

"THE REALLY ? C.G.R.A. NEWS"

Dear Fellow Members,

The recent past of our association has been marked by much dissention, criticism, and extreme lack of communication. This extremely unfortunate state of affairs has left us in a state just shy of disaster, and has caused the loss of one of our most intelligent minds.

In order for us to pick up the pieces and continue, we **MUST LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER!!** I cannot express this point strongly enough! Without **COMPLETE COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION** we will doom ourselves to an existence as an association that is far less than what we all deserve!

So, bearing this point in mind, I would like to clear up a few points of misunderstanding about our newsletter.

It has been the editorial policy of "THE REALLY BIG C.G.R.A. NEWS" to print **any and all articles** that our members were kind enough to devote the time and energy to produce. At times, many of these articles have been accused of being "unnecessary, bitchy, boring, and useless." Regardless of the opinions of a few, this publication will continue to print **any and all articles** submitted, if for no other reason than to provide a creative outlet for the closet writers in our association! This point being understood, please allow me to relate some guidelines for you to follow while reading our newsletter.

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Bearing these facts in mind, we hope that we can continue to bring you a quality newsletter that you will find both informative and entertaining.

I wish to apologize for the state of this month's newsletter, as it is less than our usual par. Due to the time restrictions in bringing your newsletter on time, and the state of transition on the board of directors; we were unable to bring you the quality product you have become accustomed to. We do hope that with your continued cooperation and support, we will be able to bring you a properly formatted newsletter in the future.

In closing, I would like to extend my deepest thanks and regards to Mr. G. Woodward Briggs, without whose help this newsletter would not have been possible. I will also remind you once again that **C.G.R.A. IS MADE UP OF A FAMILY!!** We all understand that families do have problems and differences, but without these problems we do not grow.

Sincerely,
Russell Forrest - Entertainment Chairman



Its a Drive,
but you can make it!



TO

Columbine Lodge
a Benefit for the
Rocky Mt. Regional #7
in Green Mt. Falls

March 11th

Stay the night,
have alot a fun.
from C.G.R.A. C/S



RECORDING SECRETARY

Not much has happened on the international scene since the February newsletter, so I am changing hats this month to write my article.

This news just came in. The 1990 season will begin with the 6th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth on November 17, 18, and 19, 1989.

Now that we have chosen the rodeo poster, the next step is to mail the poster to selected establishments nationwide. The First Mailing, as we call it, is the first of many work days to come. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. We hope to mail at least 1600 posters this year. Thanks go out to Juan, Jerry, Koshi, Greg, Pat, and Warren for crosschecking addresses and zip codes on our database against several of the guides.

For all of those who have worked in the past and know how much work this mailing is, I encourage as many members as possible to come out and help roll posters, plug and stamp tubes, affix labels, and then bundle tubes for bulk mailing. The Second Mailing is to be on Saturday, April 1, and we will fold, staple, address and stamp more than 2800 fillers to EVERY establishment, inquiry, and "dues current" member we have in our computer.

Another work day that I have scheduled will be on Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m. to assemble preregistration. This one will not be as complicated as last year as we divided 2 go-rounds over 3 days. This year we are staying with 2 go-rounds in 2 days. Even so, there is enough work to do for this 4-5 hours; entering contestants in the

computer, handwriting event control sheets, drawing for running order, and then typing a final control sheet for each event. Last year, the entire board plus additional members showed up to help.

I am sure that Arena Directors Charles and Frank will also hold work days prior to the rodeo.

Next, I am again soliciting volunteers to serve on the secretarial staff this year. Some of the requirements that were established last year are as follows.

1. A willingness to learn what a rodeo secretary does, and how to sometimes deal with difficult contestants.
2. A secretarial staff member cannot compete (if they are working with scores, times, points, and payoffs).
3. A secretarial staff member must be available 3 full days: Fridays registration, Saturdays 1st go-round, and Sundays final go-round.

I hope to have enhancements added to the rodeo system by our rodeo in July. David and I are currently working on adding a check writing system to pay out each event as well as have the computer write our ribbons for us! Both of these tasks will be a great benefit for the secretarial staff.

Even though this is still in the planning stage and nothing is guaranteed, I have already spent more than 21 hours just in writing the routine for the program to calculate and then assign payoffs for each event. In fact, each subprogram that produces those nice, printed results that you see at rodeos has more than doubled in size

with this added code!

