



CGRA Insider

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association February 2008

From the President

Howdy!

What a busy month! I can't believe it's almost the end of February already! We have made some great progress in preparing for RMRR 26 and getting started on fundraising for the year.

I'd like to thank everyone that came out for the Snow Queen contest. It was a lot of fun! A special thank you to Vince for arranging the contest and to Janet and Aspen for taking care of that mess Donna! Congratulations to our new Snow Queen - Sitonya Face. FABULOUS job darling!!!! In addition to having a really great time, we raised \$290 that evening. Thank you all! Yes, Donna is officially in rehab until further notice!



Miss Eryn has volunteered to be our Fundraising Chair this year and I have appointed her to the position. We will have an election for this position during the March meeting. I'd like to thank Eryn for stepping up to take on this challenge. This is a critical job for CGRA! The Fundraising Committee is responsible for selling sponsorships and ads for the rodeo program. If you have any interest in helping out with this, please contact Eryn (fundraising@cgra.us) or myself (president@cgra.us).

I have also appointed Chris Hochmuth as our By-Laws Chair. Thank you Chris for taking on yet another job for CGRA! Please contact Chris with any questions or suggestions related to our by laws.

I am very pleased to announce that our charity partners for 2008 are Howard Dental, The ATL Foundation, and PAWS. For more information on these worthy causes, please see the Charity Partner page (under About Us) on our web site (www.CGRA.us). I'm very excited to work with all three of these groups!

Congratulations to CJ Chopping for winning the RMRR 26 poster contest. You'll be seeing that poster pretty much every where really soon!

I would like to make sure you are all aware of a decision your Board of Directors made at the February meeting. We discussed the decision that last years Board made to not present awards to the 10 year royalty last year (1997-98 team). We were presented some new information regarding the intent of the bylaw around this and based on the new information; we decided to reverse that decision and present awards to that team. We are currently working out the logistics of when that will happen, but I wanted to make you all aware since there has been quite a bit of discussion on this within the community.

We have some great new and different fundraisers coming up and we are going to need your help to make this all work out. The Board of Directors and Royalty Team are really trying to come up with some new ideas, but in

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Upcoming Events

Feb 29-Mar 2 Cowtown Rodeo
Ft Worth TX

Mar 1 - Beer Bust
hosted by Stephanie Paul
benefiting CGRA
Compound 6:00pm

Mar 9 - Gymkhana
JEFFCO Fairgrounds 10:00am

Mar 13 - Membership meeting
Charlie's 8:00pm

Mar 22 - ICRME Function
hosted by Sue Anne Michaels
benefiting CGRA
BJ's Carousel 8:00pm

Mar 29 - Photoshoot, Terra
Firma Equine Center 10:00am

Mar 29 - 2nd Annual
CGRA Barn Dance
JEFFCO Fairgrounds 7:00pm



order to be successful, we must have membership involvement. Please attend any events that you can, and volunteer to help wherever you can. The more involved you are with the organization, the more fun you will have! We do have a good time when we get together!

We have an immediate need for an event planner/lead for 3 upcoming fundraisers. We will be running the bar for some events at JeffCo. We will be in charge of all aspects of getting the bar set up, staffing the bar and waiting tables for these events. I would like one or more people to take the lead on coordinating these events so that we can make sure we have someone focused on each. This will help ensure these events are successful and profitable for us. The dates are June 20, 21, June 27, 28, 29 and Sept 27. These are large events with a lot of potential for us. Please let me know if you are interested in getting involved in one or more of these.

See ya down the road,

Ty Teigen
CGRA President

Northern Outreach



Calling all trick ropers!!!! If you or a family member or friend are a trick roper let me know and I'll get you in touch with the organizer of Pride In The Park in Ft. Collins which is on Saturday, June 27. They are looking for a trick roper to demonstrate their abilities on stage for about 10-15 minutes. A good way to promote CGRA at the same time. CGRA will be having a

booth at the Pride In The Park, so mark your calendars, as I will be looking for volunteers to help staff our booth.

Jim Thorstad
Northern Outreach

The first gymkhana was a great success, thank you to all for attending!!!!!! We had a lot of fun, and nice to see some faces that we have not seen in awhile. The February gymkhana was cancelled due to the weather. I had some very upset folks, that the event should have gone forward despite the weather, because it was an inside arena. I cancelled the gymkhana for safety reasons, because it is too dangerous to pull horses trailers on slick roads!!!!!! And, the horses get too hot working indoors, then taking them out into the cold is very bad for their health. Horses get colds, just like us two legged folks. So, for the safety of our members and care and consideration of our animals, the decision was made.



I am looking into having a cattle day, where contestants can practice roping, and chute dogging. So, if you are interested in participating in this, please let me know. So far, I have only had 3 people interested. With only 3 people interested, it is not a cost effective expense for CGRA to host such an event.

I had a blast at Snow Queen, and want to thank everyone for their support of such a fun event!!!! Special thank you to Larry T, Austin, for their wardrobe expertise. Thank you to Mary R for handling the music requests, and to Charlie's for a Saturday night venue.

