



CGRA Insider

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association May/June 2008

From the President

Howdy

RMRR 26 is only 2 months away! We have lots of work still to do, but so far things are looking great for another fantastic event! Please make plans to attend and participate!

We are in the process of selling sponsorships for the rodeo. Since we do not have a Fundraising Chair, I am coordinating the sponsorship sales with the help of the lovely and talented Janet Jenkins. The sponsorship information has been updated to the website, so please go check it out. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor for the rodeo or purchase an ad in the program, please let me know.



The next CGRA Board of Directors and General Membership meeting will be Thursday, June 12 at Charlies. We will be voting on RMRR 26 Grand Marshal at that meeting. Please attend the meeting and help choose our Grand Marshal.

We have 2 major fundraisers coming up in June. We have the Towing and Recovery Service event on June 20 and 21 and the Pool Tournament on June 27 - 29. Tommy Channel will be the lead for the Towing and Recovery Service event and Chad Bryan will be the lead for the Pool Tournament. We still need bartenders, bar backs and servers for both of these events. Please let Tommy, 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!

See you down the Road
Ty Teigen
CGRA President

Upcoming Events

June 7 - **Pride in the Park**,
Fort Collins

June 8 - **Rodeo Clinic and
Gymkhana**, JEFFCO
Fairgrounds, 9:00am

June 12 - **CGRA Board Mtg**,
Charlies 6:00pm

June 12 - **CGRA Membership
Meeting**, Charlies 8:00pm

June 13&14 - **Janet's Garage
Sale**

June 21 - **Denver PrideFest**,
Civic Center Park, 11am-6pm

June 22 - **Denver Pride
Parade and Pride Fest**,
Civic Center Park, 10am-5pm

**CGRA
RODEO CLINIC**
June 6 - 9am - 11am

at the new County Fairgrounds
West Arapahoe

Cattle Events - \$15 for the day + \$1 per go
roping on foot, breakdown, team roping,
chute digging & steer dice

2008 CATTLE ROPING

Gymkhana Events
\$3 novice & open, \$5 jackpot classes
pole, barrel, flag & fan "people" events!

For more information contact: Ken Smith - (720) 840-5053 or ken@cgra.com

picnic lunch available - burgers, dogs, potato salad, chips, etc. plus pop and water.

Hello CGRA!!!! We are fast approaching RMRR 26. Again this year we will be hosting RMRR 26 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds July 12 and 13. The entire BOD is working very hard to ensure that we have another successful rodeo. We need volunteers and all of you to help us make this event one to remember.

We are still in need of a group to work the security for the grounds. This job would require about 10 volunteers to secure the grounds. CGRA will donate \$500.00 to the group who volunteers at the rodeo. Please call me at 303-885-5135 to discuss the details.

Also CGRA will be volunteering at an event at Jeffco June 20 and 21. We need a couple more waiters on Friday night and also a couple more waiters on Saturday night 5-10 p.m. Please call me at 303-885-5135 to work this event. This event will support the contestants for RMRR 26.

I want to thank all of you for your support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Tommy Channel
Rodeo Director

Howdy Folks!!!! As we get closer to rodeo, the gymkhanas are getting busy!!!! May 11th was Mother's Day, as well as a rodeo in Philly, but there was still a great turnout at the gymkhana. I appreciate the help with setting up the events, as well as people waiving their ribbons they won. We gave the 4 kids that rode a ribbon, just for fun, and they really loved it!!!! The parents did as well, knowing that although it was a gay event, it was family oriented. The next gymkhana will be June 8, combined with the cattle practice day everyone has asked about, to become a Rodeo Preparation Day. Ken Smith, Thank You for taking the reigns on that, my plate is very full right now. The gymkhana will be as usual, \$3 per event, and the points counting toward year end awards. Horse events will only be barrel racing, pole bending, and flag race, to go along with the cattle practice, it will be a full day of fun!!!! There will be some people events as well, so all is welcome. Volunteers are still needed for RMRR 26 arena crew, and the gymkhana is great place to learn how to set up the events!!!!



The motor home is still for sale, so if anyone is interested, make me an offer!!!!!! I'm also looking for an enclosed trailer to store the rodeo equipment in, so let me know if anyone has one available.

Rocket Coxx has a Pig Adoption, and my "Oinky" is really getting fat!!!! I challenge everyone to trying to beat Oinky in here weight gain!!!!

Mary Munger
Rodeo Events

CGRA RODEO CLINIC
June 8 - 9AM '11 ?
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Main Arena
Cattle Events - \$15 for the day + \$1 per go
roping on foot, breakaway, team roping,
chute dogging & steer deco
AND GOAT DRESSING!
Gymkhana Events
\$3 novice & open, \$5 jackpot classes
poles, barrels, flags & fun *people* events!
For more information, contact Ken Smith : (720) 840-5253 or kksmith@aol.com
picnic lunch available - burgers, dogs, potato salad, chips, etc. plus pop and water.

