



Behind the Chutes

October 2008

Evergreen Rodeo Association

From our president...

- ★ Elections will be held at our October meeting. Every member who has attended three meetings (or more) in the past year is eligible to vote. Please come help us select the people that will guide our organization and chart the future for our rodeo.
- ★ Lost: Dale's post pounder was misplaced sometime during the rodeo. He used it to pound the t-posts into the ground around the concession area. He had it the last day of the rodeo in the concession area but it never got home with him. If anyone put it in a safe place or might know of its whereabouts please let us know.
- ★ The Parade Committee is soliciting your suggestions for the parade theme and our honorary parade marshals. Let someone on the committee know before their next meeting on October 28th.

Kristy Tolan



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Connie Bally



A few words from our Board Candidates...

I have been an Association member since 2003 and have been ticket chair since 2005. As ticket chair I have tried to create a fun environment for our volunteers so that they keep coming back to help. Without them there would be no rodeo! I have also served the membership and board as secretary for 2008. This has been an incredible opportunity to learn in depth the workings of putting on a successful community event.

I grew up with rodeo as a very important part of my life and the life of my hometown community. I believe strongly that the Evergreen rodeo has become a great community event and I want to help in any way I can to keep it strong and growing. One of the main areas we need to grow is in active working members. We must find ways to create an inviting atmosphere where people will want to join us in putting on the rodeo.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sue Caicedo



I feel honored to have been asked to apply for a position for Board of Directors of the Evergreen Rodeo Association. The last few years as a sponsor and volunteer have grown on me tremendously and I have fallen in love with this historical and colorful event. It is a tradition to be cherished and preserved as a unique celebration in our special town.

As a member of the rodeo board team, I envision working toward steadfast preservation and growth of this western tradition within and outside our community. My commitment to horsemanship in Evergreen is extensive. I am personally involved in training horses and colts, and conducting horsemanship clinics. I promote awareness of the special relationships horses have with Evergreen as editor of the Colorado Corral/Colorado Serenity Magazine. In addition, I have dedicated the last 21+ years to the development of multiple businesses and possess a diverse skill set that has helped me manage a wide variety of endeavors. My extensive business development/operations, fundraising, sales, writing/communications and public/community relations would lend strong contribution to the board. I look forward to the opportunity to participate in this team to guide the future of the Evergreen Rodeo.

Amy Dunkelman

Mountain Homes & Horses LLC.

I currently volunteer for several nonprofit organizations and serve on several nonprofit boards in Evergreen. I have been part of the Rodeo Association as sponsor, member of the Parade Committee, and Webmaster. I firmly believe that Rodeo is the signature event for Evergreen and have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Association members. This is one of the most complex events to organize and I am proud to work with this great team.

The current board would be hard to match in professionalism, vision, dedication and drive. I hope I can help in several areas. As a senior technology executive during my corporate career, I have developed strong organizational skills and bottom line focus, attributes which I think would be of value to the Rodeo Association. I also have some marketing experience for nonprofits and entrepreneurial companies and have experience fund raising (although I am not sure I want to admit it). I'm dedicated to bringing our western heritage and special needs families together through my work with the EPRD Special Needs program and the Children's Western Wish Foundation. I would like to spend more of my time as a board member helping the Rodeo Association work with nonprofits in Evergreen to help meet the mission of giving back to the community that supports us.

Tom Hushen

I am a member of the rodeo association for just one reason – I love rodeos! As a girl I was lucky enough to live near the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo grounds – and I practically lived there during the rodeo (much to my mother's chagrin). I still want to do everything I can to preserve and promote our western lifestyle, including rodeos. I have pursued these interests with my own horse – through learning natural horsemanship and competing (as a novice) in ranch horse versatility competitions. I've taught myself to fix fences and I love helping with the rough stock in the stripping chute during the rodeo. I've served as the newsletter editor for many years and helped coordinate the Mutton Bustin'.

If I am fortunate enough to become a board member, I will continue to work tirelessly to improve and promote our rodeo. The Evergreen Rodeo is so unique – our beautiful setting and "intimate" arena -- but we also need to look ahead to the future and plan for that as well. I have held leadership positions in many volunteer organizations, and have led several of them through long range planning. I look forward to working with other board members and everyone in the association to make the Evergreen Rodeo the very best it can be – this year and for many years to come.

