



The Barbed Wire



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December 2005



Happy Holidays



Twas The Rodeo by K. Ward

(Adapted from The Night Before Christmas by C.C. Moore)

Twas five months to the rodeo And all through the Heartland

Not a creature was stirring, not even a horse

The saddles were hung in the stable with care, in hopes that the rodeo soon would be there.

The cowpokes were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of championship buckles danced in their heads.

Terri in her Stetson and I in my ball cap, had just settled down for a long winter's nap; When out in the arena there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bunk to see what was the matter.

Away to the arena I ran in a dash Tore open the stock gate and fell over a Royalty sash.

The moon on the newly raked arena gave the illusion of rodeo day if ya had seen it,

When what to my peering eyes should appear, but a miniature wagon and eight spotted broncos,

With a little old clown so lively and quick I knew in a moment that this could not be a trick.

More rapid than Clydesdales his coursers they came; And whistled and yee hawed and called them by name. Now Thrasher, Now Crasher, Now Masher and Whirlwind! On Tonto, On Pinto, On Backbreaker and Tailwind!

To the top of the calf gate! To the top of the shoot! Now buck away, buck away, buck away scoot. As dry hay that before the wild tornado fly,

When they meet with a cowpoke, mount to the sky;

So up to the bunkhouse the team they did fly

With a wagon full of tack and the little clown too.

And then in a second I heard on the roof

The clopping and hopping of each little hoof.

As I started to turn right around

Down the chimney that clown came with a bound.

He was dressed all in rags from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all rainbow and tinged with some soot.

A bundle of tack he had flung on his back.

He looked like a cobbler just opening his pack.

His eyes – how they sparkled, his dimples, how dapper;

His cheeks were like prairie roses, his nose like an apple!

His crooked little mouth was drawn up like a noose

And the beard on his chin was as soft as the down of a goose.

The stump of his corn cob pipe he held tight not to let go

And the smoke from his pipe circled his head like a lasso

He had a painted face and a quite large belly,

That jiggled when he laughed; oh he also was quite smelly.

He was chubby and large, a quite gay little clown,

And I laughed so hard I fell to the ground.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his wrist,

Soon lead me to know that I was top of his list.

He jawed not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the cowboy boots and turned with a jerk.

And laying a hand aside of his hip,

And giving a bow, he tipped his cow-lid.

He sprang to his wagon, to his team gave a giddy up

And away they all road after yellin' to duck!

But I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight,

Happy Rodeo y'all, See ya May 20th night!

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Remember to keep May 20-21, 2006 for the return of the Heartland Rodeo under the lights at Springfield Fairgrounds.

Kathy Ward

HGRA President 2006

2005 HGRA Elections and Awards

This past weekend we held our annual elections and awards dinner at Angie's. More than 35 members and guests attended the evening festivities.

Several members were recognized for their achievements in 2005. Congratulations to all those who received awards.

Pete C. and Terri R. were awarded the ranch hand award and Kathy W received the founders award. Pete and Terri were also presented with their 2005 royalty buckles.

The following members received buckles for their rodeo accomplishments

Rookie Cowgirl Kim L.
Cowgirl of the Year Bryn Geerdes
Cowboy of the Year Tim K.

Thanks to No Doubt Transportation, Dr. Rita Filley, and Greg Brand for sponsoring all the buckles.

HGRA also presented IGRA appreciation awards to MCC, The Max, and Youth Emergency Services. These awards are given as appreciation for all the support that these organizations and businesses have given us.

2006 HGRA Board
 and committee chairs:
 Kathy W. President
 Leo J. Vice President
 Paul S. Treasurer
 Phil L. Secretary and Trustee
 Jim R. Membership
 Bryn G. Rodeo events
 Patti K. Public Relations
 Mr. HGRA Pete C.
 Ms. HGRA Terri R.

2006 Rodeo Directors Update

The end of the year is approaching fast and before you know it the 2006 Heartland Rodeo will be here. As we're all waiting for Santa to put that new saddle or new pair of boots under the tree, we still have a lot of planning to do. We are looking to the membership to help promote buckle sales and also look for new sponsors. We are very pleased to announce Casteel Capital as a new platinum sponsor for 2006. They join Mr. LongArm as a major sponsor.

The Rodeo committee chairs will be busy getting their committees into position and volunteers are always welcome and needed. Watch the website, hgra.net, for more information. We are please to announce our stock contractor and officials.

