



## Thank You

I've spent this last week reflecting on my time involved in DSRA. I have made some great friends, ticked off several people, done construction work and cleaned up a lot of messes. But the one thing I'm most proud of and hope I will always be able to remember is that great feeling it gives me when I was able to help, in different ways, people I may never meet. People who probably don't realize how many hours I've spent on the phone, at the clubhouse or on the road, to make their lives a little better. But I know I have never known the true depth of joy until I became active in DSRA. I want to thank all of you for your efforts, no matter how small, for your time, energy, money, and thoughtfulness.

Saturday December 14th during the annual DSRA Christmas Party, we collected Christmas gifts to be given to needy RAIN Care Partners. I am overwhelmed at your generosity. We were able to sponsor all twenty six Angels given to us by RAIN. I must mention that about half were sponsored by people who weren't even members of

DSRA, but were inspired by our compassion for our friends at RAIN.

We should all take a little time out and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. No one is as capable as DSRA. Our membership has always been and will always be the kindest and most involved group of its kind.

So for anyone I might have missed, *Thank you.* You all have made me very proud and thankful for the DSRA. Happy Holidays.

JW



## DSRA BYLAWS REVISED

Revisions to the DSRA Bylaws were approved at the November General Membership meeting. Early in 1997, the Bylaws Committee will also bring before

the membership several proposals related to our Standing Rules. After those are considered, we will publish the Bylaws and Standing Rules as a package and make them available to the membership. Anyone wanting a copy of the new Bylaws in the interim, may obtain them from Steve Mitchell at 758-3133 or [smitch@aristotle.net](mailto:smitch@aristotle.net).



## FEAST

The first potluck at the New DSRA Clubhouse hosted by Steve Mitchell turned out to be an unqualified success! Almost two dozen folks showed up with tons of incredible eats that could have fed an army...and not one single tub of Kroger potato salad was in sight! From Honey Baked Ham to homemade lasagna, the food was exceptional.

Afterwards those who could stay

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awake watched Independence Day on our big screen TV and were joined by about a dozen more folks. A very enjoyable evening in all.

You don't want to miss the next potluck on Saturday, February 1. If the first one was any indication, this could be a monthly event we all look forward to!



## DYNAMIC DUO CONTINUES WINNING WAYS

Tammy Crowder and Susan Williford continued making an impact on the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, Susan won the buckle in Pole Bending with Tammy second for the weekend. Tammy won the buckle in Flag racing and Susan

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was second for the weekend in Barrel Racing.

In the All Round Cowgirl competition Susan finished with the forth highest point total and Tammy finished sixth. Unfortunately, because of the requirements for qualifying and scoring in a variety of events, neither of them placed in the All Round Cowgirl competition. Although they did very well, and we are very proud of them, Tammy was particularly disappointed since she was the defending All Round Cowgirl from last year when she won as a SEGRA member.

In November Tammy and Susan competed at the Texas Rodeo in Dallas. This was the first rodeo of the new year. In Chute Dogging Tammy was 7th on Saturday and Susan was 6th on Sunday. Tammy finished 6th for the weekend and Susan 8th. In Barrel Racing Tammy was 4th and Susan 5th on Saturday. Sunday, Susan was 3rd and also finished 3rd for the weekend. Pole Bending was totally dominated by the two with Tammy 1st and Susan 2nd for both go rounds with Tammy winning the buckle! In Flag Racing Tammy was 1st and Susan 2nd on Saturday. Susan was first on Sunday and also won the buckle! Finally, in Wild

Drag Race, Tammy's team with Jim DeLine of MGRA and Frank Martinez of TGRA finished 6th on Saturday and 7th on Sunday. Susan's team with Laura Laykasek and John Weatherly of TGRA was 2nd on Sunday. For the weekend Susan's team finished 3rd and Tammy's fifth. In the All Round Cowgirl competition in Dallas Susan finished 3rd with 325 points and Tammy was 4th with 251. Candy Pratt won the All Round in her return to the circuit with 435 points.

Due only to their performances, the DSRA ranked 7th in Team Points out of the 17 associations that had qualifying members at the finals. At Texas, DSRA was 4th out of 11 associations scoring. Now that's a dynamic duo!

The best of luck to all our DSRA competitors. Although Tammy and Susan are the most visible, they are not the only DSRA competitors. Here's Hoping we'll be able to report high placements for other DSRA members this year!

Steve



*Tips:* Grease under the fingernails is a social no-no. They detract from a girls jewelry, and alter the taste of finger foods.

When sending your date down the road with a gas can, it is impolite to ask them to bring you back a beer.



