





# '91 IGRA CONVENTION DECISIONS

Lots of things going on in Albuquerque the first weekend of August, as IGRA held their Annual Convention. Both on the Convention floor, and behind the scenes afterhours, but perhaps we'll cover the afterhours events later.

On the floor...

## IGRA Expands...

Gay Rodeo expanded yet again as two new Associations were officially seated. The previously recognized Georgia and their South East Association (SEGRA), and the brand new Atlantic States Association which takes our organization all the way to the East Coast and includes our Nation's Capital, with the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

IGRA now includes 22 states Nationwide, plus Washington D.C.

And as we keep expanding...

## IGRA Divides...

It had to happen eventually folks, and will continue to need to happen as we grow even larger. We can't expect California Contestants to travel to Maryland to earn those Finals points, so more Divisions were in order. Lots of "discussions" over whether now was the time, and exactly how to set the Division boundaries. It became obvious that either way the vote went, there would be upset delegates, so AGRA asked for a secret vote, to enable everyone to vote their conscience and not have to bow to peer pressure. Thanks to our own JEFF COON, sitting up front as the IGRA Treasurer, who repeatedly whispered that suggestion to our delegation.

Judging from the discussion we heard, it was the smaller Associations who ruled the vote with a decisive 51 - 17 vote for the new Divisions.

Boundries were set around existing Rodeos, and State Association groups. North/South dividing lines were used to enable winter/summer Rodeos to be held within each Division. Refer to the map in this issue for all the details. In our specific Division (AGRA is now in Division II) we've gained back New Mexico after a years absence, but lost California. We keep Utah, and add Colorado.

## Divides & Separates?

No way, not this year anyway. Also causing quite a commotion was the proposal that Contestants competing outside of their Divisions not be eligible to receive any monies, ribbons, or buckles (they're already ineligible to earn points towards the Finals at these Rodeos).

CGRA's WAYNE JAKINO led the discussion on this one, acknowledging that it was an unpopular proposal, which surely wouldn't pass, but that it was time to start thinking in this direction. The reason being that as we get more and more competing Contestants, we're holding longer and longer Rodeo days, losing some of our audience attention, and burning out our Volunteers and Contestants. All valid concerns, but as Wayne said, not this year. Not one vote went for this proposal, including any from CGRA.

## United at Finals?

Shock of the weekend could have been at Friday's Finals Committee meeting, when Wichita announced that they'd lost their contracted Arena for October's Finals. Seems that word of the Rodeo somehow leaked out to the straight Press, resulting in an article in Wichita's main paper. Unfortunately, even that positive article was a tip-off to the Right-Wing Homophobes in Andover (the suburb where the Arena is actually located) who immediately started a hate campaign against it, and us. All the usual threats about never using the Arena again as the food and bathroom facilities would be ruined if they let us "Diseased Homosexuals" in. The Arena backed out on us.

Wichita assures us that the Finals will go on as planned, and are currently working on plans with the previous Arena's landowner for a possibly even better site, much closer to the Host Hotels.

And just in case there are any future problems as the dates get closer, how about a little luggage tip? Why don't we all pack a couple ACT-UP T-Shirts along with our Wranglers?

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If certain segments of Wichita's population don't WANT to deal with several thousand happy and polite Rodeo Fans, then perhaps they NEED to deal with several thousand cranky Activists? Just a thought in passing as we watch the Anti-Abortionists causing scenes up there right now on our TV sets.

## And Next Year's Finals?

AGRA won the bid! By acclamation! Course AGRA was also the only Association to bid on it, but that's beside the point. Plan on another great party to end the '92 Rodeo Circuit, on October 23rd - 25th, right here in Phoenix.

## So Who Got Convention?

Well, not us. We can't be expected to win everything, though DAN IVERSEN did his best by checking all of our ballots to make sure we all followed Membership's instructions. So much for Democracy in action.

GREG from the Holiday Inn did a great job presenting our case, and our room rates would have been the cheapest, but it just wasn't meant to be.

San Antonio made an equally good case for their proposed site in Texas, but like us, not next year for them either.

Utah was up next with their presentation for Salt Lake City. Lots of information, salt water taffy, honey (the Beehive State, get it?), "Beyond the Zion Curtin" banners, and a fun video by their P.R. and Fundraising Director, KEVIN HILLMAN, featuring the rest of their crew, and the always outrageous MISS WILDA BEAST (who, by the way, was followed by applause and laughter everywhere she went all weekend). Another great job, again no cigar.

