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Sept 95

G.S.G.R.A. DANCERS WIN TOP HONORS.....By Ken Vandez

Once again top honors for the I.G.R.A. Country Western Dance Championships went to members of G.S.G.R.A. Four couples from G.S.G.R.A. went to the Dance Finals in Chicago. Jenny and Nadine competed in Division I, Chris and Paul in Division II, Duncan and Cathy on Div III and Al & Scott in Division IV. All couple danced a two-step, waltz and freestyle. The couple with the highest cumulative score of all three dances are named Dance Champions in their Division.

Chris and Paul, and Jenny and Nadine were named Dance Champions in their respective Divisions, for coming in 1st Place Overall. Duncan and Cathy captured 2nd Place Overall in Division III and Al and Scott came in 2nd Place Overall in Division IV.

Congratulations also go to Al and Sharon and Chuck and George. Both couples are members of G.S.G.R.A. and N.W.G.R.A. They represented N.W.G.R.A. at the Dance Finals. Al and Sharon came in 2nd Place Overall in Division I and Chuck and George came in Fourth Place Overall in Division III. G.S.G.R.A. is truly the home of the top dancers in the nation. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.**

Roping Clinic September 9, 1995

Lessons by Jim Wade \$25.00 per person
9.00 a.m. - Noon

Call Jim Wade at (909)737-3487 or Charlie Colella at (310)439-3015 for information

Directions from I15. Take I15 to Norco. Exit on 6th Street. Go east on 6th to the third light which is Hillside. Make a left on Hillside. The 1st stop is 7th Street. Go through the stop staying on (Hillside) to Hacienda. Hacienda is a very small street on the right side about 3 houses past the stop sign (looks like a dirt road). Turn in and follow all the way back to the gate (about 1/2 block).

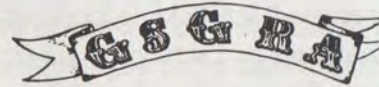


Thank You

In the August issue of "The Chute" we reported on the Mr. Ms. and Miss G.S.G.R.A. Contest and missed saying thank you to the Sponsor for all three of the award buckles. This year our royalty wear their buckles courtesy of **Mr. Doug Kinney** and **The Warehouse**, in Escondido.

Remember, friends, we couldn't do all the things we do without the generosity of our sponsors so we encourage you to drop in and say Hello when you are in the area.

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Congratulations Sheba

Belated congratulations to the Bay Area Chapter's own Sheba McEntired (otherwise known as Mr. David Lyle Carver), crowned 1996 Miss G.S.G.R.A. The contest held on Saturday, July 8, 1995 at the Greater San Diego Chapter offices as well as at Kickers was judged by the BACs own President James Hauck and audited by the 1995 Rodeo Director, Brad Roberts and State President and chapter member Craig Rouse. The event was entertaining and fun, and a spectacular success thanks to Amy Griffin, State Vice President and Ms. G.S.G.R.A. 1995. Additional congratulations need to go out to our good friend and G.L.A.C. member David Medzerian, 1996 Mr. G.S.G.R.A. The BAC looks forward to many opportunities to work with both David and Sheba over their reign.

Additionally, at the 1995 IGRA convention in July, Amy Griffin was elected to the post of IGRA Vice President. Congratulatinos Amy! Is there anything you can not do?

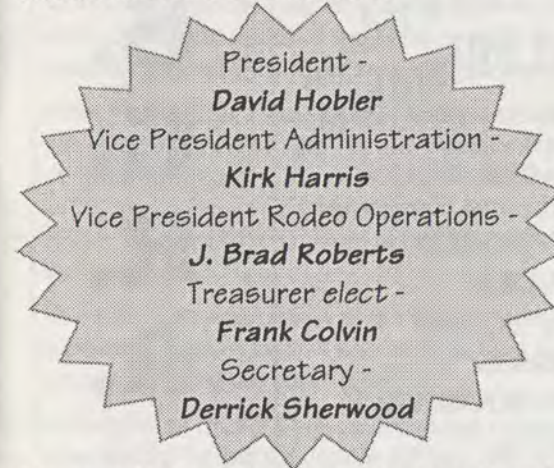


BAC Has E-Mail

Do you have some contestant information to share with the chapter? Looking for chapter and rodeo information? Call us or send e-mail to...COWBOYJ@aol.com

New Officers Elected

The annual meeting and elections of the BAC was held on Sunday, August 6, 1995 at Hamburger Mary's in San Jose. There were lots of things to be discussed and new bylaw changes to be made. Most of all, there are several new faces on the executive board of directors:



Congratulations to the entire board, and good luck for the 1996 term. Remember, these people are here to represent you, the chapter members, please feel free to contact anyone above through the chapter phone number.

