



Join The Women of Gay Rodeo...

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Gay Rodeo History



It is a huge surprise to many that the gay community is involved in rodeo, but this being America and the fact that all of us are intrigued with our Western heritage, it only adds to the reality "We are everywhere!"

The gay community has found many creative ways to become involved with America in efforts to overcome the walls of prejudice. The "Imperial Court" system, which is active in many cities across America, asked their "Empress and Emperor" to raise money for charity. It was felt that raising money for the "Muscular Dystrophy Association" would make a statement for both our existence and our concern for our neighbors.

In 1982, the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association heard of Casey's rodeo experience and recruited her to assist with their rodeo team. Casey joined the association and using her past rodeo experience, began training the CGRA's rodeo team. All funding was provided by donations and exhibitions CGRA held in the parking lot of Charlie's in Denver.

In 1983 Casey started the first Chute Coordinator Certification Program. She continued mentoring the Arena Director Certification Program as well as the Judges Certification Program, which were approved by the IGRA Directors. She assisted in writing the first rodeo rules for the Association.

Throughout her 20 years of rodeo involvement, Casey officiated at over one hundred rodeos as Arena Director or Senior Judge. She retired quietly for medical reasons. Casey recalls that being involved with the association was another wonderful experience, and relishes that as a female in those days, she was always treated with respect. Casey expresses her thanks to all those involved in the Rodeo Association saying "You're all wonderful people. Thank you for another rewarding and exciting journey in my life."

Things you can do in IGRA

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Judge

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