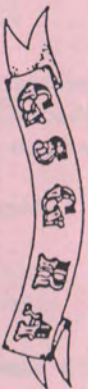


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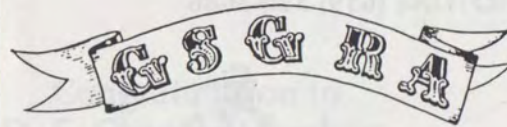
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## Outstanding Vendor Coordinator to Return

Don Hartenfeld, last year's vendor coordinator, has agreed to accept this position again this year. Having only six weeks to start and complete the job last year, Don came through, performing a Herculean job, as substantiated by comments from the participating vendors. Don's background is in research and development and this made a large contribution to his success. Since there is no reason to reinvent the wheel, this year's task should go even smoother.

Don will be assisted by another Don, Don Dyer, who has a career in retail management and development behind him. Together, it should be a formidable team. Vendors will be contacted as soon as definite arena and hotel sites are selected for our November event.



## Chapter Meetings To Be Held at New Location

June meetings will be held at a new location. Charles Lago and Chip Snell, owners of *Between the Pages Bookstore*, have made their community room available to the Chapter. *Between the Pages* is located at 67714 Ramon Road, opposite the Palm Spring Outdoor Market Fair. The first meetings at this location will be the general membership meeting on June 14th and the Chapter Board meeting on June 28. Meetings will continue to start at 7 p.m. sharp. **Mark your calendar!**

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## Congratulation to D. E. Chapter Members in L.A. Rodeo

Chapter members and friends wish to extend hearty congratulation to the following members who participated in the Los Angeles Rodeo:

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- Steer Decorating
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- Wild Drag

Larry McGee:

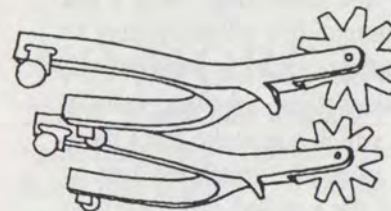
- Chute Dogging
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Donny McPhearson:

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## Rodeo Sponsorships Available

Sponsorships for individuals and businesses have been announced.

The levels are:

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Bronze	\$250
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Individuals or businesses interested in a sponsorship should call our Rodeo Hotline, request information, and leave your name and number.

**From the desk of the Comandant.....**

Last month I was voted in for my second term as President of what I consider to be the best Association within I.G.R.A. Thank you for your confidence. The results of the elections held during the Annual Convention are:

- Craig Rouse, President
- Amy Griffin, Vice President, Administration
- Vince Coco, Vice President, Rodeo Operations
- Tim Parker, Secretary
- Larry Rose, Treasurer

I would like to thank all the members of the State Board of Directors last year for helping me with my first term in office, for making tough decision and for making changes in our Bylaws and Standing Rules that will make our Association better for years to come.

I would like to give a special Thanks to 2 members of last years Executive Committee; Rob Buchanan and Steve Wollert for their contribution to this Association and for making my job easier and fun.

I look forward to this year with Central Sierra producing their first Rodeo, a new focus on out L.A. area Chapters and a new Board of Directors to work with. Last year, for the first time, all G.S.G.R.A. rodeos had excess revenues. (Our contestants (Rodeo,Dance and Royalty) are the best around and I'm proud of them all. Good luck to all of you this year and lets bring home the gold to California.

Craig Allen Rouse,  
President,  
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**A Continuing series on the 10 most common sports injuries....**

Muscle Pull: A muscle pull accurs when a sudden force stretches the muscle fibers beyond their capacity. Beside warming up and stretching, there's not much you can do to prevent this common injury, though it's relitively easy to treat. Immediately icing the injured area for 20 minutes as often as possible will relax the muscles and relieve the spasm until the sawelling subsides, usually within a day or two. As muscles heal they shorten, which can make them more prone to pulls the next time around. So you'll need to gently stretch teh area as soon as you can tolerate it. It may take up to a week for a pulled calf muscle to regain it's normal range of motion and up to a month for a pulled hamstring.

