

## REMINDERS:

- Beer Bust  
SUNDAY, Sept. 4th  
at Charlie's
- Beer Bust  
SATURDAY, Sept. 10  
at The Compound
- Gymkhana  
SUNDAY, Sept. 11  
10 am at JeffCo
- Beer Bust  
SUNDAY, Sept. 11  
2-5 at Charlie's
- Carousel Ball  
SATURDAY, Sept. 17  
at BJ's
- XXX Bowling Tourney  
SUNDAY, Sept. 18th  
at Brunswick Zone
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## The Big Push

The push is on; fall is very very near and you know what that means...the last minute push across the country to earn much needed points for finals.

With finals nearing ever so quickly, contestants begin the scramble for points to earn a chance to compete for the coveted International Championship. As you see these contestants pushing down the road, make sure and wish them good luck and safe travels.

With the push for points, there is also a push from the Royalty team to finish up last minute fundraising and prepare per-

formances for the finals competition.



Convention delegates and alternates are pushing to prepare for the IGRA Convention in October. Much planning goes into the Convention and the decisions made affect all of us.

As this big push is made, we are finding a big push on our

pocketbooks as the price of fuel soars out of control. Budgets tighten and travel on the rodeo circuit is becoming increasingly difficult as our wallets are pushed to their absolute limits.

Lets not forget about the hundreds of thousands of grief stricken Americans in the south pushing to bring some sort of normalcy back to their lives as they recover from the devastating storm that leveled the area. Please keep this folks in your thoughts and prayers.

## Letter from our President

Hello CGRA Members,

Wow, it's September and summer is almost over! I hope you all have enjoyed the summer, the weather is cooling down and rodeo year 2005 is coming to an end.

As many of you are aware we have 2 vacant positions on the board. Rodeo Events Chair and Entertainment, I would like to wish the best to Ron Peck-Aragon and RJ Lobato. I appreciate all the hard work you have done. I have appointed Ken Smith to Rodeo Events Chair and Kimberley Kay to Entertainment Chair for

30 days. At our August meeting I opened nominations for these positions and we will vote in September at the General Membership meeting.

Make sure to RSVP to the September 25 volunteer thank you dinner. For more information please contact Roger Courtemanche. Immediately following the dinner is the Snow Queen competition.

CGRA delegates and alternates are preparing themselves for convention next month in Canada. Its looks like CGRA will have a full delegation this year.

On January 21 "CGRA night out at the National Western Stock show", yes we will have tickets available again this year. I will take on this event, so if you are interested, please be sure to contact me. Tickets are \$10.00 and CGRA reserved 60, so get your reservation in early before we sell out.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September General membership meeting and take care.

Vince Montez  
CGRA President  
[President@CGRA.net](mailto:President@CGRA.net)

## Royalty Row



Rebecca Tucker, Miss CGRA 2005, Kimberly Kay, Ms. CGRA 2005, and Rich Valdez, Mr. CGRA 2005.

Hello All!

For those of you who do not know, each Royalty team member must raise \$200 at a fundraiser held for IGRA in order to compete at IGRA Finals in November.

The team has decided that we will combine our three fundraisers and work together to raise the necessary \$200 each. Thank you to all of you who joined us on Sunday, August 21, 2005, at our first fundraiser at BJs. We had a small turnout but it was a fun evening!

Please join us at Charlie's on Sunday, September 11, 2005, when we will be hosting a beer bust from 2-5pm. This will be our second IGRA fundraiser. Please come out and

support us!

Then, for our third fundraiser, please join us at Charlie's on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. We will be having a beer and liquor bust starting at 8pm and a show at 9pm. We would love to have our CGRA family there to support us!

Also mark your calendars for September 18, 2005 for the "XXX Tournament"!! This fun filled bowling tournament will be held at the Brunswick Zone on Kipling and I-70 in Wheat Ridge. Check in will be from noon to 1pm. If interested please send an email to Ms. CGRA 2005, Kimberley Kay at [cgracowgirl@aol.com](mailto:cgracowgirl@aol.com). Advanced registration deadline will be Monday, September 12, 2005. Cost will be \$15 per person -- which includes three

games and shoe rental. Please come join us as we raise money for our three charity partners -- Chesney-Kleinjohn Housing, The Medicine Horse Program, and the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

For those of you traveling to Rodeos we wish you luck and safe travel!

