



## Cowboy Up

This past October Wayne Carew, 2009's Vice President, Friends of the Games, was able to experience something many of us will only witness by watching old Westerns, and prove that Canada Games' volunteers go above and beyond the call of duty.



Wayne was an invited guest of George Brookman, Calgary Stampede president and chairman of the board at their annual cattle drive. Working with 35 other "cowboys" Wayne herded 245 head plus the yearlings over a seven hour period, a long day for even a seasoned rider.

At the completion of the ride, Wayne spoke to the Council and mentioned, "I have sore parts where I did not even know I had parts!!"

During the ride, Wayne, who is a great volunteer ambassador for the Canada Games, was able to network with over 30 major sponsors of the Calgary Stampede and spread his message of 2009 Games partnerships and the growing importance of the Canada Games Movement.

"The mountains were fantastic," said Carew. "There was snow on the ground in the high country where the ride started and it ended at a beautiful ranch owned by investment banker Rob Peters in Alberta's low country, for wonderful meet and greet opportunities."

A once in a lifetime experience, and certainly proof that as a volunteer Wayne has given his all.

"I may never walk properly ever again.....Yeehaw," said Carew.