.

GOOD LUCK IN AUSTIN!!

Laura O'Neil  
J & J Stables

## RIDING THE CANTER OR "LOPE"

The canter is a most enjoyable gait, easy and rhythmic. It is the slow, collected form of the gallop. It is a three beat gait, and the horse is said to canter on the left or right lead.

On the right lead, the horse starts his canter with the left hind leg, then the right hind leg and the left fore leg hit the ground together, and finally the right fore leg which become the leading leg. There is a interval of suspension after the three beat when all four feet are off the ground. The second beat is a little longer than the others. On the left lead, movement starts with the right hind leg, then the left hind and right fore together, then the left fore.

The canter is a rocking-chair gait. Therefore, the rider uses the full seat. The best way to learn the canter is to ride without stirrups because many riders put too much of their weight in the stirrups. This throws them up and out of the saddle when they are to be firmly seated. The back muscles do most of the work and the rider doesn't leave his saddle.

Have a freind canter in front of you then urge your horse into a canter by loosening the reins and pressing your heels against the horses sides. When he is moving smoothly and steadily, take your fet from the stirrups and put your hands on the halter shank or rest them on the pammel. Your weight is on your setting bones and you

swing with the motion of the horse. This brings your all important lower back muscles into play.

When you are sure of your seat and the rhythm, canter without the reins, placing your hands on your waist or across your chest.

You may use your stirrups when you are able to canter without bouncing. It may help to lengthen them a little because you do not want to put any pressure on them.

One very common fault in riding at the canter is to push back in the saddle with the legs thrust forward. As in the trot, this position is unbalanced and leaves the rider behind his horse. The rider whose elbows slap around is also out of balance.

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#### I.G.R.A. FINALS RODEO - RENO

The following article is a run down on the events leading up to and following the cancellation of the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo in Reno, Nevada as related to S.S.G.R.A., I.G.R.A., other State Associations, contestants and spectators.

FACT #1: The Lawler Events Center in Reno, which is operated by the University of Nevada booked the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. However, they (the Lawler Events Center) claimed that the S.S.G.R.A. did not pay for the use of the center in time and therefore the rodeo association could

not use the facilities. S.S.G.R.A. took the Lawler Events Center to court, but the judge ruled that because of the way this particular contract was handled, that the center had the right to cancel the contract. The judge suggested that S.S.G.R.A. pay the contract in full in order to re-activate it, which S.S.G.R.A. did within a 24 hour time period. However, when S.S.G.R.A. went to pay the balance of the contract to the Lawler Events Center; suddenly the facilities were no longer available. A basketball PRACTICE had been scheduled by none other than the University of Nevada's basketball team.

FACT #2: The A.C.L.U. of Nevada is filing a suit against the Lawler Events Center on behalf of the S.S.G.R.A. However, this suit will only be filed following the filing of all other suits which are in process. There will be more information on this as it becomes available.

FACT #3: Four (4) additional arenas were available at the time of the last development. One in Tuckee, California (across the state line), Carson City, Nevada, Virginia City, Nevada, and Fallon, Nevada (in the county of Church Hill). Each of these locations declined for various reasons????????????????????????????????

FACT #4: Church Hill County accepted a \$300.00 payment for the use of their arena, which was collected the NEXT day by a county commissioner. However, this proved to be another blind road.



FACT #5: With the picture looking dim, emergency facilities became available. The Landry Roping Arena; which is privately owned and operated, became available to us and a contract was signed. When the Landry Arena applied for a liquor license, the public of Fallon and Church Hill County became aware of what we were trying to accomplish. Needless to say, the liquor licenses were denied, three (3) days before the rodeo was to take place. At which time Church Hill County immediately filed an injunction to halt the "GAY" rodeo. This was approximately at 1:30p.m., two (2) days prior to the rodeo. Their reasoning behind the injunction was citing a Nevada law requiring any gathering of more than 1000 people, must have a permit 60 days prior to that event. Hearing were held Friday morning before the rodeo was to take place and the judge issued a restraining order to halt the rodeo. At which time the A.C.L.U. of Nevada rushed to Carson City, to the Nevada Supreme Court, to try to overturn the restraining order.

FACT #6: The A.C.L.U. of Nevada is filing SEVERAL suits against Church Hill County. One suit is a Class Action suit which claims damages for any person who traveled to Reno for the rodeo. These people must prepare a list for their individual state trustee to submit to the A.C.L.U. lawyers for their traveling expenses, room expenses, food, any expenses incurred in order to get to Reno, and any expenses or losses that would not have occurred except for the fact that these people went to Reno.

The details of these suits are not yet available. A questionnaire is being prepared by the A.C.L.U. lawyers and will be sent to ALL state trustees, who will see that anyone involved in these Class Action Suits will be contacted.

The following are my thoughts on what happened in Nevada, which is something that could happen anywhere...even Colorado.

Rodeo Finals is an expensive situation and one that is difficult to keep out of the public's eye! If we, as contestants, want to hold a finals, we will have to take more responsibility for the funding of our rodeos; which in turn will make other less controversial sites available.

