## COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

#### **REMINDERS:**

- General Membership Meeting THURSDAY June 8th 8pm at Charlie's
- IGRA Fundraiser
   SUNDAY June 11th
   8pm at Charlie's
- Beer Bust
   SATURDAY June 17th
   8pm at The Compound
- By-Laws Meeting
   MONDAY June 19th
   TBA
- Beer Bust & Show
   WEDNESDAY June 21
   8pm at Charlie's
- ENTRIES TO RMRR DUE!!! FRIDAY June 23rd

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# CGRA Newsletter

JUNE 2006

# Cowboy Up!

Are you ready to get a little dirty? Are you ready to get a little sweaty? Are you ready to breathe a little heavy??? If you answered yes to any of those questions then we are ready for you. RMRR is only weeks away and we would love to have you help us out a volunteer.

Setup of the rodeo grounds will begin Thursday afternoon July 6th and continue through Friday. We will need help setting up tents, tables, chairs, signs and banners as well as many other grounds keeping tasks that will need done. If something a bit less physical is more for you then maybe helping with registration Friday night would be up your alley.

Once the rodeo begins Saturday

morning we will need folks to help with security, ticketing, bartending, setting up poles and barrels, painting chalk lines, tak-



ing water to our hot contestants and even pushing steers in the chutes. We would all appreciate a whole weekend of help from you, but if you can only give a couple of hours, we would defi-

nitely put you to work..

As a volunteer, you would receive a free meal at our food court and a free rodeo pass. If you help both days, you will get free admission to the rodeo both days. We also will throw a party for you in the fall at Charlie's that involves a free steak dinner and plenty of Bud Light to drink.

For those of you competing in the rodeo, remember that we can use your help in your off time as well.

So lets do it, Cowboy Up and get a little dirty, sweaty and breathe a little heavier than you did last Saturday night, and come on out and help CGRA throw one of the best bashes of the year.

#### Letter from our President

#### Hello CGRA.

It is summer and time for RMRR #24! We are about four weeks away from rodeo weekend and very excited to be hosting our many out of town guests for rodeo. We have all been working very hard to prepare for the big weekend and I believe we are ready. We do have some rodeo event buckles left to sell sponsorships for so please see Carl Bloom if you or if you know of any sponsors who would like to be a sponsor for RMRR

#24. We have a very exciting team of new contestants for our 2007 Royalty Program. Watch for notices for shows they are producing and help them out with their fundraising efforts. Our current Royalty team, Clyde and Gia, have been working very hard for rodeo also. Please be sure to join them for their events. They will be hosing many out of town Royalty from across the country for Rodeo and should be an exciting weekend for them.

**VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS** We need you to volunteer a few hours of time on rodeo weekend. We need people to work in the arena and outside the arena. If you can give us a few hours in the arena, kitchen, or some other area please contact John Beck, Roger Japp or any board member. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Have a safe and fun summer. See you at RMRR #24 July 7-9. Tommy Channel **CGRA PRESIDENT** 

# PAGE 2 Mr. CGRA 2006 Miss CGRA 2006 Clyde Mitter Gia Diamante

#### **Entertainment**

Strut your Stuff at RMRR 24!

If you're an entertainer or the next American Idol, come show us what you've got at the Entertainment Tent during RMRR. If you're not a performer, come see some of the best of Denver's entertainers and Rodeo Royalty from around the country.

The Entertainment Schedule is as follows:
Friday Night: 6:00pm Royalty
Show hosted by Gia Diamonte,
Miss CGRA 2006
Saturday: I1:30am to I:30pm
General Entertainment (all performers welcome)
2:30pm to 5:30pm General

Entertainment (all performers welcome)

6:00pm to ??? Live Singers and Dance Breaks
Sunday:11:30am to 1:30pm

General Entertainment (all performers welcome)
2:30pm to 6:00pm General Entertainment (all performers welcome)

6:00pm In-town Royalty and Awards Presentations

If you're interested in entertaining, the application form is on the website.

We can't wait to see you strut your stuff at the rodeo! Keith Swanson Entertainment Chair

#### **Volunteers**

CGRA and DIGLIT have arranged for a Volunteer Swap. We provide volunteers for their Bowling tournament on 6/16, 6/17, and 6/18 and they will provide volunteers for CGRA Rodeo. It's a great opportunity to get volunteers for RMRR! The tournament is at Brunswick Zone in Wheat Ridge.

Volunteers are needed on: Friday, 6/16 from 8pm to 11:30pm Saturday, 6/17 from Noon to 6pm Sunday, 6/18 from 9am to Noon

If you can volunteer please contact <a href="mailto:katrinastandrews@aol.com">katrinastandrews@aol.com</a> or call Keith at 303-477-2992.

#### North Star Regional Rodeo

Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota June 30th-July 2nd

Canadian Rockies International Rodeo

Calgary, Alberta June 30th-July 2nd



#### **Trustee Times**

Hello CGRA members!
Can you believe that it is already the first of June, and RMRR- 24 is a little more than a month away? If you are a member planning on competing, your entry fees are due Friday, June 23rd- so don't be late! Should you miss the deadline, you can still register Friday night of rodeo. Just a reminder that CGRA

will be hosting one of the four IGRA board meetings on Friday, July 7th in the Green Mountain Conference rooms at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. We are still needing a couple volunteers to help serve the lunch from I I am to I pm.

