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Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

April 2009

CALENDAR

APRIL '09

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

25 - Hula Hoedown
@ Charlies

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Calendar Dates!

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello CGRA Family and Friends!

It's been a great first quarter and I am excited about all the wonderful things that the CGRA Board of Directors and Royalty are doing. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to make it to a membership meeting, here are some of the great things to be looking for. Monthly CGRA Members/Dance nights at Charlies - Denver and NEW membership benefits being rolled out. For anyone who might be interested in running for Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer CGRA 2010, the contest date has been set. We will be sashing and crowing our next team on Saturday, December 5th at Charlies - Denver. As a reminder, deadlines are: Must be a member 180 days prior to the start of the competition (June 5th) and all applications must be turned in 14 days prior to the competition (November 21st). NOTE: CGRA Royalty Rules and Competition Guidelines are under construction and changes are being made. The goal of these changes is to align CGRA's rules and competition standards to IGRA's royalty competition so that our teams are well prepared when they run for an IGRA title. You can still use the current application and if you have questions prior to April 15th, please contact me. That's all for now!

Happy Trails to you...Until we meet again!
James J.

TRUSTEE NEWS

The IGRA Silver Anniversary Convention is just over 7 months away and now is the time to start planning. I have set 3 meetings to discuss the current Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules. The dates are Sunday, April 12 at 3 pm; Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm, and Friday, June 12 at 6:30 pm. All meetings will be at Charlie's. Attendance is necessary to be considered for a delegate position.

And now is the time to look at your passport and see if you need to renew it or apply for a new one. U.S. travel requirements change on June 1st and you WILL need a passport to cross the border, whether by air or car. A passport costs \$100.

After arriving in Toronto, you can get into the city by train for \$2.75 and avoid paying a \$50 cab ride - unless you want to :-). I did it back in February, it's easier than you think, and the train even has a stop under the host hotel! I'll give specific details as we get closer to convention.

I will be attending the Sunshine Stampede in Fort Lauderdale the first weekend of April. Looking forward to my first rodeo of the year!

John B.





RODEO EVENTS CHAIR

Wow, what a great gymkhana we had in March! Lots of new competitors. There were fifteen riders in Jackpot Barrels alone! Thanks to everyone that came out and played with us. Also, a big thanks to everyone who helped put this on. And again the dog race at the end of the gymkhana was a great success.

Our next gymkhana will be held on April 19th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. We're scheduled in the Events Center indoor arena but if the weather is nice we'll move to the big rodeo arena. Registration at 10AM, gymkhana starts at 11AM.

Everything is set for our cattle practice day on May 10th so mark your calendars now. If you've ever thought about competing in a rodeo this is a great way to start. We'll have cattle available to practice team roping, roping on foot, steer deco, and chute dogging. We will also be holding our regularly scheduled gymkhana combined with the cattle practice.

Ken S.

RODEO DIRECTOR

Rodeo planning is coming along very nicely. There is still much to do as you all may know. Any and all help with this process is greatly appreciated. Please contact me or Mary if you are willing to help out in any way shape or form.

We have two new and very exciting events this year. Friday evening we will be hosting a Jackpot barrel race in conjunction with True West Productions. Further information will be out in the next couple of weeks. Secondly we will be inviting organizations to join our midway with carnival events. If you or someone you know would like to set up a carnival event on our midway this year please contact Justin Smith and fill out an application form on the website.

Jeremy S.

SECRETARY

We are 112 days away from Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 27. Have you signed up to volunteer yet? If you haven't, please consider how you can help make RMRR 27 the best and biggest ever.

I wanted to bring to your attention an event taking place next month. The Matthew Shepard Foundation is one of CGRA's charity partner's for 2009. In April, The Matthew Shepard Foundation will present: The Legacy of Matthew Shepard, featuring Judy Shepard. All media print will list the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association as a community partner for the event.

It all takes place, Sunday, April 19th, 4:30 p.m. at Regis University. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 303-830-7400 (extension 150), visit www.matthewshepard.org or www.cgra.us. I hope to see a lot of CGRA folks there.

Justin S.

ENTERTAINMENT

Well another month has passed and it is time once again to give you an update on what is going on in the Entertainment area of CGRA

We'll keep an eye on your email accounts, I will be sending a notice soon about the first Pride Parade Float Committee Meeting. We will be doing a float with Charlie's for the parade this year. It is going to be an amazing float and we would like to invite as many members of CGRA to join the committee as possible.