Special thanks to the 1995 officers (Pres. - Jim Hauck, Treas. - Barry Gremban, Sect. - Ken Willers) for a great year of accomplishments.

For a complete set of the updated bylaws as well as the annual meeting minutes, please call the chapter hot line and leave your name and membership number.

Calendar

September

1, 2, 3
Kansas City
& Albuquerque Rodeo

14
Bay Area Chapter
General Meeting
Cathedral Hill Hotel
7:30 pm

22, 23, 24
Colorado
Springs &
San Diego Rodeo

29, 0, Oct. 1
Washington DC Rodeo

October

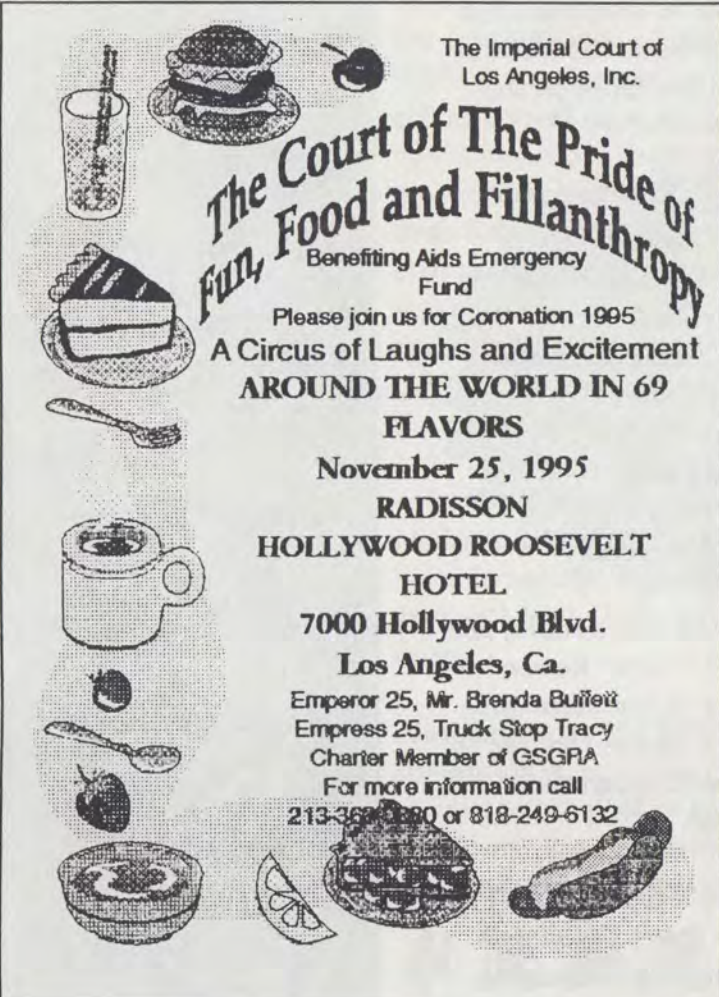
14
G.S.G.R.A.
State Board Meeting
Palm Springs

19, 20, 21, 22
IGRA Finals Rodeo
Denver

31
Halloween

CONTESTANT STANDINGS

Our Trustee to the International Gay Rodeo Association, Vince Coco gets updated standing after each rodeo in our Division. The Standings Reports is bulky and due to space and cost restraints, we can not print in it's entirety. If you need to know you standings in any particular event, give Vince a call, he will be glad to provide you with the information you want. You can reach Vince at (619)294-8135.



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Lisa said to say Hello to everyone.....

Convention '95. A Vice Presidential perspective by Amy Griffin.

Another year, another convention. The California delegation had the best geographic representation in years with delegates from four of the five existing chapters. We participated in most of the different committee meetings...