Kim Meyer

September's general membership meeting highlights

- ★ Thanks to Randy Weidner for presiding at this meeting.
- ★ Treasurer's Report:
 - ★ We received the sponsor/advertising payment from Evergreen Glass for \$500.00. That leaves Shirley Septic (\$1,000) and Evergreen Security (\$95) still to pay. We have accounts receivable of \$1,095 for other sponsors or advertising and Kristy is working on collecting them. Unfortunately, we will not be collecting from Go Chevy (\$2,500) or Tanglewoods (\$95). Receipts from Paypal are complete and incorporated into the current financial report. John Orlando noted that Christopher Dodge is interested in a sponsorship next year.
 - ★ We have accounts receivable of \$4,948 for the Buckoff fundraiser and probably will "not" see any more of that money. We received a total of \$9,352.
 - ★ Bob Saffel and Jerry attended the Evergreen Metro District board meeting to address the \$1,396.30 water bill from vandalism at the grounds. The Metro Board voted to eliminate the bill because of the circumstances. We will only be paying the regular water bill.
 - ★ Bottom line for the 2008 Rodeo (as of today) is a loss of \$1,358.17.
- ★ Parade: Ross Seline reported that the parade committee has started meeting. The committee would like input from membership on colors for brochures and theme for the parade. They would also like recommendations on a grand marshal for the parade. Deadline for recommendations is 1/1/2009. Ross invited anyone that would like to help with the parade to attend a committee meeting on the last Wed. of the month at 5:00 pm. The next meeting will be held at Aspen Grill.
- ★ Randy reported that we are still in need of a chair for Volunteers and for Merchandise.
- ★ Kim Meyer volunteered to have the Christmas party at her house. Discussion was held on whether to have a Christmas party or a 1st of the year party in conjunction with a membership drive.
- ★ Elections: Nominations were announced for the three positions coming vacant on the Board. Amy Dunkelmann, Rene Hunter, Tom Hushen, Kim Meyer and Sue Caicedo were nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed.
- ★ Elections will be held at the October meeting. If anyone needs an absentee ballot they should contact Randy Weidner.



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Kristy Tolan
303-674-9668 (h)

Vice President

Randy Weidner
303-370-1428 (w)

Secretary

Sue Caicedo
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Treasurer

Chuck Ridings
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Grounds

John Orlando
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Rex Eaves
303-674-0434 (h)

Marketing

Randy Weidner
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Membership

Nancy Lyons
303-674-7448 (h)
Amy Dunkleman

Merchandise Sales

Open

Mutton Bustin'

Steve Banks
303-679-8770 (h)
Kim Meyer
303-674-6098 (h)

National Anthem

Open

Newsletter

Kim Meyer
303-674-6098 (h)

Pancake Breakfast

Tammy Marshall
303-674-4011 (h)

Parade

JoAnne McGee
303-674-6590 (h)
Ross Seline
303-526-4478 (h)

Program & Sponsorships

Sharon Ryan
303-679-8751 (h)

Queens

Julie Phillips
303-670-1178 (h)

Queens' Banquet

Heather Baird
720-201-4187 (h)

Scoreboard

Rene Hunter
303-670-3955 (h)

Security/Parking

Chuck Ridings
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Tickets

Sue Caicedo
303-670-7732 (h)

Veterinary

Shane Baird
303-279-4893 (w)

Volunteers

Open

Website

Tom Hushen
303-679-1195 (w)

ERA BOARD**Chairman**

Gail Ridings
303-679-4466 (w)

Directors

Shane Baird (2010)
303-670-3778 (h)

Rene Hunter (2008)
303-670-3955 (h)

Don MacDonald
(2009)
303-674-7308 (h)

Sharon Mowry
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John Orlando (2010)
303-674-6607 (h)

Bob Saffell (2010)
303-674-7448 (h)

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303-674-3149(h)

COMMITTEES**Arena Director**

John Orlando
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Banners

Tom Frieling
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Charity

Open

Concessions

Dale Tolan
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Education

Amanda Bodkin
Emily Bowers

Flag Runners

Rene Martin

Fundraising

Open

Upcoming Events...

October 28th – Parade Committee meeting
5:30 @ the Aspen Bar and Grill in the Lakepoint Center

October 29th – Elections and General Membership Meeting
7:00 @ the Ice House

You are always welcome to submit an article or idea to the newsletter. The deadline is the 10th of the month. Contact Kim Meyer at 303-674-6098 or kim.r.meyer@gmail.com.

**In memoriam...
Jim Harvin 1941-2008**

Jim had recently left Evergreen for warmer weather on the Grapevine Ranch in Arizona where he passed away. There was a memorial service for him at the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Someone at the service sent the following description: *"The Memorial where the service was held faced the desert and the Huachuca Mountains in the near distance. There was a well-drilled honor guard who took up the flag from the coffin, folded and presented it to Clarence (Jim's brother), and a bugler who played perhaps the best Taps I had heard in a long time. It was lovely and I know Jim would have approved. ... He died the best way possible - fast, almost on a horse, in the country. We should all hope for the same. We were all very fond of Jim - he really was a special person."*

There was a celebration of Jim's life at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Evergreen earlier this month. We will all remember Jim's gentle spirit and his willingness to help wherever he was needed. He will be greatly missed.

