# COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

#### **REMINDERS:**

 General Membership Meeting Thursday, Sept. 14th 8PM at Charlie's

# **CGRA Newsletter**

SEPTEMBER 2006

# The Road to Finals

The push is on; fall is 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 con-

testants hauling down the road, make sure and wish them good luck and safe travels.

There are several CGRA members that broke into the top 20 after MGRA's rodeo in Kansas City. You can find updated standing of the CGRA members under the news section at www.cgra.net.

With the push for points, there

is also a push from the Royalty team to finish up last minute fundraising and prepare performances 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.

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Buckle winners at the Show Me State Rodeo in Kansas City. Ty Teigen, Larry Travnicek, Roger Japp, Ken Smith, RC Cuellar (not Pictured)

# Letter from our Vice President

My, I cant believe fall is here! And we just had our last Gymkhana of the year! I think this is the first year we have had so many horses at any one of Gymkhana. It was nice to see. Well, finals are around the corner as well as royalty competition. Good luck to

everyone!! If anyone has any comments or suggestions about the up coming IGRA convention. Please let a board member know. Thanks
John Beck
Vice President



Clyde Mitter Mr. CGRA 2006

Gia Diamante Miss CGRA 2006

MGRA Show Me State Rodeo Kansas City, Kansas Sept. 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Atlantic Stampede Washington, DC Sept. 8th, 9th, & 10th

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San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo San Francisco, California Sept. 15th, 16th, & 17th



## **Fundraising**

Howdy CGRA Members, Now that we've had a change to catch our breath after RMRR24, it's time to think about opportunities to raise additional funds through the rest of the year. We've still got 4 months to go and plenty of time to bring in more support for our charity partners. Please let me know if you have ideas for fundraising activities/events we might host over the coming few months. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for our two remaining 2006 Wrangler Beer Busts; November 19 and December 10. Keep an eye out for our call for pouring volunteers as these dates draw near! Carl Bloom 2006 Fundraising Chair

### Northern Outreach

Hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend. Congratulations to all the buckle winners at the Kansas City Rodeo. I wasn't there but sounds like CGRA won quite a few. A big THANK YOU, from Clyde Mitter, Mr CGRA 2006 and myself, for everyone to who came out to our Hawaiian show in Fort Collins at Club Static on Aug 12Th. We raised approximately \$360.00 for IGRA and CGRA. Thanks to the many, many performers that came out and the CGRA members and Friends who attended. We definitely outnumbered the locals. Thanks for making it a great evening. And yes the grass skirt was a little breezy. Jim Thorstad Northern Outreach

## **Rodeo Events**

Hello CGRA Members, Congratulations to our members competing in the Kansas City rodeo this past weekend. Team Colorado lead the associations with a combined total of 2060 points! The team consisting of Larry, Roger J, John, Ty, RC, Clyde, Cheney, Ken S, Steve, and Ken P, also brought home 6 buckles with Ty being named all around cowgirl. Great job guys! Ken Smith Rodeo Events Chair



New and Improved!!!

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Howdy all the cowgirls and cowboys

I hope everyone had a great Labor day week end. And everyone had fun at the Rodeos I would like to welcome our newest members to our association Anthony DaSilva, Larry Trembly, Mike Leyden and Sherry Gray. Welcome, welcome, welcome!!! Don't forget that we have a membership meeting on September 14Th at 8pm at Charlie's.

#### Memberships up for renewal this month:

- Scott Burgess
- Mathew Duncan
- Tim Ellis
- Aaron Quintana
- Aarib Qyubtaba

#### Memberships up for renewal in October:

- Carl Bloom
- Joshua Clem
- Anthony Eastment
- Douglas Edwards
- Jeffery Hoppe
- Robert Leach Sylvia Mower
- Bob Saxon
- Rich Valdez

#### Memberships up for renewal in November:

- Aragon Anthony
- Mark Arnold
- James Jenkins
- Rj Manrique
- Marty Mcgarrigle
- Ron Peck-aragon
- Tracy Slaughter
- Justin Smith
- Ken Smith
- Eric Soderquist Sublett Steve
- David Westman

#### Memberships up for renewal in December : Jan Clewell

- Michael Cupic
- Sandy r Lee
- Ken Luthy Jim Mitchell
- Jay Mitchelltree
- Mary Tabay
- Donna Turner
- Lloyd Wentworth

If you have questions concerning membership please feel free to contact Pauline at membership@cgra.net. Remember that you can now renew your membership through our online store at www.cgra.net. You may also mail your membership along with a completed membership

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## Rodeo Director

Wow I can't believe that it is already September!!!! It seems like we were just in the initial planning stages for RMRR 24, and I'm already working on RMRR 25. We have been making plans for RMRR 25, hopefully with Mother Nature, although she has not returned my calls yet. Mark your calanders for October 1st. The annual RMRR thank you dinner will be held at Charlies from 6-8

pm. All are invited. CGRA will be providing a Steak Dinner with all of the trimings, including ice cold Bud Light. Please RSVP to me by September 18th. We look forward to all of you attending. I would like to wish all that are traveling to Las Vegas GOOD LUCK!!!!! Roger Japp Rodeo Director

## Trustee

Hello, Members IGRA Convention is a little more then a month away. Going to this year Conv. from CGRA will be Jeff S., Ken P., Chris H., Clyde M., John B., and Roger C., as Alternates Rebecca T., Keith S., John L.., and Ralph B. CGRA will be bring to 3 things to Nashville, as well as a report on IGRA Finals 2007 to be held here in 2007 The Bylaws Meeting will also be bring 1 or 2 changes to ČGRA's Bylaws, for you all to vote on. Roger Courtemanche Trustee

