

Notes from RED

First I would like to thank **Chuck Browning** for the use of his home for our AGRA cookout back in May.

It looked like we could see some rain and lots of wind, but turned out to be a great overcast day and not too hot. Thanks again, Chuck.

On July 21st we are planning a Pool Party at John and Richard's home at 4046 W. Rancho Dr. Rancho Dr. is just south of Bethany Home. This is going to be a potluck with the main course being meatball subs. Richard would like an RSVP at (602) 319-8040. You can then tell him what you plan to bring and ask what he may need. There will be some beer provided by AGRA, but any help in the beverage area will be greatly appreciated. Come and have some fun with all of us.

I am asking everyone to bring something for an auction. This may be a fun item, something that you have no need for anymore, or just something that was given to you and you just never did want it. This will be a good way to get rid of those items. The money raised will go to a new fund I am setting up as you are reading this. This fund will help AGRA Royalty and rodeo contestants with rodeo expenses.

The name of this fund has yet to be decided and voted on by the members. I feel that this fund is very much needed since it requires a large amount of money to travel to IGRA rodeos. Royalty as well as contestants work hard to support AGRA. If you have been to our shows which are held every month after the meetings, you know how hard these people work to support AGRA's. Thanks, **Pussy**, for all your help.

Again, remember July 21st at John and Richard's, POOL PARTY. Bring yourself, a potluck item, and an item for the auction. Lets get together and get to know each other and have some fun.

The next point of business is the 2nd annual AGRA camp-out. We had a great time last year and hope to see more of you this year. This camp-out will be held in Show Low, AZ where it is a lot cooler and where we'll have lots of room to kick back and relax. This will be held on August 17th, 18th, and 19th. We are planning on having it set up this year so that you can bring your horses and we can do some riding as well. Please put this on your calendars and wait for more details, which you will see in our August addition of the Branding Iron. By the way, thanks **Anna Shannon** for all your work on this great newsletter.

My last point of business it to take a moment and thank all of you who showed up at our last meeting and supported Bob Pimentel Jr. and myself on moving our RRRR 2002 to a new venue. This is something that we both put a lot of time and effort into. At the board meeting in February, I brought up the possibility to look for a new location for our next rodeo. The board was all in favor of Bob and myself looking for options. It did take us longer then we had planned, but moving after all these years was a big decision and we wanted to have all of the facts and numbers before we came back to the board with our findings. I personally want the membership to know that all of our findings are available to you and if you have any questions about them and why we decided to choose Rawhide for our next venue, please ask.

I do hope that you like our meeting place at Charlie's a little better now. With the help of some TLC and a black tarp the dance floor was converted to be more adequate for our needs. Hope to see you all at our next membership meeting, our pool party, and/or our camp-out in August.

Will Lann, RED

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Please Note

Due to the annual IGRA Convention at the end of July, the next issue of the *Branding Iron* will be published later than usual!

July Birthdays

Bergeron, Kevin	22nd
Darnell, Angie	6th
Kelly, Scott	15th
Liu, Lester	15th
Newman, Sean	25th
Tickler, Scott	31st
Young Gaila	4th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



AGRA's Rodeo Results**Oklahoma City**

Calf Roping on Foot (Women): Sandra Anaya 5th Sat, 3rd Sun., 2nd Weekend

Break-Away Roping: Sandra Anaya 1st Sat, 2nd Sun, 1st Weekend, congratulations!

Team Roping: Sandra Anaya/Renita Encinias 5th Sun.

Wild Drag Race: Sandra Anaya/Andy Anaya/Dennis Terrell 3rd Sat

Salt Lake City

Calf Roping on Foot (Women): Flavia Krieg 2nd Sun

Claire Miller, 4th Sun

Calf Roping on Foot (Men): Matt Hill 3rd Sat.

