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WELCOME FROM THE CGRA PRESIDENT TOMMY CHANNEL

ello and welcome to Denver, Colorado.

We are glad you chose to help celebrate ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO 42 with us. The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is proud to be the oldest continues-running rodeo on the IGRA circuit.

Events such as this are the result of many great volunteers and many hours of hard work leading up to this weekend. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make this weekend a success. The board of directors of CGRA along with our rodeo director, AJ Malcom, have done a tremendous job of producing this weekend's event. A huge thank to all our rodeo officials who volunteer their time, knowledge and experience to assure a safe and fair rodeo competition.

I would like to thank all our great sponsors for their dedication and support of CGRA and RMRR 42. Without your support we could not do what we do. Be sure to note our sponsors an give them any support you can.

A huge congratulations to our Grand Marshal whom we are very proud to have represent our rodeo and community.

I hope you enjoy ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO 42. Thank you again for supporting our rodeo and the COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION.



Mary TABAY 2025 GRAND MARSHAL

In the tradition of "Colorado Rides with Pride". it is with Great Pride that the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association recognizes and honors, Mary Tabay as this years Grand Marshal.

Mary was born in Beaver, Pennsylvania and resides there today. Mary made her trek to Denver and the Colorado area in 1986, when she accepted a work transfer. Mary came to Denver via Los Angeles while working in the airline industry.

It was in 1988 when Mary caught the rodeo bug. She frequented Ms. C's Bar on East Colfax and that's where she met Treva London, who encouraged her to get involved in Gay Rodeo. Mary started out working rodeos as a Volunteer attending her first rodeo, The Pikes Peak United Rodeo, in Colorado Springs. It didn't take long, and Mary was hooked. Mary competed in her first rodeo in 1993. By 1998 she received her first invitation to the Finals and that would continue for the following 6 years.

An avid horseperson she was, but that didn't stop Mary from competing in nearly all the Rodeo events. Mary and of course her beloved horse, who was one of the best, April Mi Cia won multiple buckles in the Speed Events. Mary's outstanding sportsmanship shown to other horse contestants also landed her the Danny Bahr Memorial Buckle. Mary has since retired from competition, but you never know when she'll show up again, as she did in 2023, roping and catching her calf. Mary has continued her commitment to CGRA and the Women Pole Benders out there with years of partnering and sponsoring the Pole Bending Buckle here at the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo.

Mary was instrumental with monumental changes within the Colorado Gay Rodeo Associations history. Back when CGRA had three distinct Chapters, Mary served as the Northern Colorado Chapter Representative in 1988 and 1999. It was in the year 2000 when CGRA merged its' Chapters to be governed by one Board of Directors statewide. At the helm of this historic change, serving as President, there was none other than Mary Tabay. Mary was recognized for involvement with a Lifetime Membership from CGRA.

Mary says, "It all started with just that one person telling her about Gay Rodeo. Creating lifelong friends. Comradery and love of horses". Special thanks to so many and a few that have played a special part in her rodeo career, including, John Beck, Tommy Channel, Robert Thurtell, Dee Zuspann and Sherie Ralston. Congratulations and Hat's off to Mary. On behalf of the Membership of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association we say, 'Thank You' for your continued commitment and support to our organization.

RODEO WEEKEND EVENTS

Thursday July 10th

KICK-OFF PARTY@ Charlie's Denver Country/Western Music 5:00-10:00pm Past, Present, International, Out of State & CGRA Royalty show @ 7:00pm Mini Rodeo on the Main Floor @ 10:00pm

Friday July 11th

Contestant Registration 5:00-7:00pm @ Charlie's Denver Country/Western Music 5:00-10:00pm \$10 Beer Bust 5:00-9:00pm | \$3 Jello Shots

Saturday July 12th

Rodeo @ NWSS Event Center Peruvian Riders, Trick Riders and Charlie's Line Dancers. Live Entertainment in the Atrium

> Doors Open @ 9:00 Posting of colors and Rodeo @ 10:00

RIDERLESS HORSE Vincent Wernsman **BAGPIPE** Desi Hollingsworth

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Country/Western Music and Party @ Charlie's Denver

Sunday July 13th

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> Awards @ NWSS Event Center in the Atrium Awards Entertainment @ 7:30pm Awards Ceremonies @ 8:00pm

RUNNING ORDER Gates open at 9AM

New Contestant Meeting 9:30 AM (Saturday Only) Rodeo begins at 10:00 AM with Posting of colors, National Anthems and Prayer. Calf roping on foot Pole Bending Steer Decorating

