

# Behind the Chutes

November 2009

Evergreen Rodeo Association

## From our president...

- ★ Congratulations to our new board members and officers. Thanks to everyone for their support. I look forward to working with each of you again in 2010.
- ★ I will be setting up a meeting with committee people and anyone else that wants to attend to begin our planning for the rodeo.
- ★ Don't forget the **Conifer Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, the **Christmas Ride on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, and the **Christmas Party at the Ridings on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Keep reading, there is more information about these events in the newsletter.

*Kristy Tolan*

## *Conifer Christmas Parade*

We will have a group of riders in the parade, including our Queens. Contact Paula Bowers (303-265-1715) if you are interested in riding or walking along with us. The parade is **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00. We will gather at West Jefferson Elementary school at 9:00.



## *Christmas Toy Ride*

**On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will be leaving the rodeo grounds at 10:00 a.m. We'll ride through Elk Meadow to Bergen Park's Fire Station #2 (same as last year). If everyone could bring one unwrapped gift for the Christmas Crusade that would be great. This is a great way to remind our children that the Christmas season is not just about getting -- but giving to families and children not as fortunate as us. Feel free to invite people that might be interested in joining the Association. Just let Dave know how many are coming.

Also, Ed Shirley's church is in need of food to give out to families in need. Anything is helpful, but 5 pound bags of sugar and flour are at the top of their list. If you can, please bring some food as well. We won't pack the food on the horses, but will collect it at the rodeo grounds.

If you're not riding, you're welcome to drop off toys and/or food. You are welcome to walk along with us. The total ride is six miles and takes about four hours total. **Dave Marshall asks that you drop him an email so he'll have an idea of how many people are coming** (riding or walking).

*EVERGREEN RODEO  
HOLIDAY PARTY*

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13  
5:30 PM*

*Lucky Penny Ranch  
5801 Bluebell Lane*

*Main Course and drinks provided  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share*

*RSVP by December 10  
Gail and Chuck Ridings  
303-679-3522*



## October's general membership meeting highlights

- ★ **Elections:** Nominees were introduced and each spoke briefly on their reasons for seeking office. A question and answer period followed. Balloting followed with the following results:
  - President – Kristy Tolan
  - Vice President. – Chuck Ridings
  - Board Members for three year terms:
    - Don MacDonald, Ed Shirley and Ross Seline
    - Board Member for completion of Bob Saffell's term (one year): Carl Heckendorf

Kristy thanked Randy and Lee Hetteema for serving on this committee.

- ★ Kim Meyer presented the results of our **Members' Survey**. Contact her if you would like a copy.

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## November's Board meeting highlights...

- ★ John Orlando was elected as the new Chairman of our board. Sue Caicedo will continue as our Secretary and Jerry Toman as our Treasurer.
- ★ Jerry reported that he has obtained the contents of the safety deposit box at Bank of the West. The recorded deed of the property and an old insurance policy were the only contents.
- ★ Jerry will have the committees' budgets for 2010 ready for the January meeting.
- ★ The Board reviewed the results of the Members' Survey. Discussion followed on how to address the following concerns.
  - Define the responsibility of officers vs. the Board members
  - Communicate long range plans to general membership
  - Chairman should give a report at each general membership meeting on the board activities
  - Committee chair meetings should be held outside the general meetings
  - Clarify the purposes of the general membership meeting
  - Our Bylaws will be put on our website, so all members have access to them.
- ★ Kristy talked with the resident neighboring the rodeo grounds addressing his concerns about dirt and asphalt storage on the grounds.
- ★ Dave Marshall reported that Esco has donated over 100 tons of recycled asphalt to the grounds. They also donated a grader and operator to spread the asphalt. This project is completed. We will send them a letter of appreciation and a gift certificate to the Black Hat Cattle Company restaurant.
- ★ The Board approved use of the grounds by the Kids Rodeo Stampede (a fundraiser for Children's Hospital) on June 5, 2010
- ★ Ross Seline reported on the parade committee. Meetings will begin the first week of December. Ross hopes to expand our participation in other parades.
- ★ The Board approved continuing support for the "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Breast Cancer Foundation.

## *Thanks to Our Queens*

Our 2009 royalty, Emily Bowers and Katy Rydzik, will be finishing out their year with the Evergreen Christmas Walk on December 4<sup>th</sup> followed by the Conifer Christmas parade on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Emily will be in Las Vegas for the National Finals Rodeo, December 10 – 12, to cheer on the rodeo finalists and to support the coronation of the new Miss Rodeo America.

Our 2010 royalty, Kari Peterson and Katie White, will participate in the 2009 Christmas Walk as well as the Conifer Christmas Parade.



Emily volunteered on behalf of ERA at the fundraiser for the Evergreen Animal Protection League at the Adobe Creek shops in Kittredge. They had a pet adoption plus pet photos with Santa and carriage rides.

Emily and Katy attended the Mountain States Circuit Finals Rodeo. They promoted our rodeo and cheered on the finalists. They also sold ERA merchandise which actually covered the cost of the booth!

In October, they both participated in the local Hay Bales And Horse Tales fundraiser for the Colorado Horsecare Food Bank at the Evergreen Lakehouse. Emily was a spokesperson for the nonprofit organization and helped make a promotional video. Both Emily and Katy greeted the guests at the event and assisted with the silent auction.

