



CGRA Insider

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

March 2008

Upcoming Events

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

April 4-6 - **Sunshine
Stampede** Fort Lauderdale, FL

April 5 - **Beer Bust**
hosted by Rocket Coxx
Compound 6:00pm

April 10 - **Membership
meeting** Charlie's 8:00pm

April 20 - **Gymkhana and
CHILI COOK-OFF**
JEFFCO Fairgrounds 10:00am

April 26 - Aspen Vail hosts
IGRA Fundraiser
Charlies 7:00pm

May 10 - **Beer Bust**
hosted by Miss Eryn
Compound 6:00pm

From the President

Howdy and Happy Spring!

It sure is nice to get some great warm days so we can get out and ride those ponies again! With the onset of my annual case of Spring Fever comes the realization that RMRR 26 is just a little over 3 months away! We are hard at work preparing, but this is where things start happening really fast! Woo Hoo! Lets enjoy the ride!



Miss Eryn has been elected Fundraising Chair. She has lots of great ideas and is already hard at work getting things going. The Fundraising Committee is responsible for selling sponsorships and other fundraising activities. This is a critical job for CGRA! If you are interested in helping out with this or ideas for new sponsors, please contact Miss Eryn fundraising@cgra.us or myself president@cgra.us.

The Bylaws Committee has been asked to create rules and bylaws governing the CGRA Scholarship Fund. If you would like to help with this, please contact Chris Hochmuth or myself. Also, please review the bylaw change proposal in this newsletter. We will vote on the proposal during the April 10 General Membership meeting.

As I mentioned last month, we have some fundraisers coming up where we will be operating the bar for some events at the JeffCo Fairgrounds. We need bar managers, event coordinators, bartenders, bar backs and wait staff for all of these events. If you can help with any of these please let me know so I can start putting together a list of volunteers. 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 do what you can to help us make these successful for CGRA!

The Royalty Team and Board of Directors are planning lots of great events this year. I'd like to ask you to help us out in a couple of ways. If you have ideas for activities or fund raisers and / or are willing to help coordinate or help out with our events, please contact me or any Board member. We are always looking for input and assistance from you, the members. Another thing that you can do to help CGRA is to help spread the word about our events. When events are announced, please let your friends and other groups you belong to know about them. Forward the emails, invite a group of friends, whatever you can do to help get the word out. You are the best and most effective advertising for CGRA! I'd like to ask you all to really help spread the word about the upcoming Barn Dance. Lets see if we can pack that barn and have the best party of the year!

See ya down the road
Ty Teigen
CGRA President





Greetings,

Just to let you all know, I do exist

After many meetings with the Royalty team, I am pleased to say that they are up and running, and smiling. They are an incredible bunch and with a little help from all of us I truly believe that they will succeed in any endeavor they chose.

As you are all aware it is time for myself and Mary R to start begging and pleading for the help at the rodeo. We are adding some more time slots and different areas this year to go along with the LEAN MEAN RODEO MACHINE. If you are interested in what and when please contact myself or Mary.

The Royalty will need your help at the Barn Dance, Even if only to spend your money for a worthy cause.

Kenny Cunitz
Vice-President



Another gymkhana is finished, and we are a month closer to RMRR in July!!!!!! The gymkhana went well from what I understand, as everyone knows I had another gymkhana for the search and rescue group going at the same time. So, thank you to everyone that pitched in, and took care of the March gymkhana. Members of the search and rescue group I belong to are providing the security for the barn dance, so I thought it was the right thing to do, to help out at that gymkhana.

The April gymkhana is April 20th, at Jefferson County Fairgrounds Event Center. Registration is at 10:00, ride at 11:00. It would be a great day to come out and relax, have some fun, and get your belly warmed by eating chili!!!!!!!!!!!!!! That is right, Ms CGRA 2008 Mary Riordan is having a chili cook off. So, come cool down from another passing tax time, and enjoy the day with friends and food. Make your own batch of chili and enter the cook off!!!! I heard a rumor that Ms. CGRA has a special prize for the winner of the cook off.....

I want to have a few training days, preparing contestants with rodeo events. We can get together and train with barrels, flags, poles, roping on foot. Maybe we can talk some of the veterans into going over chute dogging techniques, and we can also do a rule change update. Yes, rule change update. Chute dogging rules were enhanced at convention, just to start. A cattle practice day is still a possibility, if we can get enough people to commit to attending. Otherwise, it is not a cost effective venture for CGRA, for a short turn out.

I look forward to seeing all the spiffy cowboys, and especially cowgirls, at Terra Firma Equine on March 29th for the photo shoot, then later that evening for the barn dance!!!!!!

Mary Munger
Rodeo Events

2008 Gymkhana Dates

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





Spring is officially here, folks!

If you're not already thinking "RODEO", it's time to start - which means it's also time to make sure your membership is up-to-date. Yes, here's the monthly friendly reminder to please keep your membership current and let me know if you have any name, address, phone or email changes that

you think might need correct-

ing 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...

and, 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

And the spotty equine is STILL shedding!

CGRA Memberships Due for Renewal

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Pauline Chavez	Carlos Garcia	Ralph
James Ferrari	Rob Hurd	Bogenschutz
Lloyd Wentworth	John King	Michael
Keith Gunn, Jr.	James Sherman	Martinez
Dan Harrison	Karla Torbit	Panda S
Patrick Kellog		Champion
Michael King		Stephany
John Magana		Matson
Mary Munger		Andrew
Shane Speciale		Hamminga
Mark Walker		Sheri Ralston
		Christopher
		Latham
		Robert Thurtell

On April 20, at the Jefferson County Events Center in Golden, CO, Ms CGRA and Ms CGRA 1st Runner Up, Mary Riordan and Miss Eyrn will be having a CGRA CHILI COOK OFF!!!

