

CGRA Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2007

REMINDERS:

- Beer Bust
SATURDAY Feb. 3rd
6-9 pm at The Compound
- General Membership meeting
THURSDAY February 8th,
8pm at Charlie's
- Snow Queen Beer Bust and Show
SUNDAY February 11th,
6:30 pm at Charlie's
- Beer Bust
SUNDAY February 11th
4-8pm at the Wrangler
- Beer Bust
SATURDAY Feb. 17th
6-9pm at The Compound
- Gymkhana
SUNDAY February 18th
10 am register, 11 am start
at JeffCo Events Center

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Vice President 2
- Trustee Times 2
- Fundraising 2
- Rodeo Events 2
- Membership 3
- Secretary 3
- Speaks 3
- Northern 3
- Outreach 3
- Metro Outreach 3
- Rodeo Director 4

From the President

Hello CGRA, January has come and gone very quickly and I hope everyone has dug out from the snow.

We had a great time at the Western Stock Show Rodeo and was really great to see so many members there. Perhaps we could learn a few things from those folks that have been doing this rodeo for over 100 years.

The gymkhana was great this month with over 50 in attendance. It is always good to see so many people having fun.

We opened nominations for our Rodeo Charity Partners last month and we will vote on the two names at this month's meeting.

We have a few members attending IGRA University and good luck to them. I am sure they will enjoy that experience and learn a lot.

We have a new Royalty team and they are out there working already. Keep up the good work folks.

We have some exciting events coming up in February and March so be sure to read the entire newsletter to hear about the Snow Queen Show and a fantastic Barn Dance in March.

I want to welcome all the new members to CGRA. The General Membership Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 8, at Charlie's. Hope to see you all there.

Tommy Channel
CGRA PRESIDENT

Don't Miss Snow Queen

CGRA's Annual Snow Queen Beer Bust & Competition

Sunday, February 11th

Charlie's of Denver

Beer Bust 6:30-9:30

Show starts at 8 pm

*"A rip roaring, side splitting,
glamour gone, fashion faux pas!"*

Contact Tommy at
president@cgra.net
if you have the goods
and want to show
them off!

Categories:

- Entertainment
- Question & Answer
- Creative Wear
- Winter Wear

Join the **CAMP**
DRAG yourself in

Proceeds CGRA Contestant Education Fund

Sunday, February 11th 6:30 pm at Charlie's





Mr. CGRA ~ Larry Hernandez
 MsTer CGRA ~ T-Jay Blake
 Miss CGRA ~ Janet Jenkins

IGRA University
February
22nd, 23rd, 24th &
25th
Las Vegas, Nevada



From the Vice President

Howdy all,

Well, one month into the year & already it feels like it's flying by too fast.

Our Royalty Team represented us well in Phoenix, or at least the rumors were positive. The team and I are also working hard organizing the upcoming Barn Dance, March 31. This will be a major fundraiser & fun evening, we could really use some help putting together decorations, the hay ride, laying the dance floor, security, roping lessons, bobbing for apples.... the list goes on.. PLEASE pick an area you could help with & get in touch to volunteer. The team all came out to the Gymkhana last Sunday and we had a chance

to tour the Livestock arena, where the dance will be held... it's gonna be GREAT FUN!

Speaking of volunteers, I will be gathering the volunteer numbers needed from various areas during RMRR to begin planning. It is my goal to be proactive in recruiting & organizing the volunteer base well in advance with key people in positions to make mobilizing these folks much easier during the running of the rodeo as needs arise. It is also my plan this year to be able to compete..in order to effectively do this I need a right hand...luckily, Mary Riordan has volunteered to take on the task over the rodeo weekend. A big thank you to Mary for

agreeing to step in and help keep the volunteer folks focused and productive so I can enjoy some time with Buzz in the arena. Keep in mind, our goal is to have as much consistency between the staffing of RMRR & IGRA Finals as possible, so if you're interested in helping with Finals...JUMP ON BOARD for RMRR.

Another big THANK YOU goes out to Vince Montez for organizing the group tickets to the National Western, it was a great event & wonderful for CGRA folks to gather ideas for our own rodeo productions.

That'll do for now...
 Cowboy UP!
 Ken

Trustee Times

Hello, CGRA Members

To anyone going to IGRA University have a safe trip. Is anyone going to Dallas for Rodeo, and wants to be "stand in" Trustee? please get in touch with me.

I will be going to Fort Lauderdale for the IGRA BOD meeting and Rodeo.

Its also time to start thinking about IGRA Convention, in

Kansas City, If you wood like to go please let me know. I will be going to New York City for IGRA for the GLBT EXPO, so if we want to hand out "stuff" about RMRR#25 and IGRA Finals 2007, I will bring the "stuff" with me.