Colorado is not much different from Nevada. We were turned down by approximately eight (8) different arenas before we held our first rodeo. The Aurora Horsemen's Association is NOT excited with our use of their arena (Coal Creek Rodeo Park). They could file an injunction to stop us just as Church Hill County did in Nevada.

We must strengthen ourselves as an organization both locally and internationally. Internal battles will continue to erode our unity and our ability to be a constructive force in the well being of the gay community! We must ALL compromise to reach workable agreements that benefit OUR community.

The following information is from articles in the Nevada Newspaper--A.C.L.U. Executive Director, Ms. Shelly Chase and exiting I.G.R.A. President, Les Krambeal!! Also please note, I was misquoted in the

Nevada Newspaper; which leads us to question the articles to begin with!!

We will up date you as often as we can to get additional information to you.

RUMORS (glossed over with additional words of our own) are destructive forces in our community. BE ASSERTIVE...go to the source and ask or accuse...but get the story STRAIGHT.

The following is a list of parties presently involved in our interest:

- \* A.C.L.U. Nevada-
- \* Shelly Chase - Executive Director
- \* Attorneys from three (3) different Reno Law Firms:  
Rod Sumpter  
Mark Ficher  
Chris Wicher
- \* Representing N.L.L.D.F.  
(National Lamda Legal Defense Fund)  
1 New York Attorney's Firm  
1 Washington D.C. Attorney's Firm

The Class Action Suit will be filled in Federal Court in San Fransico and the attorneys believe that if the law is fair and equitable the class action suit will own Church Hill County.

The suit is to be filed against:

Church Hill County  
Church Hill County  
District Attorney - Kevin Pasquale  
Church Hill County  
Sheriff - Bill Lawry

All of his officers - by individual names

The individual names of ALL 1519 people in Church Hill County who signed the petition against the rodeo

A second suit will be filed

to re-cover all possible costs that may be encountered in producing a Finals Rodeo.

Wayne Jakino



## HOMOPHOBIA ON THE TRAIL

The following article is from 1st the C.G.R.A. Rodeo Program in 1983, written by John King. We felt like our members might like to see where we've been and just how close we are to being back there with the current political statis which was evident in Nevada. Pay attention...it could be right outside our backdoor...

It's the night of December 18th, 1982 and I'm excited. The C.G.R.A. Board has just committed to having our own Gay Rodeo in Denver. I think I'll buy them all a shot to celebrate. Now all we have to do is decide where to have it. Well, there's Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, the Pow Wow Rodeo Arena in Louisville, the Adams County Fairgrounds and the National Western Complex in Denver. Then way out in Deertrail, there are also nice grounds with barns. And what about Bob West's and the Thacker Arena?

Well, Arapahoe is out. They wouldn't even return my phone calls (representing the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association), and finally they just hung up on me. The Denver Complex is out - way too expensive and the city retains the beer concession. Thacker's and West's won't do because they have room for no more than 250 people. But Mr. Fletcher Wood, Director of the Jefferson

County Fairgrounds, at least made an appointment to see us. So Wayne, Ron, Betty, Rich, C.J., Kenny and I are on our way to see him. He thinks we are sincere, but due to previously scheduled 4-H dances every weekend this summer, he thinks we ought to wait and ask again next year.

The next thing we know, Dave Stahl, Director of the Boulder Valley Pow Wow Grounds, is meeting with the whole C.G.R.A. Board at the Arena in Louisville. The facilities are new and beautiful. The stands are even covered. All we need to do is apply for it's use - the weekend is even open! Dave will meet with his board for final approval during the PRCA meetings just prior to the National Western Stockshow.

Oh no! It's been four days now and he won't return any of my calls. He must be busy. I guess I'll just go over to Stouffer's and find him. Sure enough, there he is in the bar with five other gentlemen in expensive gray Stetsons. He obviously knows the right people. But two men on his board were so vehement against renting to us, they turned down the application. Too bad, it was ideal.

But Monday Wayne and I have an appointment to the Adams County Fairgrounds. Are they telling us "Yes?" But they want the beer concession and would require ten guards on duty all weekend. "You know, we don't want any trouble." The guards must be Adams County Deputies and they cost \$11.00 per hour. Sixty-five hundred dollars just for security! "Sorry, we'll call you." Anyway, there is always Deertrail.

It is one of those pleasant, sunny, winter days on the plains, but it is still a long way out here. Rich, Wayne, Kenny and I are meeting John Jolly, President of the Deertrail Rodeo Association and owner of the huge Jolly Ranch in eastern Colorado. We can tell we have our mutual love for horses in common. Mr. Jolly is reserved and enthusiastic at the same time. "Why shouldn't Deertrail, site of the first rodeo ever held in the U.S.A., be a pioneer in holding the first gay rodeo in Colorado?" Yes we have enough volunteers to give the stands and barns a fresh coat of paint. We have to look good for the Texans anyway. He has to get his board's approval.

