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Meisner Ranch will be on your left; watch for GSGRA signs.

Gymkhana set for Jan. 27

ALL GSGRA MEMBERS are invited to join in a gymkhana on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Janine Tuttle's in Pedley, Riverside County. We'll start at 10 a.m. and end sometime. The event is sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter.

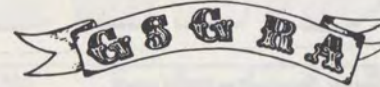
DIRECTIONS from Los Angeles County: Take the Pomona (60) Freeway east to the Van Buren exit. Go right on Van Buren and go past three traffic lights. Go right on 56th

Street. Janine's Pedley palace is at 9534 56th St. Watch for GSGRA signs.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING will be available — the lot is large enough for campers and trailers — and horses can be boarded overnight. (Sorry no campfires and no dogs.) Call Janine at (909) 360-0234 for details.

FOR MORE GYMKHANA INFORMATION, call Donnie Hickman at (805) 254-3643.

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Mrs. Olson elected treasurer

Congratulations go out to **Nils Peterson**, who was elected chapter secretary at the January meeting. Nils is a longtime member of the chapter, and has been active with the GSGRA royalty during the past year as Mrs. Olson, the first-runner-up to Miss GSGRA.

Good wishes, too, to **Mark Raddatz**, who has agreed to be treasurer for the 1996 Rodeo.

Both positions were made vacant after Jerry Gann resigned in December.

As we always say, congratulations! Now get to work.

But if you're looking to get involved, don't despair.

There are a number of chapter committees in need of chairs, including fund-raising and public relations — both especially important with Rodeo '96 just around the corner.

If you're interested in any of the posts, give **Michael DeYonker** a call! You too can be congratulated, and told to work.

BUDGET COMMITTEE FORMING

By Nils Peterson, Chapter Treasurer

In an effort to put our chapter on a more sound fiscal footing, I am looking for members to serve on the Chapter Budget Committee.

I already have two volunteers, but there is always room for a few more.

My plan is to design a proposed budget encompassing all our chapter needs (minus rodeo) for the coming fiscal year, then present it to the general membership for consideration.

If you are a chapter committee chair and will have expenses during the year, please let me know your needs so they can be

included in the budget. Budgets are not set in concrete until they are adopted, so let's tailor-make one just for us.

I know things are hectic right now with Rodeo '96 preparations in full swing, but we need to take a moment and think about all the other things we do as a chapter during the course of the year. Those "other things" are what I want to get a handle on, so to speak.

If you would like to volunteer or have some figures for me, please call me at (310) 435-2511.

*Please let me
know your needs
so they can be
included in the
budget.*

Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1/28	29	30	31	1	2	2/3 Monthly chapter meeting at GLAC office, Long Beach
2/4	5	6	7	8	9	2/10 GSGRA state board meeting & royalty party, L.A.
2/11	12	2/13 Rodeo roundtable meeting at the Yukon Mining Co.	14	15	16	2/17 GLAC/GSDC buckout at Meisner Ranch
2/18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2/25	26	27	28	29	1	3/2 Monthly chapter meeting at CSW office, W. Hwd.
3/3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3/10	11	12	13	14	15	3/16 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson, Arizona

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Noon Sat, Feb. 3, at the GLAC office at Floyds, 2913 E. Anaheim, Long Beach

Noon Sat, March 2, at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, W. Hwd.



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Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. The deadline is the 15th of each month. Submissions can be sent by E-mail to davidm@link.freedom.com

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CENTRAL SIERRA CHAPTER

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rodeo sports news events

GymKhana set for May 11, 1996 at CSUF

CSC hosts 1st GymKhana

The Board of Directors announced that the date of May 11, 1996 has been confirmed as a go for the Central Sierra Chapters 1st public rodeo event in the Central Valley.

Cindi Cortez, Vice President of Rodeo Operations announced that she is in the final stages of production for this event. Cal State Fresno has been selected for the location of this event. CSC will be using the Bulldog Rodeo Arena. The Central Sierra will be inviting all the Division 1 cowboys and cowgirls to the heart of California for this event.

