

Behind the Chutes

April 2009

Evergreen Rodeo Association

From our president...

I have several important reminders for everyone this month...

- ★ I just want to thank everyone for their support and hard work again. I know with jobs and family it can be hard juggling everything. **We do appreciate all of you and all the work you do.**
- ★ We will be co-hosting the **Evergreen Chamber of Commerce Mixer** with US Bank on **May 20th**. It would be nice to have as many green shirts (with Evergreen Rodeo Members in them) as possible to attend this. It is a good way to meet people in the community and remind them the rodeo is fast approaching.
- ★ We will have our regular meeting on Wednesday, April 29th, then **starting on Wednesday, May 13th, we will go to weekly meetings.**
- ★ Come join us for **Team Sorting** at the Evergreen Rodeo Arena on **Sunday, May 3rd**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 per person with a horse, \$17.50 per person if you're just observing. Dave Wolfe will go over the rules and some basics then we will be sorting cattle in the arena. Each person should get five or six runs in depending on how many people we have. After the clinic, I believe we can do some more runs or maybe a small \$10.00 jackpot or something. Should be a lot of fun and we could possibly get something every month or so if we have enough interest.
- ★ Remember to purchase a **Bears Inn Cookbook**. They are really wonderful and part of the proceeds comes back to the rodeo association. I don't want to beat this too much but she is giving us part of the proceeds. You can purchase one for \$19.82 at Bears Inn. **Mother's Day is coming...**
- ★ As always please feel free to contact me with any question, comments, concerns or just to chat

Kristy Tolan



photos courtesy
of Connie Bally

Special Events

Join with other Evergreen Rodeo Association members in our entry in the **Idaho Springs Parade and 150th Anniversary Celebration**. It's on **Saturday, June 6th**, beginning at 12:00 noon in Idaho Springs. We will have a vehicle in the parade, and would like 10-12 horseback riders as well. This is a great way to support our neighboring mountain town and promote our rodeo. If you're interested, or need more information, contact Ross Seline (303-526-4478).



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The **Square Deal Riding Center in Conifer** is sponsoring a **series of horse shows** this summer. Dates are May 2nd, June 6th, and August 1st. The following English and Western classes will be offered: Showmanship, Riding Control, Equitation,

Hunter/Jumper, and Horsemanship. Age Groups are Novice (13 & under), Junior (14 – 18), Senior (19 & up). Entry fees are \$6.00 per class with an office fee of \$5.00 per entrant. For more information call 303.697.1808, email: squairdeal@hotmail.com, or visit the website at www.sdrcshows.webs.com.

Meet Our Members

Shelley Hunter, from Conifer, has been a member since 2004. She enjoys being involved in an historical event and volunteering in her community. She has helped with the parade, merchandising, and in the VIP tent. She works as a fire inspector for the Evergreen Fire Rescue. She enjoys horseback riding, hiking, and home building.



Chuck Ridings joined the association in 2005. He enjoys the work – and has volunteered for almost everything including weed-wacking, painting, and serving as the Treasurer. He says, "Membership meetings can be a lot of fun!?" He sells insurance and is a financial planner. His other interest is golf.

Gail Ridings, a member since 1996, loves the small town, western tradition of the rodeo. "Over the years I've handled sales for the program, worked in the ticket booth, been on the board for numerous years, started the "Celebrity Buck-off", and have gone to the NFR convention." She remembers meeting upstairs at the old Evergreen Inn, with a total membership of 15-20 people. She is the owner of Tallgrass Spa and enjoys riding her two Missouri Fox Trotters, hiking, travel, and golf.

Gail Ridings and Kristy Tolan in last year's parade

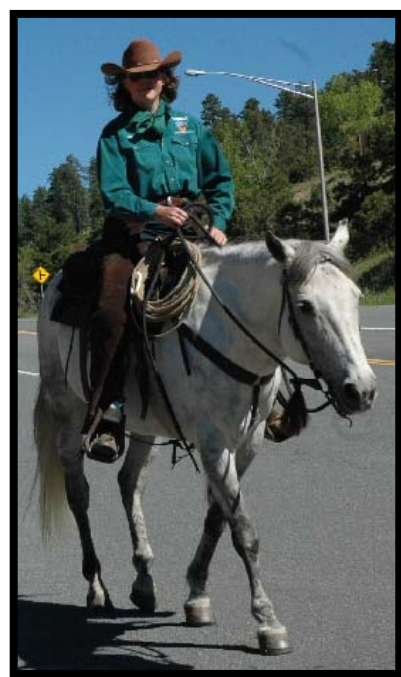
March's general membership meeting highlights

