



## The President's Update...

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"It's great to be great,  
but it's greater to be human."

• Will Rogers

Guys and Gals,

Just wanted to share a few things to keep you in the loop:

- Beth Brockelman has been approved as our Secretary for the remainder of the 2002 term. We now have a full Executive Committee!
- The By-Laws Committee, under the leadership of Jason Hays, has prepared a thoughtful and practical revision. Each member will receive a copy of the proposed revision by mail, along with ballot to vote by mail if you can't attend the June 23<sup>rd</sup> General Membership & By-Laws meeting. Thanks to the committee members for their dedicated efforts! Please review this important document and send in your ballot!
- Treasurer Scott Smiley has initiated our Stampede 2002 Volunteer program. Mailings have gone out to everyone who has helped us in the past. The rodeo depends on the hard work and generous help of volunteers. Please take a moment to complete your form and return it in the postmarked envelope. If you didn't get one, let Scott know!
- Michael Lentz has accepted the position of Rodeo Director for Stampede 2002. Thanks Mike! The Rodeo Roundtable has begun preparing for Stampede. The next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Stampede 2002 is dedicated to the memory of all those who lost their lives so tragically in the September attacks on New York and Washington. A special Grand Entry is planned for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The entertainment theme for Stampede 2002 is "Best Little Bunkhouse". Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds look-alike contests, along with production numbers from the movie are planned. How about a locker room scene or a hard candy Christmas this September?
- Mike Sanders worked hard to organize this year's Sponsorship efforts. He has prepared an easy to use set of documents for program ads, vendors and buckle sponsorships. To date, four buckles are taken—still more than twenty available. Contact Mike using the Membership link on our website.
- Speaking of website, our webmaster, Cowboy Frank, continues to outdo himself. Without a doubt, we've got one of the best websites in IGRA. If you haven't visited it, do so soon! You can order tickets, renew membership, check rodeo schedules, obtain sponsorship or entertainment information, view pictures. . . the list goes on and on!
- ASGRA will be well represented at Pride again this year. Join us in DC on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and then again in Baltimore on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We could use a few volunteers to help setup and staff these events – contact me if you can help setup or parade!

As you can see, the Association is actively engaged in its business and has already accomplished much this year. As we enter the summer months, the activity level will continue to increase. A special thanks goes out to the many men and women whose efforts make this Association's work possible. When your membership renewal arrives in the coming month, please renew it and resolve to become a more active member. Thanks!

• Gaither Pennington; President, ASGRA

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There are several things coming up in the very near future. The first is the June General Membership meeting, slated for 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 23 at Sheridan's (713 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE). One of the key items on the agenda is the proposed revision to the bylaws. It is important to get as many people in attendance as possible for this meeting. Sheridan's will offer a 10% discount in the restaurant for that evening to members who present a valid ASGRA card. So come out and show your support for ASGRA, put your vote in on the bylaw changes, find out what's going on in the association and stick around for 10% off dinner. Come downstairs and dance off the calories after dinner. The restaurant opens at 5:30pm. What better way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon than with a meeting, dinner and dancing?

Second is Membership Renewal. Memberships for ASGRA run June 30 - July 1. Included in this newsletter is the membership renewal form. If you are a member now or if you have let your membership lapse, I encourage you renew now. If you have wanted to join, now is the best time to do it. The form is the same for both joining and for renewing. Just mark the correct box. Membership dues are not going up this year. They will remain \$30 for the year.

Next - have you checked out the web page lately? Frank Harrell has done a wonderful job of updating the page with all the upcoming events and ASGRA-related information. One of the new additions is on the membership link. We have added a section just for updating your information. If you have moved, gotten a new phone number, changed your email address or changed your name, you can make those changes right on the web. It is a secure site. Simply fill in the blanks and hit "SUBMIT". It directs an email right to my account. Making these changes helps us to be able to send you your newsletter, updates and the like. So help us help you to stay informed.

As I'm sure you know by now, Stampede 2002 is coming up very soon - September 6-8 to be exact. Volunteer forms have been sent out to the membership. If you have not received your form and want to volunteer during Stampede, email Scott Smiley at [treas@asgra.org](mailto:treas@asgra.org).

Speaking of Stampede, you can order tickets online at the ASGRA web site. But, why not save yourselves a few bucks? Also included in this newsletter is an order form for tickets. By ordering them when you renew your membership, you can save \$10 on a weekend pass. The weekend pass covers both days of events at the rodeo grounds, as well as the dances at the host hotel and the closing dance at the grounds. (Note: the Sunday night Steak Dinner is not included in this price.) Mail BOTH your membership form AND ticket order form in by August 30th and your tickets will be sent to you in the mail, along with your new membership card. You can send one check to cover both membership and tickets.