The North Star Association was up last, and took Convention '92 honors with their video presentation that began with the old MARY TYLER MOORE Show theme song, and ended with a blond "Mary" drag tossing her hat into the air. President FRANK BOHLANDER and the rest of North Star's delegates put together a fun, energetic presentation that swayed the Convention, and put them over the top on the first ballot. Saint Paul/Minneapolis will be the site, the first or second

week of August, '92. Start shopping now for those LAURA PETRIE wigs!

## ..and Speaking of Wigs...

DAVID ANAYA/MISS HOLLIE WOODS sure had a festive meeting of the Mr/Ms/Miss Committee, judging from the laughter emanating from the room, which interrupted us "oh so serious" delegates next door in the By-Laws Committee.

Was quite nervous making his presentation the next day before the entire Convention, but the humor still shone through. Cracks like "excuse my nervousness, I'm used to lip-synching, not talking", and "oh where's my tape when I need it?". When garbling his words at one point he worried aloud about not getting "any tips here", a comment which immediately elicited tips for him, led off by our own RON TRUSLEY, who went for his wallet so quickly that one has to wonder if he's used to paying for things.

The main change in the Mr/Ms/Miss Contest will be the Announcement of the Winners on Saturday night of the Finals now, instead of Sunday night. This was suggested so that Royalty winners and All-Around contestants could each have their own nights to "shine". Surprisingly (we thought) the initial reaction was that this change would be cheating the Royalty out of part of their Finals Reign and the suggested change was defeated at Saturday's vote.

An evening of conversation and conversation commenced, explaining that the only IGRA Royalty really losing any time would be our current Trio, who were all for the change. The issue, and David, were again brought to the floor on Sunday, where it passed.

A minor sidelight, Royalty members such as HOLLIE and WILDA did such a wonderful job a serving coffee on the Convention floor, and during our meals, that there's a move underfoot to make this a permanent function of future Royalty Members at Conventions.

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## ...Elections..

Three of the previous four IGRA Board Members are back for another term. New Mexico's BOB PIMENTEL as President, and our own JEFF COON as Treasurer, and RON TRUSLEY as Recording Secretary. IGRA's new Vice President is OGRA's SHERYL SCHELKUN.

Vice President's slot took forever to fill (would 87 votes be too much of an exaggeration?). Former V.P. DOUG WAGNER wouldn't let himself be nominated for re-election initially, due to concerns about being able to fulfill his duties with a possible job transfer coming up. The transfer didn't come about at the last minute (Saturday night) so Doug allowed his name to be placed on the ballot Sunday, but by then the field of at least six candidates had the Convention vote so split, that nobody could get the mandatory minimum number of votes to win.

After much back and forth, and narrowing down of the field, Sheryl finally pulled through as the consensus candidate. All good people, should be a productive year for IGRA.

## ..Rodeos..

What do our Contestants have to look forward to next Season?

Well if we'd stayed in the same Division as last year, we would have added a Major Rodeo in San Francisco to our agendas. Since we switched Divisions, look at a trip to San Francisco as a vacation, and do it anyway.

In our own Division II, we'll have our Roadrunner Rodeo in January, Colorado's Rocky Mountain in July, and last year's New Mexico Unit, will be this year's Zia Major Rodeo in September. We're also looking at a couple of Units thrown in for good measure. Don't believe anything is set in concrete yet, but the talk is of a shared 2 Unit Rodeo between Colorado Springs, and our new Tucson Satellite Chapter. And don't forget, AGRA will once again host the IGRA Finals in October.

## Who Pays for all This?

Well, as we all know, we pay for our own, plus a little more as our share to keep the over-all IGRA going. But

more help is on the way, in the manner of International Sponsors. Miller Brewing, our only International Sponsor last year, is helping us out even more next year. Final dollar amounts will depend on the number of Rodeos held, but early indications are that they'll nearly double what we got from them the last Circuit Year, possibly as high as \$40,000. Talks are also underway with Marlboro Cigarettes and/or an overall sponsorship deal with the parent company of both, Phillip Morris (good thing the boycott is over with). Our local Miller Distributor, Shamrock, has been good enough to us over the past year to warrant a special IGRA Award at this year's Convention, which was presented to our local people at the just passed Unit Rodeo Awards Brunch.

