

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this letter finds each of you well and happy!

REMEMBER YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CGRA POST OFFICE BOX NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2003.

As you have seen, we have some great people running for positions of the Board of Directors of CGRA. I wish all the elected people good luck.

Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8, and plan to attend The CGRA NIGHT OF SHARING and THE CGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION scheduled to be held at Charlie's. This should prove to be a night of great fun and surprises.

If you did not pick up your copy of the CGRA By-laws last month they will be available again at the November meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 13, at Charlie's. If you have any suggested changes or updates to the By-laws, you must put them in writing and submit them to Jeff Shaw before the scheduled Bylaws meeting on Tuesday, November 18. The current By-laws we are using are outdated and need much work. Please plan on attending this very important meeting. November is a very busy month but we will survive!! We attended the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Tulsa last month and we had a great time. Congrats to all CGRA members who placed there. While in Tulsa applicants were interviewed for the position of IGRA Administrative Assistant and I am happy to inform you that I am the new Administrative Assistant for IGRA. I want to thank Patrick Terry for all his time and hard work he put into this position over the past 10 years. He is to be commended for all his efforts. Patrick was the Grand Marshall at the Finals Rodeo this year. Congratulations Patrick!!

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving Holiday and stays safe through the remainder of the year.

Thank you,

Tommy Channel CGRA PRESIDENT





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SECRETARY REPORT

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls! Hope this letter finds everyone safe and well. Even with the IGRA Finals over, there are a lot of CGRA activities coming up in November: CGRA Royalty Competition, the Season of Giving among the fundraising that will continue.

The IGRA Finals in Tulsa was yet another great experience. Congratulations to the rodeo team that competed! I believe we made a fine showing, which is traditional for the CGRA organization. Thank goodness it was indoors when the weather turned cool and somewhat wet. Congratulations to our Royalty team of Rob Hart and Chardonnay Thomas who competed for the IGRA Royalty team. It was great seeing Bianca, Blake, John and Tommy there as well in support!

Sad but true, Finals was the last rodeo David Westman and I were able to compete together in goat dressing and steer decoration. Three years ago I returned from an injury in Calgary and Mr. Westman was willing to team with an inexperienced camp competitor. Who could have foreseen this fashion-setting goat dressing team making it to Finals two years in a row? Through our partnership and friendship, David taught me that rodeo is about having fun and to never lose sight of that. This is something I will pass on to each person I come in contact with. And David, thanks for advertising intensely to find me a new goat dressing partner for the coming year. Most of all, THANKS for being YOU!

When I accepted the position of Secretary for 2003, I was hoping to learn more about the workings of a rodeo association. This has been quite an educational year. Most of you probably picture me taking notes furiously with my head down during those Board and Membership meetings. There was so much more involved with the position than I thought, but I hope I have lived up to the expectations of the position and have served CGRA well. I thank everyone for their support, imparting of wisdom, understanding when I've made mistakes, congratulations when I've done a good job, and most of all the positive connections I've made throughout this past year.

These last few months have had me on the fence as to my decision to run for Secretary again. Though I've been approached and encouraged to remain on the Board in the position, recent personal events will preclude me from accepting. Personally, I need some time to "recharge my batteries" and embark on some new experiences in the coming year. I will still be available to help out and will definitely be competing for CGRA in the coming year.

There IS someone that is willing to take up the position who I feel will be more than capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of Secretary of CGRA. Keep in mind that this will be a monumental year with Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo #22 and the 20th Annual IGRA Convention coming up in 2004. Please consider CJ Jasgur (hope I spelled your name right :). He is excited about this coming year and the work to continue CGRA's excellent image in IGRA.

We'll be seeing you at the next Board and Membership meeting.



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IGRA TRUSTEE

I'm headed home from the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Tulsa, I think a GREAT TIME was enjoyed by most all attending. I was very proud of Mr. & Miss CGRA, Rob & Chardonney. THANK YOU, you represented us well in some very tough competition. Our rodeo contestants also did well in the arena with 2 CGRA contestants making it to the top five for All Around, Justin Dennis & Ty Teigen. I am so proud of friend Ty for achieving one of her personal goals of standing up for All Around at an IGRA Finals. We received many compliments on the CGRA Contestant Appreciation organized so succseffullyby Mary Munger. I'd also like to congratulate Mary, David, & Lushus for their incredible year as IGRA Royalty. They have shown grace & proffessionalism while still maintaining their individual styles. I wish each of you the very best in your future endeavors. I'm always available to assist with anything you may need.