Ronnie Mead is our stock contractor and our officials will be:

Kim Dawson Arena Director
 David Hallwood Chute Coordinator
 Dee Zuspahn, Al Wright, & Kyle Putman Judges
 Tamara Marks Announcer
 Bruce Roby Scorekeeper
 Ron Trusley Secretary



The Ramada Limited on Hwy 50 and I-80 is the host hotel.

We, along with our committee chairs, are very excited to return to the Springfield Fairgrounds. Heartland will once again lead the way for another outstanding Rodeo. On Saturday, we will have our first night time Rodeo with registration Saturday morning from 8-11, and the rodeo events starting at 4.00pm. Our plan is to have a concert immediately following the rodeo. On Sunday we will start at noon, followed by a meet the contestant party and awards dinner.

Join us in the Heartland May 20 and 21st. For further information go to www.hgra.net or contact us at RodeoDirector06@hgra.net.

Terri Richards
 Kathy Ward
 2006 Co- Rodeo Directors.
 LETS RODEO



HEARTLAND COWGIRL CAPTURES 2005 INTERNATIONAL RODEO CHAMPIONSHIP BUCKLE

Mesquite Texas: Bryn Geerdes from the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association won the 2005 IGRA Finals calf roping Championship, which is her 3rd roping title in the last 4 years. She is also the 2003 International chute dogging champion. Although HGRA sent a strong team of 6 past International champions, Geerdes was the only member to win a Finals title. "This is a great ending to a year where I didn't have a lot of success. The year started with a buckle in January, followed by 4 rodeos with no catches. I am thrilled with my performance." Her catch on Saturday was .87 seconds and 1.26 on Sunday.

In addition to Geerdes, HGRA members Teeny Copafellya, Rich Parker, Tim Kernan, Sam Kramer, and Brett Hartman also won ribbons. Here are the overall results:

Teeny – 7th chute dogging and 2nd in steer deco.

Sam – 8th barrel racing

Brett – 8th barrel racing

Rich – 8th steer deco

Tim – 4th chute dogging, 3rd flag racing, and 8th in steer deco

Team Heartland placed 7th out of 19 teams. IGRA Finals 2006 will be held in Reno Nevada November 9th – 12th

IGRA Contestant Mailing Update

The Rodeo Rule Books will be mailed to contestants next week and should be received in plenty of time for RRRR registration deadline. If you don't receive yours, please contact us at information06@hgra.net

There is an error on the Rodeo Event Schedule in the Rodeo Site column. The Sunshine Stampede should be scheduled in Ft Lauderdale and not Orlando. The mailing address is correct.

HERO UNIT
p r o d u c t i o n s i n c

Hero Unit Productions has just finished up filming the 2005 IGRA rodeo season including IGRA Finals in Dallas. If you haven't seen any of the productions, now is your chance to order them for your DVD collection. Hero Unit is offering each rodeo on DVD for a nominal fee and you can order them by contacting them at info@herounit.com.

Our rodeo rebroadcasts are available through Q Television. If you have cable, Direct TV or Dish Network, please email them and ask them to carry Q television.

HGRA Web Page

Our website has changed and has new features that are going to keep our membership informed and up to date. The address is the same hgra.net and the look is very similar to the old website. Over the next few months you will see changes taking place that will make it more informative for you. We will also be adding options such as paying your membership by Paypal.

If you have any suggested changes, additions you would like to see, or find mistakes, please contact us at information06@hgra.net

We are very fortunate to have Cowboy Frank as our new webmaster. He is the IGRA & ASGRA webmaster and we are so thrilled to get him on board. If you want to learn more about Frank, you can go to his website <http://cowboyfrank.net/>.

We also want to send a special thanks to Jerry Tipler, for designing, supporting, and maintaining the website for the past 2 years.





December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24  Christmas Eve
25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31  New Years Eve



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time again, and this is your final reminder!!!

Membership Dues are \$30.00 and Renewals are Due by 12:00 Midnight December 31st 2005 (not January February or March but December)

2006 Royalty Update

Happy Holidays from your 2005/2006 Royalty team. Another year has come and gone and Pete and I have saddled up to take the reins again for the 2006 Rodeo year. We are very excited to have Leo as our new Vice President.

Here is a sneak peck of what we have in store and remember times and places will be announced.