GRAND ENTRY (approximately at noon)

Steer Riding Goat dressing Community Goat Dressing Break Away Roping Team Roping Chute Dogging Wild Drag Race Barrel Race Flag Race Bull Riding

RODEO OFFICIALS & COORDINATION TEAM

Rodeo Director: AJ Malcom Assistant Rodeo Director: Tristan Duncan Assistant Rodeo Director: Kody Kay Arena Director: Tim Smith Arena Crew Coordinator: Devon Garcia Chute Coordinator: Carl Schmidt Lead Judge: Tom Sheridan Judge: Randy Edlin Judge: Christopher Tobin Junior Judge: Marcus "Boogie" Hood Secretary: David Hill | Assistant Secretary: Bruce "Grumpy" Roby Auditor: Guy "Porkchop" Puglisi Scorekeeper: Dwayne Rennels Announcer: Tre Brewbaker Stock Contractor: Justin McCarson

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TOMMY CHANNEL





VICE PRESIDENT CHARIS LOREN

I would like to say hello to all those retuning and all of you attending your first rodeo. This is truly a sport that I love and respect and it comes with a family whose heart is even bigger. As your elected

Vice-President this year, along with the whole Board of Directors, we have made many important and appropriate decisions to make the rodeo weekend event better this year. Saddle up the bull and slap it on the tail.



RODEO DIRECTOR

I would like to personally welcome you all to Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 42! I want to thank all of our sponsors, supporters, membership, the board, royalty, The Event Center at National Western

Complex, and all the attendees for helping us make this an unforgettable event. We have all put in some hard work to make this happen.



TRUSTEE

AJ MALCOM

ROBERT THURTELL

As the CGRA Trustee, I WELCOME each and every one of you. Thank you for your support and taking the out of your busy schedules to attend this weekends Rocky mountain Regional Rodeo#42.

Special thanks to all of the Volunteers, Contestants, Certified Officials, Stock Contractor and the CGRA Board of Directors for your presence and help to make this a successful IGRA Sanctioned Rodeo. I truly hope that your experience is memorable.

Regional Rodeo 42! I would like to wish all of the contestants luck, and send out a huge thank you to all of our volunteers, vendors, sponsors and spectators. Your Support will make this one of the greatest rodeos around!

SECRETARY

of Rocky Mountain

I'm so happy to be a part

TRISTAN DUNCAN

TREASURER DAVID HILL

In 1984, I attended my first RMRR. Back then we had Wild Cow Riding instead of

Steer Riding and we had Wild Cow Milking instead of the current Wild Drag Race. But the fun was still the same. Later that year, I moved to Denver and became involved with the Board of the Directors.

It has been a wild ride and continues to be. I hope that you enjoy all of the festivities with Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo#42. Join in, it is a great family of friends.

JOHN BECK

I've proudly been a member of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association since its beginning. Over

RODEO EVENTS

the years, I've seen how inclusive and inspiring this community is. My passion is keeping rodeo's spirit alive by sharing its traditions and values with the next generation—ensuring the Western lifestyle continues to thrive for everyone.

Welcome to the 42nd annual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, proudly presented

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by the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association (CGRA)! We're excited to have you join us for a weekend full of rodeo competition, community spirit, and celebration of diversity in the Western tradition.

KODY KAY



MEMBERSHIP Devon Garcia

As a proud volunteer member of the Colorado Gav Rodeo Association

since 2007 and Past Mr. CGRA 2024, I've had the honor of serving this incredible community for nearly two decades. The Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo holds a special place in my heart—bringing together inclusivity, tradition, and celebration in one unforgettable weekend. Whether you're a returning sponsor or new to the arena, we'd love to welcome you to RMRR #42

PUBLIC RELATIONS SEBASTIAN MATTHEWS

Welcome to the RMRR42! As CGRA's 2025 board member and a contestant,

let me tell you: It's one-of-a-kind!

Whether you're in the stands or in the arena, you're part of something special. Your support helps fund local charities all year long. For the cause. For the community. That's why we're here. Thank you for being here and making a difference. Enjoy the rodeo!

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

BULL RIDING



The rope is treated with rosin and saddle soap for a sticky grip. The stock contractor places a

soft cotton flank rope on the bull to encourage bucking when released. Once tied in, the rider signals to open the chute. They must stay on and in control for six seconds, using one hand to hold on-touching the animal or themselves results in disgualification. Scoring is split: 50% for the rider's skill, 50% for the bull's performance.