Now that my report is over, I would like a few minutes to express some of my opinions. First, we must all remember that we belong to a volunteer organization and there is no way you can force anyone to do anything at any time. Also, when running for any type of public office, you automatically subject yourself to criticism.

I also feel that 20% of any volunteer organization will do 80% of the work. Out of 175 current members, 35 will do the majority (but not all) of the work; and I do not include when we all gear up to put on our annual rodeo.

Every member views their obligation to C.G.R.A. in very different ways. When asked what his first task would be when taking office, New York City mayor Ed Koch said, "I have six #1 priorities." Contrary to the number of hours I devote to this organization, my world does not revolve around it.

In conclusion, members have already formed their personal opinions and no amount of preaching will bring total conformity of a desired end. As a member, I am tired of being badmouthed in the newsletter each month for not showing up to each and every planned function; it is physically impossible.

Now I can step down from my soap box. I hope many of you can help at one or more of the upcoming work days.

-Larry Lindstrom
Recording Secretary

HORSE SCENTS CONTINUED FROM J & J STABLES

This is the 4th in a 6-part article taken from the book THE BODY LANGUAGE OF HORSES.

PHYSICAL NEEDS

Your horse is unaware that several hundred generations of its lineal ancestors have lived and worked in the service of human beings. Except when pastured, they have had no experience in anything like the natural state. When humans think about this at all, they tend to dismiss it as an established fact too obvious to dwell on - an aspect of the evolutionary order of things, the survival of the fittest.

As a statement of the ways of the world, this attitude is beyond challenge. But if we are to promote more satisfactory dealings with the horse, we had better understand that its thousands of years of domestic service have left its fundamental needs and instincts unimpaired.

Barns, stalls, feeding and exercise schedules, saddles, bridles, bits, carts, whips, spurs, jumping contests, running or trotting or pacing races and all the other methodology, paraphernalia and activity of domestication are entirely for human convenience and seldom coincide with equine nature. The horse adapts because it had the ability to do so and, in any event, lacks options. But the handler walks a fine line. When human convenience becomes too oppressive to the horse, it suffers in mind and body. It even dies. This is why

superior handlers make frequent concessions to a horse's needs, especially by turning it out to pasture where it can crop grass, sleep under open sky and refresh its spirit in its own instinctive fashion.

In the natural state or any semblance thereof, the horse's principle gait is a leisurely walk. It trots or prances only when showing off. It runs only in play or in flight. It never jumps over anything that it can possibly avoid. It carries no weight on its back. It pulls nothing. It eats when it pleases and spends about half its waking hours doing so. Life in a stable is quite different. No other domestic animal has been compelled to make adaptations as drastic as those imposed on the horse.

With that in mind, perhaps we can accept some of the problems that arise when human convenience frustrates equine need.

TASTE

When Brother Pete noticed that the blue and green oil drums were newly situated, he was incapable of letting things go at that. It was necessary for him to look the drums over at a safe distance before deciding whether to approach more closely. The final inspection involved considerable sniffing, following by nuzzling with the nose and tasting with the tip of the tongue. For the remainder of his days he ignored the drums, knowing very well how they fit into his scheme of things and how unimportant they were to his survival.

Beyond serving as a medium of identification or instrument of self-preservation (which is one and the same), the equine sense of taste has its more festive side. Lovers of grass, hay and grain through they are, horses are wild about sweets. Molasses is ecstasy! Watermelon rind, as we shall tell later on, never fails as a first step in the conciliation of a horse by an expert human being. And, of course, apples, carrots and peaches are always welcome. Most horses love soda pop and beer. Some get fat when turned loose in walnut groves. Bonnie's ferocious thoroughbred, Moose, adored grapes.

WATER

Although the need varies with the season and air temperature and the kind of work done by a horse, the animal always requires a lot of water. In places that serve it on rigid schedules in buckets, an occasional horse becomes dehydrated. Modern stable equipment includes self-watering basins that are activated by pressure of the thirsty horse's own nose on a lever or pressure plate.