Cindi stated that the contestant flyers will be in the mail in the early part of February.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON FEB 3, 1996

On January 6, 1996, the president opened the meeting for nominations of candidates for the 1996 Board of Directors. The nominations are

as follows:

President Lloyd J. Carr-Flores
Vice President Admin. James Flores-Carr
Vice President Rodeo Cindi Cortez
Treasurer Naomi Rice
Secretary Open

Nominations will again be opened at the February 3, meeting so if you interested be there.

Calendar of Events / Meetings for 1996

The 1995 Board of Directors met on January 6 and scheduled the 1996 calendar of events. Please note that the second dance of the month

February 3, 1996 Meeting/Dance
February 10, 1996 State Meeting LA
February 17, 1996 Dance*
March 2, 1996 Meeting/Dance
March 16, 1996 Dance*
April 6, 1996 Meeting/Dance
April 12-15 1996 L.A. Rodeo
April 20, 1996 Dance*
May 3-6 1996 State Convention Las Vegas
May 10, 1996 Meeting/Dance
May 11, 1996 GymKhana
May 18, 1996 Dance*
June 1-3 BAC Rodeo San Jose
June 3 Fresno Gay Pride Parade
June 14 - 17 1996 Las Vegas Rodeo
June 22, 1996 Dance*

* These dances are being hosted by Cindi and Naomi, the Central Sierra Chapter will host the Bar for these dances and will keep all the proceeds from the bar only.
(So if you asked to work the bar Just say Yes)

Rough Rider News replaces Cowboy Briefs as the Chapters Internal newsletter.

Cindi Cortez will be taking over the reins as the new editor of the former Cowboy Briefs. Cindi in keeping with the trend of gender neutrel titles has renamed the Briefs (Ouch!) To the Rough Rider News. The Quarterly newsletter will include profiles of the team members, a column from the presidents, statistic on the team, and little tidbits not mentioned in the Chute. This paper will also be available for the people that come out to the barn for the events.

Rodeo Reba

Howdy all you cowboys and cowgirls of the Central Sierra. I just thought I'd let you all know that I am still alive and kicking, so don't believe those vicious rumors you may be hearing. I heard through the grape vine that there is another girl out there using my name. Sweetheart, I tried to get the first family to not send you a Xmas Card. Oh by the way Mr. GSGRA haven't seen any sashes around here yet!!!!
I hope this will stir the pot!

R.R

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IGRA ANNUAL DANCE FINALS COMPETITION

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DIVISION - I	DIVISION - II	DIVISION - III	DIVISION - IV
L.A. Rodeo '96 Los Angeles - CA April 12-14, 1996 (310) 498-1675	Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque - NM May 17-19, 1996 (505) 255-5045	Rodeo In The Rock Little Rock - AK Apr 26-28, 1996 (501) 562-4466	Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo (Part II) Detroit - MI May 17-19, 1996 (313) 271-8616
Bay Area Regional Rodeo San Jose - CA May 31-Jun 2, 1996 (415) 985-5200	Big Sky Regional Rodeo Billings - MT Jun 7-9, 1996 (406) 248-2993	Great Plains Regional Rodeo Oklahoma City - OK May 24-26, 1996 (405) 943-0843	Northern Shindig Rodeo Minneapolis - MN Jul 12-14, 1996 (612) 82RODEO
Bighorn Rodeo Las Vegas - NV Jun 14-16, 1996 (702) 732-7559	Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo Calgary - AB Jun 28-30, 1996 (403) 541-8140	MGRA Show Me State Rodeo Kansas City - MO Aug 30-Sept 1, 1996 (816) 224-6139	Windy City Regional Gay Rodeo Chicago - IL Aug 16-18, 1996 (312) 883-1880
Greater Northwest Int'l Rodeo Seattle - WA Aug 9-11, 1996 (206) 233-8931	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Denver - CO Jul 12-14, 1996 (303) 839-8810	TGRA - Dallas Rodeo Dallas - TX Nov.8-10, 1996 (512) 835-5314	Atlantic Stampede '96 Washington - D.C. Oct 4-6, 1996 (202) 298-0928
Greater San Diego Rodeo San Diego - CA Sept 27-29, 1996 (619) 298-4708	Pikes Peak United Rodeo Colorado Springs - CO Sept 20-22, 1996 (719) 576-2472	Sponsored by Lite BEER	
Palm Springs Regional Rodeo Palm Springs - CA Nov 1-3, 1996 (619) 320-8686	Road Runner Regional Rodeo* Phoenix - AZ Jan 17-19, 1997 (602) 265-0618	SANCTIONED BY 	
Bighorn Rodeo* Las Vegas - NV February, 1997 (702) 732-7559	Saguro Regional Rodeo* Tucson - AZ Mar 21-23, 1997 (520) 323-0805	* Rodeo Dates in ITALICS are planned 1997 Rodeos	

