

REMINDERS:

- Beer Bust
SATURDAY, February
4th, 8pm The Compound
- General Membership
meeting
THURSDAY February
9th, 8pm at Charlie's
- Gymkhana
SUNDAY February 12th,
10 am at JeffCo
- Mr. & Miss Show
WEDNESDAY Feb. 15th
9pm at Charlie's
- IGRA and GALA Show
WEDNESDAY Feb.
22nd 8pm at Charlie's
- Beer Bust
SUNDAY February 26th
4 pm at The Wrangler

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A Documentary Project

IGRA is investigating the potential for a UK documentary project. IGRA may realize some moderate revenue (up to \$5000) for the project that will be used for the benefit of all IGRA member associations. Any potential members that may be interesting and interested, please forward name, contact info and brief Bio to me Tommy Channel at adm.assistant@igra.com or you may call me at 303-766-5630. Thanks in advance for your help

The project details follow:

"Our plan is to produce a 60 minute documentary: We suspect that UK public interest in Rodeo, in particular Gay Rodeo, will be immense following the release of Brokeback Mountain this month. The documentary will be entitled "The Real Brokeback Mountain". We would like it to be screened in the UK in December 2006, hopefully by BBC2.

The build up to the IGRA finals 2006 will provide the structure to the documentary, and the event will be the climax. The narrative of the documentary will be driven by the strong characters that take part in the gay rodeo. We want it to be very powerful both visually and in content. It will be the stories of 6-8 key competitors and organizers that carry the documentary forward. As such it is vital that we find the right characters.

The contributors need not all compete in the finals but they certainly need to be heavily involved in the build up, and ideally at least four (if not more) would compete and possibly win a couple of the events. One important factor to mention here is we would want to be in the US filming at least 4-6 months prior to the finals, so we could form a strong sense of build-up to the event and really get to know our key contributors before the finals approach. This would require a sustained commitment of time from the people that we would feature in the documentary.

The program will switch back and forth between serious social commentary and the rough and tumble, fun and danger of the rodeo. We would also like to feature a number of the state gay rodeo events as part of the build up. At this stage it would be great to get in contact with the people you think are key to the gay rodeo scene, perhaps past winners who are likely to be in the running for 2006, founders and organizers (I don't mind if you nominate yourselves), strong characters who are regulars at the event even if their rodeo skills aren't the best, and the crowds favorites. Basically, anyone you think has a strong character and who would be interested in taking part in the documentary. Things we hope to include within the documentary:

- ♦ *The stories of a number of solid contributors/ characters involved in gay rodeo. What they do, how they got involved, how much training they do, and snippets of their life on the build up to the finals.*
- ♦ *Preparations of the rodeo riders, preparations the event organizers, preparation and selection of the animals.*
- ♦ *View-point of the event through the eyes of the event organizers, and how the event is judged and ran.*
- ♦ *Key characters of the rodeo i.e. favorite guy rodeo, favorite girl rodeo. And the key players and past founders of the IGRA.*
- ♦ *Local peoples' opinions on the rodeo finals including straight rodeo and gay rodeo commenting on each other.*
- ♦ *Anticipation and build up to the finals.*
- ♦ *A tour of the grounds of the rodeo the preparation and the events on the day, in particular those events that our key characters are participating in."*

We are all excited about the possibility to showcase our organization and some of its members in film. Please pass the word to friends as we create some buzz about this possibility.

*Thanks again,
Tommy Channel
CGRA PRESIDENT*

Words from the President



Clyde Mitter Mr. CGRA 2006
Gia Diamante Miss CGRA 2006

Hello to all CGRA Members!

January has come and gone and so has the Denver Stock Show and Rodeo. This year CGRA hosted almost 70 attendees to the Stock Show and Rodeo. We all had a great time watching the show and visiting with friends. Make plans now to attend with us next year.

The new BOD is already "getting it on their mind" about Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 24. Most may think that RMRR is a weekend event

only, but it is a 12 month project to all us who think and breath rodeo to produce an event like our rodeo.

We are looking for a "few good men and women" to help with this year's rodeo. If you are thinking of volunteering for any area contact John Beck or any Board Member.

February has already proven to be a busy month for CGRA and the community. Please check the new calendar for events. Also wanted to thank Larry T. for all of his very hard work on the new CGRA web-

site. It looks great and we are looking forward to all your comments on the new face of CGRA.

Thanks to all our new board members for their hard work and commitment to CGRA. It is good to see new interest in our organization. I look forward to seeing all of you at the February General Membership Meeting, Thursday Feb. 9 at Charlie's.

Thanks,
Tommy Channel
CGRA PRESIDENT

Vice president

Howdy Members,
All is well with your V.P. Thanks for you concern with my injury, but I am doing fine.
Congratulation's to all the contestants who went to Phoenix Rodeo.
Our royalty did very good.
See you all at the February meeting.

John Beck
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IGRA University
February
17th, 18th & 19th
Las Vegas, Nevada



Rodeo Events

Hello All,
With our first gymkhana of the 2006 season under our belt, we're off to a great start! Thanks to all the members for volunteering their time to help make this a great gymkhana. There was a good turnout of riders for the horse events, and everyone really enjoyed the people events. Our next gymkhana is scheduled for Feb. 12 at JeffCo Events center. Everyone mark your calendars and plan to join us. And remember, its not too late to join the competition for the much coveted yearend awards.
Ken Smith
Rodeo Events Chair

Trustee Times

Hello Members,
The first IGRA BOD meeting was held in PHX., We had a full Agenda. IGRA had to go out and get a new Insurance Company, the cost is much more then in the past years, each Assoc. will be paying \$384.00 to help cover the cost, and We will have better Coverage!!! The Trustee Meeting went well too Hats off to AGRA and RRRR for a long but good Rodeo, at the

new Rodeo grounds.
The next IGRA BOD meeting will be in Ft. Lauderdale, FLA. in April, then here at RMRR-24 in July. Anyone going to a Rodeo that I will not be going to, and want to stand in as Trustee, Please let me know, and I will sent a letter, saying you will be standing in as CGRA Trustee.
Thanks,
Roger Courtemanche
CGRA Trustee to IGRA

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.

