



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



P.O. Box 806 Little Rock, AR 72203

Diamond State Rodeo Association

March, 1996

THE END OF AN ERA

I have never liked being the purveyor of bad news, but this is one of the responsibilities of the DSRA president. On Friday February 23, 1996, we received a letter from Don's Bar Supply thanking us for being such good tenants and directing us to vacate the Clubhouse on or before April 15, 1996. I immediately met with Sandy at Don's Bar Supply and after a long conversation he indicated the DSRA had to be out of the building by the end of May. Don's Bar Supply is not mad at us, they simply are growing and want to use the Clubhouse building as offices. On Sunday February 25, 1996, the DSRA Board of Directors, along with several concerned members, had an emergency meeting at the Clubhouse. I cannot in this space go into detail about what was

discussed, but I hope to summarize and let you know what the vast majority of the Board will recommend to the DSRA Membership. We have two choices; first, we can seek out, find, rent, and move into a new facility; second, we can close down and do what all the IGRA associations do, exist without a clubhouse. Don't dismiss either of these options outright. I have always been an advocate of having a clubhouse, I believe my dedication and loyalty to the Clubhouse and the DSRA are equal to any member, bar none. But I am also a realist. The \$535 we pay each month for rent, the isolated location, the ambiance of the Clubhouse will be

difficult to duplicate (perhaps impossible). After much debate the DSRA Board of Directors decided to place the decision in the hands of the DSRA membership. The Board will vote, during the Board meeting on Friday March 15, on a motion to present to the DSRA membership. In the meantime everyone should be looking for a possible location that we could move into should that be the DSRA memberships decision. This is such an important time in our life as an association. Whatever decision that is made cannot be made by 18 or 19 people. If you care about what happens, if you care about the DSRA, if you have input - then you must attend the membership meeting on Friday, March 15, at 9PM at the Clubhouse. At this time the majority of DSRA Board members want a new clubhouse - do you? Below are some ideas that you need

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Rodeo Hotline 501-562-4466

to think about and bring your thoughts to the membership meeting on Friday, March 15, at 9PM at the Clubhouse.

1. The DSRA seek and find a new location. We rent it, fix it up, and continue as we are, just in a different place.

2. The DSRA secure a large storage location and move our property into it until we find a new location.

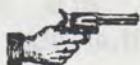
3. That we no longer have a clubhouse and conduct our affairs like all the other associations in IGRA.

4. Some combination of the above.

I must be honest with you, unless there are a reasonable number of members at the meeting to make a decision and express their willingness to support a new clubhouse (costing a lot more than it does now), I will speak against relocating and encourage others to do the same. I will because I love the DSRA and I don't want to see us stuck in a lease we can't pay and see the DSRA torn apart through argument and recrimination.

Health, Happiness, and Love

John



The next Lariat deadline is April 5th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706. *EM*

Royalty Report Feb. *96*

What a month this has turned out to be! First Bubba Drag... My world was wrecked! The two Teri's were beautiful and our Rodeo Director **IS** a real girl! She cleaned up pretty well. "The two little girls from Little Rock," Belinda and Carolyn were super! And then there was that threesome, whose names Crackers couldn't pronounce. They added so much "color" to the show! It was sure a special night. I'm proud of each and every one of you who came out and performed. Ya'll get this month's "You go girl!"

The Febe Khoale benefit was a great success. I laughed so hard I hurt. What a wonderful crowd! It was the first of a couple of special nights to raise enough to sponsor a couple of belt buckles in Febe's name. Shelly came out and did a wonderful job, as did Dennis, J.R., Christina, Teri, Misty and the new girl on the block, Miss Salina St. James.

The Ride Down Backstreet was one of the best we have ever had. The place

was packed, and everybody seemed to let their hair down and just go wild! Mr. Bill Brown came down and did a song. Thanks, Bill! You're still wonderful and so cute. So, did you eat at Taco Bell?

I want to thank everyone who, during this month, performed, bartended, cleaned up, or helped in any way, and thanks to all of you who came out and supported us and made all of this possible.

March is going to be another exciting month. You can feel the Rodeo excitement starting to really build. Polish your boots and buckles, and come out to the festivities that are planned.

