



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



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Diamond State Rodeo Association

January, 1998

UPCOMING EVENTS

- General Membership Meeting - Jan 16
- Board meeting - Jan 16
- DSRA Potluck & Dancing - Jan 17
- Rodeo meeting - Jan 17
- Beer Bust - January 23
- Leather/Levi Bear night - Jan 24
- Super Bowl/Chili Party - Jan 25
- Cozymel's - Jan 27
- Skag Drag - Jan 31
- Spades Night - Feb. 6
- Spades Tournament - Feb. 8
- Lariat Deadline - Feb. 13
- Women's Night - Feb. 14
- General Membership Meeting - Feb. 20



President's Report

The holidays are finally over with and a new year has begun. Now is the time for all within the membership to get ready for our first event of the year...Rodeo in the Rock '98!

This is one of the events that has done the most in raising money for our brothers and our sisters with HIV/AIDS. This particular event is less than 4 months away. You will be hearing a great deal about it in the future, especially from me and Julie W., our Rodeo Director. Planning this rodeo is a major undertaking and is not a job that can be fully done by one person. Just think to yourself of what all you would have to do if you had to do it yourself! This should tell you that Julie will have her plate full and will have plenty to pass around. I personally offer to take as much as I possibly can in order to help out. So, Julie, if you need me, *you got me!!* And I urge each and everyone, both within and outside the membership, to step forward and do the same.

You will also find attached in this Lariat a special letter thanking as many people as I could remember for helping out for the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve parties. From what I have been told by others, these were some really great parties! Our Christmas party was done in a rather hurried fashion, but it all came together. I had asked John C. to decorate the clubhouse for this party, and he did a really wonderful job. What is amazing is that he had it all done in just about one afternoon! Thank you, John. We all really appreciate your efforts and your enthusiasm for the D.S.R.A.

I hope and pray that, for the coming year, we can all stop from time to time and really appreciate each other in our dedication to what we are trying to do. There is an old saying that it is hard to remember that your original purpose was to drain the swamp when your up to your ass in alligators. God knows that this has been the case many times. But I still believe that we can all work together and get through this. We have much to do, but we will have gained much once we are done.



UPCOMING EVENTS

This months rodeo fund raiser will be the Super Bowl Party at the Clubhouse. \$10 all you can eat chili and fixin's. That price also includes soft drinks and Miller Lite. I am asking for members to donate the chili and fixin's. Please call me if you'd like to donate a bucket of you best chili to the party, we'll also need chips, dips, cheese anything else that goes with chili. call me, or I'll be calling you.....

Please don't forget the skag drag beards and beads ball on January

31st. Most of our male board members will be donning the old wigs and heels to raise a little money for the rodeo. This promises to be the most fun event all year. Dennis N., Jacky G., Ray N., Mike B., and yes John L., are scheduled to take part in this most unusual show. They have promised the best of both worlds. All I know is they are too well prepared and too excited about shopping the salvation army for clothes. It ain't right.

Next month we'll be going to the downtown Olde World Pizza location to work the room for tips. Please tell everyone you know about this event. We can make big bucks and have a great time with a

little word of mouth advertising. Our last Olde World night turn out wasn't so hot. We need to make up the difference this trip. You can help!!!! the date is Saturday night Feb. 21st. Guess what? How about another auction. Easter basket auction in April. I NEED your help in gathering items and gift certificates. Please help!!!! I can't tell you all how important these events are. Without a steady flow of income each month, we will not have as an effective of a rodeo. Lots of bills to pay ahead of time. T-shirts, advertising, postage, IGRA fees, belt buckles, airfare for needed certified officials and lots more. Got any ideas to raise \$\$\$ please tell me. We need all the help we can get.

fill these spots. Please drop by the next rodeo meeting or give me a call if you think you have time to help. None of these jobs are too complicated they just require a lot of time and dedication. I promise no one will be dumped blindly off into a tank of sharks in the first couple of days....

Please be thinking about volunteering for the rodeo. We'll be needing security, ticket takers, ticket sellers, bar tenders, arena crew, and tons more. There are thousands of volunteer hours to be filled. Remember. For each shift you fill you get discounts on those rodeo and party tickets and some volunteer positions get in free all weekend, such as arena crew and rodeo director....

Belt buckles. one of our biggest sources of pre-rodeo income is the sale of belt buckles. For \$175 you can sponsor your favorite event. Heck, we'll even let you put the buckle on the winner if you'd like. Sponsorship forms are available at the clubhouse. With your donation you'll get a business car size add in the rodeo program. However if you'd like to donate anonymously, that can be arranged. We have 27 buckles to get sponsored. PLEASE HELP!!!!

A personal note. I became rodeo director in the summer of '95. It seemed like an OK thing to do. Shoot I'd only been a member for a few months and only worked a rodeo as arena crew. What a promotion! The established members assured me there was nothing to it and they'd be there to help and guide me. And they did, if there were any problems I'd just call Crowson and he'd return my call a couple of weeks later, and if any paper work was missing it was sure to turn up on his kitchen table someday. (Just kidding Steve, but I'll bet there is still stuff I'm looking for on that table which is now in Dallas.....). I'll tell you the truth it wasn't a piece of cake by any means, but I've never felt such personal growth and pride when the last belt buckle was given away that Sunday night. The rodeo is a very special part of my life. I take it very seriously. I feel up 'til now I've only

RODEO REPORT

Four months and counting. Are you ready to rodeo? I'll be ordering the T-shirts at the end of the month. Please let me know by the 20th if you want a special order long sleeve T in white at cost, \$13-\$14, or a heather gray sweatshirt at cost \$15-\$16. These will be high quality 100% cotton shirts with the modified DSRA diamond on the front and the two color poster artwork on the back.

