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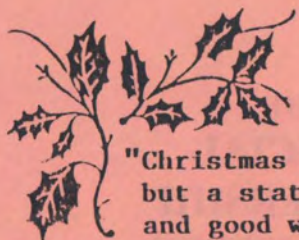
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THE  
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NEWSLETTER  
OF



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"Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

If we think on these things there will be born in us a Savior and over us all will shine a star - sending its gleam of hope to the world."

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from the entire State Board of Directors.

Craig Allen Rouse, President

P.S. May that star shine on you and yours this Holiday Season



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## Chapter approves new audit committee

In an effort to clarify the chapter's books, chapter membership at the November meeting to reinstate the chapter audit committee.

The audit committee had been reviewing the chapter books to clear up some confusion in those records. After months of work, the committee was disbanded and **Lisa Boies** led an effort to wind up the situation.

Earlier this year, after working with state taxation officials, a check was sent and the chapter's state taxes were resolved.

Now, chapter members decided to re-form the committee to review the books once more and ensure that all paperwork is in order.

Interested in helping? Leave a message for **Mark Raddatz** on the rodeo hotline, (310) 498-1675.

## BEER BUST NEWS

**B**ill Porter sends many thanks to Mark, Jay, John, Joe, Steve, Roger and Nils for their hard work at the November beer bust at the Fault Line. The fund-raiser brought in a much-needed \$500.

Now, get out that calendar and mark down another beer bust, this time at Pistons in Long Beach. The beer and soda bust will run from 3-8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, with proceeds benefitting Rodeo 1996. The bar is at 2020 E. Artesia Blvd. in Long Beach; call (310) 422-1928 for directions. See you there!

## Poster chosen for 1996 rodeo

A poster by designed by **David Medzerian**, chapter newsletter editor,

was chosen at the November meeting as our 1996 poster. The poster is a black-and-white silhouette of a bronc rider against a white-and-gray background.

Look for it — along with trifold and more info — to appear in upcoming weeks.



## Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
12/3	4	5	6	7	8	12/9 Chapter party at Oil Can Harry's, Studio City
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1/1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	1/13 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix
15	16	17	18	19	20	1/14 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

**Noon Sat, Dec. 2,** at the GLAC office at Floyds, 2913 E. Anaheim, Long Beach

**Noon, most likely on Sat., Jan. 6,** at the CSW office at 7925 Santa Monica Blvd., W.Hwd.



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**THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION  
BAY AREA CHAPTER**

invites you to be involved in

**THE 5TH ANNUAL BAY AREA  
REGIONAL RODEO**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
May 31-June 2, 1996



The upcoming '96 Rodeo promises to be our best ever!  
We have moved out of the wind and fog and down to the South Bay for lots of sun and great facilities!

**Why you should be a part of the '96 Bay Area Rodeo:**

- ⇒ Rodeo kicks-off San Jose Pride Week
- ⇒ Great parties with Red Lion as host hotel
- ⇒ BAC Chapter will be hosting 1996 State Dance Competition
- ⇒ Make new friends and support our community!



The Bay Area Chapter holds regular monthly meetings and Rodeo Roundtable meetings.  
Please call the Information Hotline: (415) 985-5200 for event updates and location details.

Between now and the '96 Rodeo we have exciting events scheduled  
throughout the Bay Area!

Call the Hotline and **BE INVOLVED!** Help us make the  
**5th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo**  
the **BEST GAY RODEO** ever!