STEER RIDING



Steer riding is a beginner event for new cowboys and cowgirls. **Riders** use approved rigging with a flat braided rope, hand grip, and bell

loop around the steer's chest. Steers are less aggressive than bulls, making them ideal for entry-level riders. A soft flank rope encourages bucking. Once tied in, riders signal to open the chute and must ride one-handed-touching the animal or themselves results in disgualification. Scoring is 50% rider, 50% animal. Spurs may be used but must be safe and approved by judges before each ride.

CHUTE DOGGING



This is a fast and skillful event of a Steer verses a Cowboy or Cowgirl. Contestant must lead the Steer from the chute across a 10' line, giving the steer the advantage. Once the judge has whistled the nose of the steer is across, the contestant must use their skill and strength to "dog the steer". This is a traditional safe method to wrestle the steer to the ground, on its side with all four legs clear in the safe direction away from the animal. A times event, the fastest "dog" will win.

CALF ROPING ON FOOT



It is a great event for new cowboys and cowgirls building confidence and skills in the arena. From the

roping box, contestants rope a young calf as it runs into the arena. The loop must pass over the calf's head and catch any part of its body. Once caught, the contestant pulls the slack and releases the rope from their hand to complete the run.



ROPING EVENTS

BREAK-AWAY ROPING



Cowboys and Cowgirls compete in this event with their trained hors, and a calf. They tie the end of their rope

to their saddle horn with a piece of string. Contestant rides horse out of the roping box, and must throw their loop over the calf head and catch any part of the body, slack pulled from the rope, then the break the string that is attached to the saddle horn breaking and releasing the rope, time is then stopped.

TEAM ROPING

A traditional event composed of a team of two Cowboys and / or Cowgirls and a roping steer. A roping steer is extensively trained in this event. One contestant begins from the "header box" and the other from the "heeler box". Contestants ride their horses out of the roping boxes as the steer is released, the header will throw their ropes loop at the horns of the steer, once caught will "dally" their rope to their saddle horn.

They will turn their horse and the steer in a counter-

clockwise motion. Causing the steer's hind end to swing out, so the heeler can throw their loop at the hind legs of the steer. Once the heeler has the loop set, and the steer steps into the loop, they pull slack, "dally" their rope to their saddle horn, back up to contain the steer, and face the steer to stop the time.

SPEED EVENTS

BARREL RACING



Horse and rider compete for the fastest time running a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels set in a triangle. A

running start from the alleyway builds momentum before crossing the timer line. Precision is key—each barrel must be circled tightly without being knocked over. A five-second penalty is added for every barrel that falls, and breaking the required pattern results in disqualification. This high-speed event tests agility, control, and the partnership between horse and rider.

the arena. A pole is exchanged for barrel number three. A flag is placed in a bucket on the first barrel, the rider must pick up the flag, run the pattern around the pole and stick the flag in the bucket that has been placed on the furthest barrel. A running start is allowed.

Disqualification will take place if the horse and rider break the required pattern, miss the flag, miss sticking the flag in the second bucket, or knocks over the second bucket or barrel.

POLE BENDING



Pole Bending is a thrilling test of speed, agility, and precision between horse and rider. In this timed event, the pair races through a zigzag pattern around six equally spaced poles set in a straight line. A running start is allowed, giving the team momentum as they charge toward the first pole. Once the pattern begins, the horse must weave smoothly and tightly between the poles without knocking them over. Each fallen pole adds a five-second penalty to the total time, making both speed and control

essential. Breaking or skipping the pattern results in disqualification. Pole Bending showcases the deep connection and communication between horse and rider, rewarding finesse just as much as speed.

STEER DECO



A fast paced event composed of a team of two, and one steer. First the contestant must bring the steer

across a line in the arena, second the contestant must tie a ribbon on the tail of the steer, the first contestant then must remove a rope from the steer's horns as the second contestant that tied the ribbon runs to tag a timer behind the chute which stops the time.

CAMP EVENTS

GOAT DRESSING



This fast-paced and entertaining event features a team of two contestants, a lively goat, and a pair of men's brief-style underwear:

the teammates must race against the clock to catch the goat, carefully pull the underwear onto its hindquarters, and then sprint back across the finish line, showcasing their speed, coordination, and teamwork in a fun and lighthearted challenge.



WILD DRAG RACE

a team of three and a spirited steer fitted with a halter and lead rope. The team must work seamlessly together: one member leads the steer steadily toward the finish line, another provides crucial support to keep the animal under control, while the contestant dressed in drag prepares for the ultimate challenge—mounting the bucking steer and riding it back across the finish line. This fast-paced event requires teamwork, balance, and bravery, and it never fails to bring excitement and laughter to the crowd. Combining

skill, courage, and a whole lot of fun, it's truly a rodeo highlight that showcases both athleticism and showmanship.

