



CGRA Insider

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

April 2008

From the President

Howdy

The IGRA rodeo season is in full swing, your Board of Directors is hard at work preparing for RMRR 26 and our Royalty Team is working hard raising money! Things are moving right along in our CGRA world!

Miss Eryn's has resigned as Fundraising Chair and as Ms CGRA 1st Runner Up. Unfortunately, her mother is quite ill, so Eryn is stepping back in order to focus her time and energy on caring for her mother. I know we all wish Eryn and her mother well and thank her for her efforts on behalf of CGRA during the year.



We are once again in need of a Fundraising Chair. If you have interest, please let me know as soon as possible. I have had several of you tell me that you don't have time to take on the whole job, but would be willing to help out. I will be coordinating this group and getting the fundraising efforts underway. Keith Swanson has done a great job putting together a pricing package for sponsorship so we will be getting this effort underway. Please let me know if you are interested in helping on this committee or know of businesses or individuals that might be interested in sponsorship opportunities.

Our Metro Outreach Chair Chad Bryan has volunteered to be the lead for the upcoming Pool League Fundraiser (June 27- 29). We still need a lead for the fundraiser on June 20 and 21. We also need bartenders, bar backs and servers for these events. Please put these events on your calendar and let Chad or I know that you are interested in working these events. These events have great potential to be very profitable for CGRA so please do what you can to help us make these events a success!

Congratulations to Emperor 35 Johnny Romero and Empress 35 Jackie Summers. I look forward to working with you during your reign!

We will be holding a Rodeo Practice Day on June 8 in the Rodeo Arena at Jefferson Country Fairgrounds. Details are still being worked out, but we will have cattle and will be offering training in many events include calf roping on foot and chute dogging. We will also be having gymkhana events. This will be a great opportunity for people to try new events and get prepared for RMRR 26! We will be sending out more information as we get the details worked out, but I wanted to make sure you all put this on your calendars and make plans to attend!

See you down the Road
Ty Teigen
CGRA President

Upcoming Events

April 26 - Aspen Vail hosts
**IGRA Fundraiser - Life's A
Beach** Charlies 7:00pm

May 10 - **Beer Bust**
hosted by Rocket Coxx
Compound 6:00pm

DATE CHANGE

May 15 - **CGRA Membership
Meeting**, Charlies 8:00pm





Hello, Members

As Trustee of CGRA, I will be holding meetings to bring together By-law/new and changes to the IGRA By-laws, with the help of Jeff Shaw, By-laws Chair, of CGRA to IGRA .

The meeting dates will be April 14, May 12, and June 9, all Mondays, at 6:30 pm at Charlie's. 900 E. Colfax, Denver.

Attendance at these meetings will be one thing that CGRA President Ty, and myself will be using to determine who will be the Delegates and Alternates to IGRA Convention in New Orleans, LA this October 31 to November 2 2008.

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and bring your changes or new By-laws that CGRA will bring to Convention this year.

Thanks,
Roger Courtemanche, Trustee



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

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



We had a suggestion put forth that was discussed and passed at the April Meeting...

a new member recruiting contest!

Starting May 1, 2008 and continuing through June 30, 2008 we want to sign up as many new members as we can. The member who can take credit for the most new member sign-ups will have

their membership paid for

TWO (2) YEARS! Get ready to lobby, campaign...brow beat if you think it will work! Let's see how busy you all can make me in adding names to that database. It's fairly simple, but if you have any questions - let me know.

Lots of opportunities coming in the next couple of months to promote CGRA and add to our membership list BEFORE RMRR26. Think PRIDEFEST - in Denver and Ft. Collins. Think about our gymkhanas - especially Cattle Day. Think about our upcoming fundraisers, but do more than just think. Sign them up!

AND, along the lines of new members, I want to apologize for my negligence in not recognizing our newest members. Here's the list (so far in 2008) of wonderful folks who have decided we're just too good to pass up:

Troy Christensen	Scott Alexander
Tracy Hobart	Renee Smith
Chuck Curry	David Fitzgerald
Robin Lee	Stephen Noran
David Adams	(Stephanie Paul)

Please join with me in a hearty welcome!

Now, to the regularly scheduled newsletter material...

Time to be thinking of dirt, dust and RODEO!