One of the ways I communicate with the membership is by email. It's quick, easy and I can get to most of you in one shot. If I do not have your email address, you may get left out of the loop on things like membership and board meeting announcements or special events. So make sure that I have your current email address. (If you would prefer to not get emails, please let me know that as well and I will remove your name from my distribution.) I can be reached at [join@asgra.org](mailto:join@asgra.org).

And lastly, I am your liaison to the board of directors. If you have a concern or question, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will do my best to get you an answer or get the situation corrected. I'm here for you and your needs as members of this association.

★ Mike S.; Membership Chair

**News 'Round the Corral**



*"Happy Trails Are Here Again!"*

*Remember, ASGRA trail rides are the first Sunday of the month at 11:00am!*  
Weather permitting, we will be holding a trail ride at Piscataway Ranch in Clinton, MD at 11:00 am on the following days:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kick off Pride month by bringing a friend out for the trail ride!

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Top off your 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration weekend with a relaxed summer ride!

For further information and to RSVP, contact Glenn at (703) 538-2225.



**2002 IGRA Rodeos**

**Southern Spurs Rodeo 200:**  
**SEGRA**  
Atlanta, GA  
May 31-June 1, 2002

**UGRA Rodeo 2002**  
**UGRA**  
Salt Lake City, UT  
May 31- June 2, 2002

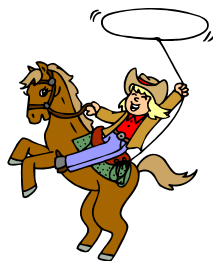
**Bay Area Regional Rodeo**  
**GSGRA**  
San Jose, CA  
June 14-26, 2002



**Heartland Rodeo 2002**  
**HGRA**  
Omaha, GA  
June 28-30, 2002

**Canadian Rockies  
International Rodeo  
2002**  
**ARGRA**  
Calgary, Alberta Canada  
June 28-30, 2002

**Rocky Mountain  
Regional Rodeo 2002**  
**CGRA**  
Denver, CO  
July 12-14, 2002



**Royalty Night Alert!**

Every Sunday ASGRA's Royalty helps to host the "Sequins and Studs" variety show at Remington's. Shows start at 8:30pm! Y'all Come!

The first Friday of each month, Sheridan's holds a country western dance party. There is NO fundraiser on these nights - NO COVER and the drink specials are \$2 domestic beer and rail drinks. Come out and two step to your heart's delight!



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## News Notes



### So You Want to Be a Cowpoke?

Rockville Musical Theatre will be presenting a production of Will Rogers' Follies on Friday and Saturday nights from Nov 1 - 23 at 8:00 pm and Sunday Nov 10 at 2:00 pm. They are looking for the following:

- A "trick roper"
- A banjo player
- A steel pedal guitar player (or preferably someone proficient on both instruments)

Rehearsals start late this summer. Interested? Please contact Gary Worster at [Gary.Worster@marriott.com](mailto:Gary.Worster@marriott.com) or at 202-674-8554.

Outdoors  
Enthusiasts  
Wanted for  
Adventuring!



Adventuring, DC's leading club for gay and lesbian outdoors enthusiasts, invites you to come along on one of their frequent hikes, bike rides, canoe expeditions, camping trips and similar excursions. Costs are low, the exercise is good for you, and the fun is contagious.

Check out their Website at [www.adventuring.org](http://www.adventuring.org), or call Bob at (202) 232-6131 to receive a free sample copy of their monthly newsletter.



**July 2002 issue:**

**Submissions due: 6/17/02**

**Mail out date: 6/24/02**

## ASGRA Calendar of Events

<i>June</i>	<i>2002</i>	
2	11:00am	Trail Ride at Piscataway stables, Clinton, MD
2	8:30pm	Sequins & Studs; Remington's, Washington, DC
4	7:30pm	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting; Remington's; Washington, DC
8		DC Pride Parade
9		DC Pride Festival
9	8:30pm	Sequins & Studs; Remington's, Washington, DC
11	7:30pm	ASGRA Board Meeting; Capital Hilton
12	8:00pm	BHT Meeting; DC Eagle; Washington, DC
15		Baltimore Pride Parade
16		Baltimore Pride Festival
16	8:30pm	Sequins & Studs; Remington's, Washington, DC
19	8:00pm	CAB Meeting; DC Eagle; Washington, DC
23	4:00pm	General Membership Meeting; Sheridan's, Washington, DC
23	8:30pm	Sequins & Studs; Remington's, Washington, DC
30	8:30pm	Sequins & Studs; Remington's, Washington, DC