It is still a long ways off but not too early to start thinking about convention in Nashville, TN. It

is being held Friday the 20th to Sunday the 22nd. If you are interested in attending as a delegate or alternate please get in touch with me as soon as possible. More information will follow at the June meeting. Thanks and I can't wait to see you all at RMRR 24. Roger Courtemanche CGRA Trustee

#### Words from the Vice President

As everyone knows RMRR is around the corner! I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have offered to help - but we can always use more! E-mail me at John.Beck@DoorInstallations. com and we'll send a form back to you. All volunteers please show up at registration on Friday July 7. Congratulations to all the contestants at the last 3 Rodeos. Competition was especially tough at OKC and well worth the trip. Thanks and see you all soon

John Beck V.P.

#### **By-Laws Announcement**

By-Laws Meeting announcement. The next meeting will be held June, 19. Another is scheduled for July, 17and if need be, a fourth on July 31, The Meeting's fit the time table to get By-Laws changes to the IGRA Secretary in time for IGRA Convention. When picking 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

Membership PAGE 3

Howdy, As you know our Rodeo is coming up and we are so excited our membership is growing and if you know any one who would like to join your organization, they can go online to join, also any one who would like to volunteer for the Rodeo you can contact any board member. Dont for get Pride fest is coming up and we need help with our float. Have a great month.

#### Memberships up for renewal in June:

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

#### Memberships up for renewal in July:

- Bara, Richard
- Bradford, NicoleCarroll, John
- Christopher, James s
- Dice, Brent
- Durovka, NancyEyestone, Darrel
- Flores, Robert
- Herbert, Carolyn
- Kennedy, Cheryl
- ♦ Locke, John
- Martin, William
- Michaels, Sue anne
- Noland, Cathy
- Polley, Jonelle
- Pool, Ken
- Ross, RyanStevenson, Jeff

- Swanson, Keith Teigen, Ty
- Teigen, TyTims, Dalew
- Vangalder, Sammy w
- Vanorman, Sunny
- Wak wak, Isaac r Witman, Brooke

#### Memberships up for renewal in August:

- Bray, Mike
- Clounch, Cheney
- Hill, Travis
- Thorstad, Jim
   Memberships up for renewal in September:
- Burgess, Scott
- Duncan, Mathew
- Ellis, Tim
- Quintana, Aaron
- Qyubtaba, Aarib

If you have questions concerning membership please feel free to contact me. If your membership is up or coming up for renewal and you would like for me to meet with you to pick it up I would be more than willing to do that, just let me know. You may also renew your membership online at www.cgra.net. Feel free to mail your membership to

CGRA PO Box 18728, Denver, Co 80218.

#### **Rodeo Director**

Wow,is it really June??? I can't believe that we are only a month away from Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Final preparations are well underway already for the rodeo. WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!! Volunteers are in short supply still. We need for anyone that is capable to step up and assist the association. If you or anyone that you might know is available, please contact John B. or myself to volunteer for the rodeo. It doesn't have to be for the entire weekend, an hour here or there will help us tremendously!!! Roger Japp Rodeo Director RMRR 24

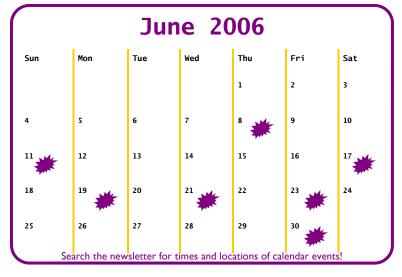
#### **Fundraising**

Howdy CGRA Members. Can you believe it!?! Summer's here and RMRR24 is just week's away. I've been hard at work selling sponsorships and ads for the rodeo and have lined up some great sponsors. We do, however, have several buckles that still need sponsors or partial sponsors and we can sure use your help finding takers. If you or anyone you know may have an interest in purchasing a (discounted) buckle/event sponsorship, please contact me as soon as possible.

Additionally, we'll have a small silent auction at the rodeo .If you have the opportunity to get your hands on some new and attractive items for the auction, please let me know. Thanks...and see you at the rodeo!
Carl Bloom
Fundraising Chair
Fundraising@CGRA.net
(720)-273-9689

#### **Rodeo Events**

Hello CGRA members, The month of June will be busy with everyone getting ready for RMRR 24. We still need volunteers, if you're interested or know anyone who would like to volunteer please have them contact John Beck or any board member. Speaking of Beck, his alter ego Mimi put on quite a performance at the Oklahoma City rodeo. Who knew someone could look that good getting dressed out of a feed sack! Congratulations to our members who competed and placed at Omaha and OKC rodeos, especially Larry T who kept competing after a head on collision with a steer in Omaha. Good job Larry. Ken Smith Rodeo Events Chair



Larry and his war wound from the Omaha rodeo. It appears his modeling career is over, but he does have a new nickname... "Stitch" We'll call Roger J Lilo!



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#### **Public Relations**

Hello Everyone

As much as I would love to write an extensive column this month, I must pass. Right now I am waist deep in RMRR work, as I know we all are.

Remember that CGRA will have a booth at pride this year and I would some help manning the booth, please email me at pr@cgra.net. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

I hope you are all collecting the ads from OutFront Colorado and h-ink! They are

awesome ads and our models for the photo shoot are nothing short of COMPLETELY SEXY! I would like to thank Ralph for providing me some advertising assistance this month. You helped keep my sanity intact for another month!

I will see you all out and about and feel free to e-mail at anytime.

Larry Travnicek pr@cgra.net