Rodeo Rules Committee....where most of the changes were either minor or editorial or both. Existing payout and point structures will remain the same for the 1996 rodeo year. Some changes include...a mandatory training session for timers (with the Scorekeeper) on Fridays following contestant registration (in an effort to keep them consistent), hotshots only allowed at the Chute Coordinators' discretion, but not to enhance performance...certified personnel in both arenas for the affected rodeos right now just LA and SD...and a recommendation that contestants in rough stock events wear chest protectors and mouthguards during the running of their events. We've also defined the dimensions of the 5 gallon pails used in Flag Racing (and all pails used must correspond +/- 1/2" of the stated height/width.

More far reaching rules changes took place over in the Royalty department. New rules mandate that... IGRA Royalty and Runners-Up must attend at least one rodeo in each division, and make every effort to attend convention. They must raise a minimum of \$1000 per category (Mr, Ms, Miss) as a team for operating costs and support of IGRA. Now we have guidelines for IGRA Royalty that include sections on discipline and removal.

Salt Lake City was chosen as our host for convention in 1997. Omaha was selected last summer to host in 1996. There were no bids for finals in '97, so we'll have to wait until next year to find out about that.

Pennsylvania (PGRA) was seated as our newest member association, and the amended schedule for '96 adds rodeos in Billings, MT.(Div 2), and Las Vegas (Div. 1).

1995 Finals officials were announced, and are to be as follows:

Arena Director - Erin Eaton (ours)
Chute Coordinator - Kim Dawson (NMGRA)
Announcer - Wayne Jakino (CGRA)
Scorekeeper - Jeff Coon (AGRA)
Secretary - Ron Trusley (AGRA)
Judges - Chuck Barricman (ours)
- Roger Bergmann (ours)
- David Pickle (ours)

California is very proud to have had half of the certified officials selected from our ranks.

Our very own Roger Bergmann was also elected to be Grand Marshall at 1995 Finals Rodeo in Denver. Congratulations, Roger!

Finally, the 1996 IGRA board was selected, and the results are as follows:

President - Tom Vance (NSGRA) Vice President - Amy Griffin (ours)
Secretary - Ron Trusley (AGRA) Treasurer - Jeff Coon (AGRA)



CENTRAL SIERRA SELECTS NEW LOGO

The Board of Directors, announced that the general membership selected a new logo to replace the old mountains which had been the chapters logo for over a year. The general membership had four entries to chose from. The chapter selected a logo submitted by the chapters first family Lloyd and Jim. The new logo has been submitted to the merchandise committee to pursue merchandise options.

Order Your Team Shirts.

MS Central Sierra, Naomi Rice, announced that she would be making the Rough Rider Rodeo Team shirts.

Naomi showed the general membership an example of the shirt at the last meeting.

Naomi, thinks that it will take her about two days per shirt.

Naomi will utilize the team colors of Black and Teal, and will be asking for \$30.00 per shirt, for material and labor, Remember, if you want your shirt by San Diego, get your order in NOW.

SADIE AND SID HAWKINS DANCE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Fundraisers, are a big part of the money raising efforts of the Central Sierra Chapter. This Labor day weekend, the Central Sierra Chapter have put a new twist on the traditional Sadie Hawkins Dance, we've added Sid !

Guys ask that special Beau and gals that special girl.
The fun begins at 8:00 p.m.
Remember that at the traditional Sadie Hawkins Dance, you and your partner need to be in duplicate outfits.

Welcome to the Bunk House

The Central Sierra Chapter is proud to announce that at the Rope and Dance Event held on August 5th, We signed up three new members. They are:

Don Passmore, of Fresno
Robin and Darcie, of Sacramento.
You'll see Robin and Darcey in competition at San Diego in September.

Roughriders set their sites on San Diego

The 1995 Team include the following;
Jim Flores-Carr, Carol Carter, Cindi Cortez, Lloyd Carr-Flores, Robin

and Darcie Hayes, Rhonda Leland, Carlos Lopez, Angie Paul, Naomi Rice, Holly Tumbaugh, Vince Wiggins
Good Luck roughriders.



WHATS ON THE HORIZON FOR THE CENTRAL SIERRA CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	2	
Rodeo Meeting		5:00 p.m.
General meeting		6:00 p.m.
Board meeting		7:00 p.m.
Sadie & Sid Hawkins Dance		8:00 p.m.

Friday - Sunday	8 - 11	
Kamp out 95	Wiskey Flats	

Saturday	16	
San Diego Rodeo Kick Off Party		8:00 p.m.

Thursday thru Sunday	21 - 24	
San Diego Rodeo		

OCTOBER

Friday or Saturday	6 - 7	
General Meeting	date to be announce.	