## **ODE TO THE RODEO**

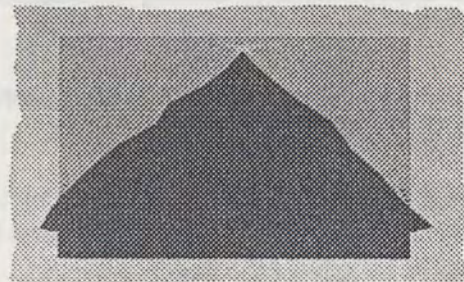
I stand and watch the testosteroned woman setting high atop the beef that is the kind I will not eat, and think of how far in this life I have come. A person long on yellow and short on brave. Testing the very mettle of my soul, sweating in my leather gloves that have lasted me from the second trip into the horse shit. The small town boy, not from the midwest but the east. Clearly not to be wading knee deep in the brine in the windy city. I love this team that works so well in the dirt. Caring, loving, and sharing a cold Lite after the day is over. This must be Saturday, because the woman on the bull is the last to ride for the day. I pull the rope taut and watch as Sugar pushes the hinge and the rider nods her head, pulling as hard as I might. Then pressed between the fence and the gate. Eyes opened but still saying the prayer that accompanies all the riders, female and male. Then after her 10 seconds, four to spare, she hits the ground running. I thank the Lord for two things at this time. The end of a safe day, and that the rider of that last bull will not be competing for the best looking men at the dance, later.

Thank God for Gay Rodeo.

*Happy Holidays all of my children. 1996 Rodeo Season is upon us and together we can make it the best year so far.*

*Love and Peace*

*Kelly*



# BAC In The Saddle

## San Jose Wins Bid and More...

President Dave Hobler and Rodeo Director Brad Roberts announced that San Jose won the bid to host this years 5th Annual San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rodeo. The rodeo site will be the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and the host hotel will be the Red Lion Inn. Brad states that we are leaving the wind & fog behind for better weather. We will be kicking off San Jose's pride week as well as hosting the 1996 GSGRA State Dance Competition and one of the IGRA Board of Directors meeting. This years event should be the biggest ever.

If this last months Chapter meeting (largest in attendance in over a year) is any indication of the enthusiasm & dedication of the rodeo roundtable committee we should have a great time as well as putting on a great event. Thanks goes to Marci Garcia for her hard work in designing this years poster. We welcome back David Lyle Carver as our Entertainment Coordinator and Dean Buckerfield as his assistant. Our fundraising efforts will again be in San Francisco/San Jose, Sacramento, and the East Bay.

Thanks goes this month to Dave Hobler for his fundraising efforts, Jim Hall and Chuck Pruitt for their combined efforts in vendor solications, Clint Johnson for his design in flyers and letterhead, Gary Linders for his hotel negotiations, Kirk Harris for his research in fundraising. Super Model Steve Taylor is looking for someone to help him with Grand Entry. Anyone interested dial 976-Steve.

Congratulations to Assistant Rodeo Director Tom McGovern who will be in the Mens Vocal Finals this month.

Attention Internet Cowboys & Cowgirls; George Head will soon have a Bay Area Page for you to surf. Contact the hotline for updates on this project in the near future.



Bay Area Crowns  
New Queen

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Ms. Roberta Lu Flores  
Congratualtions!



Congratulations to our  
very own  
"Judy Galvin"  
3rd All Around  
Cowgirl in  
Palm Springs  
And to all BAC members  
who competed!  
YaHoo!



Hotline (415) 985-5200

Upcoming events: Snow Flakes & Spurs Christmas Party,  
Next Chapter meeting December 21, Next Rodeo  
Roundtable meeting December 12th.

Always check the Hotline for updates and locations!



BAC Executive Board  
wishes you and yours  
the very best this  
holiday season.  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!





# GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

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## DECEMBER 1995

### ELECTIONS

The election of Officers for the 1996 Rodeo year was held at the November 1, 1995 General Membership meeting. The following members were elected:

President:	Vince Coco
Executive Vice President:	Michael Taylor
Vice President-Rodeo Director:	Rick Washburn
Secretary:	Mike Sheehan
Treasurer:	Bill Chapman

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy Folks,

Thanks to those individuals who elected me President! I look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year, and hope to fill the shoes of my predecessors.

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons wishes to extend to each of you, an open invitation to attend our events, our meetings and most of all to give us your thoughts thru-out the year. Our desire is for more members to become involved and enjoy the benefits of their membership.

Plans this year include more activities. Whether they are fundraisers, buckouts, social events, playdays etc. Our goal is to have FUN!!!!

We do, however, need your input. We want our activities to have the support of the San Diego membership. We encourage you to call us at the office, write or attend committee and General Membership meetings. Help us give you what you want!! The more members involved, the better! Looking forward to seeing you at our next General Membership meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 1995.