Mr. CGRA 2005, Rich Valdez

Ms. CGRA 2005, Kimberley Kay

Miss CGRA 2005, Rebecca Tucker

**MGRA Show Me State Rodeo**  
Kansas City, Kansas  
Sept. 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

**Atlantic Stampede**  
Washington, DC  
Sept. 9th, 10th, & 11th

**San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo**  
San Francisco, California  
Sept. 16th, 17th, & 18th

**Space City Rodeo**  
Houston, Texas  
Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st, & 2nd



## Reminders (Continued)

- Charlie's Best Ball Golf Tourney  
**MONDAY, Sept. 19th**  
City Golf Course
- CGRA Thank you Dinner  
**SUNDAY, Sept. 25th**  
at Charlie's (Please **RSVP**)
- Royalty Team Beer Bust and Show  
**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21st**  
at Charlie's
- Snow Queen Competition  
**SUNDAY, Sept. 25th**  
at Charlie's (following dinner)

## Northern Outreach

Greetings from the North. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that were a part of RMRR 23. I know, I know, this should have been done last month, but I got lost. We are gearing up for more busy times. With all that is occurring at the IGRA level soon, it is going to be busy for everyone. For those contestants going to Chicago and Kansas City, best of luck and travel safe.

## Words from the Vice President

Howdy Everyone

Well now that Rodeo is over it's time to move on to other things, Its time for us to focus on our CGRA Royalty and give them the support they deserve as they get ready to compete for MR. MS. & Miss. IGRA coming up in November.

Also we are starting to get ready for our own CGRA Royalty competition which will be held on December 3rd at Charlie's. Remember this year we are adding the new category of MsTer which I believe brings CGRA to a whole new

level and helps us reach out to even more of our community. If anyone is interested in competing for one of our Royalty positions ( Mr. Ms. Miss. or MsTer.) please feel free to contact me or any of our Board members with questions and information, we would be glad to help and we welcome everyone who believes in us and wants to represent CGRA in our community.

December 1st--Meet and Greet our Past and Present CGRA Royalty.  
December 2nd--Past Royalty show  
December 3rd--CGRA Royalty Competition

Quentin Sims  
CGRA Vice President  
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In order to remain and active member, your dues must be paid by the last day of the month your membership expires. If not paid, you will become inactive causing your membership information to be removed from the CGRA database. Please let me know of any address changes. If you need a nametag please make sure to get in touch with me so I can order it for you, lost names tags will cost you the replacement fees.

## PAST DUE Memberships...

- ◆ Cheney Clouch
- ◆ Jim Therstad

## Memberships up for renewal in September :

- ◆ Carl Bloom
- ◆ Eugene Sanders
- ◆ Frank Colvin
- ◆ Jeff Ranstetter
- ◆ Jeffery Hoppe
- ◆ Kim Dawson
- ◆ Michael Powers

## Memberships up for renewal in October :

- ◆ Jan Clewell
- ◆ Ken Smith
- ◆ Mary Tabay
- ◆ Paul Hodapp
- ◆ Rich Valdez
- ◆ Robert Leach
- ◆ Shane Price

## Memberships up for renewal in November :

- ◆ Bower, Kevin
- ◆ Conlon, D.C.
- ◆ Cuellar, RC
- ◆ Day, Robert
- ◆ Keller, Keith
- ◆ Peck-Aragon, Ron
- ◆ Smith, Justin
- ◆ Westman, David

## Memberships up for renewal in December :

- ◆ Burris, Christina
- ◆ Busby, Brad
- ◆ Japp, Roger
- ◆ Jasgur, CJ
- ◆ Lee, Sandy R
- ◆ Martinez, Dolores
- ◆ Martinez, Jo
- ◆ Mitter, Clyde
- ◆ Moore, Don
- ◆ Travnicek, Larry
- ◆ Wentworth, Lloyd

If you have questions concerning membership please feel free to contact Doug Edwards. If your membership is up or coming up for renewal and you would like for him to meet with you to pick it up he would be more than willing to do that.

dledwards49@comcast.net  
You may also mail your membership to

**CGRA**  
**PO Box 18728,**  
**Denver, Co 80218.**

## Metro Outreach

September is already here and rodeo is behind us and the Holidays are ahead of us. Sounds early to say something like that but IGRA Convention is just around the corner. I want to express my THANKS to everyone who helped out in the kitchen at RMRR 23. We had a great staff there and it is truly appreciated. We will be back there slaving over a hot stove again next year and will need a great deal of help again. We are in charge of the beverage sales at Jeffco again this year for the Fletcher Wood Memorial Rodeo over the Labor Day

weekend. We will need a few folks to help with that on Friday and Saturday night, Sept. 2, 3. If you would like to help with this please call me at 303-766-5630. The proceeds from this activity will go into a fund for added money at RMRR 24 next year. We are setting a goal of \$5,000.00 of added money for the contestants for RMRR 24. Watch for other fundraisers working for this goal. Tommy Channel Metro Outreach

## Rodeo Director

Hello, Members

Not much to report as Rodeo Director, but I do want to Thank You, for putting your trust in me to lead the team that puts on the oldest, and in my thinking the best Gay Rodeo in IGRA!!!! Its been a good two years, working with not only, CGRA members but Members and Officials form IGRA, and I got to learn a lot about the working of IGRA as well. Now on the the good stuff!!!!!!

