

## REMINDERS:

- Mr. Ms. & Miss Competition Meet and Greet  
**THURSDAY, Dec 1st**  
Charlie's
- Mr. Ms. & Miss Competition Past Royalty Show  
**FRIDAY, Dec 2nd**  
Charlie's
- Mr. Ms. & Miss Crowning and A Time for Sharing  
**SATURDAY, Dec 3rd**  
Charlie's
- General Membership Meeting  
**THURSDAY, Dec 8th**  
8pm at Charlie's
- CGRA Takes over Charlie's  
**TUESDAY, Dec 13th**

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## 3 Champions and a 3 Ring Circus

Colorado made a strong showing this month at the 19th annual IGRA Finals in Mesquite, Texas. We have a newly crowned Ms. IGRA in Kimberly Kay. We are very proud of all the work she did for our association last year, and are extremely excited for all the fresh ideas she will take to the international level.

Along with our new black sash, we have two gold buckles! R.C. Cuellar and John Beck are the newest strong arms on the circuit; they the 2005 Chute Dogging international champions.

Congratulations to all three of our champions and your crowning accomplishments this year. We are very proud of you!

Along with the 3 champions, others found the trip to Texas to be an absolute 3 ring circus. Thankfully for everyone, the drive down seemed rather uneventful. 3 trailers made the trip down, and 3 trailers made the trip home, it just took a little

longer the second time around.

Ty, Roger J and Larry traveled together, John and Ron together,



The 2006 IGRA Royalty Team

and RC and Margaret we making the inaugural trip with their new trailer. There is not enough paper to go into all the details but here is the Cliff's Notes version.

Ty, Roger and Larry changed 4 flat tires, replaced 4 tires, got a bad tank of diesel, spent the night in Amarillo, changed another tire and locked the keys in the truck. The 14 hour trip took 37 hours to complete. We decided that it was bad karma brought on by

transporting Naomi's red wigs across the county.

John and Ron found a bad tank of diesel and got to drive 25 mph from Limon to Denver (which is long enough as it is).

To take the cake, RC was lucky enough to avoid the fuel circus but found a patch of ice on the interstate the bounced the truck and trailer off each guard rail, ended up facing the wrong direction with a trailer of horses jackknifed around the truck. Thankfully everyone was fine when it all came to stop; the truck has seen its better days though.

Needless to say, we have had better travel experiences, but it was a great time and a great way to round out the 2005 rodeo season. As you see our royalty and rodeo contestants, please congratulate them for the great showing at finals, and buy them a drink for their trials and tribulations getting everyone home!

## Letter from the President

CGRA Members;

Happy Holidays to everyone, I hope you have a great Holiday Season. I would like to congratulate everyone who competed at IGRA Finals rodeo. We had a great time and enjoyed ourselves. A special congratulations to Rich, Kimberley and

Rebecca all three of our royalty members brought home IGRA sashes.

Please do not forget I have Stockshow/Rodeo tickets available for January 21<sup>st</sup>. Ticket costs are \$10.00 for each member and an additional \$10.00 for each guest. Please contact me if you are inter-

ested in purchasing tickets. I do not plan on selling for too much longer so buy your tickets soon.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, CGRA will take over Charlies. We are looking for bartenders, waiters, barbacks, coatcheck, DJ's. We will take over the bar from 5:30 – 2:00 am. 4 different shifts as follows 5:30 –



**Rebecca Tucker**  
Miss IGRA 1st Runner up  
**Kimberly Kay,**  
Ms. IGRA  
**Rich Valdez,**  
Mr. IGRA 2nd Runner up

**Happy Holidays  
from CGRA!!!**



## Royalty Row

Well, here we are just a few weeks away from Christmas and another new year! The Royalty Team is only a few days away from stepping down as CGRA Royalty and stepping up as IGRA Royalty. What an amazing year this has been! We would like to thank all of you that supported us throughout the year. We could not have raised money for our charity partners without your assistance and donations! When we work as a group we can accomplish great things. For those of you who were with us in Dallas and cheering us on during the IGRA Royalty competition -- thank you!! It was wonderful to have some of our family there to support

us and let us know we were doing a great job. It was a very emotional and stressful competition, but in the end we brought home three IGRA titles to Colorado! Mr. IGRA 2006 2nd Runner-Up, Rich Valdez Miss IGRA 2006 1st Runner-Up, Rebecca Tucker Ms. IGRA 2006, Kimberley Kay We hope that all of you will join us on December 3, 2005 to celebrate with us. We will be welcoming in a new Royalty Team as well as celebrating a successful year. The plan for the week/weekend is as follows: Thursday, Dec 1, 2005 -- Charlie's, 7pm. Meet and greet past/current/future CGRA Royalty. Friday, Dec