Each time I attend an IGRA Board meeting, I am reminded of the importance of having dedicated, hard-working board members on a local level. Please consider these attributes as you cast your votes for next year's board members. The level of proffessionalism shown by the board will have a direct effect on our successes as an organization.

If you are running for the board or interested in further involvement, I STRONGLY encourage you to attend the IGRA University, Feb. 14 & 15, in St. Louis. It is a great learning experience for organizational & royalty information and a very fun weekend.

I hope to see a great turnout for the CGRA Election meeting.

Cowboy Up, Ken Pool IGRA Trustee

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings CGRA Membership,

After deep consideration and my love for this organization I am running for Vice President of CGRA. I have many years under my belt and have held this position before with the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association. Being past CGRA and IGRA Royalty I know what it takes to produce great shows and benefits for CGRA. I can help our royalty grow to great heights.

I also can help with the production of RMRR 22 and IGRA Convention #20.

I am asking you to consider me for the office of Vice President. You may write my name in on your ballot as I will be nominated from the floor on November 13, 2003, 8:00 PM at Charlie's.

Thanks, Kenny Cunitz aka Bianca St. John

CANDIDATE

FOR PRESIDENT

Howdy! CGRA Members,

This is a brief summary of what I have achieved in the 20 + years of being involved with this organization.

At present; Vice-President and active contestant in approximately 15 rodeos per year and qualifying for finals.

Past; Rodeo Events Chairperson for 9 years. Designed the event Wild Drag Race, which is now used on our circuit rodeos across the nation. First gay male to bring home 3 Gold and 1 Bronze in the Gay Games in Vancouver, Canada in 1990 in Equestrian events. Voted best sportsmanship at Kansas rodeo 1998 and buckle. I.G.R.A. President's Award for achievement in 2000. This is only a few of my achievements.

Future; If I were elected to this office, I will streamline Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings. = Less Politics!!! My personal goal is to increase membership by 50%. Set goals for all board members. I would like to see free food, i.e. hot dogs or chili, before every membership meeting. I would like to have roping lessons at membership to get people involved – Educational!!

I would also like to see 2 Board Members go to other Organizations meetings and develop good relations between each other and report back to us.

These are only a few of the ideas I have. Thank you for your support.

John Beck/Vice-President

CANDIDATE

FOR PRESIDENT

On November 13, 2003 the General membership will be voting on a new Board of Directors. My name is Vince Montez, and the reason for this Article is to let you know a little about myself, and why I am asking for your vote for President.

I have been a member since 1988, served as Mr. CGRA 93-94, Treasurer 95, 96, 97, Vice President 1998 and Rodeo Director 1997. For the past 5 years I have been Financial Manager for RMRR. I have attended many rodeos and conventions and served on various committees.

I will do my best as President to be available, flexible and opened minded to our Membership, Board of Directors and the Community. I will be visible and represent CGRA once again to the best of my ability. For many years I have thought about running for the position of President, and needed to assure myself that I would be willing to give 100% to the association. I have learned a lot from previous successful Presidents. With the knowledge that I have gained through my years of involvement, I intend to make Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo #22 and Convention #20 the biggest in CGRA history, if elected. And now the time is here!

Having realized the responsibility of the amount of time and devotion it takes to hold the position of President, with the full support from my partner, Quentin Sims of 13 years and the flexibility of my Federal Government Career of 19 years, This level of responsibility is something I am able to achieve.

When you vote on November 13, vote for the person you feel is BEST QUALIFIED to serve this association for year 2004. I look forward to seeing you all in the community. If you have any further questions please feel free to e-mail me at Simtez@msn.com.

Thank you, Vince Montez

DENVER'S PREMIER 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BENEFIT

Yes, it's back by popular demand! The 3rd Annual Benefit for the Colorado Tavern Guild (CTG) GLBT Tourism Project. Featuring fine cuisine by Dougal's, happy hour prices, awesome silent auction, Hollywood filmmaker/actor Terry Ray as special guest, autographing his new DVD GAYDAR!, gift bags to first 100 guests, and much more will add to the excitement to this expanded premier holiday party.

Las Vegas trips, (one for 3 nights at the new, all gay, Blue Moon Resort), Aspen Gay Ski Week Packages, Breckenridge Get Away Trips, Dinner packages, Bar Tabs, exclusive signed original art and photography and many more exceptional items will be featured in the Silent Auction.