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G.S.G.R.A. CONVENTION 1996

Plans are now being finalized and hotel information etc will be published next month. If you want to get in ahead of the crowd, Write us, call us or E-Mail us and we will mail you a packet as soon as they are available. Confirmed so far:

Dates: May 4/5 1996 Location: Buffalo Bill's, Stateline, NV

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Rodeo Ed

Howdy gang! I recently caught up with the I.G.R.A. Judges Chairperson, our own Mr. David Pickle who I'm sure a lot of you already know. This year David takes over the reigns from another G.S.G.R.A. member and past Judges Chairperson, Roger Bergmann. It is now David's responsibility to manage and move prospective judges through the judge certification program and to handle recertification of existing judges. You can get in touch with him at the number shown below.

David has been a judge now for about 4 years. He enjoys it a lot, especially the camaraderie between the rodeo officials, contestants and volunteers. He also believes it is one of the more difficult official positions to hold since the judges are always put on the spot. You must constantly maintain a fair and impartial attitude while judging. There are the close calls, and you sometimes have to make difficult calls against contestants who may be good friends. It is one thing to sit in the stands and score people on paper, and another to face them with your decisions, especially when significant prize money is involved. Some people find this difficult. If you think you want to be a judge to be popular, your doing it for the wrong reason.

If you are considering being a judge, David says stop and give him a call right away. You need to get started as soon as you can. There is currently a shortage of judges in I.G.R.A. so more are needed. Being familiar with the stock and operation of the arena is helpful, so if you've never been down there, you might want to start volunteering to get familiar with arena and chute operations. Some judging is done from horseback. After your first two rodeos, you will be required to do some judging from horseback, but not until then. You may want to learn to ride, or polish your skills in the meantime.

The first thing that you need to do is contact David and get signed up for a judging school. He highly recommends doing at least one school before going to the judging seminar. The certification process requires you to attend a minimum of (6) days of student judging school at I.G.R.A. major rodeos - each event must be student judged (6) times. Your scores will be compared with the official rodeo results and reviewed with David.

Have him send you a rule book - you must know this cover to cover since you are the official that interprets and enforces the rules in the arena. After one schooling, you will need to attend a Seminar from the list shown below. The judging seminar covers both PRCA and I.G.R.A. rule books and has a written examination which must be passed 100%. If you fail the exam, you must study some more and attend another seminar. Speaking of rule books, the complete description of the judges job description and certification requirements can be found on pages 52-53 in the I.G.R.A. rule book. You must take the seminar in the year that the you are to be certified.

JUDGE SEMINARS:	Phoenix, AZ	Jan 12, 1996
David Pickle, Chairperson	Burbank, CA	April 12, 1996
3540 Juniper St.	Little Rock, AR	April 26, 1996
San Diego, CA 92104	Omaha, NE	July 25, 1996
(619) 528-1663	Chicago, IL	August 16, 1996

I wish you luck and look forward to seeing you on the circuit this year! - Rick Washburn

California Champs at the Pheonix Rodeo

Combined Placing for the Weekend

Bull Riding (Women)

Candy Bell 2nd

BareBack Broncs (Women)

Candy Bell *Buckle*

Robin Hayes 3rd

BareBack Broncs (Men)

Rick Simmons *Buckle*

Steer Riding (Women)

Candy Bell 2nd

Chute Dogging (Men)

Daryll Kessler 4th

Chute Dogging (Women)

Doreen Simmons 4th

Lisa Joyce 5th

Calf Roping (Men)

Al Wright 2nd

Mark Gehrt 5th

Calf Roping (Women)