Saturday	14	
State Board	Palm Springs	

Saturday	28	
Rodeo Reba Ball		

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GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER 1995

DONATIONS

GSGRA-San Diego Chapter is extremely happy to announce that this year we can increase the amount we donate to various organizations from \$10,000 to \$15,000. This increase is due to the **extraordinary efforts** of all of the volunteers, helpers, coordinators, officers, supporters, contestants, rodeo friends and all of the many, many other people that make this chapter a success. This shows what is possible when we work together as a TEAM.

S. D. DANCERS NAMED DANCE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations Chris, Paul, Cathy and Duncan. Saturday, July 19, 1995, they held the IGRA Dance Competition in Chicago. San Diego Dancers walked away with top honors. Chris and Paul came in First Place Overall in Division II, and were named IGRA Dance Champions, Division II. Cathy and Duncan placed Second Place Overall in Division III.

WAY TO GO!!!!

RODEO '95 HOTEL UPDATE

Yes, it's true! The Marriott Mission Valley Hotel (the Host Hotel for all Rodeo parties) is definitely SOLD OUT. Nevertheless, there is still time to make reservations and join hundreds of others at our Alternate Host Hotels. Remember, that Friday and Saturday nights, we will again offer our FREE shuttle from these hotels to the Marriott every fifteen minutes from 7:30 P.M. until 3:00 A.M. No need to worry about parking and the obvious drinking and driving.

Both hotels are FOUR STAR and offer free parking and the rate is still a low \$75.00(1-4 people). Book now and be at all our parties and plan to attend both days of Rodeo in Del Mar! The hint here is that the complete ticket package is only \$35.00. That saves \$17.00 for all you thrifty Cowboys/Cowgirls! (And we take VISA and MasterCard.)

The San Diego Rodeo is just weeks away... Join thousands of people from all over the world and RODEO and PARTY like never before! If you would like a complete brochure detailing all the events, phone our Rodeo Hotline and leave your name and address.

The Alternate Host Hotels for San Diego Rodeo '95 are:

The Radisson Hotel San Diego (1-800-333-333) or direct at (619) 260-0111.
The Hilton Hotel Mission Valley (1-800-733-2323) or (619) 543-9000.

Be sure to ask for the San Diego Rodeo rates.

The Action starts Thursday, September 21, 1995 through Sunday night, September 24, 1995. BE THERE!!!!

PLAY DAY AT KICKERS

PLAY DAY at KICKERS will be Sunday, September 17, 1995 starting at 4:00 P.M.

There will be door-prizes, beer/beverage bust, outrageous games and the infamous jail. What a perfect way to start off Rodeo Week.

SAN DIEGO RODEO TICKET PACKETS

San Diego Rodeo ticket packets are now available through mail order and at outlets in San Diego, Los Angeles and Palm Springs. Packets include both Saturday and Sunday rodeos and the three hotel events. The price is now \$35.00. The weekend packages will be available at the listed outlet through Sunday, September 17, 1995. Mail orders must be postmarked by Saturday, September 9, 1995.

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope and credit card number to our San Diego address. For faster service, FAX us at (619) 298-4709.

Los Angeles outlets are:

RAWHIDE 10937 Burbank Blvd., N.Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 760-9798

FLOYDS 2913 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA. 90804
(310) 433-9251

San Jose outlet is:

Hamburger MARY'S (address and phone number unavailable at this time)

San Diego outlets are:

KICKERS/HAMBURGER MARY'S
308 University Ave. San Diego, CA. 92103 (619) 491-0400

BALLOON EXPERTS
3936 Fifth Ave, San Diego, CA. 92103 (619) 291-0988

CALIFORNIA MAN
3930 Fifth Ave., CA. 92103 (619) 294-9108

POSTAL ANNEX
1043 University Ave., San Diego, CA. 92103 (619) 298-7155

TREASURE CHEST
4048 30th St., San Diego, CA (619) 281-5540

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MEMBER'S DISCOUNTS

All members, don't forget. For all the things that you are going to need for the Rodeo, your San Diego Chapter Member's Card is good for discounts on merchandise from the following merchants:

Boot Barn, El Cajon	Cowboy Corner, Lakeside
Boot Barn, Kerney Mesa	Howard and Phil's, El Cajon
Tach Room, Lakeside	Western Corral, La Jolla
Western Hat Works, San Diego	Wild Bill's, El Cajon
Out West, Fashion Valley	Western Warehouse, Escondido
Melody Hotel Boot Shop, Old Town	

Contact the Rodeo office for more information and more merchants.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

5 th	7:00 P.M.	Board Meeting
6 th	7:00 P.M.	General Membership Meeting
11 th	7:00 P.M.	Officer & Chairs Meeting / Rodeo Roundtable Meeting
18 th	7:00 P.M.	Officer & Chairs Meeting / Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Greater San Diego Chapter 7th Annual Rodeo

September 21-24, 1995

Del Mar Fairgrounds Equestrian Complex, Del Mar
Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego

(Please Print)

Name:

Address:

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RODEO:

SATURDAY

- Ticket Crew 7-10am 10a-2p 2-6pm
- Accounting 6-10am 10a-2p 2-6pm
- Volunteer Check-in 6-10am 10a-2p 2-6pm
- Security 6-10am 10a-2p 2-6pm 6-10pm
- Merchandise 10a-2p 2-6pm
- Roping Crew 6am-6pm
- Chute Crew (Rough Stock) 6am-6pm
- Arena Crew 6am-6pm

SUNDAY

- 7-10am 10a-2p 2-6pm
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- 6am-6pm
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- 6am-6pm

Set Production FRIDAY 8pm-12am

Secretarial Crew FRIDAY 6pm-12am

SATURDAY 6am-6pm

MONDAY 8am-12pm

SUNDAY 6am-6pm

HOTEL:

THURSDAY

- Door Crew 6-9pm 9-12pm
- Accounting 6-10pm 10p-2a
- Volunteer Check-in 6-9pm 9-12pm
- Security 6-10pm 10p-2a
- Merchandise 6-9pm 9-12pm
- Set Production 1-5pm

FRIDAY

- 6-9pm 9p-12am
- 6-10pm 10p-2am
- 6-9pm 9p-12am
- 6-10pm 10p-2am
- 6-9pm 9-12pm
- 8-10pm 10p-12am
- 1-5pm
- 10am -3pm

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SUNDAY

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- 6-10pm
- 6-10pm 10p-2am
- 8-10pm 10p-12am
- 8-11pm

MONDAY

- 8-12 am

INSTRUCTIONS: Please mark each box which corresponds to the shift and job that you are volunteering for with an "X". You can volunteer for multiple shifts and jobs by marking each with an "X". Identify alternate shift choices by marking them with circles. Fill out the large shaded box with your name, address, and telephone number,

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Friends are a blessing, most of the time.... A byline by Mama Membership

When are they not, you ask, well let me tell you.....I have this friend, this very dear friend who shall remain nameless. He and I were to travel together to the I.G.R.A. Convention in Chicago. Michael (damn I wasn't going to tell you his name) offered to make the reservations and I, like a fool, went along with the idea.

The problem is that I am deathly afraid of flying. I didn't used to be but after many years of flying I have developed this full on dread of the process. Not some mild "Oh I don't like to fly" kind of fear but a screaming, white knuckler type of fear that causes an irresistible urge to crawl in the isle begging and pleading for the pilot to let me out and this before the plane has taken off.

At least I'm in a big machine, I tell myself, with a couple of hundred other fools who are going to get it too if it's my turn and with a couple or three Bloody Marys I can normally make it to the other end without having to be hospitalized, but it's close.

So my tickets arrived in the mail and being the trusting soul I am, I didn't look too closely. A glance to check the date, time and destination and then file away for safe keeping. Ten days before departure my friend calls to cancel. That's right, he can't go so I will be traveling alone.

Now I don't need a companion to be able to fly. My fear does not mellow any for traveling with friends, Oh no. I can make a fool of myself in front of strangers just as easily as those I hold near and dear. So I pack my bags and head for the airport at 5.30 in the morning. I check in and am shepherded aboard a 737 with the other 230 victims. A very smooth take off and extremely attentive crew meant only a medium (2 Bloody Mary) anxiety attack until we land in Cincinnati for a change of planes. Heading for gate 61B I found myself riding on an inter terminal bus. At my gate I wait for the call and head on out but there was no plane. Concerned, I returned to the podium and asked why, only to be informed that the plane was right there by an overly cute Barbie Doll transplanted from the Valley. "No, madam" I reply, "that is not an airplane, it is a toy! It has propellers! You don't get into something that small, you put it on!" At this point a fellow traveler offered the thought that this was my only option if I wanted to get to Chicago today because a major storm was moving in and there would be no flights at all within an hour or two. I head for the bar. The memory of the next hour and twenty minutes will go with me to my grave as being the longest and most hateful of my long and colorful life. We bounced of ever cloud between Cincinnati and Chicago. We banked and turned for no good reason except the pilots clear and sadistic knowledge that he was contributing to my escalating panic and to make things worse, if this is possible, my 13 fellow pioneers sat there and loved it.

