

COLORADO GAY RODEO NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

Hello members!

Good grief! I can't believe that it's March....it won't be long, and it will be time for us to set up for rodeo!

February was a great month for CGRA! It was awesome to see so many members and their friends out for the Valentines Extravaganza! What a successful event! If you see any of the folks from the Krewe of Chaos, or the CGRA members that were an integral part of the planning for that event be sure to say Thank you!

Many of us also traveled to Phoenix for the rodeo last month. It was great to be in the 80 degree sunshine for a few days. While I didn't do worth a darn in my events we had a great time. I especially want to thank Kimberly K. for leading the fundraising charge once again! Your efforts will be put to good use!

March is busy as we have some bylaw changes coming forth, and other business surrounding RMRR. As a side note, if you are planning on camping on the grounds for RMRR you need to RSVP your spot! Larry T. has built a spot on the website www.cgra.us where you can pay for and RSVP your camping. Only those that RSVP will be allowed to camp, so make your reservations soon. Once the spots are gone, they are gone!

I hope that all of our members are going to be able to join us for the March general membership meeting. As a reminder it is going to be held at 8:00 pm, and we are planning some new and exciting things! One of the added benefits for coming to the March meeting will be food! Tommy C. and I will be preparing a taco dinner for our members that attend! So please plan on showing up, we look forward to seeing you.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime!

Roger

March 2010

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7	8	9	10	11 BOD & General members hip meeting	12	13
14 Gym- khana @ 10am	15	16	17 St. Patric k's day!	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Can you believe another month has come and gone? We just had our second gymkhana of the year, and we had a nice turn-out. If you have not been to one yet, come on out and join us. We are also including some fun people events for those of you who do not have access to a horse. Next month's gymkhana will be held on March 14, and there will be burritos and chili being served that day as well, made by yours truly! So, come on out and join us. It makes for a fun day when we have more of our rodeo family there to cheer on the competitors!

Remember that RMRR #28 will be here soon and we are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time, we would love to have you help us out. If interested, you can check out our web site at www.cgra.us and look under the "RMRR #28" menu and click on "Volunteers". Hope to hear from all of you soon!

Rich Valdez
CGRA Secretary

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	Tom L	Hawk	20.764	1	Stef C	Spirit	34.161	1	Alisha W	Cash	11.102	1	Stef C	Spirit	27.300
2	Stef C	Spirit	21.105	2	Tom L	Hawk	34.446	2	Tom L	Hawk	12.976	2	Tom L	Hawk	28.633
3	Doug C	Whiskey	22.518	3	Des G	Aztec	35.156	3	Des G	Aztec	15.929	3	Des G	Aztec	32.876
4	Tom L	Jenny	22.940	4	Doug C	Whiskey	36.507	4	Caroyln A	Flash	30.416	4	Dustin S	Hawk	43.796
5	Des G	Aztec	24.275	5	Ashley F	Santana	38.855					5	Lela G	Jenny	67.863
6	Lindsay L	Murphy	26.775	6	Lindsay L	Murphy	43.171								
7	Ashley F	Santana	28.632	7	Dustin S	Hawk	53.735								
8	Dustin S	Hawk	31.234												
9	Carolyn A	Flash	76.793												

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	Doug C	Whiskey	21.843	1	Doug C	Whiskey	31.680	1	Stef C	Spirit	12.720	1	Stef C	Spirit	27.488
2	Stef C	Spirit	27.904	2	Stef C	Spirit	35.824	2	Lindsay L	Murphy	19.358				

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING				QUAD STAKES			
Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time	Place	Advanced	Horse	Time
1	John B	Duke	17.561	1	John B	Duke	23.632	1	CD S	Mighty	11.035	1	Dustin S	Beauty	25.760
2	Alisha W	Cush	17.689	2	Alisha W	Cush	24.910	2	Stef C	Spirit	12.326	2	John B	Duke	29.553
3	CD S	Mighty	19.008	3	CD S	Mighty	25.919					3	CD S	Mighty	30.073
4	Dustin S	Beauty	20.650	4	Stef C	Spirit	43.603					4	Stef C	Spirit	38.606
5	Stef C	Spirit	26.413												

BARRELS				POLE BENDING				FLAG RACING			
Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time	Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time	Place	JACKPOT	Horse	Time
1	John B	Duke	17.137	1	John B	Duke	24.028	1	CD S	Mighty	10.573
	Ashley F	Santana	17.779		Alisha W	Cash	24.509	2	Des G	Aztec	13.471
	Alisha W	Ikabod	18.352		Ashley F	Santana	25.725				
2	CD S	Mighty	19.650		CD S	Mighty	25.787				
	Stef C	Spirit	21.829	2	Stef C	Spirit	32.335				