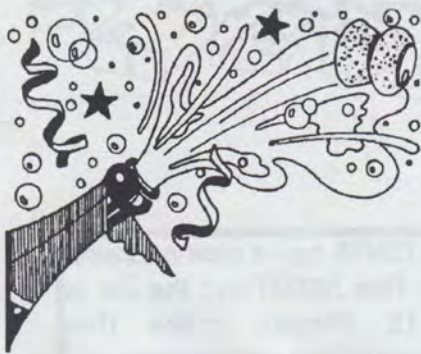
The last rodeo meeting we decided to invite the same officials back for this year. Everyone was so wonderful and effective last year we thought it would be great to have the same crew again.

The Rodeo Silent Auction on December 14th raised over \$800. Thanks to everyone who bid and donated. The next Auction will be in March.

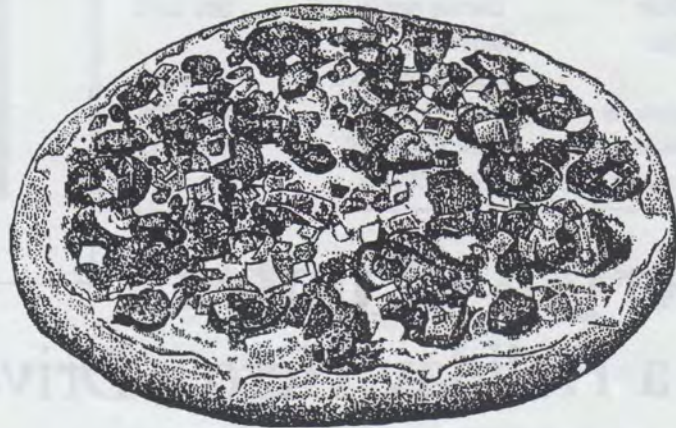
Other up coming fund raisers include an Olde World Pizza night with all tips going to the Rodeo. A Febe Kohle Belt Buckle night to sponsor Wild Drag belt buckles, and the Chili Super Bowl party in conjunction with the Ozark Lady Rugby Team. Please make all these events. They are fun and very important to the success on the Rodeo. And of course the New Years Eve party is very important to the Rodeo.

The next Rodeo meeting is January 4th at 7pm. Please be there!

Julie



## Olde World Pizza Night For Rodeo in the Rock '97



\* Join us before you head to the clubhouse on Saturday, January 11th between 5-10 pm at Olde World Pizza, located at 1706 Markham - across from the State Capital.

\* Rodeo chairpeople will be waiting tables for tips - all tips go to support Rodeo in the Rock '97.

\* Come on down, bring your friends - eat pizza, drink beer and,

**TIP WELL!!!**



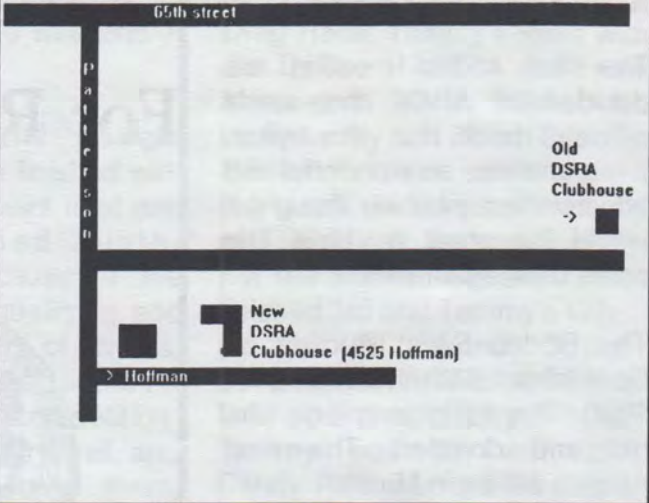
The next general membership meeting is December 20th at 9 PM, at the new DSRA Clubhouse (4525 Hoffman). Your attendance is needed and greatly appreciated. Please attend.



**DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION  
1996-1997 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# New DSRA Clubhouse



## Cheryl's Quotes

### Be a Holiday Hero - Drive a Drinker Home

Please don't forget  
your personal care  
item donation for  
Ryan White Center  
New Years Eve!