Never again I told myself, as we dropped 500 feet, I'll get another flight home. Better yet, I'll kill Michael. Yes, that's what I'll do, I'll kill Michael. This is all his fault. There is not a court in the land that would convict me and plotting his prolonged, extremely painful, and very messy demise seemed to help. Finally about three years later, we land. It took several Band-Aids to stop the bleeding when the flight crew pried my hands free of the arm rests and dug my finger nails out of my palms.

Minutes later, safely in the terminal, my ordeal over for now, I inquired and was informed. "I'm sorry, Sir." (Another overly cute Barbie) "Yours is a restricted ticket, no exchanges or refunds." I head for the bar again.

I spent 5 days in Chicago with that black cloud of dread hanging over everything. I really didn't want to party every night but I had to just to be able to sleep afterwards, and of course I flew home drunk.

Michael DeYonker, You're dead. Damn, I wasn't going to mention his name.

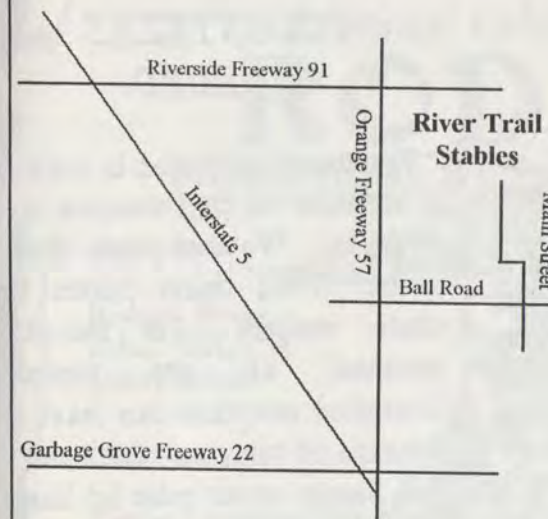
PLAYDAY AT RIVER TRAIL STABLES

Saturday, September 16, 1995

9:00 a.m.

Barrels, Poles, Flag Race

Call Charlie Colella for more info and directions at (310)439-3015



From the 91:

91 East to 57 South. Exit Ball Road. Go left at the light. Go over the freeway to 3rd light (Main Street). Turn Left. Street ends in a cul-de-sac. Turn left in 1st driveway and follow road around

From the 22:

22 East to 57 North. Exit Ball Road. At light turn right and go over the freeway to 2nd light (Main Street). Turn left. Street ends in a cul-de-sac. Turn left in 1st driveway and follow around to the stables.

ZIA REGIONAL RODEO QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS

We have received confirmation from the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association that the livestock quarantine has been lifted and the rodeo will take place as scheduled. However, there is still a restriction requiring that all horses brought into New Mexico from out of State will be required to stay in New Mexico for 30 days after the rodeo. If you need more information please call any of the following:

Thom Sloan, President N.M.G.R.A.	(505)869-4043
U.S.D.A. Disease Unit	(800)410-2067 x 3171
Steven England D.M.V. State Veterinarian	(505)841-4000

A health Certificate (30 days) and a negative coggins (6 months) will still be required.

DESERT HOWLER

DESERT EMPIRE CHAPTER, GSGRA
HOTLINE (619)320-8686

3rd ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

The Desert Empire Chapter will hold its 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Villa Resort in Cathedral City.

Contestants will be arriving at 8 a.m. to set up and decorate their table. At 9 o'clock they will begin preparing the ingredients for their chili creations. Cooking will take place from 10 - 12 with a target time on noon for spectators to purchase tasting cups and start tasting the various chilies. Judging will also take place at this time. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

Special drinks including "Rodeo Shooters" will be available to the daring cowpokes who care to indulge. A 50-50 raffle is also planned. Come have your picture taken with BIG AL. Rodeo merchandise will also be available for purchase, see Doug Babin.