### 2002 ASGRA Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings	Board of Directors Meetings
<b>June 23: Annual By-Laws Meeting</b>	June 11
July 21	July 9
August 18	August 13
<b>August 27: Rodeo Production Meeting</b>	
September 15	September 10
<b>October 27: Election Meeting</b>	October 8
November 17	November 12



The ATLANTIC STATES GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION is a charitable and social organization whose primary purpose is to promote the sport of rodeo and foster country and western lifestyles in the Gay community. Our members enjoy the fellowship of numerous social, recreational and educational activities. ASGRA educates, trains and fields teams to compete in International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) rodeos. ASGRA also sponsors Atlantic Stampede, its annual rodeo and country-western festival, held each fall in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Since the founding of ASGRA in 1991, our association has raised and distributed thousands of dollars to Gay, Lesbian and other local charities in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. ASGRA is one of the largest Gay and Lesbian organizations in the Washington, DC metro area, with members throughout the United States and Canada.

As an IGRA member association, ASGRA subscribes fully to the IGRA's **Statement of Animal Welfare:** *The International Gay Rodeo association hereby endorses and adopts the promotion of animal welfare and the humane, responsible treatment of animals in their housing, feeding, training, exercising and competition. We shall strive to assure that our events are purposefully tailored and executed to provide animal and human participants the safest environment possible and shall act to immediately disqualify or reprimand any contestant, official or contracted personnel found to be treating animals in an inhumane manner.*

Please send all questions, concerns or requests for information to:  
Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association  
P.O. Box 22042  
Alexandria, VA 22304

*13 Spurs* is published monthly for the general membership, friends and sponsors of ASGRA. Copies of *13 Spurs* can also be found on the ASGRA web site ([www.asgra.org](http://www.asgra.org)).

## Special Membership Benefit!

Order an Atlantic Stampede 2002 weekend pass at a special member-only rate of \$35.00. (Weekend packages are normally \$45 in advance, and \$55 at the gate, so this represents a savings of \$20!) This member discount price is only available to members at the time of sign-up or renewal for the coming year. You can also order additional weekend passes using this form at the regular advance price of \$45 each. Ordering using this form saves you the usual \$2.50 per order handling charge. As always, tickets are also available to you and your friends at Lambda Rising locations and via our webstore (check the link at <http://asgra.org>).

Tickets will be mailed prior to Atlantic Stampede, or held at the hotel hospitality desk if this form isn't received within 2 weeks of Stampede.

To order tickets at this reduced rate, fill in the information below and add the payment (\$35.00 for one weekend package, limit 2 weekend passes, plus \$45 for each additional one) to your membership renewal check or credit card payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (tickets will be mailed to this address):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of discounted weekend passes desired:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35.00 (Limit 2 weekend packages) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional weekend passes at \$45 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment including membership renewal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The standard advance price for a weekend package is \$45.00, so you can save up to \$20.00 by ordering them early with your membership payment.

This form is valid *only* if mailed along with your membership payment, and must be received by August 30, 2002.

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### ASGRA USE ONLY:

Payment Received of \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket #(s) Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_



The Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association presents:

# Atlantic Stampede 2002

September 6, 7 & 8 ▽ Washington, D.C.  
Contestant Information Sheet

## ADDED PRIZE MONEY (\$5,050)

All Around Cowboy/Cowgirl \$500.00 each  
Split 40-30-20-10 per IGRA Rules

All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl – Horse Events  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00

Men's and Women's Break Away Calf Roping  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100.00

Team Roping  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00 each 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100.00 each

Women's and Men's Bull Riding  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00

Men's and Women's Bareback Bronc Riding  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00

Best Wild Drag Costume (Sunday) 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team - \$150.00

## Dolly Madison Race Sunday Rodeo

ASGRA's own Dolly Madison Race is a humorously updated reenactment of the historic flight of Dolly Madison from the White House during the War of 1812. Each team of three attempts to save the nation's "treasures" from the threat of marauding British brutes by locating items of "great historic importance" from the White House" set up in the arena. The team members then spirit them away to safety into "Maryland" and "Virginia".

You may register in person with your \$20 entry fee at the Rodeo Hospitality Booth at the Capital Hilton Hotel. Teams may also register until 11:00 am the morning of the event at the rodeo site. Total prize money for this event is \$300.

