

# Colorado Gay Rodeo Assn

## April 2010

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo July 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> Golden, CO

Hello members!

Wow, we can finally say it.....IT'S SPRING! I love spring in Colorado! One day you get ten inches of snow, the next day it's gone! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. The BOD is working hard on securing sponsorships and contracts for RMRR 28, but we can't do it alone! We need all of our members support. We ask that you ask others to help sponsor. If you have a good contact and/or lead, please forward that information to Bruce G.

We also need our members support and assistance in fundraising. We are staffing the Charlie's Kitchen every Sunday night for the awesome VIVID show! If you have a Sunday night free, please contact Tommy C. to volunteer. It is going to be vitally important that all of our members help us to raise funds this year. We are wanting to give the highest amounts possible to charity this year and we need your help to raise those funds!

There is a lot to cover this month at our General Membership meeting, so I invite everyone down to Charlie's on April 8. We have rodeo information to distribute and by-law changes that are coming forward. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Last month we had a fantastic turn out of members! Invite your friends and let's double the number we have attending! I look forward to seeing you all.

Happy Easter!

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime!

Roger

Well it looks like spring has sprung until the next Snow fall. I hope everyone is doing well. I just wanted to let everyone know that Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo is approaching quickly and we are looking for volunteers for all aspects of the rodeo. If you are interested please contact me thru the CGRA website under the Vice-President area. Mary R. has graciously offered to help me with this task along with Justin Smith so if anyone wants to be on the volunteer list at the rodeo please let me know so I can add you to the list.

Vice-President  
Clyde Mitter

### Upcoming Events

Sunshine Stampede

April 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>

Tracy lee's Show @ Charlie's

April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30

BOD & General Membership Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> @ Charlie's

Coronation April 12-18  
for information to

[www.denvercourt.org](http://www.denvercourt.org)

For those of you with memberships expiring in the first quarter of the calendar year – TIME IS UP! You should have received several email reminders from me by now. If you have not renewed, you will be de-activated in the membership database shortly – right before the Sunshine State Rodeo. In case you missed last month's news, I'll repeat some good stuff.....

**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. \*\***

Also, for those new members joining CGRA – and for those of you renewing FROM OUT OF TOWN – we are now mailing (that's right, MAILING) a nice letter with your membership card enclosed. I've been a bit lax with some formalities - my apologies. To those of you renewing who I SHOULD see maybe at least once a month at a meeting or gymkhana or fundraiser or whatever.....

I will get you a new membership card upon your renewal IF YOU WANT ONE. Just ask...

and if you would like one of the name badges, those can be had for \$10. Again, just ask....

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. ABSOLUTELY 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. 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 Lancasters or Sheplers with your card will net you a discount.

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. 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](http://www.cgra.us)

Hello,

Once again it is time for the news letter. I will keep this one nice and short this month.

Things are progressing for RMRR 28 quite nicely this year. We are however looking for a bar manager for this year's event.

Unfortunately Doug is unable to attend rodeo this year due to work conflicts so I'm putting it out to ya'll. Please if you know anyone interested in helping us out this year I would greatly appreciate it. You can contact me at [rodeo.director@cgra.us](mailto:rodeo.director@cgra.us).

Thank you so much for your help and support this year. Let's all help to make this a great rodeo season.

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Hello Members,

Our last Gymkhana was a great success. I would like to congratulate all of the participants on a job well done as well as the winners in all categories

Our next Gymkhana is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2010. Registration starts at 10am and the events begin at 11 am. Please plan to attend. Remember all are welcomed, so if you can't bring your horse or do not have one, still come for 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, 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. This April Gymkhana, we are also having a chili cook-off so bring your best recipe. See you on the 18th of April for the next Gymkhana of the year.

Jay Hadley  
Rodeo Event Coordinator  
[jmale749@yahoo.com](mailto:jmale749@yahoo.com)

Hello from Southern Colorado!

There is an upcoming event where CGRA can show its support to the GLBT community in Colorado Springs.

I have recently joined OutLoud – The Colorado Springs Men’s Chorus, and we will soon have our first series of concerts for the year.

OutLoud is “organized to provide the opportunity for gay men and their friends to sing together. It is our goal to use the deep and enriching power of music as a means of fellowship and as a vehicle to reach out to the local GLBT community and the community at large. Through song, our nearly 60 members act as goodwill ambassadors to present a positive image of the GLBT community. Since our beginning in January of 2006 we have been inspired and energized at the generous outpouring of support from other organizations, family, and friends. It is because of this enormous support that we eagerly move forward to realize our goals and dreams with a conviction and dedication to our music and to our community.”

Concerts will be on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 7:30pm and on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 2pm and again at 7:30pm. The concerts will all be held in Colorado Springs at the First Congregational Church, located at 20 E. St. Vrain Street.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Secretary@cgra.us](mailto:Secretary@cgra.us), or you can also check out our web page at: <http://www.rmarts.org/outloud.php>.

Rich Valdez  
CGRA Secretary

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARTS ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS AN **OUTLOUD** PRODUCTION  
The Colorado Springs Men's Chorus

April 30 at 7:30 • May 1 at 2 and 7:30  
First Congregational Church  
20 E. St Vrain St. Colorado Springs

\$17 adult • \$15 55+  
\$14 Students • 12 and under Free

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