There have been several successful ads for our Rodeos placed in the "Advocate" during the past couple seasons, which was started by AGRA, thank-you for asking. So now they're negotiating with us over a series of ads to cover our entire next year's Circuit. They're also putting together a special "Rodeo Fashion" section to hit the newstands in time for this year's Finals. Fashions will be provided by "Sheppler's" clothing stores, so guess who else we're talking to? "Sheppler's"/Denver has already agreed, and have submitted a proposal to their Corporate Offices.

Sent back to the table for further investigation was a proposal for an International Travel Agency to handle all of our Circuit's business. It was decided that at this time, each Association is probably getting better deals from their own local agencies.

## ERNEST GOES TO CONVENTION

The flip-side of "official" Convention business. First brawl of the weekend: was it RON ERICKSON and JEFF COON verbally sparing over missed dinner plans? Ron and LARRY JONES arguing over what draws the crowds to Rodeos? Our own fight with the Hotel staff over a Mini-bar key? No, it was a hilarious, 3:00 AM half-naked, on the floor, tussle between DAVID ANAYA and JOE RUBIO brawling over custody of a brown velour Hotel blanket! They were just kidding... we hope... that blanket was tacky. All of the above occurred Thursday evening, there's not enough room in the newsletter to recount the actual weekend, but here's some one-liners...

GREG OLSON and KRIS EISENHUT, they came,



they partied, they left. Believe we did see Greg on the Convention floor for awhile Saturday. That's all we have.

Busy, busy, busy, was IGRA Vice President DOUG WAGNER. Busy laughing. Sitting up there on the Dais in a baseball cap with the flag of Texas sticking out the top, he bore an uncanny resemblance to JIM VARNEY of the "ERNEST Goes to..." films. Friendly AGRA delegates seated in the front row were more than happy to hold up a sign alerting Doug to that fact. Doug and Jeff then tried to look professional while laughing and falling out of their chairs. KGRA's LINN COPELAND sitting off to one side, and keeping track of delegate counts, looked disapproving while shaking her finger. Turned out later she disapproved of the fact that she couldn't read the sign. TREVA LONDON took up the banner the next day by posting an "Ernest" sign on the Dais in front of Doug for the entire Convention to see, except for Doug, took him two hours to notice it.

JOHN KING and ERIC SMITH missed one day's post-Convention happy hour in the Lobby. Said they were in their room watching MADONNA's "Truth or Dare". We're sure that John has just been dying to see that movie, also wonder if Eric watches all movies dressed only in a towel?

KGRA's LINDA FRAZIER, and her sense of humor, put everybody in a better frame of mind continuously over the weekend. We should make it mandatory that Linda attend every meeting ever held from now on.

NMGRA's ERIC SENFF also a great help with our last minute copy needs... twice. Don't know how he kept in good spirits if we were all doing that to him. 'Course we heard that he slept in Saturday, which must have helped.

Poor DAN IVERSEN, must have been having bladder trouble all weekend. Seemed like he was running to the bathroom every five minutes at "The Ranch".

IGRA President, BOB PIMENTEL got quite a shock at a Friday meeting. Looking over Jeff's shoulder (who was reading the last issue of the Branding Iron instead of paying attention) Bob saw the headline "Gay Rodeo Gets Plugged, Bob Pimentel Doesn't". We're confused as to why he wandered around the rest of the weekend saying that "he owes us one". After all, we did cut that story about his possible trick in Oklahoma City.

Equally confusing was CGRA's RUSS BLEAKNEY. He gave great By-Laws on Friday, while holding down the meeting for a late arriving RON TRUSLEY (who claimed that a combination of problems caused him to end up sleeping outside of town in a cheap motel on

Thursday night... oh SURE Ron!). Russ also played Parliamentarian all weekend. What confused us was Thursday night. Why do you suppose that he got off the Hotel shuttle from the Airport, turned and looked at us (on the same shuttle) and exclaimed, "well, I must be in the right place!"?

HOLLIE WOODS looking dropdead gorgeous during her appearance at Saturday's Dance Contest, draped in hundreds of dollars worth of sequined gown, bought that day. How'd she get the price so low on that anyway? Hollie spent the rest of the weekend in a snit caused by the scene we witnessed on Friday when a cute Hotel Bellboy made an obviously successful pick-up of an equally cute Customer. Wasn't one of our group, and wore a wedding band to boot, so her reason for the snit was the Bellboy picking up straight clientele. Equal reason for the major attitude thrown towards the Bellboy the rest of the weekend was a sort of "how dare they pick each other up when there are probably a hundred Gay guys available on the premises!" And we agree.

