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Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

March 2009

CALENDAR

MARCH '09

12 - General Meeting 8pm @ Charlies

14 - Beer Bust @ Compound 6-9pm

15 - Gymkhana @ Jeffco - 10 reg / 11 am start

APRIL '09

25 - By-Laws Meeting 6-8pm @ Charlies

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy!

What a busy month! The Board has been working really hard and we have made some great progress in preparing for RMRR 27. We have some exciting new things in the works for this year. Stay tuned!

I am very pleased to announce that our charity partners for 2009 are Howard Dental, The Matthew Shepherd Foundation, and Project Angel Heart. 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!

We have a few things happening in March. Our March Board of Directors and General Membership meetings will be held on Thursday March 12 at Charlies. The Board meeting will begin at 6pm and the General Membership meeting will begin at 8pm. Our March gymkhana is March 15 at Jeffco in the indoor arena. Registration begins at 10, events begin at 11. We will be having our first membership event of the year on March 21 at Charlies. Please mark your calendars and join us for these events.

Chris Hochmuth has agreed to continue on as our Bylaws Chair. He has a lot of work he wants to get done this year on our bylaws. Please watch for the meeting announcements and help us with this valuable work. Thank you Chris!

We have some new fundraisers and member events 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 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!

See ya down the road!
Ty T.
CGRA President





RODEO EVENTS CHAIR

Our February Gymkhana was one of the biggest ever. If you were not there you missed a great time! It was good to see a lot of new competitors in the horse events. The dog events were very popular also. Thank you Mary R for putting this together. Also thanks to Dale C for supplying the food and drinks for lunch.

We are putting together a rule change for the jackpot events. This rule change will be brought before general membership at the March meeting for a vote. If approved, the jackpots will be given the option to run in a two division format allowing more people a chance at winning. There will be no excuse for everyone not to try for the big bucks! We are also having two cattle practice days this year. They will be included in our May and September gymkhanas and will be held in the rodeo arena. Cattle will be available to practice roping events, steer deco, and chute dogging. Mark your calendars now and plan to be there.

The next gymkhana will be held on March 15 in the events center at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Registration is at 10AM, gymkhana starts at 11AM. Hope to see everyone there.

Ken S.

METRO OUTREACH

Spring time in Colorado, and only 4 short months away from RMRR 27. I would like to keep everyone involved, the Board of Directors and a few members have been working extremely hard to make this yet another successful rodeo. If you are reading these newsletters, then you obviously care about CGRA. Many hands make heavy work light, as my Grandma always said. So please, everyone pitch in and help out.

I have planned a "smash a Lucy", to be held in May. This is a fund raiser, so be watching for further on this. More to come.

Mary M.

PHOTO SHOOT

It is that time of the year to be thinking about either being a model or turn your friends into one. CGRA's own paparazzi is doing the first ad shoot on the 4th of April starting at 10am. The shoot, thanks to Mike K. & Keith G., will be held at their place east of Brighton. Besides the photo shoot there will also be a BBQ. Gals are needed besides guys. Please don't let "Tom" be our only model.

Dale K.

ENTERTAINMENT

We have lots of exciting functions coming up in the Entertainment area these days.

First off I wanted to remind everyone that our March Gymkhana will be on 3/15/09 at the Event Center at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. I wanted to let everyone know that we are now having "Doggie Events" at our Monthly gymkhana's. We have a small agility course and we have a dog race at the moment, but will be adding more events sooner. These events are open to all dogs and their owners, no experience necessary. These take place after all the horse events at the gymkhana and usually start around 1:00 p.m. or just a bit later. If you have a dog and would like to participate, please come on by and join us at our March Gymkhana on 3/15/09 at Event Center at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. We have had them at the last couple of gymkhana's and they have been a great success so please if you want to have some fun bring yourself and your doggie(s) to Jefferson County Fairgrounds on 3/15.

Pride is coming up on us fast! We will be working with Charlie's and the Men of Charlie's this year for our Pride float. Please keep an eye on your emails to see when our first Parade Float Committee meeting is. The theme we have discussed is a covered wagon float so it will be great fun designing and building.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR RMRR #27!

