



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



Diamond State Rodeo Association P.O. Box 56503 Little Rock, AR 72215 OCTOBER 2005

President's Report

Hello everyone, the new board is in place and we all are working together to make this next year a "GREAT" one. The Board Members for the next year are:

Lou R.	President
Harrell B.	Vice President
Alan S.	Secretary
Gary W.	Treasurer
Jacky G.	Trustee
Carol C.	Membership Chair
Allan C.	Events Chair
Rodney B.	Clubhouse Manager
T.J. L.	Public Relations

We are all very busy with our projects to ensure that DSRA becomes a household name.

I personally want to congratulate Diamond Rose (a.k.a. Allan C.) Miss DSRA 2006 and David S., Mr. DSRA 2006. They both have a lot of ideas to help raise money for our organization. If you would like to book an event you can contact either one of our Royalty personnel. They have our events calendar booked thru January 1, 2006. You can also check our website DSRA.org for upcoming events and any changes.

Our mission for the upcoming year is that we work "together" as an organization to become a success. A handful of people cannot make all the decisions. We are an organization of 100 + members. It will take the Board and our members to make things happen. We have

a Board meeting every 3rd Friday of each month. I am inviting all of you to come to the meetings and voice your ideas and opinions. Your input will help make our organization grow and prosper as well as an organization for all of our members. We are a year-round organization not just an organization getting ready for a Rodeo in April.

Our Rodeo is only 6 months away !! Your Rodeo Director for the "2006 Rodeo in the Rock" is Ian B. He is already on the fast track getting everything in place, delegating and getting help from everyone. Rodeo in the Rock 2006 is scheduled for the last weekend in April. Let's all pitch in and make this the best Rodeo ever.

IGRA Convention was October 21-23, 2005, in Calgary Canada. Jacky G, Dusty W. and I attended. I am looking forward to learning new things about the inner workings of IGRA. I will have more about Convention in the next newsletter.

IGRA Rodeo Finals are also coming up November 10-13 in Dallas, TX. At this writing, DSRA has 2 competitors eligible to go to finals. They are Susan W. And Crystal M. They have made DSRA a name to be reckoned with on the IGRA Circuit. We wish them the best of luck at Rodeo Finals.

Folks, lets all get together and work hard this year to make DSRA a place where we

as members and our friends can come and have fun without any drama, fussing or rumors. This year we, the Board, would like to see DSRA be a "drama free" zone.

Again, I would like for all of you to come to our meeting and join in on the success of DSRA. You can contact me or any of the Board Members' if you have any questions.

LET'S RODEO!!!!

Lou R., President 2005-2006



DEO REPORT

Hello, rodeo fans, this is my first Lariat as rodeo director for 2006. Things have been going well as we prepare for our next rodeo, but we have to get moving. There's a lot to do this year, and we want to make it one of the best rodeos ever! For those of you who don't know, IGRA lost the sponsorship contract with Bud Light this year, and that will mean some serious loss of funds. But it also means we have more flexibility finding local sponsors.

We thus are in need of a few volunteers to get active in the rodeo production side of the Association. Our rodeo won't happen without lots of volunteers, starting today. I would appreciate any help you guys and gals can give me. Two major volunteers that are needed are (1) to get and organize vendors and (2) to get and organize sponsors. You will certainly have help; we want to build this rodeo into an interconnected family. I'll be glad to show you the ropes and have to start asking individuals very soon.

The next Rodeo is just 6 months away, and we have a lot to get done. From fundraising to AIDS benefits to helping out in the

community, DSRA is getting better known. Let's get out there and make our name shine!

The next rodeo meeting is Sunday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. Come and drop by to find out how things are going. This will be the week after finals, so I will have pictures from Dallas on my website (www.paradise-quad.com) and the DSRA website (www.dsra.org). Go to groups.yahoo.com, sign in with a yahoo ID (or get one), and search for "rodeo in the rock", we'll be probably the second to come up. Just sign up and join us in putting on a rodeo!

Ian B., Rodeo Director



General Membership Meetings

DSRA has a general membership meeting the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:00 p.m. We, as members, need to come out and show support for the Board. If you have anything you would like to see discussed come on out and ask about it.

The Board Meeting are open to all of the Members of DSRA. We, the Board, encourage any and all members to attend the Board Meetings to know firsthand what decisions concerning DSRA are made. If you know of a specific item that you would like to see discussed, please contact one of your Board Members. All Board Members have either a telephone number or e-mail that is listed in each issue of The Lariat.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 28 - Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 5 - Helping Hands 4 Little Paws Hosted by Julie B.