Brian Helander 2nd Sun., 3rd Weekend

Kris Eisenhut 4th Sun, 5th Weekend

Chute Dogging (Men): Brian Helander 5th Sat,

Chuck Browning 7th Sat, 5th Sun, 4th Weekend

Will Lann 6th Weekend

Break-Away Roping: Matt Hill 2nd Sat, 5th Sun, 2nd Weekend

Will Lann 4th Sat, 7th Sun, 4th Weekend

Brian Helander Sun, 4th

Barrel Race (Men): Chuck Browning 4th Sat.

Matt Hill 5th Sat, 8th Sun, 5th Weekend

Pole Bending (Men): Kris Eisenhut 3rd Sun

Chuck Browning 6th Sun, 8th Weekend

Flag Race (Men): Brian Helander 6th Sun

Team Roping: Will Lann/Matt Hill 2nd Sat

Steer Decorating: Matt Hill/Kris Eisenhut 4th Sat, 6th Weekend

Wild Drag Race: Chuck Browning/ Brian Helander/Claire Miller 4th Sat, 1st Sun, 2nd Weekend

Goat Dressing: Chuck Browning/Brian Helander 3rd Sat, 8th Sun, 6th Weekend

Dan Iverson/Clyde Miller 8th Weekend

San Jose

Calf Roping on Foot (Women): Flavia Krieg, Sat 2nd

Bareback Broncs: Chuck Browning 2nd Sat, 1st Sun, 2nd Weekend

Chute Dogging (Men): Chuck Browning 8th Sun

Calf Roping on Foot: Brian Helander 5th Sat, 1st Sun, 1st Weekend, congratulations!

Chuck Browning 5th Sun

Steer Decorating: Chuck Browning/Brian Helander 4th Sun

Wild Drag Race: Chuck Browning/Brian Helander/Sue Lane 5th Sat

Frank Colvin/Travis/Flavia Krieg 7th Sun

Goat Dressing: Chuck Browning/Brian Helander 1st Sun, 5th Weekend

Upcoming AGRA Board MeetingsAGRA Phoenix Chapter Board of Directors

July 8th, 2001 at 4:30 pm

August 12th, 2001 at 4:30 pm

AGRA State Board of Directors

August 12th, 2001 at 2:00 pm

**All meetings will be held at the Lexington Hotel
100 W Clarendon Ave, Phoenix, Ph.: (620) 279 8911**

Ric Leone AGRA State Secretary

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 2001

- **7/8/2001** AGRA
Membership Meeting At
Charlie's at 7:00 pm
- **7/13-15/2001** Rocky
Mountain Regional Rodeo
- **7/21/2001** AGRA Pool
Party at 2:00 pm at 4046 W
Rancho Dr., Phx
- **7/25-29/2001** IGRA
Convention in Long Beach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 A.G.R.A. Membership Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Rocky Moun- tain Regional Rodeo	14 Rocky Moun- tain Regional Rodeo
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If anybody knows of any events related to AGRA or the charities we are affiliated with, please send a schedule to the Branding Iron so that we can publish it in our calendar!

AGRA To Make Charitable Contributions

At the June meeting, the Phoenix Chapter Board voted to start the process to donate the 2001 rodeo profits to charitable organizations.

At the July Board meeting, the Chapter Treasurer will recommend an amount to contribute. The Board will recommend an amount to the general membership for approval. After the amount to contribute is determined at the general membership meeting, any chapter member may nominate organizations for consideration in person or in writing if received in time to be read at the meeting.

The member nominating will be responsible for providing the Board with documentation regarding charitable status with the IRS, recent financial statements, including a profit and loss statement and a balance sheet, and any additional documentation that the member considers appropriate. If adequate documentation is not provided in time for review prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting, the organization will be dropped from consideration.

The president has appointed a Charitable Contributions Committee to review the documentation provided and prepare a list of organizations to be considered for approval by the board and then by the general membership.

The documentation will be made available to the membership for review from the time of approval until the next general membership meeting, when a vote on distribution among organizations will be taken.