God bless you all,
Nikki Coxxx



SPECIAL REQUEST

Does anyone have a copy of "Torch Song Trilogy"? If so, please call David Allman at 851-3266

SILENT AUCTION

On March 30th, we will be holding our second Silent Auction to benefit Rodeo in the Rock '96. Our last auction raised almost \$900.00. Yeah! We've got lots of goodies, dinners for two, art work, western shirts, framed rodeo prints, and much more. But again, we need more donations. Check around your house, maybe that new pair of boots you bought last month just aren't you - anything of value is welcome. The auction opens at 9pm for viewing and the first sale will begin at 10pm. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks Julie W.

RODEO REPORT

Less than two months and DSRA will host it's third and most likely it's largest Rodeo. Are you ready? You bet! T-shirts and Rodeo tickets are now available at most Clubhouse events, Rides Down Backstreet, Diamond tours or call Janiece C. at 985-0632. T-shirts are \$12.00, Rodeo weekend packages are \$25.00 or \$10.00 per rodeo performance and \$5.00 per hot party.

We have two more scheduled Diamond tours to Memphis and Fort Smith. Ya'll please try to make these road trips with our performers, I know they would appreciate your support. Also one last Ride Down Backstreet on March 23rd with a pre-party at Olde World Pizza.

We will be posting volunteer sign up sheets at the Clubhouse soon. We have had a good response to the call for volunteers but we still need many, many more. I've been very impressed by the number of people from out of state and different associations who have called and offered to volunteer. Must be something special going on in Little Rock!

Also all volunteers will get special discounts on Rodeo ticket packages. We'll be having a rodeo volunteer sign up party April 20th at the Clubhouse. So Ya'll come down, sign up for a shift or two and Let's Rodeo!

Thanks Julie W.



We say hello to you girls in Oklahoma. Are ya'll coming to the Rodeo?

S & M

LOST AT BUBBA DRAG
JEWELLED CROWN EARRING
If found, Please call
Carolyn 851-3266

RUMORS VS. FACT

The DSRA has lost their lease and are being thrown out in the street because they are a bunch of QUEERS! This is BULLSHIT! I am amazed at how quickly something like this has spread! Please let me tell the facts. Yes, we have lost our lease. The people who own the building are expanding their business. They are good people and have been wonderful landlords. When the Clubhouse was first opened years ago, we knew that one day our landlord would want to expand. That was all up front. That time has come. They have graciously said we could stay until after the Rodeo is over. This gives us plenty of time to find new clubhouse. We have grown at the DSRA. Our membership is now in excess of two hundred. The capacity of the clubhouse, as set by the State Fire Marshall, is fifty people. So, I think we have a blessing in disguise. The present clubhouse has served our needs very well, but we are steadily growing.

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We are a vital part of not just the gay community, but the whole Central Arkansas area. Our rodeo brings in a lot of money for numerous businesses in Little Rock, including bar owners, hotels, airlines, restaurants, vendors, printers, etc. and, of course, the AIDS related organizations that benefit because of the DSRA, its members, and its friends. We are on the lookout for a new clubhouse that will be able to support the future needs of the DSRA. We have had a lot of good times at our present location, and I'm sure we will miss it. To our landlord of all these years, Don's Supply, "Thank you for being so kind and generous and providing us with a nice building at a more than fair rate." And for you people spreading rumors that are uninformed and untrue, "Shut up and learn the facts." The Diamond State Rodeo Association is here to stay! God bless you
Nikki Coxxx

**DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION
1995-1996 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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| Ms DSRA | Teri Vann | 851-6014 |
| Mr. DSRA | Bill Brown | 1-890-6377 |

The next general membership meeting is March 15th at 9 PM. Your attendance is needed and greatly appreciated. Please attend.



EVENTS REPORT MARCH '96

With all that is going on in our organization, it is very important that everyone attend the next general membership meeting on the 15th of March. It will be a decision making one.

We have a work play day scheduled for march 24th where several people are needed to help prepare Tammy's ranch for the play day on the 31st. The Royalty will be hosting AGLTF for an afternoon event from 4pm to 7pm at the Clubhouse on the 24th. In return they will assist us when we request for bartending or cleanup.

We are trying to schedule a return to the Silver Dollar for March 30th at 9pm then travel to the Clubhouse for the Silent Auction. A last minute attempt to draw support for a better success at this Rodeo benefit.

All dates has been put on hold for Rodeo benefits until after the Rodeo. Julie will more or less be in charge of the available dates until May. She has contacted me about the Rugby Girls doing a benefit for their team and it has been set for April 6th.

Please consider all that is in this edition of the Lariat and make all events possible. After the General Membership meeting of the 15th we do have a Rodeo Benefit, it is the Febe Khaole Buckle Sponsorship fundraising and should be a lot of fun. Plan on making the meeting and staying for the show.