We are again having "Doggie Events" at our April 19th, Gymkhana being held at Jefferson County Fairgrounds at the Table Top Arena. The Doggie Events will begin between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. once the horse events have ended. We currently have a dog agility race and a dog race for those people in CGRA that would love to join us with their dogs to participate. The cost is \$1 per dog for members, \$2 per dog for non-CGRA members. If anyone has any suggestions for events that we can offer during our Doggie Events part of the gymkhana, please send me a note at mscgra2008@yahoo.com.

RMRR 27 is getting closer and closer so I would like to invite any and all members of CGRA that would like to participate in the Entertainment Tent as a performer and anyone that would like to help out as a volunteer for the rodeo, please contact me at mscgra2008@yahoo.com. We will have both an Entertainment form, and a Volunteer form up on our website soon, but until then, please just drop me an email. We are looking for help in the area of arena, chutes, security, set-up, breakdown to name just some of the areas we need help in. Please send me your contact information, and what days/times you are available, and the areas you would like to volunteer for. We need volunteers starting on Friday during the day for set up and on Thursday night and Friday for the barn. So please contact me if you can give us a hand.

CGRA will also have a few other opportunities for people to volunteer to help raise money for the upcoming rodeo. I will be sending out a request for volunteers in the next couple of weeks to get volunteers for these event and so please keep your eyes open for them.

Cowgirl Up'
Mary R.



FUNDRAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

As the Spring season arrives, we are busy preparing for Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 27 and other events in the community. Fundraising has been going very well for RMRR-27. So if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor RMRR-27 or if you would be interested in sponsoring RMRR-27, please contact me immediately! Items are selling fast and furious! At this time, all the chutes have been purchased and several of the event buckles have been purchased as well. For a complete listing of what is available or to get a Sponsorship Packet, please contact me directly. Chris C. and I are working on getting the sponsorship availability listed on the CGRA website so that all the members can see what is still unsold.

I would like to congratulate James J., CD S. and everyone who put together the Spring Fling at Charlie's on Saturday, March 21st. If you missed it, then please plan to attend the Hula Hoedown on April 25th at Charlie's. A big Thank You to CD, who won the 50/50 drawing, and then donated the proceeds back to CGRA! And a big Thank You to Pauline C. for selling all the tickets!

Congratulations to Sally West on a successful Beer Bust at the Compound – Denver on March 14th, benefiting added prize money for the RMRR-27 contestants! Thank you to everyone who was in attendance for adding to the additional prize money!

There are a lot of events going on in the next few months. Mark your calendars for several CGRA/Community events going on:

- April 4th – Tracy Lee Saunder's Show benefiting P.A.W.S. Colorado – Charlie's 7pm
- April 6th – Boots n Boxers Meeting /Krewe of Chaos – 7pm - Charlie's
- April 11th – ICRME's Voting Day – Cheesman Park
- April 18th – ICRME's Coronation 36 – Four Points Sheraton
- April 19th - CGRA Gymkhana – Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 11am
- April 25th – CGRA Hula Hoedown – Charlie's

- May 1st – Charlie's – Denver 20th Anniversary Celebration at the current location!
- May 9th – GALLA's Cinco de Mayo Show – Charlie's
- May 10th – CGRA Gymkhana – Jefferson County Fairgrounds , 11am
- May 16th – ICRME's PR Ball – Four Points Sheraton
- May 14th -17th – Boots n' Boxers Promotional Bar Crawls (See Roger C. for more info)
- May 21st – CGRA Fundraising at Jeffco event (see Tommy C.)
- May 30th – 2nd Annual Boots n' Boxers Underwear Auction – Charlie's, 7pm -11pm

- June 5th – DEADLINE for all RMRR-27 Program Advertisements
- June 6th – Fort Collins Pride Celebration
- June 14th – CGRA Gymkhana – Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 11am
- June 14th – Roger C's Beer Bust at the Wrangler – Denver, 4pm-8pm
- June 19th – 20th – CGRA Fundraising at Towing event (see Tommy C)
- June 21st – 26th – RMRR-27 Program to be distributed to area businesses
- June 26th – 28th – CGRA Fundraising at Pool Tournament (See Tommy C)
- June 27th - 28th – Denver Pride Celebration & Parade

As fund-raising progresses for CGRA, I would like to introduce a newly formed group to you all. The Krewe of Chaos has been formed to help CGRA with fund-raising. The Krewe describes themselves as "A group of individuals who have come together to help raise money for the Denver GLBT community by producing fund-raisers." They also describe themselves as being closely linked to CGRA. The group is comprised of about 30 individuals who have done some fund-raising in the past, but have found it easier to do fund-raising by committee. Each of the members of the Krewe of Chaos brings different strengths to the organization. You may have seen some of their work at this past year's Valentine Extravaganza. They will be producing the 2nd Annual Boots n' Boxers Underwear Auction on May 30th.