2008 Gymkhana Dates

June 8	JEFFCO Fairgrounds Table View Arena
Aug 10	JEFFCO Fairgrounds Table View Arena
Sep 14	JEFFCO Fairgrounds Table View Arena



Membership



We're now into May and our new member recruiting contest is underway with Mary Munger currently clinging to the lead.

The contest continues through June 30, 2008 and 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! 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.

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

AND, speaking of our newest members, please join me in welcoming William Munger and Anthony Polakowski (of Reading, Penna.).

A special note to those of you who feel like you've been waiting forever for your name badges: you have and my sincerest apologies. There is an order pending with our vendor who has been having equipment issues. He relays his apologies as well and as soon as I receive them, I will let all of you know.

Now, to the regularly scheduled newsletter material...

The weather is turning hot. Time for some sweat, some dust - time for RODEO!

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

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Ralph Bogenschutz	Kim Dawson	DC Coulon
Michael Martinez	Brian Dickerson	Anthony Dasilva
Panda S Champion	Rick Erickson	Denise Drake
Stephany Matson	Jimmy Golden	Char Duran
Andrew Hamminga	Brent Hrometz	Andrew Eberhard
Sheri Ralston	Kip Jackman	CJ Gogerty
Christopher Latham	Michael Korzen	Desiree Gronwald
Robert Thurtell	John Landrum	Carolyn Herbert
	Ty Teigen	John Locke
	Cliff Thompson, Jr.	Lester Longbone
	Lee Whitner	Bill Mitchell
	Steve Woodman	Travis Nowers
	Miss Eryn	Mary Riordan
		Keith Swanson
		Jonny Vanorman
		Justin Walder
		Rick Witt



Results from CA to PA

Six CGRA members traveled to Palm Springs and a week later, seven members traveled to Philadelphia. Only one of which took the trek to both with the exception of myself.

In Palm Springs, **Ralph Bogenschutz** started his rodeo off right with a tie for 4th place in calf roping on foot on Saturday. Later that day he and his partner, **Shane Speciale**, took a 6th place in steer decorating. Also in steer decorating, **Andrew Eberhard** moved ahead of them with a 5th place. Being consistent, **Andrew** also took 5th place the second go which moved him into 3rd place for the buckle.

Ralph also took a 5th place in chute dogging in the 1st go. **Ralph** and **Andrew** teamed up in wild drag race and took 1st place the 1st go. Replacing **Ralph** the 2nd go, **Andrew** slipped into the 3rd place slot but still managed to take the buckle.

Jimmy Golden and Mr. CGRA, **Bryan Williams**, both competed in all three speed events but the competition was very stiff and was they were not able to place in the top eight in any of them. **Panda Bear Champion** also competed in goat dressing with a visually impaired contestant and even though they did not place, they managed to receive a time both days.

Congratulations for all who traveled to warm and windy Palm Springs valley and especially to **Andrew Eberhard** for his wild drag race buckle.

From being close to the Pacific, one week later six CGRA members traveled to being close to the Atlantic.

Our president, **Ty Teigen**, using Buzz, was very consistent. She placed 2nd both days in barrel racing which made her 2nd to the buckle. In pole bending, she took a 3rd place and a 4th place which landed her in 3rd place to the buckle. In flag race, she only managed to have a 1st place the 1st go. Roping remained a mystery with her only being able to catch the 2nd day in mounted break-away. **Ty**, being every photogenic for her newspaper picture, was the only break-away roper for the weekend and resulted in a buckle.

In chute dogging, **Chuck Curry** dogged the 2nd go for a 3rd place. **John Beck** tied for 1st place in calf roping on foot. No one caught the 2nd day so there was an unbreakable tie for the buckle. **Ken Pool**, also on Buzz, place 1st in barrel racing the 1st go and 2nd the 2nd go which resulted in a 2nd place for the buckle. **Ken** also place 2nd in pole bending on Saturday but dropped to 5th on Sunday which once again, placed him 2nd to the buckle. In flag race, he only managed to plant the flag the 2nd go for another 2nd place.

In steer decorating, **John Beck** took 1st place both goes which landed him the buckle. **Ken** and **Ty** placed 8th on Saturday and 4th on Sunday which moved them into 7th place for the buckle.

In wild drag race, Mr. CGRA, **Bryan Williams**, placed 2nd and **Chuck Curry** placed 6th on Saturday and on Sunday Miss IGRA, **Janet Jenkins** along with team members **Ken Pool** and **Ty Teigen** had the best time of the weekend to take 1st place. **Bryan Williams** took a 4th place the 2nd go and **Chuck Curry** placed 5th. **Bryan** was 3rd to the buckle and **Chuck** was 5th to the buckle for the weekend.

John Beck placed 3rd on Saturday in goat dressing and **Bryan Williams** placed 6th. On Sunday, **John** placed 6th. Adding his two times together and he place 2nd for the weekend.

Adding all of our team members points together added up to 1,227 and landed CGRA in 3rd place for team points.