Candi Bell *Buckle*

Sandi Natcher 3rd

Doreen Simmons 4th

Goat Dressing

Charlie Collela 5th

Tim Haskin 5th

BreakAway (Women)

Bonnie Boone 2nd

Barrel Race (Men)

David Renier *Buckle*

Kirk Carter 4th

Joe Fernandez 5th

Barrel Race (Women)

Bonnie Boone 2nd

Ann Richardson 3rd

Steer Decorating

Kirk Carter 2nd

David Renier 2nd

Daryll Kessler 4th

David Smith 4th

Pole Bending (Men)

Kirk Carter 4th

Pole Bending (Women)

Bonnie Boone 2nd

Valerie Warner 3rd

Flag Race (Men)

David Renier 3rd

Kirk Carter 4th

Flag Race (Women)

Bonnie Boone *Buckle*

Wild Drag Race

Kirk Carter 2nd

David Renier 2nd

Geoffrey Last 3rd

Valerie Warner 3rd

Ribin Hayes 5th

They Came,

They Saw,

They Conquered.

(They just didn't win any
buckles or ribbons!)

David Adams

Dallas Armstrong

David Bernard

Michael Biggs

Bonnie Boone

Stev Boswell

Thom Brennan

Rob Buchanan

Michele Chagnon

Jeff Cowell

Steve Creber

Roger Davis

Ken Davis

Scott Evans

Kelly Edwards

Randy Funderburk

Annette Galvin

Chris Gregory

Terry Grossman

Tom Hammond

Robin Hayes

Jason Hott

Geoffrey Last

Sherry Le

David Medzerian

Kevin McInroy

Paul Nicholas

Drew Oberbeck

Bill Parsons

Ken Pitsenbarger

Larry Rose

Rick Simmons

Jill Smith

David Spence

Leonard Ray

David Renier

Ann Richardson

Denise Steinkerchner

Glen Thompson

Patrick Thompson

Jeff Underhill

Chris Vassar

Kevin Weeks

Rod Vilencia

Kent Wallace

Valerie Warner

Steve Wollert

**All Around
Cowboy
Andrew Anaya**

**All Around
Cowgirl
Desiree Gronwald**



GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

FEBRUARY 1996

CHAPTER VALENTINE GET-TOGETHER

The GSGRA San Diego Chapter will be hosting a Chapter Valentine Get-Together on February 16th from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M.. Bring your Sweetheart or come and find one. Then spend a great evening with your Rodeo friends. The event will be held at Phil Baldwin's home at 252 Palomar, La Jolla. Call Phil at 456-2295 if you need directions.

EDUCATION

Howdy folks, Education committee here. We just want to invite everyone down to Ramona, California on **February 3** for a **Roping and Gymkhana Clinic** instructed by a top ranking PRCA competitor. We're going to be zeroing in on proper technique of roping so everyone should learn something. For all you barrel racers and you pole benders, we've got a gal who's gonna work you too! The price for San Diego members is going to be \$10 dollars for each roping event or for all gymkhana events. The price for non San Diego members is going to be \$20 dollars. What do you get for your money? These prices include a free lesson with our instructor, a minimum of four live calves for each roping event and a minimum of 3 hours for the gymkhana events. There's a possibility for more go-rounds depending on time and the number of people. What if you don't want to participate? Come on down anyway. We're making this a party with a potluck. So bring your own

beverages(your choice) and food for you and/or others.

Bobby Neil's Roping arena is located on the west end of Ramona, just off Route 67 on Mussey Grade Road.

If you're coming from San Diego.....

Go North on Route 67.

Approximately 3.3 miles before entering town, you'll see lots of white, (i.e., windmill, fencing, barn).

Turn right on Mussey Grade Road. If you see the first "Ramona" sign, you've gone too far, actually you've just passed it.

If you're coming from east/west of Ramona..... Come into Ramona on Route 78 until it changes to Route 67. Go South on 67. Go thru town to west end (approx. 3.3 miles). The arena will be on your left(lots of white) and you will turn left on Mussey Grade Road.

SEE YOU ALL THERE AT 9 A.M.!!