Most confusing of all, was the puzzling case of CONSUELA RODRIGUEZ. She did a wonderful version of WHITNEY HOUSTON on Saturday night, in a dangerously low-cut, strapless, and also sequined dress, yet still had cleavage. Just when we thought we had it figured out that Consuela was actually a Hispanic, Gay, male, are we now finding out that she's in reality a Black, Female, Lesbian?!

And so went this year's Convention.





# SAGUARO REGIONAL UNIT RODEO RESULTS

## DONNA BELL, ANGIE DARNELL, GREG OLSON TAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It's come and gone, IGRA's first Rodeo held as "An Evening Experience". Pretty successful too, as far as early indications go. Just over 1,000 paid admissions was what we were hoping for, and got. Will still end up with an approximate \$1,000. loss though, so you need to bring more friends with you next year. Still, everybody seemed to have a good time, and our most important goal was realized as dozens of Contestants, and one horse, earned more points towards their Finals Invitations. One horse? Yup. During Saturday's Pole Bending Event, the bridle broke off of GREG OLSON's horse J.J.. Didn't stop J.J. for a moment though, who continued to successfully complete the pattern, coming in first, and winning the Buckle for that day. And we always thought Greg was the smart one of that team! Congratulations to all the below listed AGRA Members who placed top five!

### FRIDAY NIGHT

#### Steer Decorating-

- 1st - Woody
- 4th - Jay Anderson  
Garic Coleman
- 5th - Dan Iversen  
Greg Olson

#### Chute Dogging-

- 1st - Angie Darnell  
Greg Olson
- 2nd - Donna Bell

#### Goat Dressing-

- 1st - Woody
- 2nd - Michael Royer  
Rob Sherr
- 4th - Dan Iversen  
Greg Olson

#### Steer Riding-

- 1st - Candy Bell
- 2nd - Donna Bell  
Greg Olson  
Jeff Schroeder

#### Bull Riding-

- Only Placer - Greg Olson

#### Wild Drag Race-

- 1st - Shirly Boursaw
- 2nd - Angie Darnell  
Jim Siegel  
Eric Smith
- 3rd - Jay Anderson  
Garic Coleman  
Tana Copeland
- 4th - Mike Cheatwood  
Irene Miller  
Gary Stacherski
- 5th - Colleen Barry

#### Buckles-

- Bull Riding - Greg Olson
- Chute Dogging - Angie Darnell  
Greg Olson

#### Goat Dressing - Woody

#### Steer Decorating - Woody

#### Steer Riding - Candy Bell

#### Wild Drag Race - Shirly Boursaw

#### Women Champions-

- Overall - Angie Darnell
- 1st Runner-up - Donna Bell
- 2nd Runner-up - Candy Bell  
Tie - Shirly Boursaw
- 3rd Runner-up - Tana Copeland
- 4th Runner-up - Irene Miller

#### Men Champions-

- Overall - Greg Olson
- 2nd Runner-up - Woody

### SATURDAY NIGHT

#### Team Roping-

- Only Placer - Greg Olson

#### Barrel Racing-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 3rd - Donna Bell
- 5th - Glenda Chamberlain

#### Calf Roping on Foot-

- Only Placer - Donna Bell

#### Pole Bending-

- 1st - J.J. the Wonder Horse
- 2nd - Angie Darnell  
Kris Eisenhut
- 5th - Donna Bell

#### Break-Away Roping-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 2nd - Angie Darnell

#### Flag Racing-

- 1st - Donna Bell  
Kris Eisenhut
- 3rd - Angie Darnell
- 4th - Danny Clouse  
Marlana Young
- 5th - Tommy Read

#### Wild Drag Race-

- 1st - Donna Bell  
Dan Iversen  
Greg Olson
- 2nd - Bob Cahall  
Chuck Greiner  
Teri Rowe
- 3rd - Kris Eisenhut  
Bob Fields
- 4th - Woody

#### Buckles-

#### Barrel Racing -

- Greg Olson
- Break-Away Roping-  
Greg Olson
- Calf Roping on Foot-  
Donna Bell
- Flag Racing-  
Donna Bell  
Kris Eisenhut
- Pole Bending-  
J.J. the Wonder Horse