Added prize monies are for final placements over two days of combined competition. Each competitor/team is eligible for only one placement prize per category. The prizes for All-Around Horse Champion are for two days of combined competition in Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Flag Race. Wild Drag prize will be divided among the three team members.

**Saturday & Sunday Rodeo Events – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**  
**Awards Dinner - 7:00 PM Sunday (discount tickets available for competitors)**  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD, Exit 11-A from I-270 North

**Friday & Saturday Evening Dances -9:00 PM to 2:00 AM**  
Capital Hilton Hotel, 16<sup>th</sup> & K Streets, NW, Washington, DC

**Spend Stampede weekend with us at the Capital Hilton Hotel!**  
**Call 1-800-445-8667 and ask for the Special ASGRA Group Rate.**  
Reduced room rate is available for rooms reserved before August 11, 2002.

**Enjoy a reduced rental rate on ASGRA anytime!**  
**Call AVIS 1-800-331-1212 and use AWD Number T238399.**

Complete contestant info (including horse stall registration form) is available at:  
[www.asgra.org](http://www.asgra.org) keyword: gay rodeo See: Stampede 2002/Information for Contestants



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## On the IGRA Front...



### Did you know?

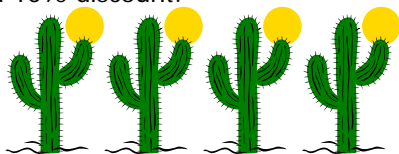
American Airlines is offering special rates for IGRA rodeo attendees! More details should be available soon on the IGRA website ([www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com)), but a few highlights follow:

AA Rodeo Group number:  
800-433-1790

Use the STAR FILE #: 15511

They will then ask you for the name of the rodeo you are attending.

You can receive 5% off the lowest published fare (internet fares do not apply). If you book 60 days out you will receive an additional 5% off for a total of a 10% discount.



**FYI:** Several members have asked about the status of RCCF (Rodeo Contestant Crisis Fund). Our Membership Chair did some investigating and received this (edited) email from RCCF:

“Hi Mike,

Cathy forwarded me your e-mail, I'm the secretary for the RCCF, and I do appreciate your concern. I myself have heard the rumors of our demise. Let me assure you we are still running, and we will be at several rodeos this year. Our goal is as always to help injured contestants. We have new volunteers and will be out a lot more this year. The new season schedule should be up on the web page soon, we are still in the process of finalizing it.

I did also mail the ASGRA a letter to thank them for the plaque we received in December, if they did not get that please let me know. Thank you again for your concern and continued support, and if we can help in any way please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Ann Klima, RCCF Secretary”

## Stampede 2002 Marketing Opportunities

During the course of Stampede weekend, over 2,000 people come to one or more of our events. They come to watch the events in the arena or to enjoy at least one of the dances. Every person that walks through our gates is handed a program. What better way to get the word out that your business is up and running?

Consider placing an ad in our Stampede 2002 program book or having a table in our Vendor Tent. It's a great way to help your business grow and let those who read our book know that you support not only the GLBT community, but also the rodeo and country western communities.

Have you seen those beautiful buckles that our contestants and Royalty wear? You could have your name engraved on the back of one of those buckles, as well as having the honor of presenting it to the winner during the awards ceremony on Sunday evening. Leave a lasting positive impression on the winner by showing your support.

The ASGRA Web page has all the information you could possibly want about sponsoring a buckle, setting up a vendor table and advertising your company during Stampede 2002. I invite you to show your support for both the rodeo and the community in one (or more) of these ways. Package deals are available. Check it out on the web at <http://asgra.org> or contact me at [Join@asgra.org](mailto:Join@asgra.org) for more details.

★ Mike S., AS2002 Program Coordinator



### ASGRA Royalty 2002 Roundup!

Due to unexpected personal and business concerns, Jaret Austin has regretfully tendered his resignation as Mr. ASGRA 2002. First Runner Up Mr. ASGRA 2002 Oscar Mocelo will take on the title of Mr. ASGRA 2002 effective immediately. We thank Jaret for his efforts on behalf of ASGRA and SLDN over the past 7 months.

ASGRA Royalty performed at both the Miss Remington's Contest April 25<sup>th</sup> and at the Ms. Remington's Contest on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. ASGRA 2000 Sonny Koerner also performed at both events.

Ms. ASGRA Beth Brockelman performed at Ms. Sheridan's Prom Night benefit for House of Ruth at Sheridan's on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and also made an appearance at the Tool Shed for ASGRA night with the Pucker Boys on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Miss ASGRA 2002 Jymmye Jaymes hosted Bimbo Bingo on April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> at Sheridan's.