John Beck only entered four events and landed two buckles, not a bad average for an older, more mature, let's face it, damn old, and not so mature, cowboy.

President **Ty Teigen** accumulated enough points to land in 2nd place for all around cowgirl and **Ken Pool** landed in 3rd place for all around cowboy. Both were only 65 points away from the buckle. And they say they are not married.

Congratulations to all who traveled to the cool and wet city of brotherly love. Especially to our buckle winners, **Ty Teigen**, and **John Beck**.



From the Royalty Team

Hey Everyone -

Greetings from New Orleans! Since I am in spending more time in airports, I thought I would write this month's article in one! Congratulations to LSGRA for raising \$1,500.00 this weekend towards the 2008 IGRA Convention and Royalty Competition! I had a chance to stop by the New Orleans' Marriot Hotel, where this years' IGRA convention is being held. Everyone should be very pleased with this fine hotel! Be sure to get your reservations in now! The room block is 65% full and we are still several months out! Come down and join your 2008 CGRA Royals, as they compete for the IGRA titles in the Big Easy! Le Bon Temps Rolle! Let The Good Times Roll!

First, I want to thank everyone for supporting the entertainers who support CGRA! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Second, it is that time again to start thinking about Entertainment for RMRR 26. So....Calling all performers for RMRR 26! CGRA wants you! Please check out www.cgra.us under "Rodeo - Entertainment". There is an application for everyone interested in entertaining at the rodeo. Please print out the application and return it to me, so I can schedule the performance times! We are looking forward to a wonderful line up of great performers. Also, if you know of someone who might be interested in entertaining at the rodeo, have them fill out an application.

Third, everyone who is available to go up to Fort Collins on June 7th, your 2008 CGRA Royalty Team will be performing at 3:15pm at the Fort Collins Pride In The Park. Go up and support them and the CGRA booth, and lets remind the Northern region who we are!

And speaking of letting people know who we are - the Denver Pride Parade is fast approaching. June 22nd seems to be right around the corner. If anyone would like to get involved in planning and/or building the float(s), then please let me know !!!!

Hope to see everyone out at the gymkhanas, the rodeos and our CGRA functions! Remember, this is your organization, and we are here for you! See ya'll out in rodeo land!

Bryan Williams
2008 CGRA Entertainment Chair
Mr CGRA 2008



2008 CGRA Royalty Team

Mr CGRA 2008 - Bryan Williams

Ms. CGRA 2008 - Mary Riordan

MsTer CGRA 2008 - Rocket Coxx

Miss CGRA 2008 - Aspen Vail

Mster CGRA, First Runner Up - Kody Kay



Just a reminder that Fort Collins will be holding its fifth annual Pride In The Park June 5Th-8Th.



CGRA will be having a booth at their Pridefest. So I'll be looking for some CGRA members to help setup and man (or woman) the booth. Set up will begin about 930a. Pride In The Park runs from 11a-7p. We'll tear down the booth about 5p. So please come up for the day or just a few hours to help out. It will be very warm so wear your CGRA t-shirt if you have one. Bring your sunscreen and lawn chairs. Please email with the time you may be able to help staff our booth and promote CGRA..

For all the happenings at Pride In The Park see their website at www.prideinthepark.org

Pride In The Park is ranked in the Top Five Rural Pride Festivals in America by Gay.com

Hope to see lots of member in t-shirts and cowboy hats...Heehaw

Take I-25 North
Merge onto Co 14 West via E.Mulberry St
Exit 269B towards Fort Collins
go 4.2mi turn right on S College Ave
go .5 mi turn left onto Laport Ave
go .2 mi turn left on N Howes ST and there you are.

Jim Thorstad
Northern Outreach

Wayne Jakino honored by Gay Men's Chorus

The Denver Gay Men's Chorus is having their annual Pride Concert and Dinner on Saturday, June 7. They are honoring Wayne Jakino with their Robert M. Moore Legacy Award.

The Dinner will be at The Brown Palace Hotel. It starts with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. The Concert will be across the street at Trinity United Methodist Church. It starts at 8 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$100; Concert tickets are \$20; combined tickets are \$120.

The Concert features all three choruses that are part of what is now called the Rocky Mountain Arts Association (<http://www.rmarts.org>): DGMC, Out Loud (the Colorado Springs Men's Chorus) and Mosaic Youth Chorus. They are all headed for the 2008 International Chorus Festival this Summer in Miami (that's what the fund raising is for).

If you are interested in attending this event please contact Scott Alexander at spa@tde.com. He would like to coordinate a CGRA table for the dinner.

GARAGE SALE!

Janet Jenkins, Miss IGRA 2008 will be holding her 2nd annual "Garage Sale" on Friday June 13th and Saturday June 14th! Yes, you heard right, Friday the 13th is going to be a lucky day, so if you haven't begun spring cleaning now is the time! Sort out those unwanted items and consider donating them to the garage sale. More details will be sent to the CGRA yahoo groups.