#### Team Roping-

- Greg Olson

#### Wild Drag Race-

- Donna Bell  
Dan Iversen  
Greg Olson

#### Women Champions-

- Overall -  
Donna Bell
- 2nd Runner-up -  
Angie Darnell

#### Men Champions-

- Overall -  
Greg Olson
- 1st Runner-up -  
Kris Eisenhut
- 4th Runner-up -  
Dan Iversen



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN REDO

We just don't know about using LARRY JONES' secretary, DAN IVERSEN, to gather information on Rodeo Event winners. Seems we missed two people in our listing of Denver's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Winners last month. Perhaps the Rodeo Contestants should take up a collection so the Corresponding Secretary can go to San Diego and get the results himself? We can see it now, Fundraisers for a "Travel Fund".

Missing in last month's listings were...

Candy Bell - 1st - Wild Drag Race  
3rd - Steer Riding  
Woody - 3rd - Wild Drag Race

Congratulations Candy and Woody, and our apologies for omitting your names last month. Did we do better with Saguario Regional Unit results?



# TUCSON SATELLITE A REALITY

Hopeful plans for the future became reality at our August 12th General Membership meeting as Tucson became the first Satellite Chapter of AGRA.

What began as half a dozen members several months ago, snowballed in the last couple months to 29 Members, lots of new help at our recent Saguario Unit, and tentative plans for holding next year's Unit in Tucson.

Don't want to snub any people who helped out down South, but would like to give special thanks to MIKE BUTRYMOWICZ, and BILL DARNELL, who have done an awful lot of back and forth traveling getting this Satellite set-up.

Special thanks also to our by-laws Wizard, RON TRUSLEY, who sat down with Tucson Members, and JAMIE SARAGOSA, to quickly hammer out the needed changes to our by-laws, and enable the Membership to approve Tucson's "seating" two months before we thought it possible.

The changes, by the way, will be sent to you with your next issue, for inclusion with your by-laws packets.

Congratulations Tucson, and welcome to the "Club"!

# ATLANTIC STATES

Officially seated at our Annual Convention was the new Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association.

Current AGRA Member (who recently transferred to Washington D.C.) LEWIS SANDERS is helping to get things rolling out East.

Encompassing the States of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, ASGRA already has 88+ Members.

Their original 13 month plan to become officially seated was rushed through in just two weeks, lot of energy for Gay Rodeo out East we'd say.

Up next? They're currently working on plans for a Major Event to coincide with the 1993 March on Washington D.C. for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. Welcome ASGRA, and good luck!