The DSRA has a new address  
P.O. Box 56503 and the Zip is  
72215 Please make this  
change where appropriate.  
Thanks

*Host Hotel:*  
**Best Western  
Inntowne**

600 Interstate 30

Reservations:  
(501) 375-2100

**\$69.50 per room**

*(Must mention DSRA for rate,  
guaranteed till 4-1-02)*

- ⇒ *Gay Friendly!!!*
- ⇒ *Shuttle to/from Airport*
- ⇒ *Restaurant open all weekend*
- ⇒ *Party site of rodeo weekend*
- ⇒ *Located just minutes from  
arena and Bars*

**"BAR M RODEO"  
BOUNTY BULL  
\$1,000**

*to the contestant who can ride  
the bounty bull for 6 seconds!!!!*

(All participants in the Bull riding  
competition who wish to  
participate will have their names  
thrown in a hat. The one person  
who's name is pulled will be given  
a chance at the bounty bull.  
*Sponsored by Bar M Rodeo Co.*

*Second Leg of:*  
**The Southern Triple  
Crown**

*(All-Around Buckle Series)*

To be eligible for this buckle the  
contestants must have competed  
at the Texas, Arkansas, and  
Oklahoma gay rodeos. Total  
scores will be tabulated and the  
top Cowboy and Cowgirl will be  
awarded the STC buckles. Rookie  
buckles will also be awarded

*Prize money:*

All-Around Male / Female: \$500  
Rookie All-Around Male / Female: \$250

Buckles and Money will be awarded at  
the Oklahoma Rodeo.

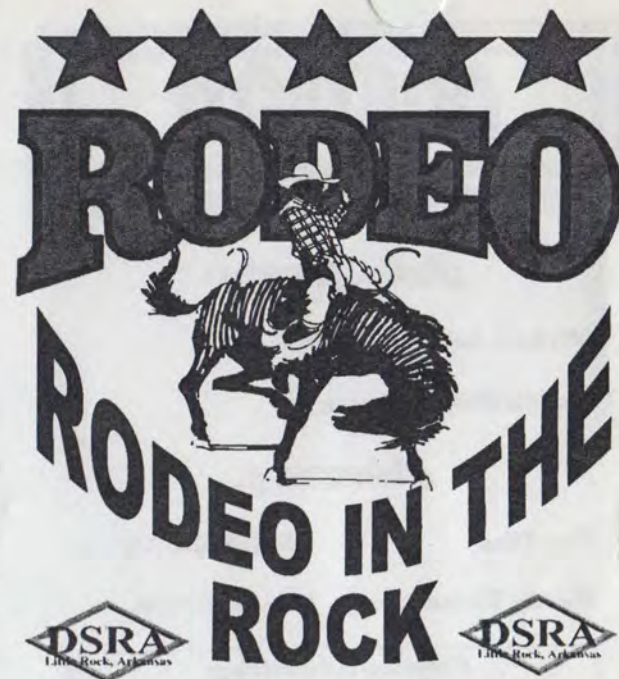
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**Best Western Inn Towne  
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# CONTACTS

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### Program Advertising:

Full Page: \$200

1/2 Page: \$100

1/4 Page: \$50

Business Cards: \$25

## Entertainment Committee:

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Sherry Phillips Pitapup@iwon.com

Entertainers who wish to volunteer to perform at the "2002 Rodeo in the Rock" should contact the above committee members. Slots will be limited. Current IGRA and member organizations Royalty will be given preference.

## Volunteer Coordinator

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## Sponsorships:

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Balloongirl@carthlink.net

## Vendors

Michael Ashley (501)888-6237

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Rental Spaces are 10' x 10', and are available for \$75. Free space is available to non-profit organizations.

# CONTESTANT INFO

"Rodeo in the Rock" is sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). All IGRA rules and regulations will apply. Contestants who wish to compete must send their check or Money order to:

Diamond State Rodeo Association  
PO BOX 56503  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

## Stalls and RV's

Stalls are available for \$45 dollars each for the weekend. Shavings may be purchased at the fairgrounds. All horses must have valid health papers. All IGRA rules and state laws will apply during this rodeo. RV sites are available at gate 11 at the south end of Schiller Street for \$20 per day.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please note: Times and places are subject to change

## Thursday, April 25

⇒ 9pm-12am: "Welcome to the Rock Party" (DSRA clubhouse)

## Friday, April 26

⇒ 6pm-9pm: Registration

⇒ 9pm-12am: "Rendezvous in the Rock Party" (Host Hotel)

## Saturday, April 27

⇒ 8:30am: Rodeo Competition begins!!!!

⇒ Noon-ish: Grand Entry

⇒ 1pm: Rodeo Performance (Fairgrounds)

⇒ 8pm: "Diamond State Strut Party" (Host Hotel)

## Sunday, April 28th

⇒ 8:30am: Rodeo Competition begins

⇒ Noon-ish: Grand Entry

⇒ 1pm: Rodeo Performance (Fairgrounds)

⇒ Awards Ceremony and Celebration (Host Hotel)