



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



P.O. Box 56503 Little Rock, AR 72215

Diamond State Rodeo Association

July, 2001

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul - 20 Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting
- Jul - 21
- Jul - 22 Sunday Social
- Jul - 27
- Jul - 28 Turn About Show
- Jul - 29 Sunday Social
- Aug - 3 Spades Night
- Aug - 4
- Aug - 5 Sunday Social
- Aug - 10 Lariat Deadline
- Aug - 11
- Aug - 12 Sunday Social
- Aug - 17 Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting
- Aug - 18
- Aug - 19 Sunday Social



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope that everyone has been having a great summer despite the unbearable heat that we have been having.

At the last board meeting we voted to have a Rodeo in April of 2002. I know that nine months seems like a good ways off, but it will be here before you know it, thats why it is important that we continue our fundraising efforts not only for the Rodeo next spring, but for the monies we raise for local charities also. If you, or someone you know would like to host a function at the clubhouse, please give one of the board members a call. If you have an idea for a function let us know also. We hope to start up movie night again in a couple of weeks, along with the Sunday socials, which will be changed to 6pm instead of 4:30pm. We also want to do Bingo again soon along with a cookout and dance lessons, so watch your calendar we may even throw in a surprise or two.

If you have ever thought about

running for an office on the DSRA Board then you need to be at the July 20th General Membership meeting. We will be taking nominations for the various positions and don't forget the meeting in August when we will hold elections.

In closing I would like to take this time to thank the DSRA Board and the General Membership for the sympathy cards I received after my father died, thank you again.

Julie B. President





Rodeo Directors report:

Well Cowboys and Cowgirls here it is,

This is my last report as the Acting Rodeo Director. With the election drawing near, I just wanted to take one last time to say THANK-YOU. When Ian asked me to be his second in command, I had no idea of how this year would turn out. There was no way to know that Ian's accident was coming or the attention that we would get from the IGRA. We went about the task of putting the rodeo together with two things in mind: #1 Build on the good name that "Rodeo in the Rock" had acquired throughout the IGRA community, and #2 bring "Rodeo in the Rock" back to Arkansas from our absence after we held finals two years

ago. Armed with contacts from the people who had put on our past rodeos, and the vision of where we wanted the future rodeo to go, we started our trek. Everything went along fairly smoothly until Ian's accident. Then the whole world changed a bit. Our purposed changed a bit. We added a third goal..... #3. Put on a rodeo that Ian would be proud of!!!!!!

I am very happy to stand before you today and say, without reservations, we reached all our goals. From the Thursday night party, till the Sunday party at Backstreet..... the DSRA did ourselves proud. To thank each person name by name would be futile. I would feel so bad if I forgot even one person, so I choose not to go that route. I will simply echo

my words ever since the rodeo was over..... sincerely.... Thank You all for such a wonderful job of commitment, and sacrifice to insure the success of our rodeo. I especially want to thank all the ones who had ideas different from my own who stepped forward to show a different point of view. As I am sure you found out, I was always willing to listen, to argue my point, and then to weigh what the merits were before making a final decision (many times I went the way that was different from what I had planned).

From the rodeos that we have attended since ours, we have been constantly

told what a great time people had while they were down here and more importantly, that they were looking forward to coming back next year. My fellow DSRA members (and nonmembers) who helped with the rodeo, you have a right to take pride in your organization and your rodeo. It was a huge success, and I was proud to have been a part of it.

Even now plans are being made for the next "Rodeo in the Rock," so if you have any interest in being in the early planning stages, please contact the Rodeo Director, or one of the executive board.



Just Fun. I love cats They taste just like chicken. When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.





ROYALTY REPORT

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Just got back from the Omaha rodeo, and man did we have a good time. The Omaha crowd was warm and receptive to us "Southerners." The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association is an Organization and Rodeo similar to ours in size. This was Heartland's 5th rodeo, and we were able to be there for a first for them. They had to water the arena!!! To those who don't know the history of HGRA and why the watering thing was so amazing, let me fill you in. They have experienced in the last four years: One rainy day, two thunderstorms, and one Tornado. So you can well imagine their elation at having a sunny day for their rodeo.