Brad Roberts, EMT RxT  
Rodeo Medics.



**Wednesday May 10, 1995 at 12:35am  
KASH'S LITTLE KADILLAC**

**Weighing in at 62 lbs, the newest addition to the Gay Rodeo Family, an adorable brown and white paint, was welcomed into this world by proud new parents, Kash, David J. Smith and John Hogan. The baby boy, his mother and both his fathers (!) are doing just fine although very, very tired. The little one joins a very large and happy family, God Parents Amy Griffin and David Stern and 589 Aunties and Uncles. (The Bylaws of G.S.G.R.A. require that all active members be given this honor and responsibility.)**

**Congratulation and we will all be watching for the new Team Roping team of Kash and Kaddy!**

**NO MORE DAMAGED SHIRTS!!!**

Finally, a new idea which will eliminate the problem of shirt damage due to name badge pins. This new kind of badge looks exactly the same from the front but is held in place by a very strong magnetic back. At a cost of \$8.00 this new style badge could pay for itself the very first time you wear it. Of course the basic name badges are still available at a cost of \$5.00 each. To order a new name badge print your name the way you want it to appear on the badge and mail with your check (payable to G.S.G.R.A.) to: G.S.G.R.A., 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, Ca 90804.



# BAC in the SADDLE

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## A Volunteer's Story

When the sun sets on Rodeo '95 and the cowboys and girls have all ridden off into the sunset, when the dancers have put away their boots and when the Royalty have all hang up their gowns the real Rodeo production work will begin—again! For in 11 months and 29 days Rodeo '96 will be upon the San Francisco Bay Area.

I used to think that a couple cowboys or girls, a drag queen, a few country western dancers and a cause—was all you needed to put on a Rodeo. Not quite. You need an audience of course—but most important to the success of the Bay Area Regional Gay Rodeo is the VOLUNTEER.

After spending time with the Rodeo Production Staff I began to see not only how dedicated they were to producing a rodeo or even how willing they were to spend much of their personal time working on rodeo related matters, I was impressed to see how focused they were on their vision and mission to Fight AIDS and to support local AIDS charities.

Their vision and mission became contagious and I became a volunteer.

I came on board in October—after attending a '95 Rodeo fund-raiser. The Rodeo was a whole seven months away and yet, with the sense of urgency surrounding everything, you would have thought it was to happen in a few weeks. I was tremendously impressed to discover how many production elements for the Rodeo were already in place.

And you know what? It will be no different for next year's production. The production staff are already planning for Rodeo '96. As the next planning year progresses the Production team will acquire a resource even more valuable than money needed to produce the event and by far more necessary. The BAC will acquire new VOLUNTEERS.

Yes, I plan to volunteer again. "Why?" you ask. Because everyone I met who works as part of the Rodeo Production Team is also a volunteer. From the Rodeo Director to the one-time coat-check person at a fund-raiser—everyone in the organization is a volunteer. No one any more important than anyone else—but no one any less vital to the success of the event and to the cause of fighting AIDS.

The sun may have set on Rodeo '95 but before the arena dust has a chance to settle at the Cow Palace this year—next year's rodeo will be well on its way to a full gallop. We hope some of you will join us in the barn and help us get Rodeo '96 to its best stride ever.



### Dates to Remember

#### Saturday - June 10

San Jose Pride  
Booth

#### Thursday - June 15

Chapter Meeting  
Cathedral Hill Hotel  
7:30 pm

*Rodeo Wrap Up*  
*SF Pride Assignments*

#### Sunday - June 18

San Francisco Pride  
Beer Booth

#### Thursday - June 22

Chapter Meeting  
Cathedral Hill Hotel  
7:30 pm  
Nominations / Bylaws /  
Disbursements

#### Sunday - August 6

Chapter Annual Meeting  
Cathedral Hill Hotel  
2:00pm

*Bylaw Changes*  
*Ratification/ Elections/*  
*Awards Banquet*

## President's Message

Dear Members,

At this point we are still counting the pennies and looking at the outcome of the 1995 rodeo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of the members of the rodeo roundtable for a job well done.

