



# CGRA INSIDER

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Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

February 2009

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY '09

**12** - General Meeting 8pm @ Charlies

**14** - Valentines Extravaganza 7pm @ Charlies

**15** - Gymkhana @ Jeffco - 10am registration, start @ 11am

**20** - 22nd - IGRA University in Las Vegas

**28** - Snow Queen 2009 with Beer Bust 7pm @ Charlies

### MARCH '09

**12** - General Meeting 8pm @ Charlies

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy All!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President in 2009. We have a great Board of Directors with lots of great ideas. I'm very excited to work with this talented and highly dedicated group. In addition, we have an outstanding new royalty team for 2009. This group has hit the ground running and has lots of great plans in the works. This is going to be a fun year!

We will be voting for our 2009 Charity Partners at our February meeting. These are the charities that we will work to raise money for throughout the year. I would ask that you all think about this very carefully and help select charity partners that are not only worthy causes, but also groups that are willing to truly partner with CGRA. The ideal charity partners are organizations that are doing good work in the community, are excited to work with us and are willing to participate in our fundraising efforts on their behalf. The charity partners that were nominated during the January meeting will have the opportunity to speak to the members prior to the vote. If you would like to nominate any additional charity partners, you are welcome to invite them to come and speak as well. Please join us Thursday February 12, 8pm at Charlies and help us make this important decision.

IGRA University will in Las Vegas Feb 20-22. This is a great opportunity to learn more about rodeo production and association growth strategies. Please contact John Beck if you are interested in attending or have any questions about the University program.

I encourage you all to get more involved in CGRA this year. Please consider what areas or activities you enjoy the most within CGRA and find a way to get more involved in what interests you. We would like to have a small group of people working with each committee chair on the board. This will allow us to accomplish so much more as an organization. Also, the more involved you get the more fun you will have! We try to have fun no matter what we are doing! If you are interested in helping out in an area, please contact the Board member responsible for that area or me.

See ya down the road!  
Ty Teigen  
CGRA President





## RODEO DIRECTOR

I would like to first take this opportunity to express a very warm thank you for voting me into office as Rodeo Director. It will be an honor and privilege to represent CGRA this rodeo season. Second we have some very exciting prospects in the works for Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 27. I hope that you can make it and bring with you some ideas for RMRR 27.

Thank you again and have a wonderful day,  
Jeremy Snidow

## TRUSTEE

Just a reminder, don't forget IGRA University Feb 20-22th in Las Vegas. Hope to see everyone there! Did anyone see the show case at Charles?

Thanks,  
John Beck

## RODEO EVENTS

Our first gymkhana of the year was on Sunday, Jan 25th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds in the JeffCo Events Center. Our next one is February 15th and registration is at 10AM, gymkhana starts at 11AM. There will be people events as well as horse events. You do not have to own a horse to join in the fun! If you're a CGRA member and own a horse but don't compete in speed events you're welcome to join us also and use the indoor arena to exercise your horse. To see a list of the scheduled gymkhanas for the year go to [www.cgra.us](http://www.cgra.us). It's located in the drop down list under calendar. We are also planning two cattle practice days for 2009. At these gymkhanas there will be cattle available for breakaway roping, team roping, roping on foot, chute dogging, and steer deco. The dates for cattle practice will be confirmed soon. For any questions concerning gymkhanas I can be reached at [KKSSmith@aol.com](mailto:KKSSmith@aol.com) or through the CGRA website contact page - rodeo events.

Thanks,  
Ken Smith

## METRO OUTREACH

Another year on the board for CGRA, I appreciate everyone's confidence in the ability of the people voted. CGRA has an exciting year ahead, and already working on RMRR27. Everyone needs to participate, to make CGRA the best charity giving machine possible!!!! We welcome your ideas, and assistance to 'get the job accomplished". So, I want to see all the happy faces at the functions. Not sure of an event? Check out the display case at Charlie's, as an event calendar is now be posted.

Thanks,  
Mary Munger

## FUNDRAISING

CGRA Fundraising is starting 2009 with a bang! The Fundraising Committee has sent out the RMRR 27 Sponsorship Kits out in the mail! As a result, we have already had a few sponsors give verbal confirmation for sponsorships! I set a personal goal of having enough sponsors signed up to pay for the rodeo, by April 1st! So if anyone knows of any leads for possible sponsors, please let me know and I will be sure to get them an RMRR 27 Sponsorship Kit! Over 140 Sponsorship Kits were sent out, but we are always willing to add more potential sponsors to our mailing list!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Chris Chopping for putting together the graphics for a wonderful RMRR 27 Sponsorship Kit!! And another big THANK YOU to Chris Hochmuth & Gerretston Realty for donating the laser color printing and man hours, in order to get the Sponsorship Kit out to our potential sponsors!

2009 promises to be an exciting time for CGRA, and with everyone's help, we can make this an exceptional year! Thank you for allowing me to serve you all on the CGRA Board of Directors. I have an open door policy, so if you have an idea for fundraising, please do not hesitate to contact me!