For more information about the auction, please go to www.bootsnboxers.org . I would like to congratulate this new group on forming and look forward to working with them for CGRA and the GLBT community. If you would be interested in learning more about the Krewe of Chaos, then please contact me directly. Ideally, the Krewe will be producing four large fund-raisers a year, so interested parties are always welcome. The Krewe also has plans of taking the underwear auction to New Orleans this Fall – more information to come on this event.

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MEMBERSHIP

The new membership cards are coming – I swear! The design has been finalized and our vendor has several orders in production. Now if I can just get some of those delivered.... ahem. The cards are being produced and will be distributed in groups depending on your renewal date. Those who have recently joined/renewed will be getting their cards sooner. Of special note: 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 will no longer provide name badges free of charge to new members. Those of you, who already have badges, treat them with LOVE as replacements are no longer free. A \$10 fee will now be charged for a name badge and this will include mailing – if needed. All members (both new and renewing) will receive a annual membership card, instead. Your card will include your membership expiration date - so, no more mysteries as to when you need to renew. I will be contacting each of you whom I do not see on a regular (or even occasional) basis via email, phone or snail mail 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.

From the Department of Redundancy Department, 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. Those can be snail mailed to me at:

CGRA-Membership
P.O.Box 18728
Denver, CO. 80218

or, better yet...renew on line @ www.cgra.us

Renewal - PAST DUE:

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 - NOW:

David A.	Scott A.	Ryan B.
John C.	Pauline C.	Roger C.
David F.	Steve G.	Stephen N.
Renee S.	Jeramy S.	

Due for renewal in the next 30-60 days:

Salvatore C.	RC C.	Tracy H.
Robin L.	Barry M.	Ted M.
William M.	Anthony P.	Gary S.
Daniel S.	Shane S.	Karla T.

CD S.
Membership

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	Dusti L	Skip	21.938	1	Dusti L	Skip	33.138	1	Adam B	A-Rab	15.233	1	James J	Hershey	23.443
2	James J	Hershey	23.376	2	Stef C	Sprint	37.057	2	Jeff C	Spirit	20.013	2	Adam B	A-Rab	29.595
3	Adam B	A-Rab	24.097	3	Sally C	Robin	40.426	3	Kip J	Teaser	26.705	3	Stef C	Spirit	35.289
4	Jennifer O	Jewels	24.379	4	TJ L	Skip	44.052	4	Kathy G	Murdock	33.497	4	Sally C	Robin	35.448
5	Stef C	Spirit	25.417	5	Kathy G	Murdock	45.164					5	Kathy G	Murdock	41.592
6	Jeff C	Spirit	29.482	6	Kip J	Teaser	45.409					6	Kip J	Teaser	41.605
7	Kip J	Teaser	33.488	7	Jeff C	Sprint	66.310					7	Jeff C	Spirit	44.055
8	Kathy G	Murdock	35.896									8	Kristine M	Rebel	49.029
9	Kristine M	Rebel	36.062												
10	TJ L	Skip	38.956												

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	Steve G	Roscoe	17.776	1	John B	Diamond	28.090	1	John B	Diamond	9.446	1	Ashley F	Santana	21.161
2	John B	Diamond	18.918	2	Sandee	Hot Flash	30.544	2	Ty T	Tucker	12.002	2	John B	Diamond	25.181
3	RC C	Boogie	19.968	3	Ty T	Tucker	32.685	3	Adam B	A-Rab	13.745	3	Adam B	A-Rab	26.652
4	Ty T	Tucker	20.378	4	RC C	Boogie	34.223	4	Stef C	Spirit	15.758	4	Ty T	Tucker	27.725
5	Sandee	Hot Flash	20.800	5	Steve G	Roscoe	37.188	5	Jeff C	Spirit	18.592	5	Sandee	Hot Flash	29.596
6	Adam B	A-Rab	22.959	6	Jeramy S	Diamond	39.116	6	Kip J	Teaser	21.830	6	RC C	Boogie	30.076
7	Stef C	Spirit	25.403	7	Ken S	Reba	42.613	7	Kathy G	Murdock	24.922	7	Stef C	Spirit	32.361
8	Jeff C	Spirit	26.627	8	Kathy G	Murdock	46.043	8	Des G	Zipp	38.044	8	Kathy G	Murdock	39.179
9	Ken S	Reba	29.006	9	Kip J	Teaser	50.661	9	RC C	Boogie	49.828	9	Jeff C	Spirit	41.419
10	Jeramy S	Diamond	30.645	10	Kristine M	Rebel	62.511					10	Kristine M	Rebel	47.284
11	Kathy G	Murdock	31.697	11	Adam B	A-Rab	70.002					11	Kip J	Teaser	47.523
12	Kristine M	Rebel	34.543	12	Des G	Zipp	72.234					12	Des G	Zipp	57.065
13	Kip J	Teaser	34.911												
14	Des G	Zipp	41.313												

