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Last call (almost) for Royalty contestants

Your 1995-96 GSGRA royalty have been a busy bunch. But because their terms were 16 months long instead of the usual 12, they're ready for a rest. Lucky for those sash queens, the 1997 Royalty Competition is just around the corner.

The contest is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2, in Palm Springs, to coincide with the fall meeting of the state board. We'll be holding the annual competition for Mr., Miss and Ms. GSGRA (yes, we do have a Ms. position — we just didn't have any candidates last year).

Contestants compete in the categories of Interview, Western Wear, Entertainment, Horsemanship and Public Presentation (an on-stage question).

But time is running out! Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 1. And you'll have to get started on your fund-raising — you have to raise at least \$500 for a 501(c)3 charity — and brush up on your horsemanship, entertainment and interview skills (we know you're all naturals at the Western Wear part).

The winners will represent GSGRA for the following year at rodeos and rodeo-related events in and out of state. This year's winners also can represent California in IGRA Royalty competition in November 1997. California's done well lately: Ms. GSGRA 1994 Amy Griffin was first runner-up to Ms. IGRA 1995; Mr. GSGRA 1995-96 David Medzerian is also first runner-up to Mr. IGRA 1996; and Miss GSGRA 1995-96 Sheba McEntired will compete next month in Albuquerque for the title of Miss IGRA 1997.

For advice or general questions, get in touch with any of the current 1995-96 GSGRA royalty. And to get the official contestant packet and entry form, contact state Vice President Phil Baldwin at (619) 456-2295.

***Good luck, everyone!
And remember, entries must be postmarked
no later than Oct. 1!***

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EDUCATION-FUN DAY- FOR ALL

Don't forget! - GSGRA-SD and GSGRA Inc. (State), will be sponsoring an education fun day, Saturday, September 7, 1996. This event will be held at Neal's Arena, Rte 67, West End of Town, Ramona, CA. Registration is at 9:30-10:00.

Calf Roping on Foot, Breakaway, the three (3) normal speed events, plus a few new ones. For those non-competitors-we have beginning judging, timing, scorekeeping, even announcing. We also need arena help.

"FREE LUNCH" AND "PRIZES TOO" - Everyone Eligible!

Come join the fun. Get ready for RODEO 96! Call (619) 294-8135, for more specific info - Chris or Vince will answer your questions.

SAN DIEGO HOME OF CHAMPIONS

The Greater San Diego Chapter is very proud of its dance couples. This year at the IGRA dance finals, in Omaha, NE, three of the four couples named champions were members from our chapter.

Division I - Advanced
Chris Gregory and Paul Casey
Division III - Beginner
Ken Valdez and Candis Kolb
Division I V - First Time
Tiy Ocasio Torres and Nancy Grab

If you haven't had a chance to see IGRA dance champions, you can catch them on the Entertainment Stage at the San Diego Rodeo, September 26-29, 1996.

Congratulations to All!!!

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RODEO TICKET INFORMATION

The Weekend Pass - A full weekend ticket booklet is available for all Rodeo and Hotel events. This package is a value of \$52. These booklets are available through mail-order with the TICKET ORDER FORM or at special events. Mail-order requests must be accompanied by check, money order, or Visa and Master Card information (please include a self-addressed, stamped business size envelop). You can also fax your orders to (619) 298-4709.

BEST BUY

AFTER JULY 1 \$35
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September 14.

ADVANCED TICKET BOOKLET OUTLETS (JULY 1 - SEPT 22)

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- Bay Area, Roundup Magazine, Gay & Lesbian Time. (con't on next page)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 2 Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 4 General Membership Meeting - 7 pm
- 18 Rodeo Roundtable - 7 pm
- 25 Rodeo Committee Chairs - 7 pm
- 26-29 San Diego Rodeo 1996
- Rodeo Sat. and Sun.**
- Dance Party Fri., Sat., and Sun.**
- Boots n' Briefs Thu.**
- Fun all Weekend!**
- See you there!**

We Want To
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The 1996 San Diego
Rodeo

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Thank You All!!!**

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Staley/Rich Ahrendt, Kickers Cloggers.

Thank You to All the Buckle Sponsors!