2, 2005 -- Charlie's, 8pm. Past Royalty Show. Come see past and current CGRA Royalty perform! Saturday, Dec 3, 2005 -- Charlie's, 7pm. CGRA Royalty Contest as well as "A Time for Sharing" We hope that each of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a joyous Christmas. We look forward to seeing you at Charlie's as we celebrate with friends and family from December 1st through December 3rd. Thank you all again for a wonderful year! Mr. CGRA 2005, Rich Valdez Miss CGRA 2005, Rebecca Tucker Ms. CGRA 2005, Kimberley Kay

## President

8:00, 7:30 – 10:00, 9:30 11:30, 11:00 – 2:00. If you are interested in helping, please be sure to contact me. Remember half the proceeds raised will go to Northern PFLAG and the other half to CGRA general fund.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, at Charlie's, 8 p.m. this is an important meeting. We will be voting on our 2006 Board of Directors. Absentee Ballots were mailed out approximately 1 week ago for members not able to attend the Decem-

ber Meeting. If you do not plan on attending the meeting, please be sure to read the instruction on filling out your absentee ballot. I would like to wish the best to the 2006 Board of Directors. I feel everyone running for a position is an asset to this organization.

As many of you know I have decided not to run for reelection for 2006. I would like to THANK YOU for your support and dedication, during my time as President. A special THANK YOU to the 2004 and 2005 Board of Directors, you should be

proud, I feel we had a successful and productive 2 years. I still plan to be a part of this GREAT association, and help out wherever I can and hope to continue to help will RMRR.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the next few weeks as CGRA has many events going on. Remember if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Vince Montez  
CGRA President  
[President@CGRA.NET](mailto:President@CGRA.NET)

## Words from the Vice President

Hello Everyone I want to start off by wishing you and yours happy holidays. Now, I would like to encourage everybody to come to the general membership meeting and vote for your new board for 2006. We all need to get involved and stay involved to help keep CGRA one of the biggest and best organizations in the state. Congratulations to all contestants who went to finals in Dallas, everybody

did a great job. I also want to congratulate the 2005 CGRA board on a great year of accomplishments, all of your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by myself and many other's within our great community. It is such a wonderful feeling to be out and about and have people from all walks of life let us know what a great job we have done. I would like to thank everyone who has

supported me over the last two years, while serving on the board of directors of CGRA it has been a great experience and I could not have done it without all of your help. Again, Thank You very much. I wish the 2006 board of directors the best of luck in all of your adventures and have a safe, fun and very productive year ahead.  
Quentin Sims  
Vice-President

## Membership renewals in that are Past Due :

- ◆ D.C. Coulon
- ◆ Eugene Sanders
- ◆ Frank Colvin
- ◆ Jeff Ramstetter
- ◆ Keith Keller
- ◆ Kevin Bowser
- ◆ Mary Tabay
- ◆ Michael Powers
- ◆ Paul Hodapp
- ◆ RC Cuellar
- ◆ Robert Day
- ◆ Shane Price

## Memberships up for renewal in December:

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

Please mail the \$30 renewal fee to:

**CGRA  
Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 18728 Denver, CO  
80218-0728**

As always, we're happy to have newcomers join the family. Please encourage anyone interested to complete a membership application (available at [www.CGRA.net](http://www.CGRA.net)) and send it in with the \$30 membership fee. It's been a pleasure serving

as your Membership Chair, albeit a brief tenure over the last few months. I'm happy to see we've consistently welcomed new members each month and existing members have renewed their membership to remain a part of this great organization. As we approach the new year, I'm confident our membership will continue to grow and the organization will be strengthened by new voices and new energy. Best wishes to the 2006 Membership Chair!