FLAG RACING Horse and rider compete for

fastest time running a circular pattern around the arena. A pole is exchanged for barrel number

SPECIAL GUESTS















Canadian National Anthem Michael Vrooman



CGRA Member since 1993. Past RMRR Co Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director. Mr. CGRA 1995, Mr. IGRA 1996, Rodeo Contestant, Current IGRA Vice President an IGRA Hall of Fame Inductee.

Bagpipe Desi Hollingsworth

Joined CGRA 2024. Won my first buckle in Denver last year. Ended my first season World champion in Women's Bull riding. Also compete in Chute Doggin, Steer riding and calf roping on foot

Prayer Royal Bush

Although Nebraska is my hometown, Colorado is now home. Rev. Royal loves helping people where they are. He has been a community Chaplain since 2008. Today he serves Denver by provide care and services at MCC of the Rockies.

THIS YEAR'S CHARITY PARTNERS

Proceeds from Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 42 go directly to local charities—because our mission is simple: to support and uplift our community. Every ticket, every ride, and every cheer from the stands helps make a real difference in the lives of those around us.

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2025 CGRA ROYALTY

MR CGRA Kody Kay



Howdy! And welcome to Denver, Colorado and the 42nd Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo - the longest consecutive running gay rodeo! I am so fortunate to be representing the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, as Mr CGRA 2025 and the 20yr Anniversary Ms CGRA 2005. Thank you for putting your butts in the seats because without

your support, we wouldn't be able to make the impact we do in our community with our charity partners. So thanks for joining us this weekend! Now, Let's Rodeo!



MS CGRA Jackie Kemp

Welcome to the Colorado Gay Rodeo! I'm honored to introduce myself as your reigning Ms. CGRA 2025! My heart belongs in the arena, and you'll likely catch me riding my stunning grey horse, Rooster. But don't

be surprised if you also see me decorating a steer or dressing a goat—I love every wild, wonderful moment of it! The Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo is more than an event—it's a celebration of inclusivity, tradition, and pure joy. Whether you're a returning sponsor or joining us for the first time, thank you for being part of this unforgettable weekend. Let's rodeo with pride!

MISS CGRA Alisha Wynters



As the newly crowned Miss CGRA 2025, I am beyond honored to represent the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association and our incredible LGBTQIA+ rodeo community. With years of experience in drag and a deep-rooted love for community engagement, I bring both glamour and grit to this title. My reign will be fueled by passion, purpose,

and a commitment to educating others about the legacy and future of the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. I aim to inspire excitement, visibility, and unity everywhere I go — from the arena to the stage. Thank you, CGRA, for entrusting me with this opportunity to be a voice, a spark, and a champion for our cause. I look forward to passing down generations of rodeo culture and passion to all of our younger generations to continue a legacy that has meant so much to so many.

MR 1st RUNNER UP Jameson J. Gayheart



As a member of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo has been the highlight of my summer for the past 6 years. As Mr. CGRA 1st Runner up 2025, I am proud to be engaging and serving the community here in Colorado, representing the connection and inclusivity that the western lifestyle brings to us

all. RMRR#42 promises to be another epic event and I would like to personally extend a welcome our guests, vendors, sponsors, members and visiting athletes (human and animal). Let's Rodeo!

MR 2nd RUNNER UP Steven LeCher



I'm honored to be here representing alongside my 2025 CGRA Royalty team Kody, Jameson, and Jackie We come together in the spectual of Rodeo welcome one and all to Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo from our family to yours enjoy and as Always Lets Rodeo!

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Nick Villanueva	Men Steer Riding
Michael Martinez	Women Steer Riding
Greg TInsley	Men Chute Dogging
Bistro Vendome	Men Calf Roping on foot
Cowboy Chris Trucking (Chris Tobin)	Men Break-away Roping
Rebel Riders Gymkhana Club	Women Barrel Racing
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Kevin Wilcox	Men Pole Bending
MaryTabay	Women Pole Bending
Denver Eagle	Men Flag Racing
Cowboy Chris Trucking (Chris Tobin)	Flag Racing - W
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Door Installations - John Beck	Steer Decorating - 1
Monique Zimbelman	Community Goat Dressin

AWARD BUCKLES

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Assistant Rodeo Director Tristan Duncan

CHUTES

Broken Spoke Wagon Rides #Vybe Buddies

#1 Weekend #2 Weekend #3 Weekend

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