- ★ Treasurers Report – Jerry Toman: Available upon request.
- ★ A painting has been donated by Carolyn Quan. Kristy introduced and thanked Carolyn. The painting will be auctioned off by special silent auction. This auction will need to have a chairperson. Call Kristy if you are interested.
- ★ ProRodeo Sports News reports that Tim Shirley is currently ranked 6th in the world. Hometown cowboy, son of Ed and Mona Shirley.
- ★ Kristy reported that there will not be a specialty act this year. Mutton Bustin' will be held mid-performance and the clowns and bull fighters will perform.
- ★ Merchandise – Jesse Romanin: The ERA Carhart vests are in. There are a couple of extra vests that are available for sale.
- ★ Volunteers – Liz Nordeen: All schedules are now available for volunteers. Please contact Liz to sign up or sign up at the meeting.
- ★ Security – Bob Benefell: Bob reported that the Civil Air Patrol is very interested in helping again this year.
- ★ First Aid - Jodi Benefell: There will be a first aid tent this year in the volunteer tent
- ★ Marketing/Programs – Sharon Mowry and Randy Weidner: Michelle is selling ads and working with the Courier. Kristy requested a flyer for the Queens competition to put in schools, etc.
- ★ Membership – Nancy Lyons and Amy Dunkelman: We welcomed new members: Marcia Fowler, and Bob and Jane Weinberger. New membership books were given out. Please report errors to Nancy. There are many members that have not paid their dues. Their names have been included in the new book; however, if they dues are not paid this year, their names will be dropped.
- ★ Mutton Bustin – Kim Meyer: Dave Marshall, Sharon Mowry, and Kim are working together to schedule the Mutton Bustin' during performances and also as a pre-show event.
- ★ Newsletter- Kim Meyer: Please let Kim know if you are not receiving the e-mail newsletter.
- ★ Parade – Ross Seline and Joanne McGee: If anyone would like to ride in a vehicle/float in the Idaho Springs parade on June 6th, please contact Ross. See additional information elsewhere in this newsletter. Grand Marshals of the parade this year are going to be descendents of original settlers of Evergreen.
- ★ Tough Enough To Wear Pink – Ross Seline: Ross reported on the fundraising campaign for breast cancer and Tough Enough To Wear Pink. This fundraiser will be separate from the TETWP donation by ERA. Sharon Mowry said pink shirts will be available at next meeting.
- ★ Tickets – Sue Caicedo – Trinity Irish Pub and Cactus Jacks will be sponsoring tickets this year.
- ★ Website – Tom Hushen: Tom reported that the redesign is complete. There will be parade application and ticket purchases through the website. Tom asked that all committee chairs take a look at the site and send any corrections and suggestions directly to Tom.
- ★ Queens Committee - Emily Bowers, our 2009 Queen, was introduced.

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Upcoming Events...

- April 29th – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.
- ★ May 7th – Board Meeting at Remax Realtors, 7:00 p.m.
- May 13th – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.
- May 20th – Chamber Mixer at US Bank, 5:00 p.m.
- May 20th – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.
- May 27th – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.
- ★ June 4th – Board Meeting at Remax Realtors, 7:00 p.m.
- June 6th – Idaho Springs Parade at 12:00 noon
- June 10th – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.
- June 17th – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.
- ★ June ??? -- Queens' Dinner
- ★ Friday, June 19th – Professional Bull Riding performance
- ★ Saturday, June 20th
 - ★ Parade in downtown Evergreen, 10:00 a.m.
 - ★ Rodeo performance, 5:00 p.m.
- ★ Sunday, June 21st
 - ★ Slack, 8:00 (not open to the public)
 - ★ Rodeo performance, 2:00 p.m.



“Is there anything more fun than our parade? It seems like the entire town of Evergreen is either in the parade or watching it.” - Kim Meyer