Yes it is that time of year again when I start asking for volunteers for our annual rodeo. RMRR27 is a few months away, but those months will fly by. So please if anyone that would like to volunteer to help out at our rodeo this year please email me at mscgra2008@yahoo.com.

Mary R.

FUNDRAISING CHAIR

Things are progressing for RMRR 27's Fundraising. We have had several businesses ready to come on board to sponsor us. If anyone has any suggestions of whom we should contact as a possible sponsor, please contact me soon. We are looking forward to another successful rodeo, so lets work together and make RMRR 27 one of our best.

Bryan W.



BYLAWS UPDATES

We've had another bylaws meeting and here's what's coming up. CD has some updating and house cleaning issues for the membership section. As it's a change to the bylaws and not the standing rules, we'll read them at the March meeting and vote in April. Please take the time to review the changes and ask questions.

Ken and the Rodeo Events Committee has an interesting change for Jackpot events at Gymkhanas. The change is to Jackpot only and will, hopefully, encourage more competition here with more chances for more people to earn some money! This is a standing rule change and will be read and voted on at the March meeting.

Other changes being contemplated and coming soon include updating the Royalty rules to match IGRA, and the possibility of moving the Board of Directors elections back to either August or September. Also, possibly making the Executive Committee 2 year terms on a staggered rotation -- Wanna know more and have a say? Come to the next meeting (date, time & locations coming soon!)

Chris H.

SECRETARY

As we get closer to Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 27, we are making plans for the best RMRR ever. The board has worked very hard and it seems we are way ahead of schedule in the planning process.

It's time to start recruiting vendors. This year we will be adding carnival type booths to the midway. We are inviting charities, groups and organizations to operate a booth. All profits will be retained by the booth operator. This is a great way for these organizations to be seen and make some money. Last year we had the largest midway ever and this year we are anticipating it to be even larger. If you know anyone that would like to be a vendor, please put them in touch with me or have them visit the web-site. As usual, all sponsors are being offered vendor space at no charge. We also encourage our charity partners to have a booth on the midway.

Jeremy S. and myself are looking for Assistant Rodeo Directors. If you or someone you know has the ability to take on this responsibility, please let us know. There is a lot of work to get done rodeo weekend and Assistant Rodeo Directors are very important to our success.

I will be looking for volunteers for clean up on Monday after rodeo. In the past there have only been a few people on Monday. If you can be available Monday, please let me know.

See you out and about,
Justin S.

RODEO DIRECTOR

I hope this finds everyone well. We are off to one heck of a running start this year with Rodeo, staying right on schedule. This past week I attended IGRA university. I learned more than I ever thought I would want to know about being a rodeo director. It was a great time. I would like to let everyone know that this year we are planning a new section to our midway, it is the carnival events section. This part of the midway will consist of organizations around Colorado that would like to raise money for their cause by putting together some type of carnival game booth. It is our hope that we will have all types of different organizations to work with, i.e. non-profits, GLBT sporting clubs, and businesses. If you or anyone you know would like to participate please have them contact either myself, Mary M or Justin S.

Jeremy S.

ROYALTY

IGRA-U set some records with attendance and with a large number of people obtaining various degrees in Rodeo Arts. I myself was able to complete the credits necessary to receive my Associates Degree. I look forward to next year and continuing this educational process.

Thank you all of you who worked so hard to organize and make this event possible, the Board of Directors and the Instructors. I would also like to send a BIG Thank You to all of the 2008 IGRA Royalty who attended IGRA-U. You made yourselves available and provided great support throughout the entire weekend. A Special Thanks to Aspen Vail, Andrew Goodman for making themselves available and for providing alot of encouragement and direction. To Katrina, Miss NGRA 2008 for being a great victim, UHH, I mean Sport, yeah, a great Sport... and for being an incredible professional. A huge thank you to Mike Saunders for having a great class and encouraging thought from OUTSIDE the box.

IGRA-U has been and will continue to be a great experience. To those of you who may have thought of attending IGRA-U in the past but have not for whatever reason, please think about next year. This trip, Vegas and IGRA-U was an incredibly trip and the education is priceless. I look forward to putting the knowledge obtained from IGRA-U to work.