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1996

3rd	9AM	Education Event Roping & Gymkhana Clinic(see Education note above)
5th	7PM	Board Meeting
7th	7PM	General Membership Mtg.
16th	TBA	House Party
21st	7PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
26th	7PM	Committee & Chairs Mtg.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1996

4th	7PM	Board Meeting
6th	7PM	General Membership Mtg.
15,16,17th		Tucson Rodeo
20th	7PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
25th	7PM	Committee & Chairs Mtg.

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Secretary - Mike Sheehan
Treasurer - Bill Chapman

On-Line.....

Finally, the Membership Committee has burst into the twentieth century and is now available on the Internet. (Now there's a scary thought). We can be reached at RodeoMemb@AOL.com.

Now all this is virgin territory to us so have a little patience as we get in step with all this new fangled stuff.

The membership record keeping system is presently being modified to allow for E-Mail addresses to be stored along with all the other stuff. If you want your E-Mail address to be listed just drop us a line by "Snail-Mail" with your real name, your real address and your E-Mail address. A confidential list of E-Mailable members will be included in each months reports forwarded to your Chapter, after that it's up to you.

Rodeo Aliases.....

There is a proposal being prepared to be presented to the G.S.G.R.A. Annual Convention and if approved it will go on to the I.G.R.A. Convention regarding the use of aliases. Presently, all I.G.R.A. records are maintained and reported using real names, aliases only show up on announcer information cards. The problem is, these records are being used at later dates for press releases and other such things that might prove embarrassing for anyone not wanting their real name out there on the front page, so to speak.

The proposal is to have all contestants register their aliases or "performance names" which will then allow I.G.R.A. to maintain privacy for those with that need because only performance names would ever be released, real names would always remain confidential. Of course, both real names and Performance Names could be the same if the contestant has no problem

with the issue of confidentiality.

If you have any thoughts on this issue, let us know. All input is welcome. Drop us a line or E-Mail us with your thoughts.

No More Mr. Nice Guy.....

The I.G.R.A. Board of Trustees have put their collective foot down with a very firm hand! All rules in the rule book are now being taken literally.

It seems that rules have been waived or shall we say *bent* in the past with the best of intentions because some of our rules just don't seem to get the job done right. There have been inconsistencies that have caused problems but not any more.

The bottom line is, if there is a rule that you don't like, take it (or send it) to the Rodeo Rules Committee for review. Be sure and let the Committee know the way you think the rule should be written and, if they agree with you they will forward it on to the Convention Floor for approval. If you need some help in writing a proposal there are several members well versed in just this kind of thing so drop a line to our President, Craig Rouse and he will find someone to help you out.

Registration is one area in which this literal interpretation is effecting many and costing them money!. All rodeo entries not postmarked by the deadline will be charged the \$50.00 late registration fee, no excuse will be accepted. The membership requirement is being enforced. Absolutely no checks at registration, not even sponsors checks. No registrations after 9.00pm Friday night and so on, and so on.

The best advise we have to offer at this time is to read the rule book, know all the rules that pertain to your event(s) and stick to them.

Writers, Illustrators and Photographers who would like to have their work published, do we have a deal for you. The Editor of Roundup Magazine tells us that he is looking for full or part time contributors from within the Gay Rodeo circuit to help with the magazines goal of increasing rodeo-related coverage.

Contestants, Officials, Judges, Volunteers. Roundup would like to profile you and your involvement in Gay Rodeo. Mike Brenda (Roundup Editor) has been getting a lot of mail recently wanting to know more about the names and the faces of Gay rodeo. One letter Mike received says it best: "You have a long list of Rodeo Standings. Just who are these guys? What are they like? How did they get into rodeo? What are their interests? Do they have any comic or hair-raising experiences they could talk about?" It seems that many rodeo fans are interested in the person behind the title so Roundup plans to respond with one page profiles to accompany the regularly featured 'standings page'. If you would you like to see your story in print and along the way give Gay Rodeo a boost, give Mike a call at (800)234-3877.