Baked Potato, and ALL the fixings!!!!

BUD LIGHT will be FREE and on Tap, the bar will be on "Happy Hour" pricing. You will have to RSVP to me at [fdnyco@yahoo.com](mailto:fdnyco@yahoo.com) or 303 908 2709 (if you dont' have e-mail) before September 18th 2005. Please join CGRA to say thanks to All our Sponsors, Officials, Volunteers, and CGRA Members!!

So Please RSVP! If you do RSVP and then have to back out Please Call me and tell me ASAP so I can take you off the Dinner list.

The Dinner will be on the back Patio , like 2 years ago.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the Dinner Party!!!

Roger Courtemanche  
Rodeo Director  
CGRA/RMRR

**CGRA WILL BE HOSTING A THANK YOU PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 25TH, 5:00 PM AT CHARLIE'S, 900 EAST COLFAX, DENVER.**

It will be a sit down dinner (though not formal) of Steak,

## September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Search the newsletter for times and locations of calendar events!

## Trustee Times

Hello All

We are headed into a very busy time for events on the IGRA level. The following people have agreed to represent CGRA at Convention in Calgary. Please take a moment to thank these people for giving their time (& money) to be sure we are well represented.

- ◆ Ken Pool
- ◆ Roger Courtemanche
- ◆ Larry Travnicek
- ◆ Roger Japp
- ◆ Kimberly Kay
- ◆ Ty Teigen
- ◆ Cheney Clouch

- ◆ Jim Thorstad
- ◆ Chris Hochmuth
- ◆ John Beck
- ◆ Jeff Shaw

Following Convention will be IGRA Finals at the Mesquite Arena, outside of Dallas, Nov. 11 - 13. We will be well represented by our Royalty team, best of luck to Rich, Rebecca, & Kimberly.

As we wind towards the end of the rodeo year, it appears CGRA will have an excellent group of rodeo contestants qualifying for Finals.

Check out IGRA.com for further informa-

tion to attend IGRA Finals in this historic venue.

Cowboy up!  
Ken Pool,  
IGRA Trustee

We're on the Web!  
[www.cgra.net](http://www.cgra.net)



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## Entertainment

WOW!

Another month has passed us by. We want to congratulate the newly crowned Mr, Ms, and Miss GALA 2006 - Oscar Medina, Khobie Monroe, and Kiera Sexton. We look forward to working with you for the remainder of our year.

We would also like to thank all that came out and supported us this past month for our fund raisers. We had a small but fun crowd for our show at BJ's. A special thank-you goes out to the following people that entertained for us that evening: Ms and Mr GALA 2006 Khobie Monroe and Oscar Medina, Mr Gay Pride 2005/06 Bryan Varner, Mr GALA 2005 Larry Hernandez, Prom King 27 Keith (who was also our DJ), Contestant for Miss CGRA 2006 Gia Diamante, and a special number from Judy. It was her

first performance and she did GREAT! And of course the Royalty Team did our little song and dance! We also hosted a successful Beer Bust at Charlie's and wish to thank all our supporting drinkers! November is just around the corner and the Royalty team is getting busy in preparation for the IGRA Royalty Competition and we have much to do! We will be hosting 2 more important events in September to raise our necessary funds for IGRA. We would like to invite you to join us on September 11th for a Beer Bust at Charlie's from 2pm-5pm and a Show and Beer Bust at Charlie's on September 21st. Come out to these events and help us git-a-long to Dallas for Finals! The Royalty team will be hosting another really fun event in September. It is our

XXX Benefit Bowling Tournament. It is on Sunday, September 18th at Brunswick Zone Wheatridge (I-70/Kipling). You can contact any of the Royalty Team for more info. Our goal is to raise \$3000 for our charities! If you would like to bowl, volunteer or sponsor this event in any way-just give us a holler!

Good luck to all that are traveling to the various rodeos in September! We'll see you at the CGRA annual appreciation dinner September 21st at Charlie's, followed by the always hilarious, never-know-what's-going-to-happen Snow Queen Competition.

Kimberley Kay—Ms. CGRA 2005  
Interim Entertainment Chair