The old saying about leading a horse to water but being unable to make it drink is seldom applicable to what happens in stables. From one end of the world to the other, handlers bar overheated horses from free access to water. If allowed to do so, a horse in that condition literally drinks itself to death. This apparent flaw in its instinct of self-preservation is cited frequently as evidence of equine unintelligence. What reasonable creature would

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drink itself to death?

Undoubtedly, the refusal of a horse to drink itself to death would make it less of a nuisance and would earn it higher marks. But, as we have been saying, a horse is a horse. It drinks too much water when overheated by exercise because nothing in its evolution prepared it for situations of that kind. We have already pointed out that horses do not normally run except in play or in flight. Under human direction they exhaust and overheat themselves by running faster and farther than normal. Nature then bids them restore water to their tissues as quickly as possible, but provides no internal governor to limit the intake.

One more observation about water, equine instinct and human behavior. When provided with unlimited salt, horses lick exactly enough of it to replace what their systems lose in the sweat of exertion. Some stables neglect this need. One sees altogether too many horses with the drawn, tucked-up abdomens and sunken flanks of dehydration. One even sees that form of distress at race-tracks, especially in warm weather. In some cases the condition may be due not only to an insufficiency of salt or an inadequate intake of water, but to the use of drugs that increase the excretion of urine. These diuretics prevent the rupture of pulmonary blood vessels and the resultant bleeding to which a small minority of horses are subject when overexerted. The bleeding ends athletic exertion by obstructing the animal's air passages. The reader can decide whether it is better to

(a) race a horse weakened by dehydration or (b) retire it because it bleeds.

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WINTER GYMKHANA

Points events	- Barrel race Pole bending Flag race Scurry race
Novelty events	Rescue race Ribbon race Queen Bee race
Jackpot events	Barrel race Pole bending Keyhole race Flag race
People events	Tug-O-War Roping something Wheelbarrel race

Laura O'Neil
J & J Stables

BARB'S CORNER

Last month I seemed to have gotten a little carried away as to the length of my note, and I will try not to let it happen again. But as for this month we should start to give some thought to our Rodeo for this year. It will be here sooner than you think, and it takes a great deal of preliminary planning to make it function. The plans were started right after the Rodeo that we had last year. There were many great things that came out of our experience we had in the hotel parking lot.

Many people said that it could not be done, but with that experience behind us we can go forth to put on an even greater show this coming year, July 1 and 2.

Our board is starting to make some of the final plans to get out the word around our society. They need help from each and every member to get out the mailings and also do a little PR among our friends. This is a community effort and we want to again make a very strong showing of our support of the Gay Life of Denver. We are a very strong "family" so lets show our colors to all of our friends in the community.

To participate in the rodeo in July you do not have to be a "horse person", as there are many activities that are very important to the production of the actual show. Please try to get involved with one of the committees or try to give a little of your time to help us put on a bigger and better show this year.

Again this year we are planning to have the same major events as have been held in the past years. Your input as to which events you think are the best and what activities that you would like to see would be very much appreciated. We are always looking forward to suggestions that could improve the events, or make the show more interesting to the spectator. We have the opportunity of getting the best of people from our national organization. The announcer had been outstanding each year and we are very fortunate that we have the best Rodeo Clowns on the gay circuit living here in the Rocky Mountain Area. The secretarial staff are well

experienced in the production of the Rodeo, as are the people that work in the arena. We have some of the most outstanding people in the business to call upon for help and leadership of our shows. In other words we have the best people that can be obtained to lead and direct our Rodeo, but they can not do it by themselves. They need our help!

To wind down we need to start to give some thought to our upcoming Rodeo in July as it is just around the corner. It will be a grand event and I am for sure looking forward to taking a part in the activity. Let's all get involved and help make this the greatest ever. We have a lot of friends that come from all over the country, so lets make them welcome and put on a show that we can be very proud to produce.

LET'S RODEO

Barb Cook

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

An individual is an entity, a community is made up of entities. You can still be a part of your community and not loose your individuality.

We are the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, made up of a group of entities, the largest gay organization in the state of Colorado and one of the most influential. We have the ability to make or break a strong gay community, and we even have the ability to effect government but only if we work together for a common goal.

So entity to entity let's be a community.

Gary Brown
Vice President

RODEO DIRECTOR REPORT

1989 holds the possibility of being the best rodeo C.G.R.A. has produced yet. It has been brought to my attentions that I have not been communicating with you well enough so I'll try and update you with as much information as I can about where we are going.