The Mamas and Papas amongst us will be please to know that G.L.A.C. has addressed the problem of younguns in the barn area and is not going to banish the rugrats. Kids in the contestant area, with the horses and all that other stuff going on, could be an accident waiting to happen, and has long worried rodeo organizers. It had been suggested that kids should be banned from the barns but that would have been the easy way out. There are many parents in our community that would then be forced to choose between rodeo and their kids for the weekend and our best guess is that the kids would win out. This year the Los Angeles Rodeo will

be issuing special *Junior Buddy Passes* which will allow contestants kids to be in the barn area under the supervision of their Parents. Of course, Mom or Dad will have to sign a liability waiver for the kids and agree to remove them if they get out of hand but that's what parents do every day anyway. The limit is two kids per contestant and there will be a \$10.00 charge for the bigger kids (13 through 17) with the younger ones free.

Buddy Pass Policy Set By State

Board: At it's meeting in Palm Springs in November 1995, our Board or Directors decided on a standard policy regarding 'Buddy Passes' to apply at all California Gay Rodeos. The rules are as follows:

- 1) Only Contestants registered in Rough Stock and/or Horse events may purchase a 'Buddy Pass'.
- 2) Limit of one 'Buddy Pass' per contestant.
- 3) 'Buddy Pass' will allow entry into Rodeo Grounds and nightly parties at the host hotel.
- 4) Contestant purchasing the 'Buddy Pass' will be responsible for the actions of his/her "buddy" and will be responsible to advise his/her "buddy" of all pertinent I.G.R.A and G.S.G.R.A rules.
- 5) "Buddy" must sign a liability waiver.
- 6) Contestant number of the purchasing contestant must appear on the actual 'Buddy Pass'.
- 7) The price charged for a 'Buddy Pass' will be determined by the Chapter producing the rodeo.

Thought for the Day:

It makes me happy that you accept me just the way I am.

It also makes me question your judgment!



Rodeo Ed

Howdy folks! My name is Rick Washburn, and I'd like to introduce myself as your state education chair. I will be coordinating various activities throughout the coming year to benefit all of us. I encourage everyone to participate in some upcoming chapter activities in San Diego and L.A. There will be a Roping and Gymkhana clinic in San Diego on February 3rd, a Gymkhana on 1/27 at Janine Tuttle's and a tentative buckout on 2/17 at Meisner's Ranch. Even if you don't participate, it can be fun to watch and meet people, and having a few spectators makes it more enjoyable for those participating. Read the chapter reports in your newsletter for more information. I encourage all chapter education chairs, or other interested officers to contact me to see what we can do together. Education can be an expensive area, and together we can share the costs. The State does have a little budget for education purposes.

For now I would like to focus on an area which a lot of people don't think about. Many of you are contestants, volunteers, or spectators, but we don't have a lot of you who are Officials. Did you know that there are certification programs for all Officials of the rodeo? Want to get more involved with the actual running of the rodeo? I just recently became certified as a Chute Coordinator, and am currently working on certification for Arena Director. I love it! The people are great and I really enjoy being a part of the actual rodeo. For the next few months I'll be giving you some information on certification and some comments on the individual areas from the Official's Chairpeople.

If you think you might be interested in becoming an Official, get started as soon as possible! It takes time, usually a minimum of a year. There are 4 areas of officials which require certification: Arena Director in charge of running all operations in the arena, Chute Coordinator in charge of all chute and stock operations, Judges in charge of contestant scoring, Auditor/Scorekeeper/Secretary to manage event sheets and contestant scoring/placement. Each of these areas has an I.G.R.A. coordinator in charge of certification for that event. Each coordinator holds seminars for their area throughout the country during the year which are usually required for certification. The first thing you need to do is get in contact with the coordinator for the area you are interested in and let them know of your interest. Between the both of you, you should be able to come up with a plan that will lead to your certification.