Sincerely yours,  
Vince Coco

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

These are some of the members who have agreed to serve as Chairpersons on various committees. Please contact them through the Rodeo office if you would like to serve on their committee or if you have any input for them. As you see, some positions are still open. Contact the office if you would like to take on any of these positions.

State Representative	Doug Kinney
Community Outreach	Vince Coco/Phil Baldwin
Donations	J. R. Keys
Finance	<b>OPEN</b>
Education	Chris Gregory/George Moussally
Membership	Nancy Novak
Events & Activities	Jim Jennings
Membership Discount	<b>OPEN</b>
Logistics & Mobility	Roy Kinley/Jeff Jones
PRIDE '96	Clay Wright
Newsletter	Dan Bradford/Mike Rocklin
By-Laws	<b>OPEN</b>
Archives	Robert McNeese
Publicity	Mike Sheehan
System Support	<b>OPEN</b>
Office Manager	Joe Morea

### CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1995

4th	7PM	Board Meeting
6th	7PM	General Membership Meeting
11th	7PM	Officer & Chair Meeting
20th	7PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1996

2th	7PM	Board Meeting
3th	7PM	General Membership Meeting
17th	7PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting
19th	TBA	Chapter Activity - Bowling Party(Details to be announced)
22th	7PM	Officer & Chair Meeting
28th	TBA	Chapter Activity - Superbowl Party(Details to be announced)

## **SHEBA SAYS.....**

Hello Everyone. My name is Sheba McEntire and I am the current Miss G.S.G.R.A. (yes still....it only seems like forever!) I thought it might be fun to report on the "goings on" around our State, as seen through some old, tired, O.K.....my eyes and regurgitated through my big mouth.

First of all, I was so proud to be at Finals with so many contestants from G.S.G.R.A., it made me proud to wear that sash (like I need a reason!). Also, everyone should be extremely proud of our own David Medzerian, who "kicked Butt" and won Mr. I.G.R.A. 1st Runner-Up. Sources tell me it was neck and neck all the way to the end. I myself did my best "Vanna White" imitation.....

Well, our first rodeo (Palm Springs) has come and gone and , of course, not without incident. (There's not enough room to report on each "incident", however, a complete list of room numbers is available.

Mr. Wayne Jakino (C.G.R.A.) announced admirably, though I am sure I was not the only one who missed that "melodious accent and heartfelt laugh."

The banners got hung, however, maybe our Kelly girl needs to leave the "Warm Sands with Rick W," and hand with the Calgary group for some pointers (i.e.words!). A big thank you to all of the last minute volunteers who helped get everything done.

Rumour has it that Tuwanda is making a play for next years Miss.... after witnessing her "haul" of tips at the awards ceremony, you'd think she could afford some new rags.. or at least comb out that hair.

Any Griffin (she's so "last year") has officially declared a SASH FREE ZONE, besides, busy wearing a new vest....

O.K. kids, the L.A. Rodeo is next and I hope to see everyone of you there (and I WILL have a list!!!). Also, rumor has it that the Bay Area's coming out of the fog for '96.... Do you know the way to S.J. ???.... and no concrete, Sunny!!!! Also congrats to Vince C. for becoming president of S.D.!!!

Oh, by the way, on February 10th, 1996 in conjunction with the quarterly G.S.G.R.A. State Board Meeting, the G.S.G.R.A. Royalty team will be sponsoring a Fund Raiser at Oil Can Harrys in Los Angeles. I hope everyone can attend.

Now it's of to T.G.R.A. to boast and brag (and make sure Frank E. got home O.K.!). Till next time, ride safe (top & bottom) and I still think that Bull Riders are INSANE!!!

# Board OKs design for new state flags



The state board has OK'd a design for new flags. The state and chapter flags, designed by David Medzerian of the Greater L.A. Chapter, features an updated, yellow GSGRA ribbon on a navy blue background with a small California flag above them. Look for them soon (in time for the L.A. rodeo, if we're lucky...).

The GSGRA state royalty have been a busy group over the last few months ...

