

## REMINDERS:

- **A Night of Sharing**  
**SATURDAY** Dec 9th  
7pm at Charlie's
- **Beer Bust**  
**SUNDAY** Dec 10th  
4pm at the Warnler
- **CGRA Takes over**  
Charlie's  
**TUESDAY** Dec 12th  
6p-2a at Charlie's
- **General Membership**  
**Meeting**  
**THURSDAY** Dec 14th  
8pm at Charlie's

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## Two Tight Races



With the CGRA elections right around the corner, two races remain undecided; the race for Vice President has 3 candidates vying for the position. Ken Pool, past Mr. IGRA, Pauline Chavez, past Ms. IGRA runner-up and John Beck, current CGRA Vice President. All three candidates have been out hitting the streets campaigning for this very important position.

The office of Membership chairperson has a tight race between

Ty Teigen and Dick Bower. The membership chair is a very important position as retention is an absolute must for a volunteer charity organization.

With two rodeos coming up in 2007, CGRA needs a very strong Board of Directors that knows how to not run just one rodeo, but also host the largest Gay Rodeo event of the year in the IGRA Finals. Listen to the candidates and their qualifications. Make sure to attend the general membership meeting on Thursday the 14th and cast your ballot for what will be the best for

CGRA. If you aren't able to make it to the meeting Thursday, make sure and get your absentee ballots in. All absentee ballots but be received by the 14th in order for you vote to count. Ballots received after the General Membership meeting on the 14th WILL NOT be counted in the election.

The Board of Directors represents you so make sure and choose the candidates that will represent you in the best possible way as we have a very busy, fun filled year coming up in 2007!

## Letter from our President

Hello CGRA,  
We are very near the end of another year with CGRA. I have had a great time working and representing you all as your President and it is with honor that I am running once again for this position with CGRA. The annual CGRA BOD elections are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14, so I encourage each of you to come out and cast your vote for the candidate of your choice.  
2007 is going to be a very busy year for all of us because we are hosting two major events, RMRR 25 and the IGRA Finals Rodeo. I want to thank everyone who came out and participated in the CGRA Night of Sharing and watched the 2007 CGRA Royalty Competition. We had a great time and congratulations to our new Royalty

Team, Mr. CGRA, Larry Hernandez, MsTer CGRA, T-Jay Blake, and Miss CGRA, Janet Jenkins. I am confident that this will prove to be an exciting team and represent CGRA proudly.  
We presented checks to our Charity Partners and others that received funds from CGRA and some of the checks are listed here:

PFLAG of Northern Colorado-\$1,000  
Medicine Horse Program-\$1,000  
Good News Foundation-\$1,000  
Climax Hockey Club-\$1,000  
Colorado Prime Timers-\$500  
Horizon House-\$1,428  
Colorado Aids Project Food Bank-\$1,276

CGRA is very proud to be able to announce that we donated over \$10,000.00 to local charities this year. A HUGE "THANK YOU" to our sponsors and everyone who helped with any fundraiser throughout this

year. Your help made this donation possible. A special "Thank You" to our Grand Sponsor, BUD LIGHT, who is returning to our team in 2007.

We are continually looking for volunteers to help with our fundraisers. We would like to invite you to step up and be a part of this team of people who work very hard all year to be able to give back to our community. It is a very rewarding effort to help others. I want to say "Thank You" to the 2006 CGRA Board of Directors for all your support and hard work the past year. You have repeatedly stepped up and made a difference when you were needed. I look forward to working with many of you who are returning to the 2007 BOD.

Tommy Channel  
CGRA PRESIDENT



Mr. CGRA 2006  
Clyde Mitter

Miss CGRA 2006  
Gia Diamante

Marry Christmas



Happy Hannukah



Happy Kwanza



Joyous New Year



## Northern Outreach

BRRRR!!! It's been cold!!! But CGRA has a lot of things going on in the month of December to keep you running and warm. Be sure to look at the calendar on [cgra.net](http://cgra.net), for all the details. Come out and support your outgoing 2006 Royalty and meet our 2007 Royalty contestants. Saturday Dec. 9Th is also our Night of Sharing where we'll be giving out the checks to our charity partners for 2006. But most importantly, is the elections for the 2007 Board of Directors. The elections will be held at the general membership meeting on Thursday Dec 14Th. 2007 is going to be a busy year for CGRA and I encourage everyone to be at the meeting and vote. If you can't be there in

person, please make sure you return your ballot by mail and make your voice heard.

