Colorado Gay Rodeo Newsletter February 2010 Road Runner Regional Rodeo this Month PHX, Az February 12th to 14th

Hello members!

Wow...is January really over? That was quick! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that came out to the RMRR sponsor appreciation night! We had a great turn out, with many sponsors and members present. I want to thank John N. and the staff of Charlie's for all of their hard work! John helped us arrange drink specials that were a tremendous part of the night! Bruce G. and the fundraising committee also deserve a great big THANK YOU for all of their hard work in putting the event together. You all did a great job!

We have a busy February planned. First and foremost, remember our February meeting date has changed. Due to the Phoenix Rodeo, we will be meeting on February 4.

Make sure your calendar is marked, and join us on February 6, for the Valentines Extravaganza. This is sure to be a great event, and a ton of planning has been done. I want to take this opportunity to thank Brain and the Krewe of Chaos in advance for all of your hard work!

I want to make sure that everyone traveling to Phoenix has a safe and fun trip. Many of us will be leaving on Wednesday and Thursday, so please travel safe. Good luck as well to all of our contestants, and bring home some buckles!

Our February gymkhana has also been moved. We have moved it to Sunday, February 28, so mark your calendars. We had a great turn out to our January gymkhana and had a great time. It was great to see so many new faces!

Ok, I think that's all I have for this month. Happy February!

Roger J.

Hello members,

I hope your weekends have been packed full of good times as mine have been. We have done a lot over the last few weeks with our CGRA friends.

We are now getting into full on planning of RMRR 28. I would like for you all to share some ideas with me as to what you would like to see and do at RMRR this year. I'm hoping to bring some new ideas and things for those folks who are spectators. I feel it's time to change up some of the "same ole same ole". You can contact me at rodeo.director@cgra.us.

There will be a rodeo planning meeting this month (to be announced at the general membership meeting) so please get me your suggestions as soon as you can.

Have a great day.

Jeremy S.

Hello Members,

Well the first Gymkhana has come and gone and what a great day it was. We had about 40 participants and spectators attend. I wish to thank the board and volunteers for all their help in assisting me with my very first Gymkhana. I would particularly like to thank Ken Smith for holding my hand through the event, I appreciate your mentoring. I would like to congratulate all of the participants on a job well done as well as the winners in all categories. I would also like to thank Brian and the Men of Charlie's for serving an excellent lunch and for raising donations for CGRA. I am looking forward to seeing what you are serving next month.

Our next Gymkhana is scheduled for Sunday, February 28th. Registration starts at 10am and the events will begin at II am. Please plan to attend. Remember all are welcomed, so if you can't bring your horse or do not have one, we still some fun people events for all to participate in. We also invite everyone in the membership to get involved, come on down and help us out, it would be very much appreciated.

Gymkhana Schedule:

Sunday, February 28, 10am-4pm

Sunday, March 14, 10am-4pm

Sunday, April 18, 10am-4pm

Sunday, May 9, 10am-4pm

Sunday, June 13, 10am-4pm

July, no gymkhana scheduled

Sunday, August 1, 10am-4pm

Sunday, September 12, 10am-4pm



Again thanks to everyone for their help and participation. Please contact me if you are interested in helping. Support the Men of Charlie's who will be preparing and serving food this year. See you on the 28th of February for the next Gymkhana of the year.

Jay Hadley Rodeo Event Coordinator Jmale749@yahoo.com Hello,

Wow what a month we have here! As we are looking at the first rodeo of the season at RRRR in Phoenix. Here at home we had the Valentines Extravaganza!!! If you missed that night events I am sorry you missed a great night!! Our Very own BOD Jay Hadley went for \$1300.00 For Charity!!! We raised over \$9,000 that night for CGRA and Partners. Next month we have our meeting on March 11th. We also have our gymkhana this month on the 28th and March we will hold it on the 14th so make plans to come out and have fun with the group! We are starting to gear up, to start looking for our volunteers for this years rodeo, so if your willing and ready keep it in mind we will be looking for you here VERY shortly!!

The next rodeo of the season is the sunshine stampede, in April down in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the past this has been one for the books if you have not been to Florida's rodeo I would say, plan this one for this year as it is sure to be a blast!

<u>http://www.fgra.org/</u> for more information or as always <u>www.igra.com</u>. If you have something for the calendar please get it to me the month before the event.

Don Moore
Public Relations

The first gymkhana is under our belts...
The first rodeo of the season is coming up in Phoenix...
We're on a roll for 2010!

I want to announce a new benefit for members! In our Feb. BOD meeting we approved a special deal for active members on RMRR tickets. Starting this year, as an active member of CGRA you will receive one (1) FREE single performance ticket for each one you purchase – up to two (2). This means if you purchase one ticket – you get a FREE one. Purchase two tickets – you get two FREE ones. Also, you will receive a FREE weekend pass with the purchase of one (1) - and only one - weekend pass.

SUCH A DEAL!

To take advantage of this offer, tickets will need to be pre-purchased. Stay tuned for further details.

Here's a little reminder about what's new in the by-laws for MEMBERSHIP and how it affects you:

- 1.) All memberships are now based on calendar year quarters instead of months. This translates to just four (4) renewal dates per year- March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. This means those of you who joined or renewed in the first few months of 2009 have an expiration date of 3/31/10.
- 2.) With the membership cards and the reminder emails, it should be much easier for everyone to remember when their membership is up for renewal. Members will be DEACTIVATED in the database within 30 days of expiration if they have not renewed. ABSOLTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 3.) We now have a limited JR. membership category at a reduced annual fee of \$12. This is for those under the age of 18 who would like to take advantage of some of the membership benefits such as reduced rates for gymkhana classes.

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. Do check your emails closely for those renewal reminders. I will be sending several notices to those whose memberships expire on 3/31/10. Please make sure these emails don't end up being missed in your spam mailbox. The last renewal reminder will show up shortly before I de-activate anyone. Remember, staying on "Active" status is imperative for rodeo event registration. AND I HAVE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE! If I don't run into you at our meetings and/or events, contact me and I'll snail mail one to you. Not only is it a great reminder for your renewal date, but a shopping trip to Lancaster's or Sheplers with your card will net you a discount. Feel free to email me: membership@cgra.us if you have any questions or updates...

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

Greetings fellow members;

Wow! Another month has gone by, can you believe it? I attended IGRA University fo23r the first time. It was not only entertaining but informative as well. I encourage each of you to attend in St. Louis in 2011. Valentine Extravaganza is upon us. This is going to a great night so come out and join us. In the next few months, we are looking to plan some events down in Colorado Springs. We want to see as many of our members attend as possible. We need to show the folks down south that they are important to us and one way to do that is to support that community. Please watch the website for upcoming events.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other.

Dave Southern Outreach Chair

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