If you're not already there - what are you waiting for? Please do take a moment and make sure your membership is up-to-date. Prompt renewals are

greatly appreciated. Yes, it's the monthly, friendly reminder to keep your membership current and be sure to let me know if you have any name, address, phone or email changes in need of correction and/or update. Staying on "Active" status 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

CGRA Memberships Due for Renewal

April	May	June
Carlos Garcia	Ralph Bogenschutz	Kim Dawson
Rob Hurd	Michael Martinez	Brian Dickerson
John King	Panda S	Rick Erickson
James Sherman	Champion	Jimmy Golden
	Stephany Matson	Brent Hrometz
	Andrew	Kip Jackman
	Hamminga	Michael Korzen
	Sheri Ralston	John Landrum
	Christopher Latham	Ty Teigen
	Robert Thurtell	Cliff Thompson, Jr.
		Heather O'Daniel
		Waggoner
		Lee Whitner
		Steve Woodman



Results from Sunshine Stampede

Four CGRA members traveled to Fort Lauderdale in early April for the Sunshine Stampede.

John Beck went to check on Rusty again, anything to get out of work. He dogged his steer in the first go to place third and placed first in the second go but fell short of the buckle. The calf roped to second place on Sunday and again fell just short of the buckle. He continued his roping ways by placing 4th on Sunday in break-away. Then he and Rusty teamed up to a 3rd place on Sunday in Barrels. They were more consistent in pole bending, taking a second and 5th to again land 2nd to the buckle. John teamed up with Mr. C.G.R.A. **Bryan Williams** in the wild drag race but could only reach as far as eighth place on Sunday. In his final event, he took a 5th place on Saturday and still ended up with 5th for the weekend. John Beck had a total of 330 points which took him to 2nd runner up to all around cowboy.

Madam President **Ty Teigen** started her rodeo with a 2nd place in chute dogging the 1st go. She cleaned up on a borrowed horse in barrel race, 1st both days to gain her the buckle. Pole bending brought her to 4th place on Sunday. She again placed 1st in wild drag race both days bringing home her 2nd buckle for the weekend. Ty did not have her best weekend rodeo-ing, but she did manage to have a total point accumulation of 280 which also landed her in 2nd runner up to the all round cowgirl.

Chuck Curry, a C.G.R.A. member from Fort Lauderdale started with a 7th place in calf roping on foot the 2nd go. He was more consistent in steer decorating. A 4th on Saturday and a 3rd on Sunday placed his team in 3rd for the weekend. In the 2nd go, his team placed 6th in wild drag race and brought him to 6th for the weekend.

Bryan Williams, Mr. CGRA, with his teammates, he placed 8th in wild drag the 2nd go. He ended his rodeo with a 6th place in goat dressing on Saturday.

Congratulations to all members who competed and especially to our buckle winner in two events, Ty Teigen, in barrel racing and wild drag race and our all around contenders. The next rodeo on the circuit is the Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs. Good luck to all members traveling there.



Hey Everyone:

We have a lot of entertainment for everyone in April & May. Be sure to make it out the gymkhana on April 20th. There will be the usual horse events, along with people events, such as musical chairs and egg toss. Everyone can participate and enjoy watching the horses run. Also going on at the gymkhana, Mary Riordan. Ms CGRA 2008, is holding the CGRA Chili Cook Off. You don't want to miss out on some great chili!

The Entertainment committee is looking for people to help plan the CGRA Pride Parade float. This year we are working in conjunction with Charlie's & Men of Charlie's to have three floats of a similar theme. So if you are interested in helping out in ANY capacity, please email me at Natchguy37@aol.com, so we can add you to the list. More details to come. The Denver Pride Parade is June 22.

I am always asking for feed back from the members, so if you please email me your likes and dislikes. We cannot make things better if we don't hear from you!

Good luck to those traveling to Philadelphia and Oklahoma City for rodeos in May! And best wishes to the CGRA Royalty team as they travel to Omaha, NE on May 31st, to help Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Royalty Team promote HGRA to Nebraska!

Thanks,
Bryan Williams
CGRA Entertainment Chair 2008
Mr CGRA 2008
Natchguy37@aol.com

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in the CGRA 2008 Chili Cook-Off held at our April gymkhana. Congratulations to Chris Hochmuth and Justin Smith, on their 1st place wins, (Justin won the green chili and Chris won for red chili) and WOW what great chili. I know it was a tough decision for our tasters, with 9 different chili's to taste and decide on and only one green and one red chili that could win, . All the chili's in the competition were wonderful and I want the recipes for all of them!!!!

We raised approximately \$175.00 for CGRA and the Royalty Charities.

Thanks again to everyone that participated, both competitors and tasters! It was a great way to spend a Sunday, eating great chili and watching horse and people event at the gymkhana!

Thank you!
Mary Riordan
Ms CGRA 2008



Chili Cookoff Winners April 20, 2008
Chris and Justin with hostess Ms. CGRA Mary Riordan