From Membership Chair

Welcome to all our new members from the past year. Anyone having trouble obtaining your membership cards or name badges, call evenings (619) 574-0891.

Rodeo Education

Many rules changes will take effect after Finals Rodeo this year. Stay tuned to next months newsletter for some details. If you can't wait til then

GSGRA Night at Kickers

The outstanding staff and management of Kickers, invite the members of GSGRA to enjoy themselves at the best country western bar in the area. As an added welcome, Wednesday nights, GSGRA members get \$1.00 off on all cocktails and beer. And it is not too late to get your dancin boots ready for the rodeo. If you haven't mastered the two step, or if you haven't even learned it yet, come on down Monday or Tuesday night for beginner two step lessons. If you have the two step down, but want to learn the fancy turns, then show up on Wednesday night. And to learn all the line dances, its Thursday and Friday night. All lessons run from 7:00-8:30 pm. See you there.

from *"Behind The Orange Curtain"*.

Should Geography 101 be a requirement? You decide!

The Orange Country pride parade went well with a great turn out. Oor Association was well represented with a fine showing of both two and four legged animals.

When we passed the display area, the announcer read our card:

"The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association! They invite you to their annual L.A. Rodeo and Country Fair, next April, at a new site -- the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center and Festival Grounds, located in the beautiful foothills of the Napa Valley." D.M.

Editors Note

The L.A. Gay Rodeo and Country Fair will be held at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center in the *San Fernando Valley* on *Foothill Blvd.* (Just 12 freeway minutes from the old location at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center..

G.S.G.R.A.- G.L.A.C.

Presents

A San Diego Rodeo Kick-Off Party at:

Oil Can Harry's

9:00 pm Until.....

Saturday - Sept 21, 1996

**Party
Party
Party**

**Raffles - Door Prizes
Entertainment - Drink Specials**

These are actual excuse notes from parents (including spelling):

- >>My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please excuse him.
- >>Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- >>Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- >>Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.
- >>Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
- >>Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea & his boots leak.
- >>My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.
- >>Please excuse Jason for being absent. He had a cold and could not breed well.
- >>Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.

Thank You. If you have any comments about Membership Services feel free to drop us a line either by regular mail or at gsggra@aol.com. or give us a call at (310)498-3488. And thank you for taking the time to complete and return this questionnaire.

Current Membership Records

The information shown here is taken from our current computer files. would you please take a moment to review information and make any corrections in the right hand column.

Legal Name:	
Address:	
Home Phone:	
IGRA Number:	
Chapter:	
Family With:	

How Do You Like Your Name? We have to have your legal name on file but we would like to address you the way you want to be addressed. If you prefer to get your mail etc. addressed in a way other than your legal name, tell us here.: (For example, Harry instead of Harold or Ted instead of Theodore!)

Fold Here First

G.S.G.R.A.
Membership Committee
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SECOND FOLD

Quick... Quick... Slow... Slow...

G.S.G.R.A. DANCERS WIN THE GOLD

The sequins were flying, the fireballs burning, Cadillac Red was there and so was MY MARIA, but nothing could stop the hot, Hot, HOT dancers from G.S.G.R.A.

Chris & Paul had to go out on a limb, because the competition was stiff.

Tiy and Nancy boots weren't under anyone's bed but there own.

Ken and Candis were in it for Love or they be outta there.

No matter how you say it, G.S.G.R.A. Dancers are number one.

All the couples were named Dance Champions in their respective divisions. Christopher Gregory and Paul Casey were named Dance Champions in Division I (Advanced). Ken Valdez and Candis Kolb were named Dance Champions in Division III (Beginner). Tiy Ocasio Torres and Nancy Grab were named Dance Champions in Division IV (First Time). The couples out danced every couple in their division to be named Dance Champions.

After the awards were over, special recognition was given to Paul Casey, from I.G.R.A. Dance Rule Chairperson, Kim Roberts. Paul was recognized for having competed the last four years in the Dance Finals. During those four years Paul competed in every division and was named Dance Champion three times.

All dancers felt this was the best contest ever. The judges were superb, the contestant camaraderie was unsurpassed, the support of G.S.G.R.A. was unbelievable. The pep talks, encouragement, the finger nail glue, the video taping, the name badge delivery made us all proud to be members of G.S.G.R.A.