Rodeo Director:	Brad Roberts
Assistant Rodeo Director:	David Hobler
Hotel Director/Treasurer:	Barry Gremban
Entertainment/Royalty:	David Lyle Carver
Arena/Officials:	Craig Rouse
Program/Newsletter:	Ken Willers
Public Relations/TV/Radio:	Steve Newman
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Grand Entry/Parade:	Clint Johnson
Security	Renee Mangrum
Retail Vendor Booths:	Thomas Smith
Kick Up Your Heels:	Glynn Parmley
Video/Photo/Media:	John Wheeler
Promotions:	Ando Merendi
Volunteer Coordinator:	Derrick Sherwood

No one knows better what it takes to pull off this momentous occasion than these people. Also, I would like to take a moment to make a special mention of Brad Roberts. Brad came into the position of rodeo director in October 1994, joining a roundtable board that was heavy into the action of planning the 1995 event. Brad did an outstanding job of coordinating efforts and pulling people into the roundtable. In my opinion, Brad is a great team player and a great asset to, not only, the rodeo roundtable, but the BAC and the state organization.

Things are not over yet however, the planning process for the 1996 rodeo is going to be getting underway in August, the pride festivities and San Jose and San Francisco are happening, and our BAC annual meeting and election are coming up. A nominating committee is being formed and we are looking for qualified candidates to get involved with the chapter, if you have any suggestions, let us know.

Keep an eye on your mail. There will be announcements coming up shortly involving a chapter party/awards banquet following the annual meeting in August. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 6, 1995 as a very special day.

Once again, thanks to everyone on the roundtable for pulling off a great rodeo. And thanks to you, our membership for helping to make it happen!



## Time To Say Good-bye

Under the banner of the Los Angeles Central Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association much has happened that many can and should be proud of. We have learned much and grown in the process. We have worked and played hard, made many new friends and competed proudly.

Now, by the decision of the Members of L.A.C. the chapter has chosen to dissolved, so, as we say good-bye to the familiar logo, think on this: The successes don't have to end here. Those that worked so hard to create the many L.A.C. achievements are the ones that can keep them alive and make them grow.

The bottom line is this, stay involved and support the sport of Rodeo *For* the Gay Community and *In* the Gay Community. It's our sport and it only works right if we all work hard to make it a success.

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ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET - MONTH OF APRIL 1995**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
CHECKING			
CASH-CHECKING	-906	---	-906
SUBTOTAL CHECKING	-906	---	-906
SAVINGS			
CASH-D.W.M.FUND	1,538	---	1,538
CASH-M/M OPERATING	13,723	---	13,723
CASH-RODEO SANCTION	10,299	---	10,299
SUBTOTAL SAVINGS	25,560	---	25,560
OTHER ASSETS			
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-BAC	10,437	---	10,437
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-DE	7,000	---	7,000
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-GLAC	500	---	500
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-SD	-500	---	-500
ACCUM. DEPR-COMPUTER	-1,383	---	-1,383
EQUIPMENT	2,307	---	2,307
TOTAL ASSETS	43,015	---	43,015
LIABILITIES			
DUES PAYABLE-BAC	380	---	-380
DUES PAYABLE-CSC	115	---	-115
DUES PAYABLE-DE	290	---	-290
DUES PAYABLE-GLAC	485	---	-485
DUES PAYABLE-LAC	365	---	-365
DUES PAYABLE-SD	635	---	-635
TOTAL DEBT	2,270	---	-2,270
EQUITY			
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FUND	2,350	---	-2,350
FUND BALANCE	37,208	---	-37,208
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT YEAR	1,187	---	1,187
SUBTOTAL EQUITY	40,745	---	40,745
TOTAL DEBT AND EQUITY	43,015	---	43,015