EGG TOSS				CUCUMBER RACE				HUMAN POLE BENDING			
Place	Team			Place	Team		Time	Place	Contestant		Time
	Roger										
1	J/Vince M John			1	John B/Stef C		19.813	1	Stef C		8.016
2	B/Stef C Ashley							2	John B		8.760
3	F/Dustin S										

ALL ROUND				ALL ROUND				ALL ROUND			
Place	Novice Horse	Horse	Points	Place	Novice Rider	Horse	Points	Place	Advanced	Horse	Points
1	Tom L	Hawk	17	1	Stef C	Spirit	18	1	John B	Duke	14
2	Stef C	Spirit	14	2	Doug C	Whiskey	10	2	CD S	Mighty	14
3	Des G	Aztec	10	3	Lindsay L	Murphy	4	3	Stef C	Spirit	9
4	Doug C	Whiskey	5					4	Alisha W	Cush	8
4	Alisha W	Cash	5					5	Dustin S	Beauty	7
6	Dustin S	Hawk	2								

Hello Everyone,

Well yet another month has passed and we are defiantly underway with the planning for RMRR 28.

I know that this is our 28th year and we put on a great rodeo, however I would love to make sure that we have new and different ideas come to the table in order to continue with the tradition on greatness. I know that there are many people out there with ideas of how they would like to improve our rodeo. I want to hear those ideas! I want to make sure that this rodeo really is the best we have put on yet and it takes all of us.

With that said I want to thank everyone that has come out this last month at helped out with our many functions. The Sponsor appreciation party was amazing and I heard great feedback from the sponsors and venders that were there. They truly appreciated it. Bruce and the fundraising crew thank you for all of your efforts. Also the Valentines Extravaganza was a great hit. I don't think I have seen that many people in Charlie's on a Saturday night in a very long time. It was a great time and I don't think I saw anyone without a smile on their face. To the Crew thank you for all of your help with it, without you we wouldn't have had such a great event.

I hope ya'll have a great March (summer is almost here).

Jeremy

Hello Fellow Members,

Here we are into March. There have been many things happening. I made a trip down to Phoenix for RRRR. WOW, what a great time. 136 contestants and all went off without a hitch. Our old friend MEME made an appearance to help raise money for a worthy cause. From the looks of her, she should have stayed in the retirement home, but the audience really enjoyed her antics. If we are lucky, maybe she'll make an appearance somewhere closer to home (or the home). I would like to see more of our members come out and support our gymkhanas. There are some fun people events like the cucumber race. Watching one of our beloved members, names will go unmentioned, but there just something about Lupita (oops, sorry) and a cucumber that just worth watching. It's all in good fun. Please watch the website for all of the CGRA events coming up. Until next time;

Take care of yourselves, and each other!!

Dave

Southern Outreach

Hello members,

Welcome to March and the start of spring including daylight savings time. Short little note to let you know that during the April gymkhana, there will be a chili cook-off. Put together your best chili & let others judge you against your peers. Fun activity for those with & without horses. That was a big hint for those of you who normally don't come to a gymkhana, to come on out and see what the fun is all about.

Dale K.

Metro Outreach

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. ****

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. 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 Lancasters 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... 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

CD
Membership Chair



Upcoming Events

I was able to book a date for a Beer Bust at the Wrangler, but the only date I was able to get was Pride Sunday, We will be pouring with the FRB, that's the largest Beer Bust of the year, and I will need 20 People, and the FRB will have 20 people as well. Sorry it's Pride Sunday, but it was the only one I was able to have, so I can make my MR. IGRA Requirements by July 1 2010. If you are able to help Please let me know.

Thanks,
Roger Courtemanche

Tracey Lee Sunders is having a her Contestant show for Miss CGRA 2011 on April 10th, save the date.

SunShine Stampede is April 16th - 18th in Fort Lauderdale, Florida! www.fgra.org

[Gymkhana is April 18th at the Jefferson County Fair grounds at 10 am!](#)

Hello Members,

Our February 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, March 14th. 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, 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. We are looking for people to serve food at the gymkhanas. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer your culinary services. See you on the 14th of March for the next Gymkhana of the year.

Jay Hadley

Rodeo Event Chair