Memberships up for renewal in January:
 ♦ Putnam, Lewis

Memberships up for renewal in February :
 ♦ Deon, Michelle Rae
 ♦ Smith, Mary
 ♦ Stowe, David
 ♦ Vega, Angelo

Memberships up for renewal in March:
 ♦ Abachiche, Jason
 ♦ Bullock, Glen D
 ♦ Burns, Bruce
 ♦ Courtemanche, Roger
 ♦ Davis, Christopher
 ♦ James, Justin
 ♦ Munger, Mary
 ♦ Varner, Bryan
 ♦ Waneka, Buddy

Memberships up for renewal in April:
 ♦ Chavez, Pauline
 ♦ Dennehy, Sean
 ♦ Moore, Chris
 ♦ O'hara, Dennis
 ♦ Sherman, James
 ♦ Thurtell, Robert
 ♦ Torbit, Karla

Hello everyone I hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday. I am the new Membership chair, I am out recruiting new, an fallen members. So if you need a application please do not hesitate to ask if I am not at Charlie's you can reach me at crashlucky@netzero.net see you soon.
 Jumbo Petite Hugs and Kisses
 Pauline Chavez
 Membership Chair

Rodeo Director

Hello all CGRA members. I hope that things are going well for all of you. I have a couple of updates in regards to RMRR 24 that you should all be aware of. First and foremost, at this time, I would like to introduce to you the two people that I have selected to be the Assistant Rodeo Directors for RMRR 24. R.J. will once again reign over the midway and has been selected to be the Assistant for Midway Activities. Ken P. has also been selected as an Assistant Rodeo Director in charge of Rodeo Activities. I look forward to working with both of these individuals in the month to come.

We have begun the process of finding vendors for RMRR 24. I want this year to be one of the best for our midway. If you have any questions regarding this please contact me. I would also like to thank you for selecting me as a Co-Rodeo Director for IGRA Finals 2007. Ken and I are excited to get to work on making it the best finals rodeo that has ever been produced. If you have any questions or would like to throw your name in the hat as a volunteer for RMRR #24, please email me. Thanks.
 Roger Japp
 Rodeo Director RMRR 24
rodeo.director@cgra.net

Metro Outreach

Howdy All,

Well, another month has gotten away from me! Where did January go? I guess it IS true what they say – "Time flies when you're having fun!" And, I did have a lot of fun in January! One thing I did miss out on though, because of work commitments, was attending the rodeo in Phoenix this year over my birthday weekend. So, I had a birthday fundraiser weekend here in Denver! Instead of getting me a card or a gift, I asked everyone celebrating my birthday with me to make a donation to the Children's Hospital Immunodeficiency Program. Thanks to all of you who donated, we raised \$200.60! That was awesome! Then, the next weekend, CGRA saddled up and went to the 100th National Western Stockshow and Rodeo. Section 126 of the Denver Coliseum will never be the same! We had a blast! Then, Rich Valdez, Mr. IGRA 2006 2nd Runner-Up, had a Beer Bust and Show at Charlie's. It was wildly successful and the crowd had a good time – especially when Vince auctioned off the chocolates 1 piece at a time! If you missed any of these events, you missed out on a lot of fun! But, you still have time to get in on the action. There are plenty of events coming up in which you can participate! Just check out the calendar, put on your party shoes and come play with us!

We'll chat again next month,

Kimberley Kay
 Metro Outreach Chairperson
 Ms IGRA 2006

February 2006

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Search the newsletter for times and locations of calendar events!

Public Relations

Hello Everyone

As you know, the popularity of Brokeback Mountain has taken the US, and the world alike, by storm. We are being virtually bombarded by people who want interviews with the "real gay cowboy and cowgirl". Though most of these folks asking for interviews and pictures have good intentions, but not all. There are some things you can do to protect yourself in an interview:

- ◆ Demand that CGRA and IGRA will be shown in a positive light. Simply state that you will not do the interview if a derogatory motive is planned.
- ◆ Always repeat the question asked the

your answer. Q: How do you think the Catholic Church will view Brokeback Mountain." A: I don't think the Catholic Church will be very receptive to it."

- ◆ Explicitly ask for a copy of the media format for your approval before it goes to print/air.
- ◆ Ask that CGRA and IGRA be given a copy of the media for our archives and that we can reproduce the items for our needs, (e.g. website).

Once you make all of this clear, then they will know that you are for real.

Also, if you do make an appearance, please let run it through myself first so I can keep

track of who is asking for interviews and prepare, should there be any "foul play".

Be careful but get out there and have fun spreading the word about RODEO!!!

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A Message to our Members

Wyoming Equality (WE) aka United Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming, Inc. has been getting a lot of calls from the media since the release of "Brokeback Mountain". WE recently received a call from Audrey Stimson of ARD (the German BBC). ARD wants to film a segment for a TV program that features Wyoming cowboys performing ranch work and/or "cowboy things". WE thought CGRA might know of some rodeo cowboys from Wyoming who might be interested in this project. Although our constituents include men who grew up on ranches in Wyoming, many of them have moved away from ranches and into larger Wyoming communities and, as such, aren't really working as cowboys.

If you're interested and able to provide contacts please contact your Public Relations Chair.