I hope to see all of you at the Beer Bust on Saturday, March 14, 2008. This Beer Bust will be at Compound, 145 Broadway (SW Corner of 2nd and Broadway). The Beer Bust is from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and is \$6.00. Compound donates \$3.00 from each purchase back to CGRA, proceeds of which to be directed to Added Prize Money. Please, come and support the contestants and the CGRA Rodeo.

Sally West,
Miss CGRA 2009



MEMBERSHIP

Things are moving right along with the new membership cards. The design has been finalized and our vendor has the first order in production. The cards are being produced and distributed in groups depending on your renewal date. Those who have recently joined/renewed will be getting their cards sooner. If your membership is due for renewal in the next 120 days or less, you will probably be one of the last to receive your card – unless you renew early. A little reminder: effective 1/1/09, we no longer provide name badges free of charge to new members when they join. Those of you, who already have badges, treat them with LOVE as replacements are no longer free either. A \$10 fee will now be charged for a name badge and this includes mailing. All members (both new and renewing) will receive a “membership card” instead. Your card will include your membership expiration date. No more mysteries as to when you need to renew! I will be contacting each of you that I do not see on a regular (or even occasional) basis via email (or phone or snail mail if you do not have email) -BEFORE I HAVE YOUR CARD PRINTED. THIS MEANS IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE I HAVE UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFO FOR YOU. If I cannot confirm your contact info, you will NOT receive a card - NO EXCEPTIONS! We do plan to have benefits attached to those membership cards. Those details will be unfolding as time goes by.

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 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

Due for renewal NOW:

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| Chris B. | Patrick B. |
| Thomas B. | Troy C. |
| Charles C. | Bill E. |
| Roger J. | Will L. |
| Jamie L. | Michael P. |
| Robert S. | |

Due for renewal in the next 30-45 days:

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| David A. | Scott A. | Ryan B. |
| John C. | Pauline C. | Roger C. |
| David F. | Steve G. | Mary M. |
| Stephen N. | Renee S. | Jeremy S. |

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING				QUAD STAKES			
Place	Novice Rider	Horse	Time	Place	Novice Rider	Horse	Time	Place	Novice Rider	Horse	Time	Place	Novice Rider	Horse	Time
1	Tammie P	Slick	21.020	1	Tammie P	Slick	27.410	1	Tammie P	Slick	10.138	1	Tammie P	Slick	25.563
2	Chrysti Q	Lightfoot	22.467	2	Chrysti Q	Lightfoot	32.033	2	Chrysti Q	Lightfoot	14.139	2	James J	Hershey	26.539
3	Arlene W	Sam	23.120	3	Stefani P	Spirit	43.971	3	Stefani P	Spirit	17.487	3	Chrysti Q	Lightfoot	28.390
4	James J	Hershey	24.460	4	Hayley H	Boots	45.900	4	Adam B	Prince	17.824	4	Arlene W	Sam	28.667
5	Stefani P	Spirit	27.400	5	Kristine M	Rebel	59.060	5	Kristine M	Rebel	21.832	5	Patrick C	Rebel	35.967
6	Kristine M	Rebel	31.299									6	Kristine M	Rebel	41.047
7	Patrick C	Rebel	33.020									7	Stefani P	Spirit	41.655
8	Hayley H	Boots	33.430									8	Adam B	Prince	46.038
9	Adam B	Prince	34.770												
10	Jay A	Robin	51.120												

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING				QUAD STAKES			
Place	Novice Horse	Horse	Time	Place	Novice Horse	Horse	Time	Place	Novice Horse	Horse	Time	Place	Novice Horse	Horse	Time
1	Ken S	Reba	18.453	1	John B	Diamond	28.960	1	John B	Diamond	9.226	1	John B	Diamond	24.361
2	John B	Diamond	20.810	2	Steve G	Roscoe	30.302	2	Ty T	Tucker	12.014	2	Ty T	Tucker	28.351
3	Ty T	Tucker	22.663	3	Ken S	Reba	31.998	3	Stefani P	Spirit	15.421	3	Ken S	Reba	38.193
4	Steve G	Roscoe	23.230	4	Ty T	Tucker	40.959	4	Patrick C	Rebel	19.806	4	Steve G	Roscoe	51.084
5	Kip J	Teaser	39.250					5	Kip J	Teaser	26.951				