Meanwhile back here in Little Rock, Sherry and I

are busy going about our task of promoting our organization and raising money for charity. We currently have containers throughout the clubhouse for people to drop in their loose change. It is called our "Change to Change Someone's Life" fundraiser (All proceeds go to the Positive Living Group). Sherry and Julie also sponsored a fundraising dance to raise money for the Susan G. Kolman foundation just a few weeks ago. Coming July 21st we are having another DSRA Road Show to Maggie Maes. Sherry and I will be joined by other performers to help raise money for The Positive Living Group. Please check the DSRA website or drop by Maggie Maes for a listing of the performers who will be joining us on stage for this worthwhile cause. And just wait for the much talked about DSRA Turnabout show

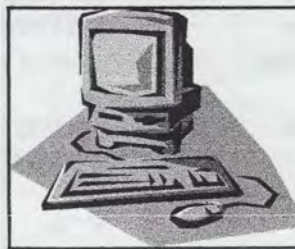
at the clubhouse the 28th of July. This one should be a blast! Sherry and I hope that you will come out and support our efforts to raise attention to our organization and to help some of these worthwhile organizations.

Happy Trails for DSRA

It was a bright warm morning when 6 of DSRA's bravest met for our first trail ride. Ed passed the sunscreen around and everyone adjusted their caps and made sure they were ready for the ride ahead. We then filled out the paperwork and were matched with a horse. A few of us had very limited experience on horseback (we'd seen pictures) and were a bit nervous but fortunately the horses knew what they were doing and all went well. The trails were beautiful and

wound up and down hills, around a lake and through the trees. Tess our guide and owner gave us riding pointers and put us at ease. When the ride ended it took a little while to get our legs back and a couple of us walked tenderly for a couple of days. Why do they call you a tenderfoot when it's your thighs and but that are so sore?

We had so much fun that we are doing it again! On Sunday July 22 we will meet at Horsehead Arena at 10:45. If you would like to join us call Sherry at 565-2111 or 562-1075 after 6:00pm. Call early to reserve your spot. Space is limited. Reservations must be made by Thursday July 19, 2001. Tess has generously given DSRA a \$5.00 discount making the ride \$25.00 for a two hour ride.



DSRA now has an easier to remember URL for its webpage:

<http://www.dsra.org>

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on the
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ANYTIME BALLOONS


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(501) 565-2111
Julie Brown & Sherry Phillips

Nominations for Officers

Elections will be held on August 17th 2001 at the general membership meeting. If you would like an absentee ballot your request must be received by August 1st and postmarked by August 10th. Nominations thus far are:

- President: Julie B.
- Vice President: Buddy T.
- Treasurer: ????
- Secretary: Sherry P.
- Public Relations: Mike B.
- Membership Chair: ????
- Events Chair: David S. (Rita Rogers)
- Rodeo Director: ????

If you are interested in running for any of the above offices please attend the General Membership Meeting on July 20th to be nominated. An updated list of candidates will be mailed out to each member after the general meeting on the 20th. To be nominated for office you must be a current member in good standing. If you have not renewed please do so each one of you is an important part of this organization.

The next Lariat deadline is August 10th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706  MIKE4DSRA@aol.com FAX 661-1427 (Call first)



DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION 2000-2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
President	Julie Brown	562-1075
Vice President	Buddy Thornsberry	416-7703
Secretary	Victor Clay	228-7319
Treasurer	Brad Harrod	660-4423
Trustee	Jacky Green	960-7353
Membership Chair	Sherry Phillips	565-2111
Events Chair		
Public Relations	Mike Baggett	666-3706
Clubhouse Manager	Jeff Allen	888-4897
Rodeo Director		



Is your household receiving two Lariats?
Let us know!!!

“Save the DSRA a few bucks.”

DSRA please combine the following names on your mailing list:

Name #1 _____

Name #2 _____

Address _____

From The By-Laws Committee

I am currently seeking volunteers to help me with the By-Laws and Standing Rules/Royalty Rules of the RA. As it stands right now, I am the only one! EEEEEK!!!! I will be announcing a meeting for August, just before elections, for any of the volunteers that would like to help with this. We will go over the By-Laws and recommend any changes to the new board that will be elected in August.