Due to the lack of information it seems that people believe we have no grounds for our rodeo. This is not true! The following is a list of possible rodeo grounds including 1 year at a time and permanent.

- 1) Holiday Inn at I-70 and Chambers road (open and available)
- 2) Coal Creek Park (locked in)
- 3) City of Westminster England Park (available)
- 4) Central Park, City of Denver (still in negotiations)
- 5) Behind Union Station, Burlington Northers, Union Pacific (still in negotiations)
- 6) End of 21st Street (still in negotiations)
- 7) Just off 23rd Street viaduct, Union Pacific (still in negotiations)
- 8) Rockmont Plant (dead issue)
- 9) Off Speer Blvd. Burlington Northern (dead issue: Wanted \$5,000,000- of liability insurance)
- 10) National Western arena (dates are available: they want \$15,000- plus extra hidden costs)
- 11) Lakeside speedway (no arena: Won't return calls.)

As you see there are alot of sites available for a 1 year term and it is necessary for

the board to make a decision soon; however, I believe we have enough time to pursue some of the longer terms still in negotiations in order to come out with a permanent home

In searching for all of these sites and negotiating for them, keeping in mind that being located as centrally as possible would allow us to accomplish being able to work with and in our own gay community. The meetings began working with Ron Hilstrom from the Gay Pride Committee and Rick McNeal from the city of Denver. I continued and met with Bill Lamont, head of the Denver

Transportation department, Mary Lee Utter, head of the Denver Land Assets Department, and Carol Hust, head of the Office of Citizens Response for the city of Denver. I have also met and written letters to the heads of Burlington Northern Railroad and Glacier Park land owners in the Platte River Valley, and their attorney Rom Ragonetti, also with Union Pacific Railroad and Upland Corporation, and most recently with Dick Steinke, head of Stapleton Airport Land Department. All of this is an attempt to acquire a parcel of land that is not being used, to be able to build a permanent arena facitliy to hold our Gymkhanas and our rodeo and also allow the many other groups that cannot afford to rent the coliseum to have a facility to use. We have had some opposition from the Burlington Northern Railroad/Glacier Park people but the city of Denver has been extremely supportive and helpful in our search. Please be patient and we must all work together to make Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo #7 the

best ever.

Sincerely
Gary Brown, Rodeo Director

MR., MS., AND MISS C.G.R.A.

Well top of the mornin' to ya! Hope this finds all ya lil leprechauns in the green. We had a happy bunch of trolickers this past month. What with the snowy travels to the south and raising in excess of \$180.00 for Southern Colorado Aids Project.

Thanks to the support of ya lil folks at Charlies on the 11th, we showed our friends from Louisiana a good time and raised over \$170.00 for CAP.

On the 18th we found ourselves in rare company of well rounded folk at yet another fund raiser - this time for Girth and Mirth. Bunny and Jessica put on their tu-tus and entertained the group with a rendition of Swan Lake. After seeing Rob and Jimmetta's "pas de deux", our fine feathered friends have definitely flown south for the winter.

March looks to be another adventure so get your date books ready. On March 25th, the function of the month is at the Detour. Hope to see alot of you there helping us "going our way" to the top. This is sure to be a very festive fund raiser to benefit CAP CASA. March 11th is Charlies "On The Road" to Billings, so brush the dust off your boots and hit the road to help us promote RMRR #7 to our neighbors to the north.

Anyone interested in roping (wrist & hips) should dally up and get to the MCC Church on

Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 in the fellowship hall - weather can't deter our practicing. The Gymkhana is Sunday, April 9th and there will be roping on foot as a people event, so hope to see alot of you all at this clinic. Thanks again for your support!

Mr. C.G.R.A. Rob Heart
Ms. C.G.R.A. Laura O'Neal
Miss C.G.R.A. Bunny Barton

MARYBELLE SAYZ

Dear Mr. EDITOR,

I feel that I am very qualified, (not to mention cute) to write you the most notorious artikles that any of the C.G.R.A.'ans has very had the opportunity of readin' but I must admit that mayhap Mr. EDITER, that you had better make sure that you keep LADY MARGURITA'S identity under strick wraps, cuz I think the huzzy wuz talkin bout me when she wuz sayin that stuff bout colomnusts correct spellin and stuff, but, I do want you to let LADY MARGURITA know that she her-very-own-self spelled "PRONUNCIATION" in-correctly Look it up BITCH MARGURITA!! So there, so there!!