Emily and Katy handed out Halloween candy at Trick or Treat Street in downtown Evergreen at the Queen's sponsor, Evergreen National Bank. Emily said the ladies at the bank got more attention for their balloon boy costumes than Emily and Katy did for being rodeo royalty!

Emily and Kari, our 2010 Queen, have been busy promoting the National Western Stock Show at various events, such as a Rockies game in October and at the Bass Pro Shops in Northfield Stapleton to promote our Professional Bull Riding night.

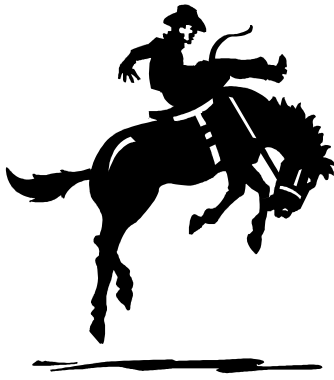
## *A Piece of our History...*

The Rodeo Grounds (El Pinal Arena) was purchased on July 30, 1975 from the Means family and originally financed by Mountain Parks Bank (later Bank of Evergreen) when Gary Brooks was the President and his father, Max, was the original founder and owner of the bank. The original loan was for \$85,000 and it shows being paid off on August 09, 1996. When it was purchased, Bill Lundy was President of ERA and Jerry Toman was the Secretary.

The original guarantor's were Mike & Liz Clifford, Guy Clark, Bernie Goldman, Bill & Betty Jane Warnken, Jerry & Marie Toman, Don Nicholson, Chuck & Anna MacLaughlin, Pete & Judy Rose, Dick Porter, Joe & Elaine Williford, Bill & Rita Valentine and Bill & Nancy Lundy. Some of these folks are no longer with us. Jerry believes that Bill and Rita, Dick Porter and Marie, and himself are the only ones still residing in Evergreen.

from Jerry Toman

<p><b>President</b> Kristy Tolan 303-674-9668</p> <p><b>Vice President</b> Check Ridings 303-679-3522</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Sue Caicedo 303-670-7732</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Jerry Toman 303-674-5096</p>	<p><b>Fundraising</b> Open</p> <p><b>Grounds</b> John Orlando 303-674-6607 (h) Rex Eaves 303-674-0434 (h)</p> <p><b>Marketing</b> Randy Weidner 303-370-1428 (w)</p> <p><b>Membership</b> Amy Dunkelman 303-921-0315 (h)</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events...</h2> <p>December 8<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ <b>December 12th - Christmas Toy Ride, 10:00 a.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party @ Riding's, 5:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>No General Membership Meeting in December</b> date TBA – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>★ <b>January – Evergreen Rodeo Night at the National Western Stock Show</b> Date to be announced. Watch your email for details.</li> <li>★ <b>January 27<sup>th</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b> date TBA – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>★ <b>February 24<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b> date TBA – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>★ <b>March 31<sup>st</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b> date TBA – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>★ <b>April 28<sup>th</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b> date TBA – Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>★ <b>May 12<sup>th</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>May 19<sup>th</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>May 26<sup>th</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>June 2<sup>nd</sup> -- General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>June 9<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>June 16<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>★ <b>Rodeo Weekend – June 18th – 20th, 2010</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Photos courtesy of Jeff Eller.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit our website at <a href="http://evergreenrodeo.com">http://evergreenrodeo.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>ERA BOARD</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b> John Orlando 303-674-6607</p> <p><b>Directors</b> Shane Baird 303-670-3778</p> <p>Amy Dunkelman 303-921-0315</p> <p>Carl Heckendorf 303-674-0340</p> <p>Don MacDonald 303-674-7308</p> <p>Tom Hushen 303-679-1195</p> <p>Kim Meyer 303-674-6098</p> <p>Ross Seline 303-526-4478</p> <p>Ed Shirley 303-697-5035</p>	<p><b>Merchandise Sales</b> Jesse Romanin 303-912-9114</p> <p><b>Mutton Bustin'</b> Kim Meyer 303-674-6098</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b> Kim Meyer 303-674-6098</p> <p><b>Pancake Breakfast</b> Tammy Marshall 303-674-4011 (h)</p> <p><b>Parade</b> JoAnne McGee 303-674-6590 (h) Ross Seline 303-526-4478 (h)</p> <p><b>Programs</b> Randy Weidner 303-370-1428 (w)</p> <p><b>Queens</b> Amanda Bodkin 303-674-3125</p> <p><b>Queens' Banquet</b></p>	
<p><b><u>COMMITTEES</u></b></p> <p><b>Arena Director</b> John Orlando 303-674-6607 (h)</p> <p><b>Banners</b> Megan Mowry 303-674-9705</p> <p><b>Celebrity Buckoff</b> Gail Ridings</p> <p><b>Concessions</b> Dale Tolan 303-674-9668 (h)</p> <p><b>Education</b> Amanda Bodkin Emily Bowers</p> <p><b>Flag Runners</b> Rene Martin</p>	<p><b>Security/Parking</b> Bob Benefiel 303-679-1229</p> <p><b>Sponsorships</b> Sharon Mowry 303-674-9705 (h)</p> <p><b>Tickets</b> Sue Caicedo 303-670-7732 (h)</p> <p><b>Veterinary</b> Shane Baird 303-279-4893 (w)</p> <p><b>Volunteers</b> Elizabeth Nordeen 303-670-8775</p> <p><b>Website</b> Tom Hushen 303-679-1195 (w)</p>	



## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Ice House at the Evergreen Hotel

See Ya There !!!

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