**Kimberley Kay showing the steer who's boss!**

## Campaign for Trustee

Howdy all

Finals Rodeo was a blast! It was a successful rodeo with a totally new running order. The order gave the event a fast paced, pro rodeo feel, but this did not happen without some issues. I got to take another turn serving as an alternate Trustee for CGRA at finals and therefore got to be directly involved with the resulting discussions.

I want the opportunity to continue discussing and resolving the challenges that a volunteer based organization like CGRA and IGRA hold, and that is why I am asking you to support me as I run for the position of IGRA Trustee.

I have been competing in rodeo since I was 8 years old, have served on the CGRA Board of Directors for 3 years, and was a Committee Chair for IGRA this year. I have a strong background in rodeo and have a wide network of contacts throughout IGRA, including a large percentage of current Trustees and IGRA officers.

I feel that my background will help me to understand rodeo issues, effectively communicate at all levels of the organization and to negotiate mutually beneficial solutions for both IGRA and CGRA.

My goals as Trustee for CGRA are:

- ◆ To ensure CGRA issues and concerns are raised at the IGRA level
- ◆ To ensure information flows effectively from IGRA to CGRA
- ◆ To work towards helping IGRA become financially viable and self-sustaining
- ◆ To work to improve the growth of IGRA
- ◆ To attend as many rodeos and IGRA Board Meetings as possible and to send alternates for those I am not able to attend

Please be at Charlie's on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm to make your choice for Trustee by casting your vote. If you have already sent in your absentee ballot, thank you.

I would also like to congratulate the CGRA contestants at Finals. We had several winners and had enough points overall to be named 5th place team. Special congratulations to John Beck and RC Cuellar for winning the men's and women's chute dogging buckles and the new Ms. IGRA, Kimberley Kay. Way to go gang! We are proud of you!

Thank you for your consideration  
Ty Teigen

## Fundraising

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Remember, Santa's still watching, so you all be good cowboys and cowgirls. Good luck to all those in the upcoming elections for the Board of Directors for 2006. It will be a very busy year with preplanning for the IGRA Finals in 2007, here in Denver. As Fundraising Chair for the last two years, we would like to say Thank You, members, sponsors and to all the Board of Directors for all the support to make the last two years exciting, fun and rewarding. It's been a pleasure to serve as board members of CGRA. Jim and Cheney

## Rodeo Director

Hello CGRA Members, Its now December, We now have a Host Hotel for RMRR-24 it will be the same as last year, The Sheraton Denver West. and we have the same Stock Contractor as last year, but with a new name "RAZORS EDGE" I first off want to THANK ALL of YOU for all the help, and for putting your trust in Me as your Rodeo Director, for the last 2 years. Thank You Roger Courtemanche Rodeo Director

## ELECT ROGER COURTEMANCHE CGRA'S TRUSTEE TO IGRA

"I want to be CGRA'S Voice to IGRA,  
And IGRA Voice back to CGRA, For the good of CGRA and IGRA as well"

## December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				8	9	10
				15	16	17
				22	23	24
				29	30	31

Search the newsletter for times and locations of calendar events!

## Campaign for Rodeo Director

Greetings y'all, I'm hoping that your holiday season is going well. It's amazing to me that it is already December. I would like to congratulate all the CGRA contestants and royalty team members that participated in the IGRA finals in Dallas. Although we had a great time, the trip home was an adventure. Your CGRA contestants and royalty candidates did an outstanding job and all should be congratulated. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote this month as I am running for the position of Rodeo Director. We

are already gaining momentum for the upcoming rodeo year, and the preparations are well underway for RMRR 24. As well this will be a busy year as we begin the planning process for IGRA Finals in 2007. It's gonna be fast and furious, and the Board of Directors, as well as the Rodeo Director will need assistance from our membership, as you all have specialties that can be utilized in this process.

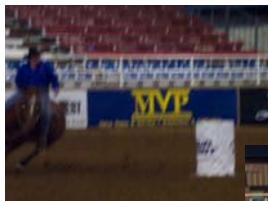
Thanks again for such a great year.  
 Roger Japp  
 Northern Outreach Chair

Roger Japp and his "town goin" hat!



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Contestants Corner



"The barrel is over there, see Leo, do it just like Hershey does!"



"Push RC, PUUUUUSH!"



RC and Zeek making a great barrel run.



John and Duke in a smokin pole pattern!