Just remember howeversome, that we are all adults, and we do not need "barbs" back and forth between in the newseyletter, so don't get any idead about BITCH FIGHTS in the paper!

FLASH FLASH FLASH!!!!!!!
Not all orgasms are identical; some are noisieee!!! Just ask ROB H.'s friend DAN!!! You think he snorts when he drinks, well let me tell you C.G.R.A.'ans, my sourcers tell

me it's alot worse when he's in bed. It's true, it's true!!!!

How many people that went to Phoenix noticed that almost by the hour, BARTENDER JACK'S legs got more bowed and more bowed!! My sourcers tell me that he wuz curzin behind them dark glasses so much, that he hardly didn't get a chance to put his shorts and levis back on between tricks!! It's true, it's true!!

Yes, all you C.G.R.A.'ans really miss a grteat time when we go outta town for them thair rodeos!!

Did you know that JOHN K. himself, grabs the microphone outta the D.J.s hands at closin time and sayz "HOTEL, MOTEL TIME, GRAB YOUR TRICK AND RUN!!! Then he sayz, and I HAD BETTER HAVE FIRST PICK!! Shockin', it is it is!!

Well C.G.R.A.'ans I guess it is time for my PUBIC SERVICE MESSAGE OF THE MONTH !!! Well, the PUBIC SERVICE MESSAGE this month goes out to: LARRY L. and JOHN B. "FOR BETTER SEX: CHANGE POSITIONS WHEN YOUR PELVIS FALLS ASLEEP!!"

You all have an ever-so nice day.

MARYBELLE

RODEO EVMETS

The Rodeo Events Committee is very happy that we have had such a good turnout at our meetings each month. The members of the committee have given a great deal of thought and are showing some real interst in trying to improve our rodeo activities for this

coming year. The input has been something that we have been looking for in the years past, but there still is one more thing that is missing. That is your input as to what type of activities that you all would like to have at our gymkahanas, both in the time events and also in the people events. These are your fun days also and we have always wanted to have some of the activities that you would enjoy participating in at these functions. At our next meeting, John will give all of the names of the people on the committee so that you can pass on your ideas to any of them to be considered at our next meeting. Please won't you get involved just a little bit, it sure won't hurt and we are always intersted in you, the membership!

The next gymkahana is rapidly aproaching, and we are very happy once again be invite to the J & J Stables. They really have a very good arena and it is only " a hoot and a holler" from downtown Denver. So it is time that you all come out to participate or to cheer on our friends that really try their best to show continued improvement at each of our activities. This will be a fun day and Jody and Laura always roll out the " red carpet ", sometimes a little soggy, for us. This should be a real fun day with lots of things going on, finalizing with the awards at Charlies. So grab a friend and come out to our next gymkahana which you will hear a lot more about at our next meeting from John, our fearless leader.

One thing that you should keep in mind is that the RMR Rodeo is just around the

corner, and will be here sooner than you think. Start making your plans to get involved. We need each and ever one of the members to take an active part to make this rodeo the best ever this year. It will require that we all pitch in and do a good job. There will be many different areas that we will need help so start to give some thought to the type of things that you would be best suited for or that you would like to be involved with. Again let some of the members of the board know of your interests so that we can start to set up or committees and helpers for this great activity. We are still the #1 rodeo in the country and lets show everyone that we can still be the best no matter where the event will be held. We all are the ones that can do it, so lets get it on.

Barb Cook
John Beck; Chairman

MARYBELLE

mister Wayne,

I be mighty greatful if'n you give this to that purty Magnola Spirits for her fancy newsy-letter.

Love,
Lulubelle

Hello yall C.G.R.A'ans! Your last VIP 'REALLY BIG' newsy-letter wuz jest full o'dirt! It was so win-DEE that it took me a month of Sundays on the pot jest to read all of it! Who does that Miss Lady Margaret Simpson Downy woman

think she is? She's jest another downrite, uppity, snooty, crabby, can-tank-erousm, hateful, vicious, mud-sligin' dog-faced, leach-suckin', ugly ol' battle axe who don't even deserves a spot in your fancy newsy-letter an if she SPEAKS 'bout my cuzin like that agin, I'll scratch her eyes out!!!