- 11-13 - IGRA Finals in Dallas, TX

- 12 - Leather Men of Arkansas

- 18 - Board Meeting followed by General Membership Meeting

- 19 - Women's Night

- 24-27 - Closed for **Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER

- 3 - Diamond Rose's Christmas Party

- 10 - Diamond State Bears Night

- 16 - Board Meeting followed by General Membership Meeting

- 17 - Women's Night

- 23-25 - Closed for Christmas

- 31 - DSRA New Year's Eve Party

The Clubhouse will open at 8:00 p.m. on nights that events are scheduled (exception of Board Meeting which is 7:30). We are hoping to get the shows started by 8:30 p.m. This will allow anyone who would like to go elsewhere to start with DSRA and then make it to the other bars in time to support the events that are scheduled there.

The Clubhouse is for rent to be used for private parties or events, with a minimal cost. It can be rented on nights that there are no regularly scheduled events. Contact Rodney B., David S., or Diamond Rose for booking information.

Diamond Rose's Christmas Party is on December 3, 2005. Diamond is asking that all bring a gift of \$5.00 or less for a fun little gift exchange.



Anyone who would like to submit an article please e-mail fordsra@alltel.net. You don't have to be a member of DSRA to submit an article. If you have information that needs to get out to others in the community, the Diamond State Lariat is a great way to do so.

Show your support for the businesses that have shown support to the DSRA. When deciding where to shop or eat please consider going to one of the following businesses:

Crossroad's Western Wear, Gallup's Western Wear, Horse Head Arena, Wild Card, Mr/Mister, BA Framer, Scallions Restaurant, Graffiti's Restaurant, Vino's, Buffalo Grill and Golden Eagle.



DSRA is hoping to do some road trips in the near future to some bars around the state to get our name out and hopefully get more support. There are areas of the state that may not be familiar with DSRA. If you have any place in particular you would like to go, get with Harrell B., Vice President, as he will be heading up these trips. We are going to try to do them on nights that there are no events scheduled at the Clubhouse. Some of the trips may be on Friday nights, or nights that there are gender specific events going on, since we realize that not everyone is going to be going on the trips.





DSRA will have once again be hosting a New Years Eve Party. The price for admission will be \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Tickets will be available in the near future and will be on sale at the door. If you know that you are going to be attending buy your tickets early.



BOOT DRIVE

Clean your closets out and look under the bed! DSRA is having a BOOT DRIVE! We want those old boots and shoes you can't wear or don't wear anymore. Condition and size do not matter. All boots and shoes will be listed on Ebay and sold to the highest bidder. The proceeds from the auction will go to help offset the expenses of our Royalty in their travel representing DSRA. So, here is your chance to make a difference and make space in your closets, don't wait for spring to do your cleaning. Bring your old boots and shoes to the clubhouse and look for Alan (the four letter Alan, your Secretary) and he will take your donations and put them to good use. Any items which don't sell will go to another non profit organization.

Who is Alan, well, Alan is a vintage western collector who has been dealing in vintage and modern Cowboy boots and other western collectibles for over 15 years. For the past four years he has been selling parts of his extensive western collection on Ebay under the seller name of Betyourboots. With over 1400 positive feedback's and an extensive knowledge

of cowboy boots and wester memorabilia, the Bootist has extended the offer of selling at no cost to DSRA any boots or shoes donated to the organization on Ebay. Please contact Alan at Sjinxwest@aol.com or look for the Bootist license plate in the DSRA parking lot. If you see Alan's license plate in the parking lot and you are not sure who he is ask til you find him, usually on the spotlight.



Do you receive more than one Lariat at your house? If so please contact T.J. at fordsra@alltel.net or call him at 258-3256. This will help save the DSRA a few buck over time.



IGRA Finals are coming up November 10-13, 2005 in Dallas, TX. The Rodeo will actually be in Mesquite, TX at Resistol Arena. The host hotel is Holiday Inn Express on Mockingbird. DSRA has some members who have already said that they will be there. We hope to have a large number of members representing us.

DSRA is planning on walking in Grand Entry. Grand Entry will be on both Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Resistol Arena. If you are planning on attending and would like to help represent DSRA contact one of the Board Members so that they can make sure that your are included in Grand Entry. Hopefully DSRA will have the largest showing at finals that it has ever had. For a list of all the events for finals check out IGRA.com.