MISS THIS EVENT AND YA'LL
MISS ONE HELLUVA GOOD TIME!

IF THERE IS NO QUORUM, THE
MEETING WILL RECONVENE
AFTER THIRTY MINUTES.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to work at our rodeo the first weekend in November. We need people in all areas. From ticket takers to chute workers to security personnel all are needed. Interested cowpokes can leave a message for volunteer coordinator Ken Beaton, on our rodeo hot line, (619) 320-8686. Your generous help will assure that our rodeo continues to be the success it has been in the past. Please Call.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

- 13 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MTG. VILLA HOTEL 7PM
- 27 BOARD MTG. VILLA
HOTEL 7PM
- 30 CHILI COOK OFF VILLA

GET READY FOR NOV. 3-4-5, 1995

3rd Annual Palm Springs

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November 3-5, 1995



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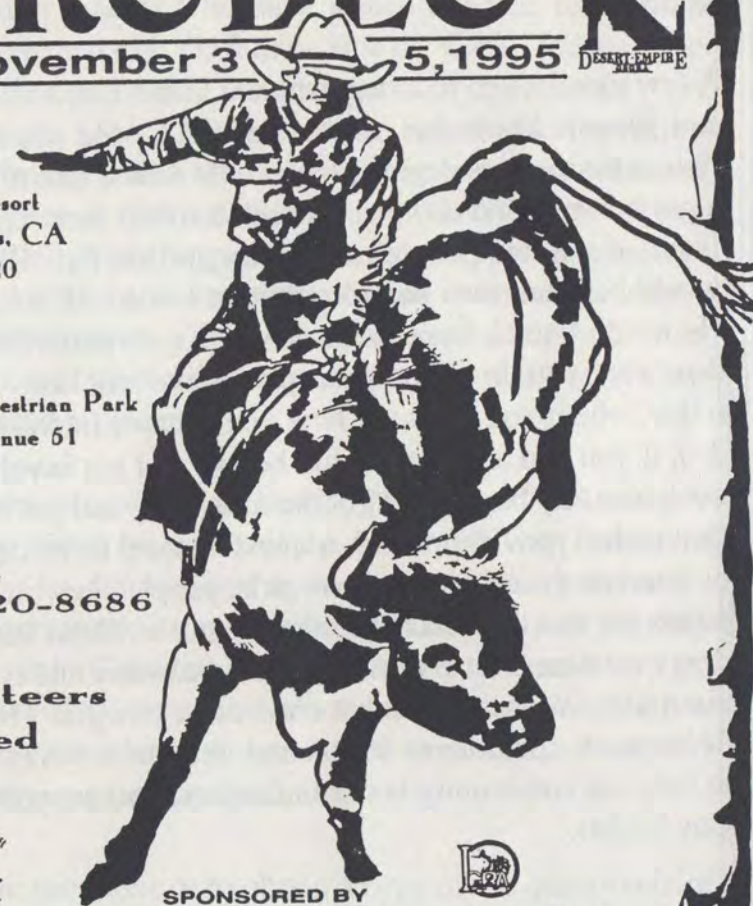
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Hey Cowboys and Cowgirls — You Ought'a Be In Pictures!

by: Gary Robinson, IGRA P.R. Spokesperson

I have had an interesting and rewarding first few months as your Public Relations Spokesperson in IGRA. We have been approached by a number of people regarding film and publishing projects involving Gay Rodeo. I want to tell you about two projects, which are interesting and could serve to benefit IGRA, our Member Associations and the advancement of Gay Rodeo.

A few months ago a college student at the University of Miami, Dennis Marinakis, contacted IGRA. He wants to do a film as his masters degree project. He would like to focus on a gay cowboy and cowgirl through a rodeo year up through finals, if the two people he follows go that far. His project would be more then the competitive results of your efforts. He would like to know what drives you to participate in rodeo, what you do to compete, participate and how you view rodeo, where you grew up, how you became interested in rodeo, if you had an agrarian life before you got involved or if not how a city boy or girl got the rodeo bug and got involved. Dennis has provided IGRA a questionnaire to be completed by interested cowboys and cowgirls, people like you. Dennis points out that there have been many stories about leather and drag over time but very little about the cowboy and cowgirl in our midst. You could be that cowboy or cowgirl. The results of his work could serve IGRA and its Member Associations to help our community better understand and support us, and Gay Rodeo.