I betcha she iz not a "lady" at all or even a "lady of the evening" as she so SPEAKS inna her snooty column, but prob'ly one o' your men as a "lady" and the "little people" she's a-reffin' to is really the "little pee-pee" in her pants!

Now we all know what a sharp tong Marybelle had. She gits inna her drinkin' spells an frogits who she is, let aone anyone else! SHE GITTS TO TIPPIN' THAT SIPPIN' BURBON AN JEST WONDERS OFF UNTIL NEXT WEEK! She does, she does!!! Not that she trys ta keeps her drinkin' spells a secret, mind you, but she's downrite afraid o' loosin' her column in your fancy newsy-letter an missin' out on becomin' a VIP "REALLY BIG' newsy-eddie-tor!

Wishin' I could atten thozе rodeos like yall do, but I decided from now on to park my keister on two bar stools at Charlies durin' rodeo weekends and catch the news First Hand! I gess'n a past royal figure wuz parked right out the front gate in Aree-zona, mind you!

Now if'n that mister Wayne hadn't put his foot down about all of thozе frilly shows go'n on at his bar, the Miss Bunny would not have runned of to Aree-Zona with Rus, the ol' famous hair snatcher, an that Magnola, the maybe, sometimes, drag queen, to put on free girlie shows at thozе truch stops with thozе ol' wicked Wichita witches! That Miss

Bunny sayz she nearly wets her panties now ever time an 18-wheeler grinds hiz gears; he's grindin' them fo' her!!!

Seems an when she wrecked her car last month, the police accy-dent report said she done "swerved off the road after becummin' stuck to the seat". it did, it did!!! She musta been ridin' withy that feller Potter! An she won't be able to attend "truckstop Trampers" cuz she knows to many of 'em! I mean in the Biblical sense, mind you! I gess if'n yo' new "Advice Woman" can't help her on this trucker situation, she can write ta Dear Crabby or Bland Landers for some RESL ADVICE!!!

Why yall so interested in poultry? I'n thought yall wuz a "horsey ride" outfit! It seems ta me that Rus TALS about chick'ns, Dan B. THINKS of chick'n, mister Wayne CAN'T SAY the work chick'n, and ever one knows John B. CROWS over chick'n!! I gess that's why thoze Wyoming boys needs Miss King's purty net - ta build more pens!!! I gess they be given up sheep ranchin' and take up CHICHENB ranchin'! You know that ol' sayin' bout "where the man are men and the sheep are afraid" won't be so true 'bout Wyoming anymo'!

Now I hears yall went to the mountains on thoze big fancy charter's buses and that Larry and Mark were caught tinklin' in the woods! I gess ya could say they left their "Mark" on nature! Mister Wayne is gonna hafta do somethin' about his calender boys! Not only that, John B. thought to "snow plow" meant to "plow" ever one and ever thing in sight. He did, he did!!! Course'n Tommy was in charge of the little boys room on the bus. Seems

he was so embarrassed gittin' off the bus with dirty knees!!

Well C.G.R.A.'an, I hears that yall are busy plannin' your fancy rodeo an all, so I won't keep ya from that.

Love, Lulubelle

COLORADO SPRINGS SATELITE

Through Rain, Snow, Sleet, Hail, and Dark of Night, will own Mr., Miss, and Ms. Perform, and you all missed it. Only a select few made it down for our benefit for the Southyern Colorado AIDS Project, at the Hourglass Lounge in the Springs. A night of relazing, enjoying, and partying. In the last newsletter the article that never was published said that it is HOT down here in the Springs, well let me tell you it may have been ZERO outside, but we were burning inside. All other bars closed early on the 4th of February, cause of the temperatures but we saw everybody out at the Hourglass

So let's see if you can make it down for this next function of ours. March 11th, at the Columbine Lodge at Green Mt. Falls, Colorado, just west of the Springs on highway 24. A benefit for the Rocky Mt. Regional Rodeo #7, yes, this is our RODEO your Rodeo. Great rates on staying at the Lodge overnight. For information contact: BARB and MARTY at the Columbine Lodge PH: (719) 684-9062. Be sure to tell them if you want breakfast on Sunday morning. The show Saturday night, with the proceeds going to RMR Rodeo #7, will be a \$3.00 cover at the door. There

will also be a cash-bar available.