**G.S.G.R.A.-INCORPORATED - STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE**

INCOME	** MONTH **			** YEAR TO DATE **		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
CORP. ONSORSHIPS	---	50	-50	---	100	-10
DAVID WATKINS MEM FUND	178	50	128	178	100	78
INT. INCOME-CHECKING	---	2	-2	---	4	-4
INT. INCOME-D.W.M.F.	2	4	-2	2	8	-6
INT. INCOME-M/M OPERATING	21	10	11	21	20	1
INT. INCOME-SANCTION FEES	20	10	10	20	20	---
MEMB-DUES	3,235	1,750	1,485	5,000	3,500	1,500
MEMB-NAME TAGS	55	32	23	64	64	---
STATE CONVENTION	550	1,500	-950	550	1,500	-950
STATE FUNDRAISERS	---	100	-100	---	200	-200
TOTAL INCOME	4,061	3,508	553	5,835	5,516	319
EXPENSE						
ADMIN-ATTORNEY	---	---	---	---	500	500
ADMIN-AWARDS/MEMORIALS	282	150	-132	387	175	-212
ADMIN-COPIER	120	10	-110	120	20	-100
ADMIN-DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	---	---	---	---	125	125
ADMIN-INSURANCE	---	---	---	1,245	1,500	255
ADMIN-MEETING EXPENSES	573	---	-573	573	---	-573
ADMIN-MISC	---	---	---	---	173	-173
ADMIN-NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	228	150	-78	228	300	72
ADMIN-OFFICE SUPPLIES	---	20	20	---	40	40
ADMIN-POSTAGE	---	40	40	---	80	80
ADMIN-TELEPHONE	61	25	-36	75	50	-25
ADMIN-TRUSTEE EXPENSES	300	---	-300	300	300	---
BANKING-RETURNED ITEMS	---	---	---	-40	---	40
BANKING-SERVICE CHARGES	-7	15	22	-12	30	42
BUCKLE SPONSORSHIP	---	200	200	400	200	-200
DANCE CONTEST	---	600	600	---	600	600
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	---	10	10	---	20	20
MEMB-COPIER	113	25	-88	113	50	-63
MEMB-EDUCATION EXPENSE	---	300	300	---	600	600
MEMB-ID CARDS	---	---	---	---	800	800
MEMB-MISC	---	75	75	---	150	150
MEMB-NAME TAGS	---	71	71	84	142	58
MEMB-POSTAGE	---	266	266	257	532	275
MR MS MISS	---	300	300	---	600	600
STATE CONVENTION	455	600	145	455	600	145
TAXES-FEDERAL	---	300	300	290	300	10
TAXES-STATE	---	800	800	---	800	800
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,125	3,957	1,832	4,648	8,514	3,866
NET INCOME	1,936	-449	2,385	1,187	-2,998	4,185

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# Let's get wet in L.A.

Big plans are in the works for the annual CSW festival on June 24-25. We'll do the parade, of course — be sure to show up Sunday morning to help! — and we'll also have a dunking booth on the festival grounds both Saturday and Sunday. It should be a lot of fun, and

should make us some money as well.

But we'll also need volunteers to work the booth. Give **Bill Porter** a call at (213) 656-1227.

A word to all our fellow GSGRA chapter members: Come to L.A. and join us in the parade!

Finally, a note of thanks

to everyone who helped us with the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride festival and parade. Special kudos to **Tony Nicholson** for organizing our parade entry, and to our friends at the Skylark Bar in San Bernardino for lending us the flags of the states.

## Wanted: One education chairman

After a long period of great service, **Sue Downing** has stepped down as our chapter's education chairman. If you're interested in the post, contact **Michael DeYonker** at (818) 366-3643.

(But don't worry, everyone — Sue promises to continue working as a chute coordinator.)

## SPECIAL ELECTION SET

Because of an unfortunate miscount during our chapter elections in April, a special runoff vote will be held during the June 10. The ballot will include Robert Armend and James Rose, who tied for the third state board representative position.

The winner of the election will join **Michael DeYonker** and **David Medzerian** as our third state board representative, and the second-place candidate will become our alternate representative.

Please make a special point of attending and helping choose who will represent your chapter at important state meetings.