► David Medzerian won the title of Mr. IGRA 1996 First Runner-Up during the finals rodeo in Denver. Sheba was on hand to help David — and to see what he'll be in for at next year's finals, when he's planning to compete for IGRA title.

► During the Palm Springs Rodeo, the two Davids and Tina were busy as emcees, while Guy helped out as a performer.

► One weekend later, David M. was in Las Vegas as a judge for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association's 1996 Royalty competition, where the featured guest performer was none

## **Royalty news**

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**Miss GSGRA Sheba McEntire**  
*(David Lyle Carver)*

**First Runner-up Mrs. Olson**  
*(Nils Peterson)*

**Second Runner-up Tina Rhinestone**  
*(Tony Nicholson)*

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**Mr. GSGRA David Medzerian**  
**Runner-up Guy Johnson**

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other than our own Miss GSGRA 1994, Wynonna Juggs (Ken Hart). The same weekend, Ms. GSGRA 1994 Amy Griffin was in Albuquerque judging the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association's Royalty contest.

► And one week later, David M., David C. and Guy were on hand waving the California flag during the Texas rodeo in Fort Worth.

► Finally, the royalty turned out in full force at the Imperial Court of Los

Angeles' coronation ceremony. The court's 1995 empress is Bob Hansen ("Truckstop Tracy"), a charter member of GSGRA, and both he and his emperor, Mr. Brenda Buffet, have been big supporters of all of our California rodeos.

**Watch for the upcoming ROYALTY RAFFLE  
... with big prizes (and big bucks to benefit GSGRA)**

## **Central Sierra Chapter December 1995**

### **Nominations for 1996**

The president of the Central Sierra Chapter has requested, this news staff to notify the general membership of the up coming Elections to be held in February 1996.

If any General member would like to run for an office please contact Lloyd at 528-3586 , or you may submit a written notice listing your intent to run.

### **Rough Rider XMAS Party**

The Central Sierra Chapter Board, cordually invites all of the general membership, their friends and the Central Valley community, as well as any GSGRA member who might be visiting the Central Valley on December 2, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.. This is the date of the second annual Rough Rider Xmas Ball. Cindi Cortez and Ms. Central Sierra Chapter, Naomi Rice, have again allowed the chapter to hold this annual event at The Barn, located on their property at 8128 E. Olive, Fresno CA. The cost is a mere \$10.00 with the money going toward the Rodeo 97 Fund.

This is the time for all general members and Rodeo contestants to thank the central valley community for their support for the Rodeo Association.

This years, will feature a Tri Tip Dinner, with all the fixens, also a Vegeterian dinner will be available.

Entertainment will be provided by the out going Royalty and contestants for the 1996 Royalty.

#### **What happened at the last meeting?**

Vice President Karen Bryant will head the CEFA Program, which will assist contestants and non contestants.

Membership is at 35.

President presented the chapter with three ad hoc committees, two committees will deal with the coastal region and the Sacramento Areas. the third ad hoc committee will focus on obtaining Sponsorship for the chapter, rodeo team and upcoming GymKana and Rodeo 97.

Vice President Cindi Cortez, will head up a fact finding committee to research distribution of funds to rodeo contestants only.

## **THANK YOU**

The Board of Directors would like to thank Nick Kovack for organizing the November 18th GymKana and Bar-B-Que at his Area. Nick believed that the general membership who does not attend Rodeos or GymKana Events needed this event to give them a taste of things to come for the chapter. Thanks Nick, we know that you gave up alot of time and energy to put this event on.

### **New Newsletter Editor needed for 1996.**

The Newstaff apoligizes to the general membership for this months newsletter. It seems that the time sort of sliped past us. and we got this Newsletter out just under the wire.

Please be advise that this issue is the last issue that the Newstaff will put out.

This Editor has run out of the time to do the Newsletter.

It doesn't take much time to put one together.

It just takes someone with the time to do it.

To make this job easier you should be active within the organization your writing about.

If your interested please contact Lloyd 528-3586.

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**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FROM  
THE CENTRAL SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE GOLDEN STATE GAY  
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