All of this and more excitement will take place at the Third Annual Colorado Pride Guide Holiday Party, at Charlie's Denver on Saturday, December 13th from 4:30 PM to 8 PM, only \$5.00 Admission. 100% of all proceeds will benefit the CTG's GLBT Tourism Project. Produced by the Colorado Pride Guide and sponsored by Miller Lite, Instinct Magazine, Charlie's, Out Front Colorado, Dougal's Catering, The Wrangler, and Mile Hi Travel. Help promote Colorado GLBT tourism nationally and internationally. After all new faces in town can be most 'inspiring.'

Call 303-839-8890 or e-mail GayRockies@aol.com for more details.

COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 2003

CANDIDATE FOR SOUTHERN OUTREACH

My name is Rich Valdez, I am the reigning Colorado Leather Sir 2003 and a member of CGRA. I am running for the position of Southern Community Outreach representative.

I have helped CGRA on many occasions with Beer Busts, entertaining at numerous CGRA shows and volunteering at the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 21. I am an active member of the community in Denver as well as in Colorado Springs. I have lived in Colorado Springs since 1990 and believe that I would be a strong representative for CGRA in southern

Colorado. I would like to be your representative for CGRA in the southern part of Colorado. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

I look forward to assisting CGRA's new board with any goals and ideas they may have in regards to growing CGRA and bringing in new members.

Yours in leather and rodeo.

Rich Valdez.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

This note is to say thank you to the community and to the Board of Directors of The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association for allowing me to step in as membership chair in May after I stepped down as Emperor 29. As always it has been an honor and a privilege to serve two of the largest fundraising organizations in the Denver community.

The Board has been very supportive to me, not only as a member of CGRA, but also as a passed Mr. CGRA and as Emperor 29 of the Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire. Thank you!

Good luck to all the contestants for Mr., Ms., and Miss CGRA 2004.

I would also like to thank Emperor 30 and Empress 30 Chuck and Greta for their support of keeping the dual membership alive. Keeping these organizations working together will keep them alive in the future and make them both stronger. Again thank you for helping us work together for a better future for us both. We are now thru this combined effort over 245 members.

Thank you, In service always to the community Robert Flores Membership Chair



INSTINCT MAGAZINE Benefits CTG The Perfect Inexpensive Holiday Gift

The Colorado Pride Guide, has arranged a subscription drive with Instinct Magazine to benefit the Colorado Tavern Guild's (CTG) GLBT Tourism Project. Filled with hot men, GQ type fashion, entertainment, a wide variety of feature articles, celebrity interviews and much more Instinct Magazine makes a high quality, sensual, and entertaining gift that keeps on giving for 12 full months, and for only \$15!

INSTINCT which has been awarded the title of Best Alternative Men's Publication in the Country is offering 12 issues of the magazine for only \$15 with \$5 of each subscription going to the CTG Project from now through the end of the Colorado Pride Guide Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 13th at Charlie's. In order to purchase a subscription that benefits the CTG you must purchase it at one of the many participating bars or retail outlets. Bars currently participating include Charlie's, The Wrangler, The Triangle, The Den, R&R, The Brig with others joining in soon. Subscriptions are also available at the new We're Everywhere Pride Store on Rainbow Row at 4926 E. Colfax (next to the R&R). Call Jim McNulty for other locations or to have a subscription form faxed to you. 303-377-1826, GayRockies@aol.com



MR IGRA 2003

Dear Rodeo Fans and CGRA members,

It has been a great honor to serve as Mr. IGRA 2003 this past year. I might not have been the butchest Mr. IGRA ever, but I certainly make up for that with my fun and enthusiasm for rodeo. If Pearlie May can be Mr. IGRA, than anything is possible!

Thank you to everyone who has shown me much love and support this past year. Thanks to my partner Anthony. Two years ago we decided to run for CGRA Royalty positions. We accomplished that as Mr. And Miss CGRA 2002. Then we went on to compete for IGRA and both brought back IGRA titles. I have so enjoyed sharing the rodeo experience with you, my love. And it has been a joy to watch Lushus blossom. You have such a big and generous heart.