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING				QUAD STAKES			
Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time
1	Martha R	Smarti	15.666	1	John B	Duke	21.755	1	John B	Duke	8.452	1	Martha R	Smarti	20.097
2	John B	Duke	16.113	2	Ashley F	Santana	22.151	2	Ty T	Hershey	8.977	2	John B	Duke	20.392
3	Robert T	Skippy	16.950	3	Robert T	Skippy	22.754	3	Clyde M	Oreo	9.425	3	Chris B	Gus	22.375
4	CD S	Mighty	17.769	4	CD S	Mighty	24.302	4	Chris B	Gus	9.576	4	Robert T	Skippy	22.425
5	Santiago F	City Boy	19.801	5	Chris B	Gus	24.541	5	CD S	Mighty	10.056	5	Clyde M	Oreo	23.031
6	Evangelina F	Cowboy	20.346	6	Steve G	Roscoe	26.071	6	Kip J	Teaser	22.268	6	CD S	Mighty	29.101
7	Cheney C	Bo	20.460	7	Martha R	Smarti	26.292	7	Martha R	Smarti	58.888	7	Jim T	Jackson	32.253
8	Ashley F	Santana	21.591	8	Clyde M	Oreo	26.595					8	Cheney C	Bo	32.519
9	Clyde M	Oreo	22.612	9	Evangelina F	Cowboy	29.000					9	Santiago F	City Boy	33.129
10	Steve G	Roscoe	23.140	10	Santiago F	City Boy	29.072					10	Evangelina F	Cowboy	37.090
11	Chris B	Gus	25.129	11	Ken S	Reba	35.205					11	Kip J	Teaser	44.701
12	Kip J	Teaser	31.994	12	Jim T	Jackson	36.020								
13	Ken S	Reba	46.235	13	Cheney C	Bo	38.997								
				14	Kip J	Teaser	45.141								

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING			
Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time	Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time	Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time
1	John B	Duke	15.825	1	John B	Duke	21.329	1	John B	Duke	8.166
	Ashley F	Santana	16.746		Robert T	Skippy	22.517		Robert T	Skippy	9.010
	Robert T	Skippy	16.823		Ashley F	Santana	22.993		Martha R	Smarti	9.015
	Clyde M	Oreo	17.526	2	Martha R	Smarti	26.453	2	CD S	Mighty	9.812
	Steve G	Roscoe	17.530		Clyde M	Oreo	27.198		Ty T	Hershey	13.791
2	James J	Hershey	17.918		Evangelina F	Cowboy	27.643		Sandee	Hot Flash	14.366
	CD S	Mighty	18.098		Santiago F	City Boy	29.011	1 second handicap			
	Ken S	Reba	18.465		CD S	Mighty	30.846				
	Santiago F	City Boy	18.649		Dusti L	Skip	30.856				
	RC C	Boogie	19.109		Sandee	Hot Flash	36.339				
	Ty T	Tucker	19.824	2 second handicap							
	Evangelina F	Cowboy	20.265								
	Martha R	Smarti	20.641								
	Sandee	Hot Flash	25.520								
	Dusti L	Skip	26.475								

2 second handicap

EGG TOSS				CUCUMBER RACE			
Place	Team	Time	Place	Place	Team	Time	Place
1	Cheney C/ Jim T		1	John B/Clyde M			
2	John B/Clyde M		2	Cheney C/Jim T			
3	Des G/Rick						

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	Adam B	A-Rab	9	1	John B	Diamond	14	1	John B	Duke	14	1	Cheney C		7
2	Dusti L	Skip	8	2	Ty T	Tucker	7	2	Martha R	Smarti	8	1	Jim T		7
3	James J	Hershey	7	3	Ashley F	Santana	4	3	Robert T	Skippy	5	1	John B		7
4	Stef C	Spirit	5	3	Adam B	A-Rab	4	4	Ashley F	Santana	3	1	Clyde M		7
5	Sally C	Robin	3	3	Steve G	Roscoe	4	4	Chris B	Gus	3	3	Des G		3
5	Jeff C	Spirit	3	6	Sandee	Hot Flash	3	4	Ty T	Hershey	3	3	Rick		3
7	Kip J	Teaser	2	6	RC C	Boogie	3	7	CD S	Mighty	2				
8	TJ L	Skip	1	8	Stef C	Spirit	1	7	Clyde M	Oreo	2				
8	Jennifer O	Jewels	1												
8	Kathy G	Murdock	1												