

CGRA Newsletter

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Nov 5th General
Membership
meeting @
Charlies at
8pm.

Nov 8th Beer
bust at
Wrangler,
hosted by Tracy
Lee Sanders

Royalty Contest
and Night of
Sharing Dec 5th
@ Charlies .

Poster Contest
deadline is Nov.
30th.

Hello all,

Wow I can't believe that it's already November! It won't be long until Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us.

There are many things going on for CGRA in the upcoming few months. The Board of Directors are working hard on several projects, including Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo! It's never too early to begin planning on our flagship event. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor RMRR I would encourage you to contact Bruce G.

As well I wanted to remind you of a couple of important dates. Our November meeting has been moved due to IGRA convention. We will be meeting on November 5, with the BOD meeting at 6. We hope to see all of you at Charlies for our General Membership meeting at 8! As well CGRA's Night of Sharing and Royalty contest is coming up! Mark down all of these dates on your calendar.

If I can help you at all, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Respectfully,

Roger Japp
CGRA President

RMRR Poster Contest is this month, deadline is Nov 30th

Hello CGRA members

I would like to take this opportunity and say thanks to all the members, that voted for your 2010 board of directors. Just a reminder that we are here for each of you and if there is something that you would like to see from your Vice-President please email me and let me know.

To all the CGRA members most of you know that December 5TH is CGRA's night of sharing, the Royalty Competition, and the Gymkhana awards will all be done at Charlie's from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. We the Vice-President committee are looking for names of anyone interested in being a Judge for the contest so we can present them to the Board Of Directors in the November meeting and the Judges will be selected at that time.

I look forward to serving CGRA's members in the best interest of the organization.

Sincerely
Clyde Mitter
Vice-President

From the Secretary.

Since there's not a lot for me to report to you all, I'll just send a warm hello to everyone out there in our Rodeo family.

I have attended multiple fundraisers that our CGRA Royalty contestants have been hosting. They are doing a great job raising funds for CGRA. If you have not had a chance yet to attend one of their fundraisers, please do so. It means a lot to them that their Rodeo family is supporting them. Congratulations to our recently sashed contestants for the 2010 CGRA Royalty team: Miss – Tracey Lee Saunders and Rebecca Tucker, Mr. – Dan Rutledge. Do us proud by representing CGRA in an honorable fashion!

To those of you who traveled to Finals in Albuquerque, I hope you brought home many buckles! Hope to see all of you winners at our November 5th General Membership meeting at Charlie's at 8pm.

See you all soon.
Rich Valdez.

Through the Snow to WGRF-ABQ

Chute dogging proved to be tough for our CGRA cowgirls. No placings in the first go but they came back tuff in the second with Ty T dogging for a 5th place and Charlene D downing her steer for 8th place. Charlene was in several tuff events but this was her only placing for this rodeo.

Calf roping on foot brought Ty T a strong 2nd place in the 1st go but she was unable to snag a calf in the 2nd.

Barrel racing had very tough competition. No placings in the 1st go but R.C. C came in 7th and Charissa R completed the field with an 8th place in the 2nd go.

R.C. C came back strong in flag race. She placed 3rd in the 1st go and 4th in the 2nd go. These great placings just nudged her to 2nd place for the buckle by only 21 one hundreds of a second.

John B was able to dog his first steer with a 6th place but it proved more difficult in the 2nd go.

Calf roping on foot was the best event for our CGRA cowboys. Justin D captured 1st place in the 1st go. Steve G placed 2nd in the 2nd go nudging Justin D to 3rd while John B captured 6th place. Justin's two placings landed him 2nd to the buckle by only 3 one hundreds of a second.

Break-away roping brought another CGRA cowboy out of the closet. Les S placed 5th in the 1st go and 4th in the 2nd. John B roped ahead of Les in the 2nd go placing him in 3rd place. Les's two snags brought him into a solid 3rd place for the weekend.

The speed events were tough events as expected at finals. John B got 6th in barrel race the 1st go, 7th in the 2nd go and 5th for the weekend. In pole bending, John B got 8th in the 1st go, 5th in the 2nd go and 5th for the weekend. Flag race in the 1st go resulted in a 7th place for Justin D and 8th place for Robert T. Justin D came back in the 2nd go for another 7th place which landed him in 6th place for the weekend. Robert T ended up in 8th place for the buckle.

Team roping proved great for some of our cowpersons. Les S with his partner roped in a 2nd place in the 1st go and a 4th place in the 2nd go. Justin D and his partner proved tough in the 2nd go with a 1st place. Les S and his partner brought back the only CGRA buckle for the rodeo and that was in team roping.

