COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

REMINDERS:

- Beer Bust WEDNESDAY, Apr. 5th 8pm at Charlie's
- Membership Meeting THURSDAY, Apr. 13th 8pm at Charlie's
- DVD Raffle(s) THURSDAY, Apr. 13th Charlie's FRIDAY, Apr. 14th **Club Static Ft. Collins**
- Beer Bust WEDNESDAY, Apr 19th 8pm at Charlie's
- Spring Fling SUNDAY, Apr. 23rd **Elitch Gardens**

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CGRA Newsletter

APRIL 2006

The Snow is Gone



"Spring has sprung, grass is growing, the queens have come, the glitter was snowing."

If you missed it, you missed a doosie. We had 2 contestants this year and it proved to be quite the competition. Little Miss Porta Potty was in great

form as usual, and the Camp Drag virgin, Fonda Peters, kept the show sassy.

The night was a huge success for the CGRA Contestant Education/Appreciation Fund. We raised \$818 on the night and everyone had a great time.

The evening began with the ever coveted Winter Wear competition. Fonda Peters came out in a rather revealing 2 piece leopard print bikini that wasn't real winter-like and Porta Potty was darning a very functional party hat outfit. Both were stunning.

Next came creative wear. Fonda had a dress covered in pink gymkhana ribbons and Porta was a very sexy 7 eleven worker.

Finally came the entertainment

portion. Fonda looked rather manly as she did a Cletus T. Judd number. Porta showed her abilities as being a hot working

It was a close competition but Fonda Peters edging out Porta Potty for years most uncoveted title of Snow Queen.

Thanks to all that came out to support CGRA and enjoy the festivities.



Fundraising

Howdy Cowboys and Cow-

Here's the latest in the world of CGRA Fundraising...

The Wrangler Beer Bust on March 26 was a great success. Though we had a bit of a last minute scramble for volunteers, we managed to cover our requirement and made over \$800 through the event. Thanks to all of you who attended or volunteered. We've been invited to participate in promotion of the Brokeback Mountain DVD release

and will receive a number of

movie t-shirts and copies of the

DVD's. We'll be holding raffles for these items at Charlie's on Thurs 4/13 and at Club Static on Ft. Collins on Fri 4/14. Please contact me if you have questions.

The Elitch Gardens - Six Flags event is coming up on April 23rd. Tickets, selling for \$20.99, will grant admission on April 23 plus any weekend day in Sept or Oct. Tickets can be purchased on-line through the CGRA website

www.CGRA.net, at the April General Membership meeting, or through me:

Fundraising@CGRA.net.

If you have questions, please let me know!

Recruitment of sponsors for RMRR24 is well underway. We've already secured Interactive Male as one of our Premier Sponsors. If you know of individuals or business that may be interested in sponsoring the rodeo, please have them contact me or provide me with their contact information. Thanks...and have a great month! Carl Bloom Fundraising Chair

Fundraising@CGRA.net

(720)-273-9689



Clyde Mitter Gia Diamante
Mr. CGRA 2006 Miss CGRA 2006

Trustee Times

Hello, CGRA Membership

As we go into April, a quarter of 2006 is over!! Not much to report on IGRA at this time, IGRA is still working on Rodeo Liability Insurance, for Rodeo Assoc. that need \$2,000,000,00 of coverage, I hope to have more to report on this when I get back the FLA. If you have never been to a IGRA Convention, start thinking about going, this years IGRA Convention will be in Nashville TN, Oct 19-22, more on this later in the year.

For the Members going to the Sunshine Stampede, in Florida, have a safe trip. Roger Courtemanche

Rodeo Events

Hello CGRA members,

The Gymkhana on April 1 was a really fun day with several new members competing.
Congratulations to high point people events winner, Larry Travnicek. Steven Guidry and Roger Japp tied for high point novice rider. Rusty, owned by John Beck, won for high point novice horse and John Beck was high point advanced rider.

Our next Gymkhana is scheduled for May 14th, so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Ken Smith Rodeo Events Director rodeo.events@cgra.net

The Funnies

Sunshine Stampede Fort Lauderdale, Florida April 7-9 2006

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Rodeo In the Rock Little Rock, Arkansas April 28-30 2006

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Greater San Diego Rodeo San Diego, California April 28-30 2006





"I thought you were the pickup man?!?"

www.RobertMiller.com

Membership PAGE 3

Every month our membership is growing a little more and once again we have some new members as well as some renewed members. I'd like to extend a big thank you to our renewed members: Roger Courtemanche, Mary Munger, and Buddy Waneka. Also, a very warm welcome to our newest members: Shawn Martinez, Scott Armstrong, and Steve Guidry. Word of mouth is our best source for new members, if you know of anyone that is interested in learning more about our organization please encourage them to contact one of the board members.

