

THE BRANDING IRON

PHOENIX CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Here we all are in a new year with two new boards, and wrapping up another successful Road Runner Regional Rodeo. I am so proud of our organization when I get to see it in action and I thank each of you who attended, and/or volunteered as a part of this rodeo. It looked great, the feeling in the air was one of family and friendship and as an association you were all wonderful hosts.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kind words since the election. I appreciate and am humbled by the support of our association and look forward to the challenge of being your chapter president. I do not expect for this to be an easy job, but because so many people have helped clear the path for me, I am confident that I can and will succeed in this position. My basic job as chapter president is a relatively simple affair. Our by-laws make presiding over all chapter meetings, assuring that all orders and resolutions of the State Board be adhered to, and with the permission of the Chapter Board to appoint the chair of all Member Chapter committees my specific duties. My personal goals for this position obviously include these responsibilities, and some items I hope will be of interest to you:

1. I hope to extend our hand in friendship to other areas outside the immediate Phoenix city limits. Even though we are the "Phoenix Chapter," I believe we need to do our part to insure that the State organization has the opportunity to be a truly Statewide Organization.

2. So many of us go to multiple rodeos in a year, and I am happy to say that we all get along pretty well. This is a great foundation for us to mount a real attempt at bringing the "Spirit Stick" back to its original home, AGRA. The spirit stick is a visible symbol of an association that works, and plays together. Let's bring it home.

3. I will be asking our Chapter Board for permission to set up a "Convention Bid Committee." This committee will have the opportunity to explore what it would take to bring the IGRA and all its member associations to Arizona for its annual convention. In a way I look at the opportunity to be your Chapter President as a challenge. Now I challenge each of you to help me with these three specific goals, and know that I am open to hearing your personal goals for our association. Let's move forward in a positive direction hand in hand.

Woody Howard, Phx Chapter President 2001

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And More...

Due to technical difficulties, this month's Branding Iron will be sent out a few days late. We apologize for the inconvenience

FROM THE P.R. DIRECTOR

Congratulations to all on a successful 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. It turned out to be a great weekend. Congratulations to Chuck Browning, a double buckle winner and who placed 5th in all-around Cowboy. Brian Helander, Candy Bell, & Popper DuBray who all earned buckles. Candy also placed 5th in Wild Drag with her 2 partners from GSGRA. And hats off to Will Lann who placed 3rd and 5th in two events, Angie Darnell who placed 2nd & 3rd in two events plus 4th in all-around Cowgirl; Lester Liu who placed 8th in Steer Decorating with his partner from IDGRA, Claire Miller who along with Chuck and Brian placed 8th in Wild Drag Race.

AGRA finished second in the total points accumulated for the weekend, surpassed only by GSGRA. Yahoo!!!!!!!

Congratulations to the 2001 Royalty. Congratulations to Miss AGRA 2001 Suzanne Targe't (a.k.a. Woody Howard). More congratulations to 1st runner up Ms. Marcus (a.k.a. Markus Allen) and 2nd runner up Noel Christine (a.k.a. Tommy Pena). Congratulations to Gaylia Young for winning the title of Ms AGRA 2001. Thank you all so much for the entertainment you provided for the crowds over the weekend and all your hard work and fundraising all year.

And thanks to all the volunteers who braved freezing cold weather to give up so much of their time to make sure that once again the Road Runner Regional Rodeo was a success.

This year I would like to keep AGRA as visible as possible. One way to start is by being an entry in the AZ Central Pride parade this April. I would like as many members as possible to join in this event. One a possible scenario is the 2001 Royalty in cars, followed by contestants, either on horse (it's been done before) or foot, followed by the remaining membership. If we get enough of the membership to walk (25-30 of us). Linda Hoffman has suggested we could carry the 50 state flags as is done in many Gay Pride parades throughout the country. (One person can carry 2 flags I'm told as they attach to waist holders.) This would be great exposure for AGRA at another important community event.

Let me know what you think. If you are interested please email me at rleone1@qwest.net.

Ric Leone, P.R. Director

A WORD FROM MISS IGRA 2001

I would like to thank everyone involved with AGRA for one of the best years of my life. Thank you all so much for allowing me the opportunity to represent you as Miss AGRA for the second time. Without all of your support, I could never have achieved my goal of winning the title of Miss IGRA 2001. I intend to do my best in representing my title and doing you all proud! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank a few individuals that have given me more than just encouragement:

Mr. Thom Rowley, thank you so much for thinking that I was entertaining enough to host the Dance Hall activities for all those years. Thanks to you, I have been asked to MC at events all over the country. All of the laughter that I have caused is due to your belief in me.