Events Chair
Tommy Waddle

372-6161

ATTENTION

It's your final chance to present your nominations for the position of rodeo Grand Marshall during the general membership meeting Friday, February 9th. Be sure and attend. A final decision will be made on March 15th.

663-1400
office space for rent
Brimley House furniture
65th St.

61st St. Tupperware
Blog



D.S.R.A. CALENDAR

March 10 - April 20, 1996





| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Mar 10 5:00pm Rodeo Committee Meeting | Mar 11 | Mar 12 | Mar 13 | Mar 14 | Mar 15 Febe Night Buckle Sponsorship 7:00pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting | Mar 16 St. Patrick's Day Party |
| Mar 17 <i>St. Patrick's</i> | Mar 18 | Mar 19 | Mar 20 <i>Spring begins</i> | Mar 21 | Mar 22 | Mar 23 5:00pm Olde World Pizza night 10:00pm Ride Down Backstreet |
| Mar 24 1:00pm Work Day at the Crowder Ranch 5:00pm Rodeo Committee Meeting | Mar 25 | Mar 26 | Mar 27 | Mar 28 | Mar 29 | Mar 30 Silent Auction |
| Mar 31 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 1:00pm Pre-Rodeo Play Date Crowder Ranch | Apr 1 <i>April Fools Day</i> | Apr 2 | Apr 3 | Apr 4 | Apr 5 <i>Good Friday</i> Lariat Deadline 666-3706 | Apr 6 Women's Night |
| Apr 7 Daylight Savings Easter 5:00pm Rodeo Committee Meeting | Apr 8 | Apr 9 | Apr 10 | Apr 11 | Apr 12 7:00pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting L.A. Rodeo '96 | Apr 13 Diamond Tour Memphis |
| Apr 14 5:00pm Rodeo Committee Meeting L.A. Rodeo '96 | Apr 15 | Apr 16 | Apr 17 | Apr 18 | Apr 19 | Apr 20 Rodeo Volunteer sign up Party |



D.S.R.A. CALENDAR

April 21 - June 1, 1996



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Apr 21 5:00pm Rodeo Committee Meeting | Apr 22 | Apr 23 | Apr 24 | Apr 25 Rodeo Kick off Party | Apr 26 Rodeo in the Rock | Apr 27 Rodeo in the Rock |
| Apr 28 Rodeo in the Rock | Apr 29 | Apr 30 | May 1 | May 2 | May 3 | May 4 Rodeo Appreciation Free Beer |
| May 5 | May 6 | May 7 | May 8 | May 9 | May 10 Lariat Deadline 666-3706 | May 11 |
| May 12  Mother's Day | May 13 | May 14 | May 15 | May 16 | May 17 7:00pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting | May 18 Armed Forces Day Membership Appreciation Night |
| May 19 Zia Regional Rodeo... | May 20 | May 21 | May 22 | May 23 | May 24 Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque, MN | May 25 Great Plains Regional Rodeo Oklahoma ... |
| May 26 Great Plains Reg... | May 27  Memorial Day (Observed) | May 28 | May 29 | May 30 | May 31 | June 1 Bay Area Regional Rodeo San Francisco |

DSRA'S

Pre-Rodeo Playday
Sun. March 31 1996

1:00 pm

At

The Crowder Ranch

Admission \$1.00

EVENTS:

Barrels

Martha Washington Race

Barrel Racing on Foot

Flag Racing

Calf Roping on Foot

Goat Dressing

Polebending

Boot Race

Goat Decorating

Swingin' Weenie Race

\$2.00 per Event /per person

!!!!EVENT FEES WILL BE JACKPOTTED TO PAY 3 PLACES!!!!



Directions:

Take I-65 south towards Pine Bluff, Take exit #9 (Bingham Road Exit), Turn Left and go over bridge, Road will bend to right and turn into gravel rd, stay on main road road until it dead ends, Turn left , then immediate right onto Lorange Heights and turn left into the first driveway on the left.(at the big metal barn)

For more Information call-501•562•4466



FOOD AND BEVERAGES
WILL BE AVAILABLE
ON
RODEO GROUNDS!

NO COOLERS OR
DOGS PLEASE!

DON'T FORGET
YOUR LAWN
CHAIR!

All persons present must sign a waiver of liability before entering The Crowder Ranch.
The Crowder Ranch will not be responsible for any theft or accidents
while on the premises.