The next gymkhana is March 9, 2008 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds Event Center. Registration is at 10:00, ride at 11:00. Horse and people events will fill our fun meters!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mary Munger
Rodeo Events

2008 Gymkhana Dates		
Mar 9	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Event Center
Apr 20	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Event Center
May 11	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Table View Arena
June 8	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Table View Arena
Aug 10	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Table View Arena
Sep 14	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Table View Arena



Membership



Happy "Is-it-Summer-Yet", folks!

Time for the friendly reminder to please keep your memberships current and let me know if you have any name, address, phone or email changes that you think might need correcting and/or updating. Rodeo season is upon us and staying "Active" is imperative for event registration.

Feel free to email me - membership@cgra.us - if you have any questions or updates. As always, Membership Applications/Renewal forms are available through the website. You can snail mail those to me at:

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

or, better yet...renew on line @ www.cgra.us

Thanks! Is winter over yet?
C. D. Slusser

Spring can't be too far off - the equine is starting to shed!

CGRA Memberships Due for Renewal

January

Scott Burgess
Jan Clewell
Jim Mitchell
Barry Morgan
Ted Mosterd
Jeff Ramstetter
Tim Williams
Khobie
Alexander
Chad Bryan
RC Cuellar
Judy Davidson
Justin Dennis
Roger Japp
Dolores
Martinez
Jo Martinez
Clyde Mitter
Ryan Ross
Aly Walker

February

Ryan Burmood
Steve Guidry
John Michaels
Trenda
Monnahan
Chuck Robbins
Jeremy Snidow
Dr. Dan Socall
Tina Wright

March

Pauline Chavez
Roger
Courtemanche
James Ferrari
Keith Gunn, Jr.
Dan Harrison
Patrick Kellog
Michael King
John Magana
Mary Munger
Shane Speciale
Mark Walker

Public Relations



We've already chosen the RMRR26 poster, and we're starting to work on the advertising and publicity for this year's Rodeo.

The morning of Saturday, March 29th is our first photo shoot for RMRR ads and we need models! Any hunk, queen, MsTer, sexy woman, princess, cowgirl, roughrider, regular Joe, or YOU - come on out to Terra

Firma Equine Center at 10am to show your stuff and get your picture taken.

You could be the image and face of this year's Rodeo. Stick around for lunch at 1pm and then head over to the Barn Dance at 7pm that evening. Contact pr@cgra.us.

Keith Swanson
Public Relations

Want to Buy a Motorhome?

CGRA is selling it's Motorhome. The price is \$2,999 and details are on Craigs List at <http://denver.craigslist.org/rvs/583202010.html>

Want to Sell Your Trailer?

CGRA would like to purchase a small, enclosed cargo trailer to store the rodeo equipment. If you know of a little trailer, and can bargain with us at a good price please contact Mary Munger at rodeo-events@cgra.us



From the Royalty Team

Hello CGRA! This is Mary Riordan, your Ms CGRA 2008, giving you an update on what your Royalty Team is up to.

Hosted by the CGRA Royalty Team, this year's Barn Dance will be on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at JEFFCO Fairgrounds. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. It's going to be a great time and the team is working hard on the preparations for it. We want to make sure that it is an even bigger success this year than last.

We had a fabulously successful show on February 1st at BJ's. We made \$211 for our royalty charity partners, and had a great time doing so. Thanks to everyone who helped make that show a big success.

Bryan Williams is working hard on getting the CGRA Cook Book ready for printing. He is still accepting recipes for it so if you haven't sent him one, please do. If you have a recipe that you would like included please forward it to natchguy37@aol.com. The book should be ready for sale in mid to late May so be watching for it. Aspen Vail will be putting on a fundraising show on April 26th. Place to be announced so please keep an eye out for the location once it gets closer. At the April 20th CGRA Gymkhana Eryn and I are hosting a Chili Cook-off up at JEFFCO Fairgrounds. We have so many people who claim to make the world's best chili; well we are going to find out who really does. Please be watching for the announcement for contestant sign up for this event.

We had several members of our Royalty Team attend IGRA University in February in Las Vegas. Bryan Williams was one of the instructors for University this year. We also have Eryn, Kimberly Kay and Aspen Vail who were judges at the local Royalty Contest while there.

The whole team came out on Saturday, February 9th to support our 2007 reigning Snow Queen, Donna Strapon, as she stumbled down, I mean stepped down and help crown the incoming 2008 Snow Queen, Sitonya Face (amazingly enough without anyone getting injured!) Congratulations to Sitonya from the team and we are sure she will have a great year, and the Royalty Team also wishes Donna good luck in rehab.

The CGRA Royalty Team will combining forces with our own Ms IGRA, Janet Jenkins to put on a CGRA/IGRA Garage Sale on Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st, location to be announced. We will be putting out an announcement to our membership to donate items for the sale soon.

The CGRA Royalty Team would like to let our membership know who we have chosen for our charity partners in 2008. We have chosen four charity partners for this year. They are the Chesney Klein John Foundation, Project AngelHeart, Horizon House and the Children's Hospital Immunodeficiency Program (CHIP) in Denver. We will be working hard all year long to raise money for these worthy causes.

COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

RAISIN' THE ROOF & SCARIN' THE CHICKENS BARN DANCE

Saturday
March 29th, 2008
7-12 pm

With:
Hot Cowboys
Hot Cowgirls
Down Home Cookin'
Booze
Fun
and Door Prizes

\$5 COVER

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Golden, Colorado

Benefits:

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