The following are the 1996 rodeo year Chairpersons for the official classifications, as well as 1996 seminar dates:

ARENA DIRECTOR SEMINARS:	Phoenix, AZ	Jan. 12, 1996
Erin Eaton, Chairperson	Burbank, CA	April 12, 1996
615 N. Pasadena	St. Paul, MN	July 12, 1996
Azusa, CA 91702	Omaha, NE	July 25, 1996
(818)969-9132	Kansas City, MO	Aug. 30, 1996
Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper SEMINARS:	Burbank, CA	April 12, 1996
David Hill, Chairperson	Oklahoma City, OK	May 24, 1996
26900 East Colfax #6	Denver, CO	July 12, 1996
Aurora, CA 80011	Omaha, NE	July 25, 1996
(303) 364-6836	Washington D.C.	Oct. 4, 1996
CHUTE COORDINATOR SEMINARS:	Ft. Worth, TX	Nov. 17, 1995
Jeanne McLeod, Chairperson	Phoenix, AZ	Jan. 12, 1996
327 Eland	Omaha, NE	July 25, 1996
San Antonio, TX 78213	Chicago, IL	Aug. 16, 1996
(210) 733-5442	San Diego, CA	Sept. 27, 1996

JUDGE SEMINARS:
David Pickle, Chairperson
3540 Juniper St.
San Diego, CA 92104
(619) 528-1663

Phoenix, AZ	Jan 12, 1996
Burbank, CA	April 12, 1996
Little Rock, AR	April 26, 1996
Omaha, NE	July 25, 1996
Chicago, IL	August 16, 1996

So, to reiterate, first contact the chairperson above - don't wait, you need to get started long before the seminar date. Have the chairperson send you an I.G.R.A. rule book so that you can start learning which rules effecting your areas (most chapters also have rule books). If your not sure you know what you want to do, volunteer in the arena or chutes for the next closest rodeo so that you can get an up close view of what goes on.

Good luck! See you on the circuit. - Rick Washburn

MEMBERSHIP ON LINE!

(Now there's a scary thought!!!)

Yes folks, for all of you intrepid surfers of the net, the membership committee is now on line. Got a question about membership? Want to contribute to the newsletter? Need rodeo information? These and a host of other stuff can now be dealt with by E-Mail. In fact, most everything can be with the exception of joining and/or paying dues. Remember though, this is all new to us so have patience.

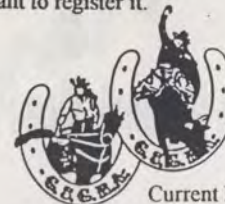
You can reach the Membership Committee at:

RodeoMemb@aol.com

Chapter to Decide on New Logo

The G.S.G.R.A. Greater San Diego Chapter official corporate logo is currently the double horseshoe with mail and female riders. A company logo is a symbol used to identify that company on letterhead, products, and advertising. It typically does not contain any text, and is just artwork. Logo's are usually protected symbols within a corporation which can be legally protected with a trademark or registered trademark.

Over the past few years our chapter has consistently used the RODEO diamond logo on all our advertisements, posters, merchandise, and informational materials. The double horseshoe logo is used only on our letterhead. The proposal has been made that we replace the current logo with the much used RODEO diamond logo as is without any text. It can be amended in depending upon the application (merchandise, letterhead, poster, etc.) by adding text such as "San Diego", or the current rodeo year. Including the text with the symbol make protection more difficult since each definition would need to be protected individually. We will add the trademark symbol "TM" to the logo for our protection, and in the future may want to register it.



Current Logo:



Proposed Logo:

BAC In The Saddle

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to the Bay Area
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nothing like this
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one more time in
our *New Location...*
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**Rodeo Weekend !!
May 30th thru June 2nd**

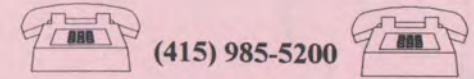


Welcome

New BAC Officers

**Marcie Garcia, Secretary
&
Ando Merendi, Vice Pres-Admin**

**Round Table
Meetings**
Every 1st Tuesday
and 3rd Thursday



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updates, locations and changes!

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Call for February Chapter
Meeting Information

COAT CHECK !
Every Tuesday Night at
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San Jose !

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**Santa Clara County
Fairgrounds &
Red Lion Inn**

-UP Coming Events-

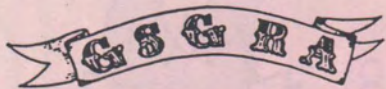
*Feb: Sweetshearts Rodeo Ball, Eagle Beer Bust 2/25
March: Beer Busts @ Nightshift & Faces, Bowl-A-Thon
April: Beer Busts @ Lone Star, Wreck Room & Hamburger Marys
May: BBQ Party @ Faces, Marlena's Cabaret Show, & More*

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