Steer deco, which is usually a strong event for our cowpeople, proved to be another tuff event. CGRA's only placing was Justin D's 8th place in the 2nd go. Wild drag also only had one placing, Les S's 8th place in the 1st go and 8th place for the weekend. There has been some discussion about partners holding their partners on, at least to the finish line.

When the goats came into the arena, there were rumors of having them drug tested for steroids. Regardless of their size, Steve G and Ken S made quick work of their goat and brought a 1st place in the 1st go. Hopes were high but fate was not in the 2nd go when our team dropped to last place and shattered their dreams for a buckle.

Overall, CGRA rounded up 895 points as a team which placed them in 5th in that category. Justin D made up 195 of those points with John B close behind with 180. Les S pulled in a strong 160 with R.C. C and Steve G tied with 95 points.

With the new World Points by events, CGRA was not able to capture any of those events. CGRA still proved to be a strong team and if we could keep all of our animals healthy, we will continue to be even stronger in 2010. Congratulations to all our competitors for their love of the sport

David Hill
Treasurer

Now that the new BOD is seated for 2010, once again I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your membership chair for another year. One of those loose ends I wanted to tie up relative to the membership changes that have been implemented has been the painfully slow process of obtaining and distributing the membership cards. I had an idea to speed that up – and it looks like it will work! YEEHAW! I am ordering the cards pre-printed without name and date. This way, CGRA can always have some on hand to distribute as needed. The name and date will be added (legibly via good hand writing) with a sharpie pen. I just love when something simple works!

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 last few months of 2008 have an expiration date of 12/31/09.
- 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. There is a large list of folks whose memberships will expire at the end of December – essentially everyone who's renewal date was October, November or December. I will send out "renewal reminder" emails to EVERYONE on that list shortly; and, I'll repeat those emails a few more times before I de-activate anyone. 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

Thanks,
CD
Membership Chair

Things are already beginning to heat up for our new CGRA year! Each of our 2010 Royalty Contestants has been busy holding shows to raise money for CGRA and our current Royalty are also working to give a strong finish to their year.

RMRR 28 Sponsor Kits have already been sent to a select group and we're already receiving early responses. The bulk of our Sponsor Kits will go out in early 2010 so please consider your personal and business contacts for inclusion in that list.

To make our Rodeo the success we want we must raise more than \$20,000 from sponsorships and advertising. This kind of result requires the involvement of lots of CGRA members, not just a few. WE NEED YOU to become involved with the Fundraising Committee so we can continue presenting one of the finest rodeos on the IGRA circuit and to provide the strongest possible support to worthy charity partners in these tough economic times.

I ask you to become directly involved in the Fundraising Committee this year. Tough times require creative new approaches and I need your help in accomplishing our goals. Watch for an announcement of a meeting in the near future to discuss plans both for RMRR fundraising and for a chance to brainstorm new opportunities to raise money for our twin goals of supporting the gay Country and Western lifestyle and of strengthening our community through charitable giving.

Bruce Gros
Fundraising Chairperson

Members,

Here we come into the holiday season and this board is starting off well, our members did a GREAT job in Albuquerque at Finals!! I was there to help out with the start up efforts!! Thank you to all that came down to show and support our members in WGFR! New Mexico did a great job is getting things put together and hosting Finals, for those who where unable to attend it was a great time.

This months meeting is this week Nov 5th at Charlies at 8 pm. We are still looking for people to submit entries for our poster contest for Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, remember that the winner will a \$100 cash prize! Our current royalty is starting to wrap up their year and the contestants for the next year are gearing up for the contest on December 5th, we should thank them and support them. If your plans allow please come out and show your support that night for them all. For our Families and members that are traveling to convention Safe travels and returns, and for our Royalty that is going to compete for IGRA the BEST of LUCK we all hope you bring back the Black for CGRA!

Our December meeting is on the 10th.

If you want to place on the calendar of public events please email me at pr@cgra.us by the end of the month prior to the event.

Don Moore
Public Relations

Hello all CGRA Members,

Finals has come and gone, CGRA has lots to be proud of from this past finals, CGRA had Members winning awards, and just being invited to finals is a award it self.

CGRA also had lots of Members working a officials or volunteers, and lots of members in the stands.

All weekend long CGRA hosted hospitality suite at the host hotel, I was told many time, "thanks to CGRA for hosting the suite" with the cost of finals, and the cost of food and drinks, it was good to see something for IGRA being free, CGRA hosted the drinks and IGRA hosted the food all weekend.

In less the two weeks we will be heading to IGRA Convention in Toronto Canada, I want to wish the best of luck to Sally and Pauline as we try to "bring home the three black sashes to Colorado", I know I am as ready as I can be, thanks to all the help I have gotten from CGRA and other people.

Looking forward to 2010, as Entertainment Chair I will be working to make it a Very good year for CGRA.

Thanks,
Roger