Members present at the meeting will vote on the distribution of funds; expressing their choice by allocating a percentage of funds to any organization in multiples of 10%. Ballots not totaling 100% will be disqualified. The charitable contributions committee will tally and announce the results and have them published in the *Branding Iron*.

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Traveling with the Vice President

The weekend of June 16th, myself, Ric and Miss AGRA 2001, Suzanne Targe't, went to the Lariat Saloon in Bullhead City for a fund-raiser. Along with Suzanne was Pussy Le Hoot, contestant for Miss AGRA 2002, Adrian Adair, Miss AGRA 1997, and a former Miss Gay Phoenix, Lady Cassondra.

Ric and I had attended the Easter party at the Lariat in April, when Debbie, the owner, and I had talked about doing a possible fund-raiser. I had told her I would ask Suzanne Targe't and Pussy Le Hoot about possibly performing. They agreed almost immediately and said they would line up more performers.

I would personally like to thank all of the performers for doing such a superb job in the show. The bar was crowded and a lot of Phoenix people came up for the event. They gave their time and hard work and raised over \$2000.00 for local AIDS charities.

Glen May, Phx. Chapter V.P.

An Update From Your Rodeo Director

At the June general membership meeting I was ready and anxious to give details about why I felt AGRA should change the venue for the upcoming rodeo. Unfortunately, because of a series of wild events and parliamentary procedures, I was not afforded the time to answer questions from the membership. I would like to take this opportunity to explain some points which I believe might have been questions at the meeting and invite any members who have questions to call or e-mail me.

First of all, why was the decision made to consider Rawhide?

In January, the Phoenix Chapter Board voted to appoint me as Rodeo Director for the 2002 Rodeo. I was asked to secure a venue for the next two years and look at the feasibility of moving from Coronas because of ongoing issues.

I asked Will Lann to be involved because I wanted a horse contestant's point of view. Will and I looked at several properties and felt that five of those properties were viable options. We set up appointments with the State Fairgrounds, the Western Saddle Club, Rawhide, Westworld, and the Corona Ranch.

Westworld was eliminated because the city of Scottsdale has that property reserved for all of January and February.

I talked with the State Fairgrounds and found them very willing to host our event. The arena and vendor area would probably work well but they did not have good facilities for our D & E. The nearby buildings were not available for the weekend of our rodeo and I do not believe that using the stage area to the east of the arena (it's outside) would work for us in January.

Will contacted the Western Saddle Club. At first, he thought it would work well, so we made a second appointment and the two of us went back to take a look. The arena and rodeo facilities were ideal, however, there was no place to have vendors and D & E. It would be possible to build a dance hall and vendor area but we felt the cost and logistics of doing this for a two day event was not logical. There was the possibility of having more money to work with at this property because it was the only place where we would be able to obtain a special events liquor license and sell or own beer and alcohol. I researched what it would take to get this special events license; it is a risky venture at best. To make a long story short, it looks like it would be easy to obtain a license to sell beer but to sell hard liquor is tough. We felt the uncertainty of the special permits and the extra cost involved was not worth the risk and that we should continue our search.

We found Rawhide to be more than adequate for our needs. Next the main arena they have two smaller arenas which could be used for practice and simultaneous events. Also, the pavilion next to the arena is already set up to meet our needs. The stage, lighting, and dressing rooms are already in place. The whole place is heated and air conditioned. The electricity is already in place so generators and cords would not have to be rented (big savings). They are willing to set up any- and everything we need. The only downfall was that they could not give us a percentage of the liquor sales. After negotiating for a couple of weeks they were willing to cut most of the other cost to compensate for the liquor percentage loss.

I also contacted the Corona Ranch and found that the dates for our event were available and that the contract would read the same as in previous years.

These findings were brought before the Chapter Board. The Board agreed that the recommendation made by myself, Will, and other members involved should be brought up to the members. At the general membership meeting it was decided that the membership should vote. They voted to change the rodeo venue to Rawhide starting in 2002.

This is a very high overview of everything that has taken place. Please feel free to ask any question concerning this process.



Bob Pimentel, Rodeo Director

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