The questionnaire is available from your Trustee or from me directly or by writing the IGRA Offices in Denver, Colorado.

All Trustees were provided with copies. Take a moment and review the questionnaire. I know we have a good number of maturing and seasoned cowboys and cowgirls who's story on film would be of interest. If you complete the questionnaire please forward the completed document back to me directly at the IGRA address or through your Trustee. IGRA would like to keep a record of who applied and work with you if you are selected by Dennis for his project.

The second film/video project proposed is by a Canadian group of film makers who have joined together to create a rodeo documentary on the human side of "GAY" Rodeo. The Canadian film group will create a one hour documentary on all aspects of "GAY" Rodeo and are interested in working with members of IGRA who may have interesting stories and insightful tales of their involvement in "GAY" rodeo. They expect to elicit funds for production from corporate sponsors and hope the film will be marketable on commercial television and other venues. They have promised that profits from this project will go to HIV related Charities and Breast Cancer associated projects.

Both of these projects could be very helpful to IGRA and gay rodeo. You could be a part of the history of Gay Rodeo on film. If you have an interest in one or both collect and complete the questionnaire and/or let me know if you are only interested in the Canadian Project or others that may come up soon by providing me an interest statement and contact information. In your interest statement tell me about yourself and your involvement in gay rodeo.

If you have questions or to obtain a copy of the questionnaire you can reach me by telephone,
that's **Gary Robinson at (703) 998-4095.**

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L.A. leaves its mark

Another IGRA convention is behind us — a weekend of hard work, with a fair amount of fun thrown in as well. A full report is elsewhere in this month's newsletter, but the Greater Los Angeles Chapter was there for:

• **Roger Bergmann**, completing his third (and final, by choice) year as president, ran a smooth and peaceful convention — and was selected as grand marshal for the 1995 Finals Rodeo!

• **Amy Griffin** was a GSGRA delegate, received a special Trustees Award at the awards luncheon — and would up being elected the new IGRA vice president. She'll take on that duty (on top of being GSGRA vice president) beginning Nov. 1.

• **David Medzerian**, another GSGRA delegate, ran the Membership Committee for a second year, performed during a break in the dance competition and spearheaded a

DANCING TO VICTORY

Our GSGRA dance teams were stars at the annual IGRA Dance Competition, held during the IGRA convention in Chicago. And among the stellar teams were three couples from GLAC.

Congratulations to:

• **Al Demers and Sharon Nelius**, who placed second in two-step, third in waltz, third in freestyle and second overall in the Advanced Division. Al and Sharon represented the North West Gay Rodeo Association in the competition.

• **Chuck Hulsey and George Howells**, who placed second in two-step in the Novice Division. Chuck and George (aka Hussy and Ho) also represented NWGRA.

• **Al Ezra and Scott Manore**, who placed first in two-step, first in waltz and second overall in the Beginner Division. Al and Scott represented GSGRA as the state champs in their division.

spur-of-the-moment "Beg-A-Thon" that raised \$53 in about 20 minutes for IGRA.

• **Joe Olney**, an alternate delegate, ran the Budget Committee with his usual flair (and griped appropriately after one of the few contentious issues

went against our wishes).

Many thanks to the rest of our California contingent, to our hosts at the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association for putting up with us, and to our friends at Charlie's, who made sure we were entertained during our time off.

Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8/27	28	29	30	31	1	9/2 Albuquerque rodeo Kansas City rodeo
9/3 Albuquerque rodeo Kansas City rodeo	4	5	6	7	8	9/9 GLAC chapter meeting, West Hollywood
9/10	11	12	13	14	15	9/16
9/17	18	19	20	21	22	9/23 San Diego rodeo Colorado Springs rodeo
9/24 San Diego rodeo Colorado Springs rodeo	25	26	27	28	29	9/30
10/1	2	3	4	5	6	10/7 Atlantic Stampede, Washington, D.C.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Noon Sat., Sept. 9,
at the CSW office at 7925 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood

Noon Sat., Oct. 7,
at the GLAC office at Floyds, 2913 E. Anaheim, Long Beach



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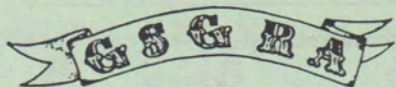
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