"What! John Jolly is upstairs in Charlie's to see me?" It seems he is having a little trouble with one of the Board members. Mr. Bill Gilbert, a production supervisor for the Coors Brewery, is so upset he has called a town meeting this weekend to discuss the whole situation. Sure, we will attend the meeting to answer questions and call Mr. Gilbert ahead of time to ease his concerns.

The phone is ringing. No, he does not want to meet with us ahead of time. He is embarrassed just talking to me. No, he doesn't have any questions. He just wants us to keep our.....dirt and filth in Denver and not spread it to Deertrail - CLICK! Now the C.G.R.A. Board is deciding that Deertrail is just too far out to fight for. Besides, they don't deserve us anyway. Even the most level-headed board gets testy after they have been rejected four times. I don't blame them.

It's a week later and things are getting close to desperate. We have even considered having the rodeo on a private ranch and renting the bull chutes, corrals, roping chutes and stands, but it's just too much money. "Can this be true?" Someone at the bar is describing the new rodeo grounds in Aurora? I have time to check this out before the sun goes down. Just keep going east on 6th Avenue.

Wayne and the Board have to see Coal Creek immediately. No barns and not enough seating, but the equipment is new, It's off by itself and has plenty of parking. The City of Aurora is telling me that "gay" doesn't matter to them. They are actually accepting the C.G.R.A. check and issuing beer permits. Relief, it's going to be all right.

We are going to have a rodeo!! Now we can start worrying about the stock contractors, advertising, visitors, rules, contestants, equipment, ticket sales, grand marshalls, programs, judges, ambulances, clowns, concessions, PA systems, security and the possibility of breaking even. Oh, we could worry about the weather but it will be all right. We're going to have our rodeo. We're determined. ●

*John King*



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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

FROM MR. MS. & MISS C.G.R.A.  
1987-88

As you are all now painfully aware, the International Gay Rodeo Association and all of its member associations, are currently entrenched in what will, I'm sure, be a lengthy and painful legal battle because of the ignorant prejudices of a group of backward individuals. This problem is unfortunate and completely unnecessary. It does serve a purpose, however, in reminding us about the severe injuries this kind of discrimination can create.

This incident has reminded this author that we live in a rather fragile world. We can not afford to lay down and take this kind of treatment. However, this incident has also reminded me that as we fight back against discrimination from the outside world, it is extremely important that we remember not to discriminate in our own world.

During times of crisis, the international gay community has always banded together to defend its own. The point here being that without a united effort, from the entirety of our community we can achieve nothing.

We need to begin with ourselves and remember that it doesn't matter who we are, what our interests are, how we dress, or the things we are involved in, we are a community of like individuals, and without the support of each member, we cannot and will not achieve what we need as the whole.

Food for thought.  
Russell Forrest

As of Sunday, November 6, 1988 our year as your royalty will come to a end. We have enjoyed the love and affection you, the C.G.R.A. members have bestowed on us. There has been some shakey times, some pressured times; but all in all there has been alot of fun time and unforgetable times.

We want to "Thank" all of you for all the kindness and support you have shown throughout our year. We will always keep you and our association close to our hearts.

The concept of gay men, women and drags working so closely together is foreign to alot of people. We don't feel that way. The rodeo associations across this great nation of our has proven the bond that we have for and from our brothers and sisters. The three of us have tried to live up to that standard in our year as your spokespeople.

It is with great pride that we have worn the banners of Mr., Ms. and Miss C.G.R.A. and it is with alot of love and support we will turn our banners over to our next royalty winners. We wish them well. We know that all of those who have chosen to run for one of these three position are qualified for the job. Good Luck to You All!!!

As our year draws to a close, we want to "Thank" all of those people who have at one time or another helped us in so many ways. We especially want the "Thank" the 1987-88 Board of Directors for putting up with some of our dealings, Wayne Jakino and the staff of Charlies for

always being in their hair, and to our friends who stuck by us when even we had doubts. But MOST IMPORTANTLY we want to "Thank" our President of two year, Ms. Jeanie Nelson for the countless hours of listening sessions, support, love and guidance that she gave us.

So as we step down, please know that we do not step out. We will always a apart of C.G.R.A. and will be there for any and all support to our new titile holders.

We love you all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Walk In Peace!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Mr. C.G.R.A. 1987-88- Mark Ryan
- Ms. C.G.R.A. 1987-88- Shelly Pohl
- Miss C.G.R.A. 1987-88- Magnolia Spirits

CAPSULES OF WISDOM

A person who marches trough life alone is like a child making friends with his mirror.

The door of wisdom swings on the hinges of common sense and uncommon thought.

Probably the most difficult instrument to play is second fiddle.

To withhold love in the fear of being hurt is to deprive a marriage of its essential ingredient.

The cornerstone of wisdom is laid when a person finally gets wise to himself.

Inflecting hurt is like throwing a boomerang...it often returns harder than it is thrown.

Freedom not to listen is sometimes even more precious then the right of freedom of speech.

A crumb is more important to a starving man than a loaf of bread to a m an who has just teasted.

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