I also request that if anyone wished to change/modify any portion of the By-Laws or Standing Rules/Royalty Rules, please submit an email or a written letter to me no later than August 10th. You can email me at cowboybear99@yahoo.com or send the letter to: DSRA, P.O.Box 56503, Little Rock, 72209. Your help in this will be greatly appreciated!

Jacky G.

Spades Night is Starting Again!!

We will be restarting our popular Spades Night down at the clubhouse starting Friday, August 3rd, at 7:30 PM! This night is being hosted by none other than your Trustee, Jacky G. ALL MEMBERS and their guests are encouraged to come on out and have a great time playing cards! For those of you who came out during the beginning of the year, please come back by and bring a friend or two! We will be hosting these Spades Nights every first Friday of every month. The only requirements are a \$5 donation to go into the kitty and a competitive spirit. See you there!!

A young man joined the Army and signed up with the paratroopers. He went through the standard training, completed the practice jumps from higher and higher structures, and finally went to take his first jump from an airplane.

The next day, he called home to his father to tell him the news. "So, did you jump?" the father asked.

"Well, let me tell you what happened. We got up in the plane, and the sergeant opened up the door and asked for volunteers. About a dozen men got up and just walked out of the plane!"

"Is that when you jumped?" asked the father.

"Um, not yet. Then the sergeant started to grab the other men one at a time and throw them out the door."

"Did you jump then?" asked the father.

"I'm getting to that. Every one else had jumped, and I was the last man left on the plane. I told the sergeant that I was too scared to jump. He told me to get off the plane or he'd kick my ass."

"So, did you jump?"

"Not then. He tried to push me out of the plane, but I grabbed onto the door and refused to go. Finally he called over to the Jump Master. The Jump Master is this great big guy, about six-foot five, and 250 pounds. He said to me, "Boy, are you gonna jump or not?"

I said, "No, sir. I'm too scared" So the Jump Master pulled down his zipper and took his penis out. I swear, it was about ten inches long and as big around as a baseball bat! He said, 'Boy, either you jump out that door, or I'm sticking this little baby up your ass.'"

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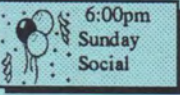

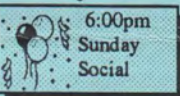





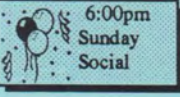

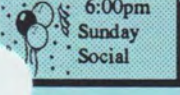
Well, a little.... at first."



DSRA CALENDAR

July 15 - August 25, 2001



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 15 Rocky Mountain Reg Rodeo - Denver  6:00pm Sunday Social	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting 	July 21
July 22  6:00pm Sunday Social	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28 10:00pm Turn About Show 
17th Annual IGRA Convention - Long Beach, CA						
July 29  6:00pm Sunday Social 17th Annual IGR...	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3 7:30pm Spades Night 	Aug 4
Aug 5  6:00pm Sunday Social	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10 Lariat Deadline - 666-3706 	Aug 11
Zia Reg Rodeo - Albuquerque						
Aug 12  6:00pm Sunday Social Zia Reg Rodeo -...	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting 	Aug 18
Sierra Stampede - Sacramento, CA						
Aug 19  6:00pm Sunday Social Sierra Stampede ...	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25
Windy City Rodeo - Chicago, IL						



DSRA CALENDAR

August 26 - October 6, 2001



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 26 Windy City Rodeo - Chicago, IL 6:00pm Sunday Social MGRA Show Me State Rodeo - Kansas ...	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1
Sept 2 6:00pm Sunday Social MGRA Show M...	Sept 3 Labor Day	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7 7:30pm Spades Night Atlantic Stampede 2001 - Washington DC	Sept 8
Sept 9 6:00pm Sunday Social Atlantic Stamped...	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14 Lariat Deadline - 666-3706	Sept 15
Sept 16 6:00pm Sunday Social	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting Greater San Diego Rodeo	Sept 22
Sept 23 6:00pm Sunday Social Greater San Dieg...	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29
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