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING				QUAD STAKES			
Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time
1	Jennifer P	Remington	16.106	1	John B	Duke	22.650	1	Larry T	Moses	8.216	1	John B	Duke	20.874
2	Larry T	Moses	16.704	2	Larry T	Moses	22.960	2	Ty T	Hershey	8.272	2	Clyde M	Oreo	23.732
3	John B	Duke	16.951	3	Austin F	Boots	23.830	3	Austin F	Boots	8.384	3	Cheney C	Bo	24.637
4	CD S	Mighty	17.843	4	Robert T	Skippy	24.096	4	Robert T	Skippy	8.567	4	CD S	Mighty	24.878
5	Ken S	Reba	18.943	5	CD S	Mighty	26.071	5	CD S	Mighty	9.476	5	Jennifer P	Remington	25.132
6	Robert T	Skippy	23.303	6	Les S	Brownie	26.395	6	Clyde M	Oreo	9.729	6	Larry T	Moses	25.332
7	Les S	Brownie	23.435	7	Cheney C	Bo	28.710	7	Cheney C	Bo	10.100	7	Jim T	Jackson	26.111
8	Steve G	Roscoe	23.585	8	Steve G	Roscoe	29.050	8	Jim T	Jackson	10.354	8	Austin F	Boots	27.913
9	Jim T	Jackson	23.830	9	Clyde M	Oreo	32.140	9	Jennifer P	Remington	10.541	9	Ken S	Reba	46.445
10	Clyde M	Oreo	28.272	10	Jim T	Jackson	32.830								
11	Cheney C	Bo	30.719	11	Jennifer P	Remington	45.460								
12	Kip J	Teaser	38.483	12	Ken S	Reba	52.760								

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING			
Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time	Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time	Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time
1	John B	Duke	16.647	1	John B	Duke	22.764	1	John B	Duke	8.129
2	Larry T	Moses	16.772	2	Austin F	Boots	23.288	2	Larry T	Moses	8.237
3	Robert T	Skippy	17.775	3	Robert T	Skippy	23.693	3	CD S	Mighty	9.001
4	Clyde M	Oreo	17.848	4	Larry T	Moses	27.131	4	Austin F	Boots	13.486
5	CD S	Mighty	17.904	5	CD S	Mighty	31.710				
6	Steve G	Roscoe	19.100	6	Adam B	Prince	39.937				
7	Austin F	Boots	19.231	7	Les S	Brownie	40.389				
8	Jennifer P	Remington	21.055								
9	Les S	Brownie	23.021								

EGG TOSS			CUCUMBER RACE		
Place	Team	Time	Place	Team	Time
1	Steve/Les	1st	1	John/Clyde	18.268
2	Cheney/Jim	2nd	2	Chaney/Jim	29.632
3	Jenn/Hayley	3rd	3	Jenn/Hayley	54.434
4	Patrick/Jordan	4th	4	Patrick/Jordan	60.983

ALL ROUND				ALL ROUND				ALL ROUND				ALL ROUND			
Place	Novice Rider	Horse	Points	Place	Novice Horse	Horse	Points	Place	Advanced	Horse	Points	Place	People	Horse	Points
1	Tammie P	Slick	16	1	John B	Diamond	15	1	John B	Duke	10	1	Cheney C		6
2	Chrysti Q	Lightfoot	11	2	Ty T	Tucker	9	1	Larry T	Moses	10	1	Jim T		6
3	James J	Hershey	4	3	Ken S	Reba	8	3	Jennifer P	Remington	4	2	Steve G		4
4	Arlene W	Sam	3	4	Steve G	Roscoe	5	4	Clyde M	Oreo	3	2	Les S		4
5	Stefani P	Spirit	2	5	Stefani P	Spirit	2	4	Ty T	Hershey	3	2	Jenn		4
6	Hayley H	Boots	1	6	Patrick C	Rebel	1	6	Austin F	Boots	2	2	Hayley Hannan		4
6	Adam B	Prince	1					6	Robert T	Skippy	2	2	John B		4
								6	Cheney C	Bo	2	2	Clyde M		4
								6	CD S	Mighty	2	5	Jordan		3
												5	Patrick C		2