Memberships up for renewal this month

- Chris Moore
- Dennis O'hara
- James Sherman
- Karla Torbit
- Pauline Chavez
- Robert Thurtell
- Sean Dennehy

Memberships up for renewal in May:

- Chris Barker
- Jd Carelli
- Jeff Shaw
- Kimberley Kittley

- Michael Kessler
- Michael Korzen
- Patrick Kellogg
- · Ri Lobato
- Shantie Magat
- Shelly Pohl
- Sheri Ralston

Memberships up for renewal in June :

- Brian Dickerson
- James Lopez
- James Thomas
- Jim Vela
- Sherry Puls

Memberships up for renewal in July:

- Brent Dice
- Brooke Witman
- Carolyn Herbert
- Cathy Noland
- Cheryl Kennedy
- Dalew Tims
- Darrel Eyestone
- Isaac r Wak wak
- James s Christopher
- Jeff Stevenson
- John Carroll
- John Locke
- Jonelle Polley
- Keith Swanson

- Ken Pool
- Nancy Durovka
- Nicole Bradford
- Richard Bara
- Robert Flores
- Ryan Ross
- Sammy w Van galder
- Sue anne MichaelsSunny Van orman
- Ty Teigen
- William Martin

Now you can renew your memberships online at www.cgra.net.. If you have any questions

about your membership or if any of your contact information changes, please notify me feel at crashlucky@netzero.net

You can also renew the "old-fashioned" way by printing the application and mailing it to:

CGRA PO Box 18728, Denver, Co 80218.



Northern Outreach

Come one come all for a fun filled night up north in Ft Collins.

When: Saturday May 13 When: 8p-11p or 12a Where: Club Static What: \$7 Beer Bust and

show

CGRA will be hosting a beer bust and show. A 50/50 split for N-CAP and the CGRA Contestant Education / Finals Fund. We'll also be doing raffles, so we will need raffle items. Will also be looking for all those many talented entertainers

for some music and song. We are working on getting a discount price at a local hotel and will get that information out to everyone as soon as that's worked out. So lets get out of Denver and visit our friends up north in Ft Collins and have a great time.

Thank you. Clyde Mitter Mr CGRA 2006

Jim Thorstad Northern Outreach

April 2006 Tue Thu Fri Mon Wed Sun Sat 7 2 8 10 11 12 15 17 21 22 16 18 20 25 27 28 29 30 Go to the website, www.cgra.net for more details

Rodeo Director

Hello once again from your friendly rodeo director. Things are gearing up for RMRR 24, and many great things have been happening over the past month. We have approved several contracts, and assistance from non-profit entities over the past month, and will have a great rodeo!! WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS IN ALL AREAS!!!!! PLEASE CONTACT JOHN B. OR MYSELF IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER!!!!

See ya all soon, Roger Japp Rodeo Director

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Public Relations

Oh what a month March was, and April proves to be busier than ever! Check the local rags for this years ad campaign. It proves to be even hotter than last year.

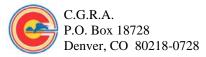
We will be having a couple of photo shoots very soon and I would love it if you would volunteer to show your best assets. I need all males and females to help me out. We are going to have professional pictures of you best, 'clothed', feature taken to be used in our ad campaign. Please email me at pr@cgra.net to volunteer your favorite body part!

The snow queen pageant proved to be as fun as ever and if you are still trying

to guess who Fonda Peters is...
Keep guess cause I am not going to tell
you. It seems that pictures of the evening seem to be floating around cyberspace as friends share them back and
forth. If you would be so kind as to send
them to me, I would love to include them
on the website. Send them to
pr@cgra.net.

Thanks, and keep checking the website for additions
Larry Travnicek
Public Relations/Webmaster
pr@cgra.net
webmaster@cgra.net





Announcement

Hello, Members As CGRA Trustee, I serve as Chairperson, to the IGRA Committee. The CGRA By-Laws say We must meet three time a year, I have spoken with Jeff Shaw, who will serve as IGRA Rodeo Rules Person for CGRA. We have set some dates for Meetings of the IGRA Committee. May, 15 June, 19 July, 17 July 31, (if need be) The Meeting's fit the time table to get By-Laws changes to the IGRA

Secretary in time for IGRA Convention. When the picking of Delegate's to IGRA Convention, one of the things that is looked at, is Members that have attended the IGRA Committee/By-laws Meetings, past Delegate, and time working with CGRA events and Committee's. I will be sending out more info at a latter time, I just wanted to get the dates out to the Membership. Thanks, Roger Courtemanche CGRA Trustee

Quip

Well said:

On Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at a hearing on the proposed Constitutional Amendment to prohibit gay marriage, Jamie Raskin, professor of law at AU, was requested to testify.

At the end of his testimony, Republican Senator Nancy Jacobs said: "Mr. Raskin, my Bible says marriage is only between a man and a woman. What do you have to say about that?"

Raskin replied: "Senator, when you took your oath of office, you placed your hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution. You did not place your hand on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible."

The room erupted into applause.

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