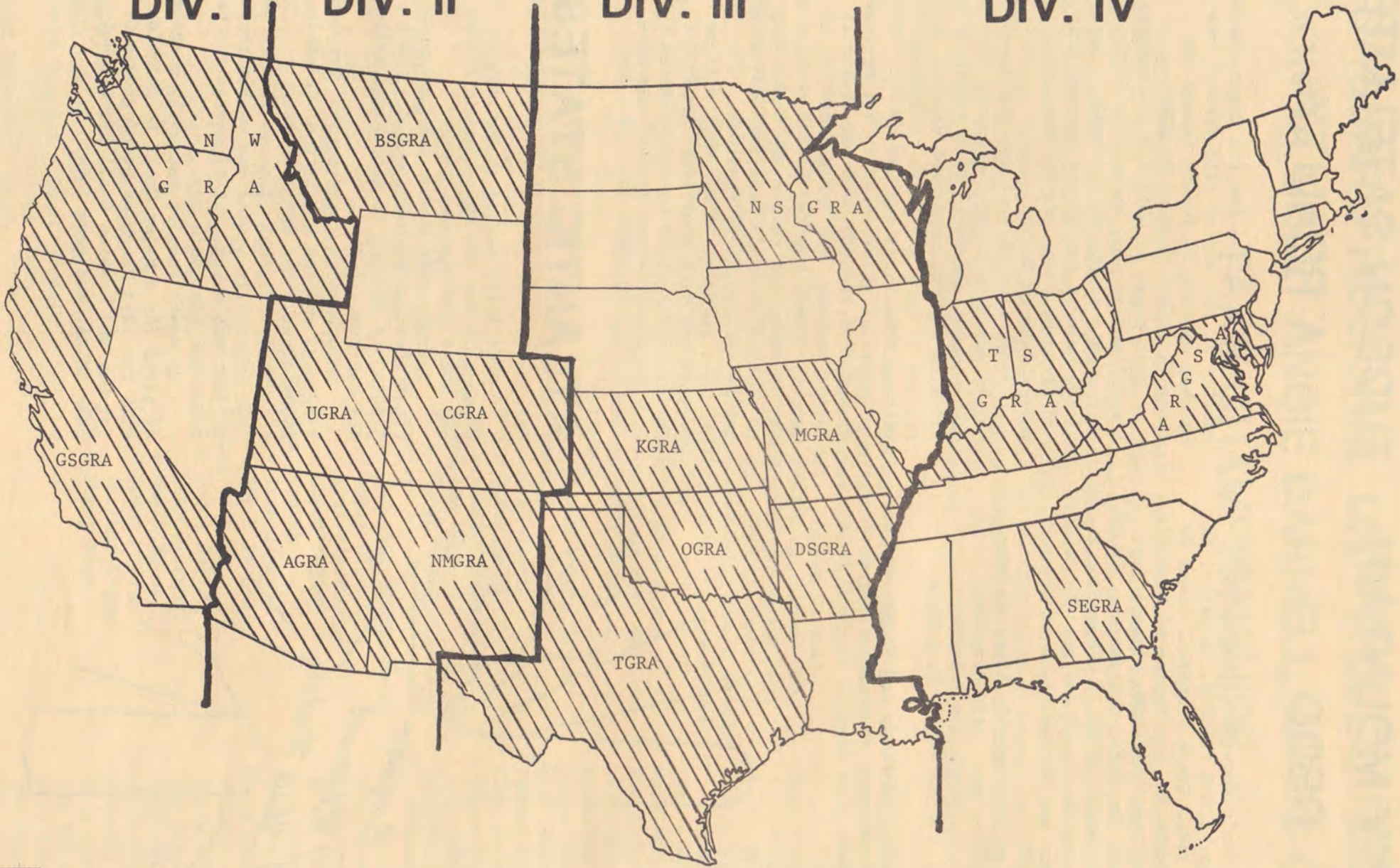



DIV. I

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DIV. III

DIV. IV



 - IGRA MEMBER STATES

Divisions III and IV will operate as Division III until such time as Division IV establishes themselves by producing two Major Rodeos.



# THANKS TO ALL

Fundraising Director, WOODY, has lots of people to thank lately.

"Charlie's", and "Wink's" for their brunches and turn-a-bouts leading up to, and during Saguaro Regional Unit Rodeo. And "Bobby's" for hosting our recent "You Be Ugly Drag" Contest Fundraiser.

LARRY "REBA LORETTA" JONES took first place in the You Be Ugly Drag Contest (this is an honor?) with ROB SHERR placing third. Non-Member ALLEN also gets our thanks for placing second while supporting AGRA. Main entertainment for the evening apparently was provided by Larry, GREG OLSON, and KRIS EISENHUT, who according to sources were "major, big-time, out of control, messes"! A great time was had by all. Thanks MARQUESSA for trying to keep control.

Besides the bar's staffs, and several Board Members who helped out (course we should be at these things automatically shouldn't we?) we're extremely grateful to see our list of volunteers starting to grow for these events.

Busy helping in the last month's events were JAY ANDERSON, TONY DeLUCA, PHIL LOOBY, BRETT NELSON, TOMMY READ, ERIC SMITH, and BILL WYMAN, along with current AGRA Miss Contestants JACQLINE De SAVOI, TAMMI FISCHER, PUSSY LeHOOT, and VICTORIA LONDON.

Is there a downside to all of this fun camaraderie? There can be. Take the case of Tony and Brett. They worked a Brunch on Sunday, came and helped set-up and operate the Rodeo the following Friday. Returned for more on Saturday... and got stuck at the script table for twelve hours with no break. Lack of available Volunteers. Thanks guys, we really appreciate your dedication, and won't blame you if you "hide" from us for awhile.

Let this serve as a not-to-subtle hint for the rest of us Members, AGRA needs our help in the future!

Please, call Woody and volunteer for a few hours of fun at one of our next Fundraisers. #973-5833. And we Thank-you!



# WE'RE SO PROFESSIONAL PART II

Remember last month when we told you that we arrived at the Denver Rodeo results by having DAN IVERSEN, and KRIS EISENHUT go through GREG OLSON's bag of ribbons, as well as their memories?

