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Diamond State Rodeo Association

August, 1997

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting- August 15
DSRA Elections - August 15
Women's Night - August 16
Spades Tournament - August 17
Clubhouse Closed - August 22
Clubhouse Closed - August 29
Bear Night - August 30
Spades Night - September 5
AGLTF Fund-raiser - September 6
Lariat Deadline - September 12
General Membership Meeting -Sept 19
DSRA Potluck & Dancing Sept - 20



I want to thank everyone for all the support you've shown me this last year as president. Everyone has been very kind and supportive. I hope I have helped the DSRA evolve in a positive direction and served you all and our community as I had intended. I will be staying on the Board of Directors as Rodeo Chair

and Rodeo Director. This years rodeo should be even more successful. At least I'll be able to devote all my time to the planning and promotion of the rodeo.

Thank you all for an interesting year.



RODEO TRIALS

On July 18th, a group of DSRA members (I have your names!) took a vote. This vote was whether or not to make a bid at IGRA convention to host the Rodeo and Royalty finals for 1999 rodeo season. The vote was unanimous (I have your names!), We would give our convention delegates the authority to make a bid for finals. The lesson in all this, be careful what you ask for, it could come true! And it did!

What does this mean? This means three rodeos within a twelve month period. Rodeo

in the Rock April '99, IGRA finals October '99 and Rodeo in the Rock April 2000. I have no doubt this will be a mega money making opportunity for DSRA. I also have no doubt we are capable of making an excellent rodeo for everyone. This will all, however, depend upon the commitment of the group. I already know that group of people at the July meeting are committed and will volunteer at every chance (I have your names!) What about the rest of the members? Do you want to be a part of making DSRA. and our State shine? I sure hope so. I am very excited about the challenge we have excepted. I hope all the membership will take pride in doing all possible to make the Rodeos the best they can be!



ART WORK

It's time that all you creative types get busy. The deadline for Rodeo in the Rock '98 artwork is Sept. 19th general membership meeting. Hopefully, \$50 in cash, \$30 in drink cards, and 2 rodeo T-shirts will perk a little interest in more people making a submission.

Remember your artwork will be used on our poster, the tri-folds and T-shirts. Miller Lite should be represented in the piece in order for us to qualify for that \$1000 prize given at finals for the best rodeo poster. Also, try to keep it simple - the more color the more cost.

We only need the artwork. Lay out and any type can be added later. Good luck at capturing that rodeo spirit.



The next Lariat deadline is September 12th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706.

25/25/50 POT SPLIT FUND-RAISER

*At each Major DSRA Function chances will be given for each one dollar donation.

* At the end of that evening one name will be drawn for 25% of the money raised that night.

*On April 25th '98, (The Saturday Night Rodeo Dance) the other 25% that has grown all year will be given away. Predicted amount about \$2,400!

*Everyone who has participated all year will still be eligible to win.

*The remaining 50% will go to finance the Rodeo. Predicted amount about \$4,800!



DSRA not responsible for any taxes incurred by the winner

BALANCE IN 25/25/50 POT

Pot for rodeo drawing in April '98 - \$40

Profits toward financing Rodeo '98 - \$72

Come on, let's put our \$1's in!! This pot should reach \$2000 by next April.

Remember 25% goes to one winner that night

25% goes in a pot to be given away rodeo weekend.

50% goes to fund our rodeo.

John L was the winner Saturday August 9th at the DSRA Potluck. He graciously donated his winnings to the Rodeo fund!!! Way to go John.



Just Eagles may soar, but you never hear of weasels being sucked into a jet engine. Chastity is curable if detected early. Drugs and success don't mix.

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I.G.R.A. FINALS RODEO!!!

Yes, cowboys and cowgirls, the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo will be at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds October 28-31, 1999! You can bet that will be a Halloween weekend that we won't forget!!! Steve Mitchell, as Trustee, made the presentation on behalf of the D.S.R.A. to the Annual Convention in Salt Lake City on July 26. We proposed holding the rodeo in the Equestrian Center and the royalty competition in the expanded show bar of Discovery. A host hotel for the rodeo was not set, however, it will likely be either one of our previous hotels with a rate near \$70 for 1-4 people.