I know these will be awesome looking shirts. call me if you want a special order shirt. Posters and trifolds will be going out the middle of Feb. to the other IGRA associates. We still need a couple more people to take on chairperson roles for the rodeo. Some of the people who have been a great help in the past rodeos are unable to help this year. We need "fresh meat" to



Just Fun: What do you say to a silly faggot with two black eyes? Nothing they've already been told twice!! Did you hear about the Homo that was trying to blow up a car? He burned his lips on the tail pipe. :-)

achieved success with the help of many people. I want nothing more than to help organize another successful rodeo. I define success as safe, profitable, and fun. I get all giddy when I go to another rodeo and people tell me what a great time they had in Little Rock. That's pride folks. I am so very proud to be a part of DSRA. You can't find a better group of people anywhere. I hope you all feel the same pride I do in our organization. We do good things for a lot of people. Most of us don't realize how many lives we effect with our fund-raising for AIDS/HIV and our collection of tangible items for people living with AIDS. So if you are ever feeling down, or like life hasn't been fair to you, just look at all the good our group does. Take pride in what you are a part of. No matter what you give, whether it's time, manpower, or money it's a part of one of the most caring and giving groups in existence. Remember when you show up to any DSRA function, you are helping someone somewhere down the road.

Thanks
Julie

COZYMEL'S

Last month a few of us (well about 25) got together for a dinner at the new Olde World Pizza location out hwy 10. There was no purpose other than to see Richard's new restaurant and have a little fellowship beyond the

them a reasonable estimate of how many of us to expect. Please call me and let me know if you'd like to attend by the 25th.

Again, there is no purpose for this get together except for a good time. We will

THANK YOU!

A Special Thank You!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say Thanks to some very special people for making the Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve Party two of the best events in 1997.




For the Christmas party, thanks go out to Tex and Steve for the food, Dale A. for working the door, Sam E. and Randall S. for working the bar, Janeice C. for running the music, and a very special thanks to John C. for quickly decorating the clubhouse and making it look fantastic! (By the way, Randall, who were those two girls you were talking to at closing time?)

For the New Year's Eve party, thanks go out to John C. for running the front ticket desk and for helping me out with getting volunteers, Linda M. for working with Ray N. with everything, Cheryl W. for arranging the food, John L. for helping out at the bar and especially for helping all of us get this crazy thing organized. For

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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

clubhouse. There was a very positive response so I've made us reservations this month at Cozymels Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 6:30pm. We will be seated in a more or less private room. There is no charge to DSRA, the only fee will be an added gratuity of 15-18% on each persons check. I would like to give

be ordering off the menu and paying our own bill with the understanding that there will be a 15-18% tip added in. Cozy's is located on the hill at the intersection of Markham and Shackleford and our reservation is at 6:30 in the DSRA's name. Hope to see you there.

Julie

running the bar, kudos to Spencer N. for getting the volunteers together. Also helping at the bar were Tex and Steve, Tommy W., Tonie M., Randall S., Lester F. and Becky. Thanks a million!

Thanks to Janceice C. and Dennis N. for the music and entertainment, and Curtis D. for providing some of his CDs for us to play.

I also want to thank Keith C, Lester F., Dale A., Stephen R., David K., and Charlie W. for working the ticket booths. They all worked really hard to sell those tickets. And I want to take this time to give **VERY SPECIAL THANKS** to Greg P. It was with his input and efforts that really helped out in planning and implementing the New

Year's Eve Party. Thank you so much, Greg! (now, get in there and get your membership renewed!!!!)

If there is anyone that I failed to mention, please accept my apologies here and now. I have tried to keep up with all of the names of everyone, but I am only human. I only hope that, when we try to do this again for the parties at the Rodeo and for the New Year's Eve Party in 1998, I can still count on you to help us all out so that we can make 1998 one of the best years for the D.S.R.A. God Bless each and every one of you. And, again, Thank You So Very Much!

With Love,
Jacky Green

The next Lariat deadline is February 13th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706 or MIKE4DSRA@aol.com

CURE FOR CABIN FEVER DISCOVERED

Monthly Potluck and Dancing this Saturday!!! using that dance floor!

Join us at the Clubhouse on Saturday, January 17 for our monthly potluck followed by a brief update on this spring's upcoming rodeo and then dancing with instruction by Lonnie and Ray.

We have a larger and larger group using the Dance Hall at the Clubhouse and having a great time. Lonnie and Ray will be teaching western dancing again this month...after we digest the meal. They will teach just about anything on request. It would be great to see a bunch of you cowboys and cowgirls show up for the first time! For those of you who are shy, Ray and Lonnie will take you aside and do some personal instruction to ease your way onto the dance floor. It's about time you started

There is always more good food than can be eaten at the potluck and great fellowship too. The rest of you don't know what you're missing! It's a great way to make new friends in a very laid back atmosphere.

The door will open at 6:30 PM and we'll start eating about 7 PM. We'll talk rodeo about 8 PM and then dancing will start in the vicinity of 8:30 PM. Call Steve Mitchell at 374-8897 to coordinate the food (PLEASE!).

Bring an item and you'll not be asked for a door donation. If a couple brings a single dish we ask that one make a door donation. You can always bring a \$5 door donation and eat without bringing food. Y'all come and bring friends!!!



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