In spite of the problems that can cause (Dan always feels real bad when he accidentally omits someone), it does point out something that we perhaps need to keep in mind more often.

That is, we're NOT a "professional" organization. We're just a bunch of normal folk, who band together for the fun of it, and do whatever it takes to get our Events/Needs taken care of.

And we wouldn't have it any other way! That's the fun part. And since we always need more help, from more people, maybe we need to point out our "non-professionalism" more often so you can see how easy it is to become more involved.

For instance, IGRA requires us to have a set number of vests for Rodeo Arena Personnel, in many different colors. Did we run out to the "Professional Vest Makers Corporation" to meet these regulations?

Heck no! Dan called up his Mother, who bought the proper amount of material in each color, and is sewing them herself for us.

Thanks MRS. IVERSEN, for keeping us "So Professional"!



# AND THE SURVEY SAYS!

Did you automatically go into a RICHARD DAWSON/Family Feud tone of voice while reading that headline?

We're real happy with the response to date on the surveys included with last month's issue. Approaching a 30% return now and still coming in. If you haven't gotten around to returning yours yet, please take a minute to do so, and let us know your thoughts on AGRA. Full results will be printed in a later issue.

In the meantime, we've gotten some interesting comments and questions on some of them that were sent anonymously. These concerns deserve answers, and since we can't get back to the writers directly, we thought we'd try to answer them through a "letters to the Editor" type format. Figured we'd have to do this eventually anyway, as every issue's delivery is followed by threats from HOLLIE WOODS to write a nasty letter to us, though we can't figure out why, it's our own personal opinion that we treat her like GOD. This month's "letter"...

Dear Cute, Adorable, Charming, Little Editor in the Garanimals Wranglers Outfit, ... (Since we're setting up the format, we can refer to ourself any way we please)..

"Read about "Mother" - If you read the Board Member by-laws, it states if a Board Member misses 3 meetings he/she will be dismissed from position, why is it acceptable for "Mother" to have a "sit-in" and still hold post?"

Dear Survey Respondent,

The operative word in the By-Laws section that you refer to (pg. 10, Article VI, Removal From Office) is "... MAY be removed from office..."

In discussing the "3 consecutive meeting" clause, the current Board felt that that too was to give them a wider latitude and more options in making sure that each individual Board area was functioning properly.

For instance, if the Corresponding Secretary was missing numerous meetings, but still getting out the newsletter, he could claim that he was still doing his job. Missing so many meetings though, could result in a less than correct, and up-to-date newsletter, in which case the Board could invoke the "3 consecutive meetings" clause to help get that area back in order.

In RON ERICKSON's area, the Board feels

that there are no such problems. Ron is already well into the planning needed for January's Rodeo. The set has been designed, sound and lighting ordered, and a general schedule of events is already in place. In addition, his Dance & Entertainment Committee remains intact, with each individual person working on their own particular area of expertise. With JOE RUBIO "sitting-in" at Board Meetings, Ron and the Board will not only have constant up-to-date information flowing back and forth, but will also have an excellent contact to keep the Mr/Ms/Miss Contest going smoothly.

As the activities inside the hall are so important to the overall "draw" of our January Rodeos, the Board feels that changing a Board Member two-thirds of the way through the year could have been a mistake, and certainly would have been an unnecessary hassle since "Mother" has volunteered to return in January to complete the Rodeo, and finish up his term.

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## 'BITS'

MR AGRA, JAY ANDERSON, being sent to St. Louis by his law firm for an investigation. Possibly followed by a Chicago trek for up to two months. Jay promises to be back in time to represent us at the Finals.

JOHN TRAVOLTA and his "fiance", actress KELLY PRESTON, expecting a baby? Wonder who the father is?

Previous AGRA Member, and new ASGRA Member, LEWIS SANDERS is now living in Washington D.C., and driving the Sheraton Corp. crazy (the reader will remember that he recently drove the Biltmore to closure). Not wanting any of us to regain our sanity in his absence, he asks that you call us (that would be Tim at #892-1183) for his address, so we can all stay in touch. Don't know why he



# MORE "BITS"

didn't want his address printed here.

DINO ROSIE has collected more than a title and a sash this time. Look for his several page spread in the latest Advocate Men. Oh Dino, we're so embarrassed! Which we suppose is a little easier to deal with than being "bare assed".