The delegates were given an option of holding the rodeo in Barton Coliseum, but it was recommended that it be held where we have rodeoed in the past because of cost and the better atmosphere. There were a number of questions concerning weather at that time of year with a couple of delegates preferring to go inside regardless. The convention ended up voting overwhelmingly for our proposal with a handful of abstentions. The choice of venue is up to us. We will be discussing this at upcoming meetings and how we may better deal with weather at the Equestrian Center. Don't miss your opportunity to get involved! It sounds a long way off now, but you better believe that the time will fly by. Yeeeeee Haaaaaa!!!

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SALT LAKE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!

Don't believe for a minute that I.G.R.A. Convention is all work and no play! The trip to Salt Lake City was a blast.....for those who can remember. Even the convention floor had its moments as T.G.R.A. did a spoof on the Mormon migration and Oklahoma appeared to have several inflatable delegates. The I.G.R.A. Country Western Dance Competition was held in the Centro Civico Mexicano across the street from a fine bar called the Trap. No offense to the dance competitors, but even they would probably agree that the highlight of the competition was Saturday night's concert by the Saliva Sisters. They're a Salt Lake cabaret act that is best described as Bette Midler times three! WEELLL! They are hard to put into words, but if you have an opportunity to see them on tour, DON'T MISS THEM!

Unfortunately, three of the five D.S.R.A. delegates were so worn out, or partied up by cocktail parties hosted by other associations in the hotel, they didn't even go out Saturday night! We all did manage to go out Sunday night after it was all over. A local bar hosted a quaint fundraising event called a whipped cream auction. Weeellll, you know how those cowboys and cowgirls get on the last night in town..... you've never seen anything like that night in Salt Lake! A dozen or so study cowboys IN THEIR UNDERWEAR, were paraded around on an outdoor stage before about 200 people. Cans of whipped cream were then auctioned off going as high as \$100!!!

The whipped cream can owners then drew lots to see which studly cowboy they got to squirt down. They had 30 seconds to squirt them with their favorite topping and then 30 seconds to take it off.....by licking of course!

Words again fail me. Much of the action actually took place on the floor because it got so slick no one could stand very long. You should have seen big John L. on his knees tickling a hunky Denver cowboy with his tongue as the cowboy tried in vain to scramble away on all fours! Or Charles J. who was auctioned TWICE because the emcee thought he was so scrumptious!

Combine cowboys, sex, liquor, and you have a fund-raiser that raised \$1,000 in about an hour. BEWARE! I think Big John has developed a craving for whipped cream...be careful to what you agree!!!



UPCOMING RODEO FUND-RAISERS

25/25/50 pot - Should be held at every clubhouse event.

Olde World Pizza Night - Please watch your calendar for these fun nights out at our favorite pizza and beer place!

<u>Dinner With Friends</u> - This is a private fund raiser to be held at your house at your convenience. Please hold a dinner party and ask for a donation to Rodeo in the Rock.

November or December Rodeo Auction - We will be hitting the pavement soon for items for this auction. Please help!

Fall Fiesta - May have a twist this year! Watch for more info.

New Years Eve Party - New Years Eve part profits have always been split between the upcoming rodeo and the DSRA's general account. Please encourage your friends to attend. The party will be held at the Women's City Club again this year.

Board of Directors Turn About Show - Come see your elected governing "body" bend the gender rules......Skag Drag!!!

<u>Superbowl '98 Party</u> - clubhouse chili and beer party, door prizes. Everyone welcome.

Easter Basket Auction - I hope this one is better attended. We'll have a silent auction with an Easter basket theme. Please donate items.

The next general membership meeting is August 15th at 9 PM, at the DSRA Clubhouse. Your attendance is needed and greatly appreciated. Please attend.



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DINNER AND DANCIN' GO WELL TOGETHER

The potluck and dancing on August 9 turned into one of our more enjoyable evenings at the Clubhouse in a long time. The potluck dinner that began the evening was once again a feast! We then adjourned to the dance hall where Lonnie M. and Ray N. brought their music, dance steps, and patience to teach the two dozen people who showed up for the evening. I have a feeling that Lonnie and Ray may be coaxed into instructing on other evenings but you can bet that we will keep them coming for the potluck nights.

The next potluck is scheduled for September 20. Put it on your calendar now!

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