



Behind the Chutes

January 2012

Upcoming Events

January 25th
General Membership Meeting at the Ice House, 7:00 p.m.

February 7th
Board Meeting at Evergreen Fire Station 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
February 11th
Evergreen Rodeo Night at the Little Bear

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From the President...Bob Benefiel

I hope everyone had happy holidays and is having a great New Year. With the holidays behind us, I am looking forward to working with everyone for our 2012 Evergreen Rodeo season.

Dave Marshall organized our Christmas ride and it was great. We had Jeffco Search and Rescue, our Rodeo Queen for 2012, Rachael Cravens, Horse Feathers 4-H and, of course, our Evergreen Rodeo Association members. One rider had a mishap but, after some special care by professionals, was able to go home that night and has made a full recovery. Thank goodness for that! And a special thanks to Barb and Don MacDonald for the treats at the end of the ride and their help in getting everyone back to the rodeo grounds safely. The ride was a great success (if I forgot to acknowledge anyone, I apologize).

As some of you know, my wife and I went to the PRCA National Convention and NFR in Las Vegas. We went to many seminars including Rate Your Rodeo, Crisis Management, WPRA Arena Guidelines for rodeo grounds and the Importance of Contract Personnel at our rodeo. At the convention, I had the opportunity to meet many people in the rodeo business and learn many things that I hope will help guide me as the president of the ERA. With the help of our board and members, I believe that we can make this a great year for our rodeo - and hopefully it will be profitable, as well! If you have any ideas or suggestions for fund raisers please let me know.

While at the NFR, I had the pleasure to represent the Evergreen Rodeo Association, along with Glee Nett and the Western Wish Foundation, in presenting a horse and saddle to one of the recipients of the Children's Western Wish Foundation. It was an honor and a privilege to meet this wonderful young lady and her family and we wish them the best in the coming year.

We also had our second Bull Riding fund raiser — "Evergreen Rodeo Night at the Grizzly Rose" — on January 10. We had the whole bar participating and everyone had a great time. I would like to thank Ross and Dee Seline, Marie van Baal, Kristy Tolan and Shelly Erb for their work getting the event together. We were very pleased to have Joe Hyland of Hyland Cattle Company and J.D. Reasoner as our judges. I would like to give a very special thanks to Joe Hyland who so generously donated \$100 to the 1st Place Winner AND \$100 to the ERA. Thanks, too, to Ed Shirley, who won the 50/50 raffle and donated it all back to the ERA. In addition, thanks need to go to Kari Petersen, Linda Petersen, and our hard hitting PRCA Bull Fighter, Richie Harris, and all the members who came out and made the night such a great success!

Please allow me to congratulate and welcome our royalty for 2012, Rachael Cravens, Queen, and Madison Russell, Princess, to the Evergreen Rodeo Association. I know we will be seeing much more of them as the year progresses.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support. As Ed says, "God Bless Rodeo!"



Evergreen Rodeo Night at the Little Bear

Saturday, February 11th
7:00 to ???

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Evergreen Rodeo Association Fund Raiser at The Little Bear on Saturday, February 11th.

- ★ Tickets are \$20 per person - which includes a delicious dinner buffet. John Orlando will have tickets at the Wednesday, January 25th meeting.

The bands are Strike III and Brothers of the Sun.

- ★ We'll have a terrific Silent Auction going on upstairs. There will be lots of items at all price ranges.
- ★ We'll also have 50/50 cash raffles.
- ★ Do **you** have any items that you would like to donate for this fund raiser (how about a special gift basket you make up for a movie watching night, or one for a gardener's favorite items, or how about a basket filled with items for a special Valentine (which only be 4 days away from this event)?
- ★ Do you have a **contact at a business** who would like to donate something? This is a great way to support the rodeo and advertise to a local crowd. If so, contact Kim Meyer at 303-674-6098 or kim.r.meyer@gmail.com.
- ★ More information and flyers to share with friends will be coming soon via email.

**Let's make this year's event the best ever with tons of
donations and hundreds of attendees!**

Invite your friends.

Spread the word!



Can I Get a Yee-Haw?!

As our ERA President noted, the ERA "Buck Off" on January 10 was a great success and it seemed as if we had every person in the Grizzly Rose on the mechanical bull! We ended up with 43 riders and even had a second go-round. The riders were very competitive with one another, which made the fund raiser that much more exciting. It was so much fun to round up all the cowboys and cowgirls to ride. The judges were excellent and we truly appreciate their help. Joe Hyland was such a generous supporter in donating \$100 to the first place winner, which really helped as

incentive for all those present to ride the bull. We ended up making \$392 for the Buck Off. Yee-haw!!

We had Ross and Dee Seline and Linda Peterson worked their magic in getting so many people to buy tickets for the 50/50 raffle. We cleared \$175 for that effort. Ed Shirley won the raffle and kindly donated it right back to the ERA. And let's not forget that the Buck Off fund raiser held in November netted \$242 from the mechanical bull rides and another \$75 for the raffle. Now, THAT deserves a big yee-haw, as well, don't you think?

Party Time

That would be in the past sense. In case you've lost track because you missed attending the events or have been traveling the world, just a little note to let everyone know that there was a great turnout for the annual ERA holiday party on December 10. It was held at the Ice House and featured a more-than-delicious BBQ dinner for all who attended. The food mixed with good conversations, lots of laughter and heartfelt camaraderie made for a wonderful evening!

And let's not forget the super time everyone had at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo on Saturday, January 14. We almost filled a section of the arena and a few lucky folks even got a free "glow in the dark" loop because we were sitting right next to a group of CSU Alumni to put around their hat or neck or... wherever they wanted to hang it. The day was great for a rodeo - and shopping - as several attendees were spotted taking home items purchased from the vendors. We do know how to have a good time!



Can't do chores
without the coat!

Kristy Tolan helped the rider who took a spill by offering her jacket and somehow came away without it. It's a short, green Carhartt jacket with a hood. Anyone have it? It's an old jacket, has holes in the pockets, but sure is good as a chore coat. If you "saved" it that day way back in December, please get in touch with Kristy at 720-530-4101. Thanks much!



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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 25th - General Meeting

7:00 at the Ice House

Tuesday, February 7th - Board Meeting

7:00 at the Evergreen Fire Station

Saturday, February 11th - Evergreen Rodeo Night at the Little Bear

Wednesday, February 29th - General Meeting

7:00 at the Ice House

Tuesday, March 6th - Board Meeting

7:00 at the Evergreen Fire Station

Wednesday, March 28th - General Meeting

7:00 at the Ice House

For the latest information, visit our website

<http://evergreenrodeo.com>

2012 RODEO WEEKEND

Friday, June 15th

Saturday, June 16th

Sunday, June 17th