Roger Courtemanche
 CGRA Trustee

Fundraising

Hello members of CGRA, Once again we are at the beginning of yet another busy year. Not only do we have the task of funding one rodeo this year, but we also need to fund finals as well. I have several promising prospects in the works as far as sponsorships, however we always welcome more. I need your ideas for other sources of funding and possible sponsorship for both of our rodeos. Please contact me through our web site or feel free to call me at 303-286-0909. Thank you for all of your help through out this next year, it is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,
 Jeramy Snidow Fundraising Chair

Rodeo Events

Hello CGRA Members, If you were not at CGRA's first gymkhana of the year this past Sunday,

you missed a great time. We had a large turnout with several new contestants. Congratulations to John B, high point advanced rider, Jeramy S, both high point people events and high point novice rider, and Emily B, high point novice horse. The jackpot egg toss contest was very popular with the money going to the team of Larry T and Roger J. Thanks again to the arena

crew, Mike and Ralph. Also thanks to Roger and Larry for supplying the great lunch. Remember, all the money made from the lunches at this year's gymkhanas will be used for the contestants bags at RMRR 25 and Finals, so please tip generously. Plan to be at our next gymkhana which is scheduled for Feb. 18th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Ken Smith
 Rodeo Events Chair



I would like to make sure that our membership database is up to date. We have several members that do not have current contact information on file. If you have recently moved or had a change in your email address, please send me the updated information at membership@CGRA.net. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me.

Memberships up for renewal in February:

- ◆ Scott A
- ◆ Jenna B
- ◆ Steve G
- ◆ Michael H
- ◆ Shawn M
- ◆ Ken P
- ◆ Jeremy S
- ◆ Scott W

Memberships up for renewal in March :

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

Memberships up for renewal in April:

- ◆ Chandler R
- ◆ James S
- ◆ Karla T
- ◆ Michael W

Memberships up for renewal in May:

- ◆ Ralph B
- ◆ Jd C
- ◆ Panda s C
- ◆ Sheri R

Those of you planning to compete in Rodeos this year, it's imperative that you submit your renewal dues in a timely manner so your membership is/remains active. Remember you can't compete if you aren't current. Please send dues to:

CGRA - Membership
P.O. Box 18728
Denver, CO 80218

Or renew online at www.cgrra.net
Ty Teigen
membership@cgrra.net

Secretary Speaks

I would first like to thank everyone for their support and confidence in me. It is my pleasure to serve you, the members of CGRA.

We are already beginning to promote and advertise Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 25. With that comes lots of hard work. Please consider what you as a member of CGRA can do to make our 25th rodeo the best ever. I am actively recruiting vendors for both RMRR 25 and IGRA finals and have a very positive response already. We are looking for a wide variety of vendors. A lot of our vendors from previous years will be returning and hopefully some new ones. If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact me or download the vendor application off of the website.

See you out and about,
Justin Smith
Secretary/Assistant Rodeo Director

Northern Outreach

Thanks to Vince for coordinating the CGRA night at the Stock show on Jan 20th. A fun-filled evening of friends, food, beer and rodeo!

Thanks again Vince.

A big Thank You to each and all who braved the snow and cold and came out to our 1st Gymkhana of the year. It was a big turn out with about 30 or so contestants and spectators. And a gold star to Roger Japp for his chili.

Not much happening up in the Northern part of Colorado, other than cold and snow....OOPS...that's everywhere!!! Keep an eye on the CGRA calendar for the February activities, there are several beer busts and the most popular (and scary) Snow Queen competition. Take care and stay warm and Happy Valentines Day!!!!
Jim Thorstad--Northern Outreach

Metro Outreach

Howdy all!

I'm honored to be serving on the CGRA Board this year as Metro Outreach Director. This year will be an exciting and busy one for all you cowboys and cowgirls (and your admirers). We will be putting on the 25th edition of Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in July and hosting the IGRA Finals in October. Of course this means that we are going to need lots of help from our friends in other Colorado GLBT organizations. So, if you are involved in the Colorado Community, watch out, because Auntie Ida will be tracking you down! Better yet, drop me an e-mail at metro.outreach@cgrra.net if you would like to volunteer and I'll get you on the list.

I would also appreciate it if you'd let me know of any upcoming events your organization may be holding and I'll get the word out to our members. Also, this will help everyone by (hopefully) avoiding double booking events. 2007 looks to be a banner year for CGRA...I hope you'll join in the fun!
John Locke (Aunt Ida Maybe)
Metro Outreach Director

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Search the newsletter for times and locations of calendar events!

Rodeo Director

Hello members of CGRA!!! I'm in hopes that the beginning of your New Year is full of excitement and new found prosperity.

The Board of Directors are working hard for you this year. Plans are being made, meetings are being attended, and contracts are being signed. We have secured our host hotel, the Sheraton-Denver West, as well as our stock contractor, Razors Edge Livestock, LLC.

For those of you who were unable to attend the last General Membership

meeting, I announced the Assistant Rodeo Directors for RMRR 25. The Assistant Rodeo Director for Midway Activities is Justin Smith, and the Assistant Rodeo Director for Rodeo Activities is Jeramy Snidow. I look forward to working with both of these very capable individuals.

This is going to be a very busy rodeo season. The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, as you all know, will be producing two rodeos this year, therefore, we will need LOTS of help from ALL of our members. Remember, the membership of our great association put on

these rodeos, not the Board of Directors. It is important that our members volunteer in any capacity possible. Please contact our Vice President if you are able to help in any way.

This is going to be an exciting and fun year!! I am looking forward to working with all of you!!

Roger Japp
Rodeo Director



C.G.R.A.
P.O. Box 18728
Denver, CO 80218-0728



Terra Firma Equine Center



—A Stable Place—

1772 South Perry Park Road
Sedalia, Colorado 80135

303-932-1149

info@terrafirmaequinecenter.com



*Built for Horse
People...
...By Horse People.*