Jan 21 Show

Feb 5 super bowl party

Feb 11 Valentines dinner and cabaret

Mar 17 St Patrick's party

Apr 1 April fools dance

Apr 22 Yard sale

These are just a few ideas that your Royalty team will be playing with so keep your date books open. If anyone has any ideas for fun and games please contact your royalty team.

We look forward to leading the Heartland Rodeo Team into 2006 with fun and excitement. Please check our website for updated information.

Lets Rodeo

Ms HGRA Terri

Mr. HGRA Pete



Congratulations Terri & Pete winners of the Ranch Hand Award. They also receive their 2005 Royalty Buckles at the Awards Dinner Dec. 10th



Congratulations Tim Kernan Winner of the HGRA Cowboy Of The Year Buckle Presented by Rich Parker at the Awards Dinner Dec. 10th



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET? YOU ONLY HAVE TIL DEC 31st

It's only \$30.00

8th Heartland Rodeo



**Sarpy County
Fairgrounds
Springfield NE**

May 20 & 21, 2006

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2006 IGRA RODEO SCHEDULE

Road Runner Regional Rodeo

January 13-15, 2006
PO Box 40465
Phoenix, AZ 85067-0465
(602) 265-8166

Cowtown Rodeo

March 3-5, 2006
513 Parsley Ln
Euless, TX 76039
(214) 346-2107

Sunshine Stampede

April 7-9, 2006
6445 S Chickasaw Trail #135
Orlando, FL 32829-8366

Rodeo in the Rock

April 28-30, 2006
PO Box 56503
Little Rock, AR 72215
(501) 261-1130

Greater San Diego Rodeo

April 28-30, 2006
3707 Fifth Ave Ste 830
San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 298-4708

Gateway Regional Rodeo

May 5-7, 2006
PO Box 15073
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 865-2947

Heartland Rodeo

May 19-21, 2006
PO Box 3354
Omaha, NE 68103
(402) 203-4680

Great Plains Rodeo

May 26-28, 2006
PO Box 12485
Oklahoma City, OK 73157
(405) 607-0696

North Star Regional Rodeo

June 30-July 2, 2006
PO Box 11199
St. Paul, MN 55111-0199
(612) 827-6336

Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo

June 30-July 2, 2006
223 - 12th Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2R 0G9
(403) 541-8140

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo

July 7-9, 2006
20140 E Maplewood Ln
Centennial, CO 80016-1279
(303) 333-4486

Alamo City Rodeo

August 4-6, 2006
3222 Quakertown
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 823-2635

LA Rodeo 2006

August 4-6, 2006
PO Box 2407
Long Beach, CA 90801-2407
(562) 498-1675

Zia Regional Rodeo

August 18-20, 2006
PO Box 35381
Albuquerque, NM 87176
(505) 833-1666

Windy City Rodeo

August 25-27, 2006
PO Box 14878
Chicago, IL 60614
(312) 618-9063

MGRA Show Me State Rodeo

September 2-4, 2006
8911 W 64th Terr #106
Meriam, KS 66202
(816) 697-3269

Atlantic Stampede 2006

September 8-10, 2006
PO Box 22042
Alexandria, VA 22304-9204
(202) 547-9590

Bay Area Gay Rodeo

September 15-17, 2006
PO Box 14126
San Francisco, CA 94114-0126
(415) 561-9228

Bighorn Rodeo

April 22-24, 2006
PO Box 96055
Las Vegas, NV 89193
(888) 643-6472

20th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo

November 10-12, 2006
316 California Ave #107
Reno, NV 89509-1650
(775) 691-6559

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Put your creative talents to work.

POSTER CONTEST

Submit your design for the Finals, 2007 Rodeo Poster

Submission must include:

Location: The National Western Event Center, Denver, CO

Host Hotel: Warwick Hotel, Denver, CO

Dates: October 12 - 14, 2007

File Details: 300dpi minimum

email submission

Deminsions 8" x 10"

Preferred formats: .psd, .pub, .jpg, .tiff, .gif

Posters must be made for alterations to suit a variety of marketing materials, web design, and sponsor requirements. The winner will need to sign a release to CGRA for the design to that effect.

Winner will receive Grand Prize:

\$200 and 4 weekend passes to Finals 2007

Questions?? Contact:

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BE A PART OF IGRA HISTORY!



Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year
Have a Very Happy and Safe New Years.

L. Mackie Barbed Wire Editor.