DAN IVERSEN raising money for the LINDA NADOLSKI campaign taking pledges on that new "stair-step" exercise machine from Hell. Well, barely making money for Linda, as he didn't know he'd been "volunteered" and was in full Cowboy Drag that evening, totally unprepared. Still, \$295. was better than the rest of us did. This "Gay positive" candidate raised \$3,500. that night towards her campaign for Phoenix City Council.

Anyone notice JEFF COON laughing a little less these days? Perhaps that's a result of an episode later in the afternoon of the Awards Brunch. At that time he was laughing out loud and throwing his head back and forth when he literally flung his teeth out of his mouth! They went skittering across the floor and under a pool table, with a horrified Jeff running after them.

Our Dance Contest couples went to, but did not conquer, Albuquerque and the Convention's International Dance Contest. California and Colorado took first place honors in both the Pro-Am, and Amateur categories, but our guys sure did look good out there on the floor.

Thanks much to JACK ADDINGTON, JIM BETZ, ED S., and TIM VERSLUYS for making us proud. Hope you all had a good time!

"Charlie's" Mini-Rodeo was a hoot. Tug-of-War team of JEFF COON, RON ERICKSON, and JOHN KING had a combined total of 143 years of Homosexual Creativity Experience between them, and could still only come up with the team name of "trio"?

The much younger, and prettier, trio of GSGRA's JERRY HUBBARD, PATRICK KEARNEY, and our own WOODY were also much more creative with their name, "Sister Girl Ann and the Holy Whores". They only managed to place third, but we mention them here anyway as Jerry and Patrick wanted their names in print to hang on the wall. Don't know about Patrick, but from the ongoing chants at Sunday's Awards Brunch, we do know that Jerry and Woody are "Nellie! Nellie! Nellie!" Think this'll still go up on the wall?

# MEMBERSHIP

## BREAKS RECORD

175 people and counting, makes this year the largest that AGRA has ever been in it's history, thanks in large part recently to our surge in Tucson Memberships. Also five new California people that we picked up during our Unit Rodeo. May lose them to GSGRA during January's renewals, or maybe not, at least one was overheard saying that we're more fun! Please Welcome...

Jim Baran - Tucson  
Jackson Dallas - Alias - Tucson  
Shirly Boursaw - Phoenix  
"D.C." - Alias - Phoenix  
"K.C." - Alias - Phoenix  
Mike Cheatwood - CA  
Chip Crimble - Tucson  
Ken Davis - Tucson  
Scott Doty - Tucson  
Deb Flock - Tucson  
Eddie Gallego - Tucson  
Frank Gallego - Tucson  
Mario Garcia - Tucson  
Chuck Greiner - Vegas  
Bob Janssen - Tucson  
Jim Joplin - Marana  
Doug Jordan - Tucson  
George Kaminski - Tucson  
John Klein - Tucson  
Bill Ladd - Tucson  
Gil Leon - Tucson  
Tom Maza - Tucson  
Bill McAnerny - Phoenix  
Irene Miller - CA  
Mark Miller - Tucson  
John Murphy - CA  
Dick Nelson - Phoenix  
Tom Novakowski - Tucson  
Jeff Ofstedahl - Phoenix  
Jeff Parker - Tucson  
Evelyn Rios - Tucson  
Teri Rowe - Gilbert  
Michael Royer - Phoenix  
Richie Sellers - Phoenix  
Sally Sellett - Glendale  
Ron Shaw - Tucson  
Jim Siegel - Phoenix  
R.S.K. - Alias - Phoenix  
Kathy Smith - Phoenix  
Gary Stacherski - CA  
Sean Thomas - Tucson  
Scott Tickler - Phoenix  
Drew Washington - Phoenix  
Marlana Young - CA



# UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 8th	Sunday - Board Meeting 3:00PM - "Charlie's"
September 21-22nd	Weekend -
September 8th	Sunday - Board Meeting 3:00PM - "Charlie's"
September 8th	Sunday - General Membership Mgtng. 5:00PM - "Charlie's"
September 21-22nd	Weekend - Pike's Peak Unit Rodeo Colorado Springs, CO
September 22nd	Sunday - Board Meeting 3:00PM - "Charlie's"
September 27-29th	Weekend - San Diego Chapter Rodeo San Diego, CA
September 27-29th	Weekend - Names Project Quilt Civic Plaza, Phoenix

Remember: Please bring a non-perishable food item to the General Membership meeting on the 8th for our Valley PLWA's.