Bob Pimentel, thank you for letting Lacey and I put on a wonderful pageant that made so many people happy.

Ron Trusley, thank you for letting me have my year on my terms.

Brian Helander, thanks so much for helping me out with my horsemanship video. Without you and the Lone Mountain Ranch, I would have been on a stick horse running around the arena.

Chuck Browning, thanks for going to bat for me. Listen for me in L.A.

Marque Bobier, what can I say. You ARE the Eternal Empress.

And to the newly crowned 2001 AGRA Royalty team; thank you all for believing in this organization and yourselves. It took a lot to do what you all did. Bless you all. And once again, to AGRA, thank you.

**Sincerely, Scott Tickler a.k.a. Victoria London
Miss AGRA 2000, Miss IGRA 2001**

NO HOT TUB REPORT

In case any of you are wondering: the answer is NO I haven't recovered from the rodeo. My house still looks like some single wide trailer from West Virginia landed in it. Tragically this was not a trailer in the good part of the trailer court because judging by the length of most of the dresses, I think prostitutes once lived in it. All that aside a BIG BIG thank you goes out to everyone who attended not only the rodeo but the royalty competition as well. The competition as most of you surely know was awfully entertaining. Gaylia was fantastic (by the way, congratulations girl!) and Ms. Markus' entertainment costume was a sight to behold. Noel's fabulous dancing was a huge hit and I truly cherish the experience each of these competitors brought to my life for the past year. My rodeo experience was certainly a learning adventure. After winning I was fortunate enough to get to play hostess during the rest of the weekend. One thing that when performing on an surrounded by spectators wear anything too short or business. This is a lesson that other entertainers learned as names, just suffice it to say put it" question didn't come Next we have the Victoria Lon-begin? I suppose we should people will pay almost any to wear white. Vicki proved infamous "Wedding Dress." that she wore at finals and over three times due to techni-wish for Blair Michaels from sure hope you don't have to times to get it to work for you the end, though, big congrats go out to Vicki for raising \$1,800 in her first official IGRA fundraiser. You go girl! As for the hot tub report: To be honest, as busy as I was, I made an honest effort to make it to all the hot tubs. I am however disappointed to report that no member of royalty, current or former was caught in the middle of the big fat nasty. I think they are catching on to me. Fear not my faithful friends, I will wear a disguise in L.A.



I definitely learned was elevated stage completely NEVER NEVER NEVER everyone will know your I certainly hope that well. I won't mention any that the "where do you up as often as usual. don report. Well where to start by saying that some price for the opportunity this by auctioning off the You remember, the one had to start her number cal difficulty. Here is my ASGRA who won it, girl I trot down the aisle three the way Victoria did. In

Until next time kids; remember, your born naked and after that it's all just drag.

**Kisses,
Suzanne Targe't
Miss AGRA 2001**

JUST A QUICKIE FROM YOURS TRULY

After almost a year of editing the *Branding Iron*, I hope to have found the final format and that you, the members, appreciate the new layout and some of the features we are trying to introduce to make this publication appealing and interesting to every reader.

We have not had any submissions from you, and it is not a requirement in order to be part of AGRA. However, it would be nice to get an occasional article telling about your rodeo experiences or even some rodeo trivia that you might come across.

Contacts and deadlines can be found on the back page. Please feel free to send anything you feel may be of interest!

Anna Shannon, Editor

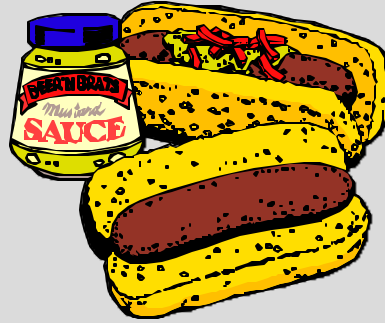
A WORD FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

First I would like to say thank you to all of the contestants, volunteers, state and chapter board members that made the 2001 rodeo a success. The rodeo was fun and a lot of hard work. Now the time has come to start preparing for the 2002 rodeo.

Next I would like to say *CONGRATULATIONS* to Woody Howard for winning the election as the Phoenix Chapter President for 2001, and also to Suzanne Targe't on winning Miss AGRA 2001. Congratulations also goes out to Ms. Marcus, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up Noel Christine, and Ms. AGRA, Gaylia Young.