Thanks to the IGRA Royalty Team for 2003. We did our best, raised \$10,176.36 with \$5,676.36 going to City of Hope. That is quite incredible and I am so proud of all of us. We covered a lot of rodeos, participating in grand entry, competing and entertaining. We nurtured the state royalty and I would like to think we had something to do with inspiring a record number of contestants to be competing for our positions at this years Finals. Thanks to Kim Dawson for helping me get to DC. Thanks to Ken Pool and Flash for seating me so well in Horsemanship last October. Thanks to Vince and Quentin for last year's help with the competition. I have had an amazing rodeo year this year. Even with all my responsibilities as Mr. IGRA, I managed to rope in 5 buckles and lots of ribbons. A HUGE THANKS to the best rodeo partner in the whole wide world, Calgary Jackson! I will treasure our being rodeo partners for the rest of my life. And thanks to Bryn, Al and Tom for keeping me safe in Wild Drag (minus one front tooth!). Thanks to Michael Vrooman for teaming up with me in Chicago. I have been competing in rodeo for the past 9 years. And now it1s time to step aside and let the young whippersnappers win all the buckles and ribbons. Pearlie May is hanging up the pearls. I will not be competing in gay rodeo any more. I have so enjoyed being a part of the IGRA rodeo family. And I know I will always have that with me. I am sure you will see me around, just not in the arena as a contestant. I hope I raised the bar some for fabulousness in Wild Drag outfits. Keep the fun in rodeo. It's what's it's all about.

With much love in my heart, David Westman Mr. IGRA 2003

P.S. There¹s an incredible Goat Dressing partner up for grabs after this weekend. Calgary Jackson is a free agent! I would snatch him up if I were you.

ENTERTAINMENT

REPORT

Hello CGRA Membership,

I'm writing to ask for your support to be the Entertainment Chair on the CGRA Board of Directors for 2004. I was appointed Entertainment Chair in August by President Tommy Channel. I have enjoyed being involved with CGRA and want to continue in this role. In 2004, not only will CGRA host RMRR 22 but we will also host IGRA Convention 20 in November. We'll need members on the board who have knowledge of both of these events. I've been the bar manager of rodeo for 5 years and have attended several IGRA Conventions so I understand first-hand what it will take to produce these events. As a past Miss CGRA and past Miss IGRA, 2nd Runner Up, I know how to produce events and be sure that everyone is entertained. Thanks for your support, I hope when you vote on November 13th, you'll remember me.

Thank you,

Anthony Aragon aka Lushus La'Rell Entertainment Chair

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Howdy CGRA,

After a busy and hard year of rodeo and being Mr CGRA 2003 1st Runner-up I am running for Membership Chair 2004.

Last year I held this position for the first part of the year but had to give it up with the death of my parents.

Robert Flores took over this position and I thank him from the bottom of my heart.

I plan on actively seeking new members while getting the old membership more active with the organization.

I am ready to reassume this position and am asking for your vote on November 13, 2003.

Thanks for your consideration,

Angelo Vega Mr. CGRA 2003 1st Runner-up

CGRA EVENING OF SHARING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2003

CHARLIE'S DENVER-900 EAST COLFAX AVE



Colorado Gay Rodeo Association PO Box 18728, Denver, Colo. 80218

October 29, 2003

Howdy Colorado Gay Rodeo Association Membership,

Fall is in the air and it is that time of year to elect your 2004 CGRA Board Of Directors. The next year will be very busy with the planning of Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 22 and the 20th annual IGRA Convention. Both promise to be great venues and will help with promoting Colorado and CGRA over the next year. This is the time to voice your opinion on who should lead our wonderful organization. Your Vote does count and is very important.

As a Member of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association you shall receive one vote for the 2004 Board of Directors Election to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 8:00 PM. The elections will take place at Charlie's Denver (900 East Colfax). Members that can not attend the General Membership meeting on November 13, 2003 can vote with the attached Absentee Ballot. There are specific guidelines to use the Absentee Ballot that will be covered later in this letter.

Voting Members must be current on their dues to the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association prior to voting. Any vote cast by an ineligible member will be disqualified and not counted.

Nominations were taken at the October 9, 2003 General Membership Meeting with additional applications being emailed and disbursed among the CGRA Membership. Write in nominations are permitted, however, the nominee must accept his/her nomination and must be eligible to hold that seat according to the CGRA By-Laws. All Information will be verified by the current Membership Chair, Robert Flores.

Absentee Ballot RULES for submission;

CGRA By-Law Article VI, Section 4, Paragraph G

1. All Absentee Ballots must be sealed and mailed in an envelope to the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association.