From all of us down south, hope to see you al soon.

Major

NORTHERN COLORADO SATELLITE
Artical not submitted.

Membership Committee

HELLO! It's been a couple of months since I have had achance to get an article in the newsletter, so here goes.

First I want to welcome C.G.R.A.'s newest member, TIM STEPHEN, to our membership.

Thanks to all of you members who are keeping your dues current. Remember your dues should be paid by the first of the month to be dues current. For all the new members, dues are \$4.00 per month or if you would like to pay a years dues in advance you will receive two (2) months free. You can maill your dues to the P.O. box or you can pay dues at the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING every second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 1989 at Charlie's beginning at 8:00 P.M. This meeting is going to be a very important meeting due to the resignation of Buddy Sojourner as PR/FUND RAISER CHAIRMAN. If any of you are interested in filling this position on the Board of Directors, please contact one of the current board members. An election will be held at the March 9 meeting to fill this position of the board. Please remember you must be dues current to be eligible to vote on this and any issue. Please plan to attend this

meeting to cast your ballot.

The Membership Committee also wants to CONGRADULATE Wayne and all the Charlie's gang. It sounds like a new home is in the very near future. With this in mind and wanting to further our relationship with all our friends down in the Springs, the APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held in COLORADO SPRINGS. Any questions about location and times can be directed to any board member. I would indicate all that info now, however, I have had a memory lapse and do not remember all the details. More info will be published and sent to you at a later date.

We are still getting a lot of mail returned to us due to incorrect mailing addresses still on record. If you are receiving this letter via Post Office forwarding please contact me and I will correct your address in the computer.

Well that is about all I can think of, so until next time "HAPPY TRAAAAAILS TO YOUUUUUUU.....O.K so I can't sing. See you at the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 9.

TOM CHANNEL
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

PUBLIC RELATIONS-FUNDRAISING
COMMITTEE REPORT

As the month of February draws to a close, our main focus has been on our '89 posters. They have been ordered and the first mail-out is slated for March 4th. If you can help with this undertaking, please do so.

The chance tickets for the "Horse Deawing" being hosted by C.G.R.A. via the Rodeo Events Committee will be available by the next General Membership Meeting. You won't want to miss this one!

I would like to "Thank" my committee for the past 6 months of support and hard work. As we gear up for R.M.R. #7, the P.R.-Fundraising Committee is well on its way to provide the security, control and advertising needed to insure a successful rodeo. "Thank You" to all those who have helped me **DO MY JOB!**

It is with great regret that I have resigned my position as Committee Chair. I have tried to bring some logic and dedication to our Board of Directors and membership through the work my committee had outlined this year. It seems that this is **NOT** what is wanted. It appears that progressive, inventive, dedicated goals is **not** apart of this associations vocabulary, and since I have been beseiged with narrow minded, stagnated individuals to work for and with, I can no longer do the job for which I was elected.

My resignation took effect February 23rd. I am and will always be a member of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association. I wish much success for this association.

Respectfully,
Buddy Sojourner

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Are we ready to shift into "BUSY"?!! Spring will be here this month and we must get to practicing if we intend to bring home those ribbons and buckles from Great Plains Regional Rodeo. We have less than three months to gear-up. John Beck is always ready to help educate new people. In fact March 19, from 3-6 at MCC will be a big roping clinic for those of you who would like to participate in an event that you don't need a horse to do. We can also connect you with practice sessions for rough stock. Help John out with your participation at the clinics he plans.

Our rodeo is getting closer all the time as well. We will need the efforts of all of you in one way or another. We will be mailing out posters and information on March 4th and again on April 1st. We are always short handed at these mailings which makes a long day for the few who do show up to help. If we could just get between 20-30 people the task would be sure to be an easy, short effort that would have to be made. These early mailings build alot of interest all over the country, and in turn builds attendance at our rodeo. With Charles Merritt finally in as Arena Director we will also be starting to set up the arena crew necessary to put on the rodeo.

There's too much going on to miss any meetings now. Our next general membership meeting will be March 9, at 8:00 pm. See you there!!

Your President,
Jeanie Nelson