Your vote counts!

## Calendar

JUNE 2-4	JUNE 24-25	JULY 1-2	JULY 8	JULY 14-16	JULY 21-23	JULY 27-30
Bay Area Rodeo, San Francisco	Christopher Street West Festival and Parade, Los Angeles	Canadian Rockies International Rodeo, Calgary, Alberta	GSGRA state board meeting and royalty contest, San Diego	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, Denver	NSGRA annual rodeo, St. Paul, Minn.	Annual IGRA convention and dance finals, Chicago

CHAPTER MEETINGS ☛  
 If quorum is not reached, meeting will reconvene 30 minutes later.

Noon Sat, June 10,  
 at the GLAC office at  
 Floyds in Long Beach

Noon Sun., July 9,  
 at the GLAC office at  
 Floyds in Long Beach



## LAC members decide to close the chapter

As many of you are already aware, members of the Los Angeles Central chapter voted this spring to cease as a chapter effective May 31.

All off us at the Greater Los Angeles Chapter congratulate LAC and its members on their fine work over the last several years. The chapter really showed how important contestants are to our rodeos and to our organization.

In recent years, our two chapters have worked closely together on pride events, and in the last few months LAC board members have become regular attendees at our GLAC chapter meetings.

We'd like to invite all of the former LAC members to consider affiliating with the Greater Los Angeles Chapter. Our meetings generally rotate between Los Angeles and Long Beach. Think about it!

## L.A.ERS WIN STATE POSTS

At the recent state convention, several GLAC and Los Angeles Central members were elected to state posts. LAC's **Amy Griffin** was elected state vice president, and **Tim Parker** was elected state secretary. GLAC's **David Medzerian** was elected as a delegate to the IGRA convention in July, as was Amy Griffin, and our chapter president **Michael DeYonker** was chosen as our alternate. As we always say: Congratulations! Now get to work.

## Short takes ...

The early numbers are in — our rodeo in April brought 6,500 people through the gate! ...

Thanks to **Michael DeYonker** for opening his house to the rodeo committee chairpeople for a post-rodeo get-together. A lot of good ideas were discussed!

## JULY MEETING MOVED

Pull out that calendar — we've made another change in the schedule of chapter meetings. Because of a conflict with the summer state board meeting, we're rescheduling our July meeting to Sunday, July 9 — and we've moved the location to the GLAC office in Long Beach. After the meeting, we'll head down for beer bust (and maybe even a fund-raiser?) at Floyds.



# Bylaws—Bylaws—Bylaws

All members are entitled to a copy of the bylaws of our Association. For a copy of the bylaws of the Chapter with which you are affiliated, contact your Chapter. For a copy of the G.S.G.R.A. Inc. bylaws or the I.G.R.A. bylaws send your request to:

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All contestants receive a copy of the I.G.R.A. rule book so please do not ask for bylaws just for rodeo rules.

The G.S.G.R.A. bylaws are many pages long and the I.G.R.A. bylaws are even longer. Printing and postage costs at more than \$10.00 per set prohibit general distribution. We ask that you only request the bylaws you actually need and that you enclose three dollars if you are requesting the bylaws of only one organization and five dollars if you are requesting the bylaws of both organizations. Remember that the bylaws of I.G.R.A. are for the International Rodeo Season and are amended only once a year at the International Convention. This means that the current I.G.R.A. bylaws will serve until the end of October and the revised bylaws from this years convention will take effect on November 1, Checks should be made payable to G.S.G.R.A. No cash please. All requests for copies of the bylaws will be honored with or without payment.

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### CALENDAR

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| May 27    | SF Rodeo Kickoff Party<br>8:00 PM at the Barn |
| Jun 2,3,4 | S. F. Regional Rodeo                          |
| Jun 10    | Membership Meeting<br>5:00 PM at the Barn     |
| Jun 10    | BBQ Fundraiser<br>6:00 PM at the Barn         |
| Jun 24    | Old West Night<br>8:00 PM at the Barn         |

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