<u>2. The CGRA Member must Print their name on the back of the sealed envelope containing the Absentee Ballot.</u>
<u>3. The CGRA Member must Sign their name across the seal of the envelope containing the Absentee Ballot.</u>

CGRA By-Law Article VI, Section 4, Paragraph H

1. Any mailed envelope containing the Absentee Ballot that does not have the printed and signed name of the CGRA member on the back of the envelope will not be counted and will be disqualified.

All Absentee Ballots must be received by the US Postal Service by November 13, 2003 to be valid.

Please mail Absentee Ballots with Printed and Signed Name on the back of the envelope to:

CGRA ELECTION COMMITTEE PO BOX 18728 DENVER, COLORADO 80218

Respectfully,

Barb Cook & Ken Pool

Election Committee Chairs



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Official 2004 CGRA Board Of Directors Ballot

(Please place an "X" next to the Candidates Name that you choose for office)

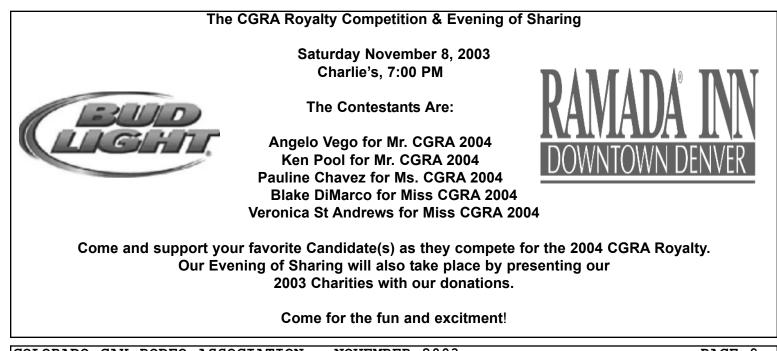
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John Beck	Anthony Aragon
Vince Montez	
	For The Office Of Rodeo Events Chair
For The Office Of Vice President	Ty Teigen
Robert Flores	
Blake Kleeberger	For The Office Of Membership Chair
	Angelo Vega
For The Office Of Secretary	
	For The Office Of Metro Outreach Chair
For The Office Of Treasurer	
David Hill	For The Office Of Southern Outreach Chair
	Patrick Terry
For The Office Of Rodeo Director Chair	Rich Valdez
Roger Courtemanche	
	For The Office Of Northern Outreach Chair
For The Office Of Public Relations Chair	
Travis Moody	Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treas- urer must be members with a full year of membership without any lapse.
	Nominations for any Chair Seat must be members with six (6) months of membership without any lapse.
For The Office Of Fundraising Chair	Nominations for Metro, Southern and Northern Outreach Chairs must be eligible members that reside in those areas of the
Chris Daniels	state of Colorado.
	All Nominations/Nominees will be verified.

2004

IGRA/BUD LIGHT RODEO SERIES

RODEO SCHEDULE 2004

ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO IGRA UNIVERSITY COWTOWN RODEO BIGHORN RODEO RODEO IN THE ROCK COMSTOCK STAMPEDE GREAT PLAINS RODEO ZIA REGIONAL RODEO XIA REGIONAL RODEO NORTH STAR REGIONAL RODEO CANADIAN ROCKIES RODEO ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO GREATER MOTOWN RODEO LA RODEO SAN FRANCISCO RODEO WINDY CITY RODEO SALT LAKE CITY RODEO SHOW ME STATE RODEO SHOW ME STATE RODEO ATLANTIC STAMPEDE CAPITAL CITY RODEO SOONER STATE RODEO SAN DIEGO RODEO 18TH IGRA FINALS RODEO	PHOENIX, AZ ST. LOUIS, MO FT WORTH, TX LAS VEGAS, NV LITTLE ROCK, AR SPARKS, NV OKLAHOMA CITY, OK ALBUQUERQUE, NM MINNST PAUL, MN CALGARY, AB, CANADA DENVER, CO DETROIT, MI LOS ANGELES, CA SAN FRANCISCO, CA CHICAGO, IL SALT LAKE CITY, UT KANSAS CITY, MO WASHINGTON DC AUSTIN, TX TULSA, OK SAN DIEGO, CA <i>OMAHA, NE</i>	MAY 14-16 MAY 28-30 JUN 18-20 JUL 2-4 JUL 2-4 JUL 9-11 JUL 30-AUG 1 AUG 6-8





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