Thank you, to all CGRA members for all your support throughout the year. Next year will be even more challenging. I also would like to thank the current 2006 Board of Directors. It's been very rewarding and a pleasure working with each and everyone of you. I look forward to working with the new Board of Directors of 2007 if I'm reelected as the Northern Outreach. Wishing you and you family Happy Holidays.  
Jim Thorstad  
Northern Outreach

## Trustee

Hello, CGRA Members

Its December, and soon we will be heading off to Phoenix, AZ for RRRR. It also will be the first IGRA Exec. and Trustees meeting of the new year, The Exec. board will be taken the first look at all the Finals RFP for 2008, 09,10, the next 3 years, for IGRA Finals, Ken Pool is working on the RFP for CGRA. (good luck Ken). Please remember to mail back your ballot, be sure to send it back in time to be counted, or even better We hope to see you Dec. 14 @ 8:00 pm at the Membership meeting. and vote in person.

Roger Courtemanche  
CGRA Trustee

## Rodeo Director

Well I can't believe this year is already over. Wow, what a year. We overcame some huge problems with mother nature this year at RMRR, but I hope you all can think of it as a success.

I would like to let everyone know, that preparations have already begun in full for RMRR 25 and Finals 07. We will have an amazing 2007.

Best of wishes, Happy Holidays to all.  
Roger Japp  
Rodeo Director

## John Beck for Vice President

Greetings C.G.R.A. Members,

Election time is here again, and the last year has been an exciting and enjoyable year.

As all of the C.G.R.A. members know, I have had a very good year with royalty and have had no altercations with the natives!

Therefore, I have also had the twenty-four years experience with the C.G.R.A., and am very pleased at the achievements that the C.G.R.A. and myself have made.

My achievement's have also included fourteen plus years as rodeo events chairman. Training other C.G.R.A. members/contestants in rodeos. Plus I have set other goals and I am pleased that I have accomplished each and every one of them.

Another achievement that we have made is the C.G.R.A. will be hosting two rodeos in 2007. Which with my experience, it will be vaulble to the preparations of the events to come 2007.

More of my achievements have included working with the I.G.R.A. in traveling to Toronto, New Orleans, and St. Louis and Philadelphia, to join our festive and well recognize association.

I hope that everyone has a great year ahead.

Let's keep the rodeo safe and fun for many more years to come.

Thank you,  
John Beck,  
Vice President of C.G.R.A. And candidate for V.P Re-elect.

## Membership

I hope all of you had a great and safe holiday. Well its that time again to nominate the board of director for CGRA good luck to everyone who is running. And I want to thank everyone who has been there to help me with my position as membership chair it has been a fun and learning position and I have will never forget the friends that I have met and have partied with thank you.

### Memberships up for renewal in December:

- ♦ Jan Clewell
- ♦ Michael Cupic
- ♦ Sandy r Lee
- ♦ Ken Luthy
- ♦ Jim Mitchell
- ♦ Jay Mitchelltree
- ♦ Donna Turner
- ♦ Lloyd Wentworth

### Memberships up for renewal in January :

- ♦ Khobie Aer
- ♦ Rc C
- ♦ Karolyn F
- ♦ Lee H
- ♦ Larry H
- ♦ Chris H
- ♦ Tom H
- ♦ Rob H
- ♦ Roger J
- ♦ Jo M
- ♦ Virgil M
- ♦ Dolores M

- ♦ Marlo M
- ♦ Clyde M
- ♦ Don M
- ♦ Connie S
- ♦ David S
- ♦ Doug T
- ♦ Larry T
- ♦ Aly W

### Memberships up for renewal in February:

- ♦ Scott A
- ♦ Jenna B
- ♦ Steve G
- ♦ Michael H

- ♦ Shawn M
- ♦ Ken P
- ♦ Jeramy S
- ♦ Scott W

### Memberships up for renewal in March:

- ♦ Pauline C
- ♦ Roger C
- ♦ Jc McD
- ♦ Mary M
- ♦ Matt T
- ♦ Mark W
- ♦ Glenn W

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](http://www.cgra.net). Feel free to mail your membership to

CGRA



## Dick Bower for Membership

I have decided to run for Membership Chair for the upcoming year. I was the Founding Membership Chair and held that position and others over the years.

Since this is our 25th Anniversary, I would like to update the list of all members, from the beginning. I did this for the 10th year and still have that much on my computer.

For those of you that come to meetings regularly, you know I have missed very few over the past several years, even though I am not competing in rodeos or serving on the Board.

I was honored with "Lifetime" membership several years ago and so the qualifications are in place.

Most of you know that I have been the Barn / RV Park manager for many years and have no plans on giving that up, as long as I am requested for the position.

Thank you for your support.

Dick Bower, Founding Member of CGRA



## December 2006

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