See you out and about!  
Bryan Williams

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Thank you to everyone that elected me to the Board of Directors. This year has some very exciting events coming up and I'm thrilled to be the chairperson. I'm also happy to announce I have an assistant this year to help me with the public relations responsibilities, Scott Alexander. Both of us are working with our nose to the grind stone to get the word out about Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo #27 and also some of the fundraisers before then. Don't forget, **Snow Queen 2009** is coming up on February 28th at 7:00 p.m. and who knows, Gloria Hole may make a suprise appearance. Finally, Scott and I can be reached at [cgrapr09@gmail.com](mailto:cgrapr09@gmail.com).



Christopher J. Chopping  
Scott Alexander



## CGRA SECRETARY/ CO-RODEO DIRECTOR

I want to start by saying what a pleasure it was to serve on the 2008 board of directors. We had an incredible group. I look forward to serving you, the members, on the 2009 board of directors. Thank you for your support and confidence. 2009 will be another busy but fulfilling year for CGRA. RMRR 27 is already shaping up to be the best rodeo CGRA has ever hosted. I want to encourage each member to ask themselves one question, "What can I do to get involved and help CGRA? It takes a lot of work to produce our rodeo and it cannot all be accomplished by just the board of directors. We rely heavily on volunteers and members throughout the year so please volunteer for a committee or offer your help at RMRR 27.

I once again, in addition to serving as your secretary, I will serve as co-rodeo director. My job is to coordinate the midway at RMRR 27. If you have any suggestions for the midway, please let me know. I am also taking applications for vendors. With the economy in a slump, I expect we will get fewer vendors from out of state. I am looking to bring in as many local vendors as possible. We will also be encouraging organizations to participate by operating a carnival type booth this year. Any organization that has a carnival booth on the midway, will keep their profits. It's a great way to raise money. Contact me regarding vendor/carnival booths or visit the web-site.

I look forward to the coming year and seeing all of you at a general membership meeting or event.

Thanks,  
Justin Smith

## NORTHERN OUTREACH

Welcome all CGRA members to 2009. Hope all had a great and safe New Years. Congratulations to the newly elected 2009 Board of Directors and Royalty Team. Thank you for your vote of confidence and your participation will be greatly appreciated in the up coming year for CGRA.

Here's something interested I found while looking at the upcoming horse expo March 13-14. [rocymountainhorseexpo.com.com](http://rocymountainhorseexpo.com.com) for all "horsey" folks. It's a new license plate called "Support the Horse". It is a new license plate that is new as of January 1st, 2009 in conjunction with the Colorado Horse Development Authority, [www.chda.org](http://www.chda.org).

The cost is \$30 to CHDA and \$50 to the Highway Users Tax Fund (payable to the DMV when you pick up your plates). These are a one time only fee. Although their website says the plates are available for horse trailers, they are not as of yet, I've checked with both the DMV and CHDA. They are working on getting that changed. So check out the CHDA website and read the article and how to order your certificate before going to the DMV to get your plates.

Thanks,  
Jim Thorstad





# MEMBERSHIP

The first newsletter of 2009 – wow, does time fly! I want to thank those of you who voted to have me as your membership chair join the rest of the CGRA BOD for another year. It truly is an honor – and an educational experience – to serve this organization in this capacity. If you have attended any of the last couple of meetings, you will know some changes are in the works from the standpoint of “membership”. Effective 1/1/09, we will no longer be providing name badges free of charge to new members when they join. Those of you who already have badges, treat them with LOVE as replacements will not be free either. A \$10 fee will now be charged for name badges and this will include mailing. All members (both new and renewing) will receive a “membership card” instead. This is in the works with final design selection, etc. Your card will include your membership expiration date. No more mysteries as to when you need to renew! Stay tuned for more details. I will be contacting EACH of you via email (or phone or snail mail if you do NOT have email) as a final step before distributing these cards. THIS MEANS IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE I HAVE UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFO FOR YOU. We plan to have some benefits attached to those membership cards. Stay tuned for more details on that as well.

I want to welcome our first new member for 2009 – Christopher Wilson. Most of you may know Christopher as Trisha Davis, Miss IGRA 2009 1st Runner-Up. I also would like to welcome a few folks back to our active membership roles after a bit of a hiatus. You know who you are – and we’ve missed you!

I hate to be redundant, but please do take a moment and make sure your membership is up-to-date. Prompt renewals are always greatly appreciated 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](mailto: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](http://www.cgra.us)

**Due for renewal NOW:**

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| Mark A    | Chris Barker    |
| Rick B    | Brock Benson    |
| Thomas B  | Bertrand Briere |
| Troy C    | Paul Hodapp     |
| Will L    | Sandy Lee       |
| Michael P | Tracy Slaughter |
| David W   |                 |

**Due for renewal in the next 30-45 days:**

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| Patrick B | Chris C |
| Charles C | Bill E  |
| Austin F  | Roger J |
| Jamie L   | Clyde M |
| Robert S  | Larry T |

# Valentine's Extravaganza



February 14, 2009

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

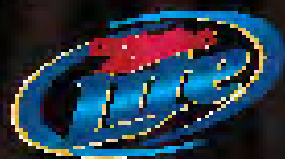
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# SNOW QUEEN 2009



**Enjoy a fun winter evening of camp drag at Charlie's!  
All are welcome to compete for the fabulous title of  
Snow Queen 2009. Come see who will take the crown  
from the reigning 2008 Snow Queen Sitonia Face!**

**Event and Beer Bust Starts on  
February 28 2009 at 7:00 PM**

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