The competition is open to anyone and everyone that makes great chili. The competition starts at 11:00 a.m., same time and place as our gymkhana. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and all places will be decided by votes from the attendees of the gymkhana. All contestant must bring their chili in a crock pot or other type of warming pan (electricity will be provided) to keep it warm while it is tasted. All those attending our CGRA Gymkhana that day will be the judges and can vote for their favorites. For those wishing to vote we will be asking for an initial donation of \$5 for 5 tickets to vote, and if people feel strongly enough about some of these recipes, we will let people vote more than once for their favorite chili. We are asking for \$5 for 10 tickets and \$10 for our Mr CGRA's in-seam, Bryan Williams, once the initial 5 tickets have been purchased.

All those wishing to be a contestant and prove to the world that they make the best chili, please forward the following information to Ms CGRA2008@yahoo.com.

Name:
Email:
Cell:
Recipe Name:
Special Requests: (If you need something other than just electricity)

It is going to be a great time and Eryn and I hope to see everyone there! We will finally find out who does make the worlds best chili! Come and have a great time tasting all the wonderful chili recipes and watching the CGRA Gymkhana on April 20th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Event Center.

Want to Buy a Motorhome?

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



Results from Cowtown Rodeo

Eight CGRA members traveled to Fort Worth in early March for the Cowtown Rodeo.

John Beck went to check on Rusty, so he says. He and Rusty placed 6th in pole bending on the second day and 5th in flag race that same day. The only thing he placed in on Saturday was a 6th place in wild drag race along with RC Cuellar. He and RC also placed 3rd in wild drag race the second day, which moved them into 4th place for the weekend.

RC Cuellar had a good weekend in chute dogging. She placed 4th the first day and 1st the second day which placed her in 2nd place for the buckle only to be topped by Des Gronwald. In horse events, she had a tough time against the very strong Texas cowgirls. However she did have a 5th place in pole bending the first day and a 6th place the second day to keep her in 6th place for the weekend.

Char Duran covered her steer in steer riding the 2nd day with a score of 85 and a 1st place. Since no one covered both days, she captured the buckle with her 85 score. In flag race she took an 8th place the 1st day.

Des Gronwald had a great weekend chute dogging. She captured 1st place on Saturday and 4th place on Sunday. She had the same placements as RC but in reverse order. However her times were slightly better so she pulled ahead of RC by 6 10th's of a second to take the buckle. On Saturday, she placed 6th in pole bending and on Sunday, she placed 5th in flag race. She caught her calf the first day to take a 2nd place but did not catch the second day. She and Robert Thurtell placed 4th in wild drag race on Saturday but did not place on Sunday.

Patrick Kellogg entered in steer riding, chute dogging and calf roping. He did dog on Sunday with a time of 7.70 but did not place.

Robert Thurtell placed 2nd in steer riding the first day but did not cover the second day. He dogged on Saturday for 8th place and 6th place on Sunday, which placed him 5th for the weekend. The competition in horse events was very strong; he got a time in all three but did not place in any. As mentioned before, he and Des got a 4th place in wild drag race the first day and a 4th place in goat dressing that same day.

Bryan Williams, Mr. CGRA, got an 8th place in wild drag race the second day but failed to place in any of the horse events. However, as he informed me, he was not last in any horse event so that was an accomplishment.

Our last contestant, **Rick Witt**, attempted to calf rope but was unsuccessful either day. He did chute dog with a time both days but failed to place either day.

Congratulations to all members who competed and especially to the two buckle winners, **Char Duran** in steer riding and **Des Gronwald** in chute dogging.

The next rodeo on the circuit is the Sunshine Stampede in Fort Lauderdale, April 4 through April 6. Good luck to all members traveling there.



From the Royalty Team

Hello, everyone, from your 2008 CGRA Royalty Team. We are off and running and having a lot of fun! We all have been busy going to Rodeos, supporting Community events around town and organizing fundraising events of our own.

Dates for you all to remember, so mark your calendars folks, we sure would like to see all of you;

April 5th, Rocket Coxx is hosting a Beer Bust @ the Compound from 6pm - 9pm to benefit CGRA Royalty Charity Partners. For \$5 you can drink beer or soda.

April 20th, Mary and Miss Eryn are working together on putting on one HOT Chili Cookoff, so get your recipes out and enter one in the contest at the April Gymkhana.

April 26th, Aspen Vail will be hosting her IGRA Fundraiser @ Charlie's with the Beer/Liquor Bust starting at 7pm, with a few entertainers and some Rodeo events that are sure to keep everyone rolling on the floor.

May 10th, Miss Eryn will be hosting a Beer Bust @ the Compound from 6pm - 9pm

The Royalty Team will be supporting many organizations throughout the next months. King of Hearts, Coronation, PR Ball, Majestic Hearts Pageant, and Candidate Functions to name a few.

Don't Forget Bryan's cookbook. It should be out and available soon, and we all know that you will want a copy. This is going to be a fundraiser for CGRA Royalty Charity Partners.

Don't forget about the Barn Dance on March 29th. The Royalty Team is working hard to make this a lot of fun for everyone and has been working the town to get interest up. Come on out to Jeffco and dance your boot off. The door is \$5 and we will have a bar and food available, and all sales will be cash, so bring out some bucks, your appetite and your thirst.

We are also working on putting together some mud wrestling for the RMRR between Miss CGRA, Aspen Vail and Miss TGRA, Trisha Davis are going to throw down, more information to come.

COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

RAISIN' THE ROOF & SCARIN' THE CHICKENS BARN DANCE

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

Saturday
March 29th, 2008
7-12 pm

Barn Dance

\$5 COVER

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Golden, Colorado

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