This the first time in the history of the I.G.R.A. Country Western Dance Finals, that three out of the four couples that were named Dance Champions were couples from G.S.G.R.A and all members of the Greater San Diego Chapter. The contest was held on July 26 & 27, in Omaha, Nebraska in conjunction with I.G.R.A.'s Annual Convention.

Congratulations Chris & Paul, Ken & Candis, and Tiy & Nancy!!!!

Submitted by Ken Valdez,

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of another good friend. Rick Sword, late of San Francisco and Sausalito passed away in August. Rick joined G.S.G.R.A. eight years ago and was at one time a very active member of the Bay Area Chapter until his declining health forced him to retire. He was a strong and proud supporter of Gay Rodeo, he contributed much and he will be sorely missed.

Rick, I will remember you always for knowing why cowboys have their names on their belts. Sleep well Sweet Prince. M.M.



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

► Project Angel Food gets cash

Los Angeles' Project Angel Food is several thousand dollars ahead, thanks to GSGRA's Greater Los Angeles Chapter.

A check for \$3,204 was presented to the organization Aug. 9 by chapter representatives. The donation was agreed to by the Los Angeles Equestrian Center when a pricing error was discovered following the 1996 L.A. Rodeo.

A great — and proud — turnout

Editor's Note: Because of a technical problem, the following article was inadvertently omitted from the August newsletter. (P.S. Congratulations on a great Orange County pride contingent, too!)

By Robert Amend
GLAC membership chairman

We had a great turnout at the CSW Parade on Sunday June 23rd. GLAC was out in force with over 50 equestrian riders and members in our entourage.

A special thanks to David Smith and Sunnie Rose for all their hard work

in organizing the Color Guard contingency. They were great troupers through the many months of staging. Also many thanks to the people behind the scenes, putting on the show, Float Builders: Tony Nicholson (Ms. Tina Rhinestone), Vern Brooks, Stephen Tannert and Andie Joseph. Our Membership Services Committee Thanks You All!! A very special Thank You to our 1996 Grand Marshall Alison Arnggrim for taking the time to come down and ride along with us in the parade.

Submissions to the GLAC newsletter are always welcome; submissions are subject to editing for space or content, and must be submitted by the 15th of the month. ■ The GLAC logo, rodeo poster and contents of the GLAC newsletter and Web site are Copyright 1996 GLAC-GSGRA. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.

Short takes...

► **Don't forget about the informal coffee klatsches** held monthly. The next is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Yukon restaurant on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood. For October, keep the 16th free.

► **Rodeo '97 continues to come together** at a speedy pace. Contract negotiations with the new rodeo site, the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, are continuing; and a review of potential poster artists is planned for the September chapter meeting.

► **Several rodeo committee chairmen** were announced by Rodeo VP Joe Olney at the August chapter meeting: rodeo director, Roger Bergmann; rodeo treasurer, Nils Peterson; hotel coordinator, Andie Joseph; entertainment chairman, Robert Amend; contestant coordinator, James Rose; and property coordinator, Steve Creber. If there's anything you'd like to do, call Joe at the rodeo hotline and let him know.

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
9/1 Show-Me State Rodeo, Kansas City	2	3	4	5	6	9/7 GLAC chapter meeting, Los Angeles
9/8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9/15	16	17	9/18 GLAC 7 pm coffee klatsch, Yukon Rest., W.Hwd.	19	20	9/21 Pikes Peak United Rodeo, Colorado Springs
9/22 Pikes Peak United Rodeo, Colorado Springs	23	24	25	26	27	9/28 San Diego Rodeo
9/29 San Diego Rodeo	30	1	2	3	4	10/5 Atlantic Stampede, Washington, D.C.
10/6 Atlantic Stampede, Washington, D.C.	7	8	9	10	11	12

CHAPTER MEETINGS

NOON SAT., SEPT. 7,
at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, L.A.