Congratulations to the entire newly elected chapter and state board members. I am looking forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Glen May, Vice President



A SPECIAL NOTE

The management and total staff at Punky's Café, 816 E Camelback Rd in Phoenix, enjoyed helping A.G.R.A. with the brunch on Monday, January 15, 2001. This was a great opportunity to show the community that we care and will go out of our way to help and support you. We donated over \$100.00 in products for this event. I only wish I could have attended all of the events, but in this management position, I wanted to guarantee the best to all of you.

Thank you for this opportunity.

**Walt Hutter, Manager
Punky's Corner Café
Phone: (602) 265-6956**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **2/02/2001**
Registration deadline for IGRA University; for more info check www.hgra.net
- **2/11/2001**
AGRA Membership Meeting at Charlie's at 7:00 pm
- **2/16-18/2001**
IGRA University, Omaha, NE

February 2001

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2001 A.G.R.A. ROYALTY

Miss AGRA 2001
Suzanne Tage't
a.k.a. Woody Howard

Miss AGRA 2001 Runner-Up
Ms Marcus
a.k.a. Markus Allen

Miss AGRA 2nd Runner-Up
Noel Christine
a.k.a. Tommy Pena

Ms. AGRA
Gaylia Young

THE NEW CHAPTER BOARD

The new Phoenix Chapter Board assumes their respective positions February 1, 2001. The new board will be:

President - Woody Howard

Vice President - Glen May

Secretary - Claire Miller

Public Relations Director - Ric Leone

Fund Raising Director - Rolland Lawrenz

Rodeo Events Director - Will Lann

Chapter Representative - Shirley Steiger

I wish each of you a successful term of office.

Ron Trusley, Phoenix Chapter President 2000

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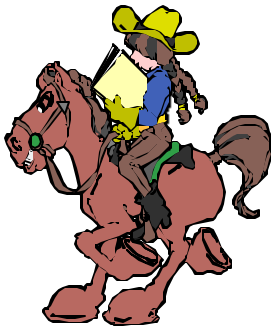
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R.R.R.R. 2001 RESULTS FOR AGRA

Calf Roping on Foot, Men: Brian Helander, 7th Sat, 2nd Sun, 2nd Weekend

Calf Roping on Foot, Women: Sandy Anaya, 6th Sat; Angie Darnell, 1st Sun

Goat Dressing: Chuck Browning, Brian Helander, 8th Sun

Team Roping: Jon Cameron/Angie Darnell, 4th Sat, 3rd Sun

Will Lann/ Chuck Browning, 5th Sun

Sandy Anaya/(Renita Encinias), 1st Sun

Break Away Roping, Men: Will Lann, 3rd Sat, 5th Sun, 3rd Weekend, Brian Helander, 6th Sun

Break Away Roping, Women: Angie Darnell, 2nd Sun, 3rd Weekend

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Steer Riding, Men: Chuck Browning, 5th Sat, 5th Sun, 5th Weekend

Steer Riding, Women: Candy Bell, 2nd Sat, 2nd Sun, 1st Weekend (Buckle)

Chute Dogging, Men: Brian Helander, 1st Sat, 1st Sun, 1st Weekend (Buckle), Will Lann 6th Sun, 6th Weekend

Chute Dogging, Women: Angie Darnell, 2nd Sat, 8th Sun, 2nd Weekend; Anna Shannon, 6th Sat

Steer Decorating: Candy Bell, Desiree Gronwald, 7th Sun

Angie Darnell, Scott Darnell, 8th Sun

Lester Liu, (Lee Gilman), 8th Weekend

Wild Drag Race: Candy Bell, (Drew Overbeck, David Smith), 4th Sat

Sand Anaya,(Dennis Terrell, Andy Anaya), 2nd Sun

Chuck Browning, Claire Miller, Brian Helander, 8th Weekend

Barrel Racing Men: Popper DuBray, 8. Sun, 6th Weekend

Barrel Racing, Women: Teri Rowe, 2nd Sat, 3rd Weekend

Pole Bending Men: Chuck Browning, 7th Sat, 7th Sun,

Pole Bending, Women: Teri Rowe, 8th Sun, 8th Weekend

Flag Race, Men: Popper DuBray, 2nd Sat, 2nd Sun, 1st Weekend (Buckle)

Brian Helander, 5th Sat, 7th Sun, 4th Weekend

Chuck Browning, 8th Sat, 6th Sun, 6th Weekend

Bull Riding, Men: Chuck Browning, 1st Sat, 1st Sun, 1st Weekend (Buckle)

All-Around Cowboy: Chuck Browning, 5th

All Around Cowgirl: Angie Darnell, 4th

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