NOON SAT., OCT. 5,
at The Center, East Fourth Street, Long Beach

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



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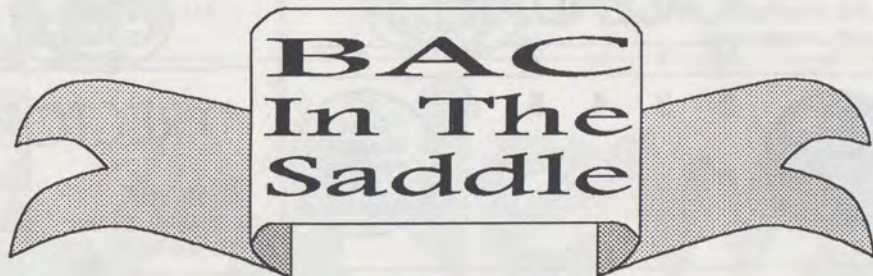
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Welcome & Congratulations!

Elections were held at our last chapter meeting for the 1997 BAC Executive Board.

Please welcome your new.....

President - Dave Hobler

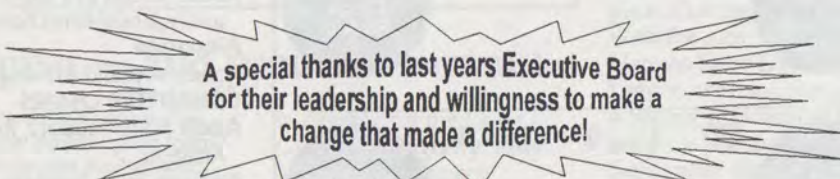
VP Admin. - David Lyle Carver

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Secretary - Marcie Garcia

okay, maybe you're wanting to get involved but don't want the



A special thanks to last years Executive Board for their leadership and willingness to make a change that made a difference!

responsibility of being a "board member"—now's your chance.

Together, with your help, The *bay area chapter* can be all you want it to be. There is so much that can be done if only you'd get involved. think about it... we could be having monthly outings or parties. Meet new friends or....(remember, every date's a potential mate!) The *Bay Area Chapter* is full of people just like you! Chapter meeting's are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:3pm! Call the Hotline to find out where next month's meeting will be held. Hopefully, Future issues of "BAC in the saddle" (the chute) will list the location.

**** Calendar of Events ****

Dates for upcoming events have not yet been established, however look for Parties, BBQ's and Beer Busts at the following locations.....

-Lone Star, Cinch, SF Eagle and Silver Fox-

-BAC has a beer booth at the Folsom Street Fair-

-Rainbow Festival September 1st in Sacramento-

Volunteers are needed for both!

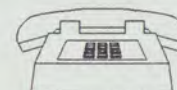
Call the Hotline @ 415-985-5200

**** Rodeo Roundtable ****

Do you have ideas that you'd like to help implement for the 1997 BAC rodeo? The Rodeo Roundtable is the place to be! Bring your "Thinking Caps, your Ideas and an Open Mind. (a pen and paper might be helpful too). The first Rodeo RoundTable Meeting will be at Craig and Brad's House in San Jose the 1st Thursday in September. This, like last years kick off roundtable meeting, will be a Bar-b-cue. Call 408-378-6167 and let us know your coming! (we may want you to bring something. :-))

**** What Else's New? ****

The IGRA Convention in Omaha, Nebraska last month was quite an adventure! Many changes to look for in next years Rule book. Congratulations and best of luck to Amy Griffin, Los Angeles Chapter, for her election as VP of IGRA for the 2nd year in a row! The 1998 Convention will be held in Baltimore and finals will be in Arizona. Best of luck to both cities in their preparations! Hope to see you there!



Bay Area Chapter Hotline
(415 985-5200)

Central Sierra Chapter

Third Annual Rodeo Reba Ball set for Saturday, October 26, 1996

The CSC Board of Directors have announced that the third annual Rodeo Reba Ball will be Saturday October 26, 1996 from 8:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.

Along with the hundreds of party goers expected for this years celebration, the crowning of the 1996 Miss Reba Contest will take place at 10:00 p.m.

Those members and non members interested in running for Miss Reba should contact the Rodeo Hotline and leave your name and number so an application can be sent out to you. Remember you do not have to be a member of GSGRA or CSC to compete.

Tickets will go on sale on September 21, at \$10:00 a piece. Cash prizes will be given out to the best costume. Funds will benefit the CSC Rodeo Fund.

The Central Sierra Chapter, after holding a successful "Hot Summer night Barbeque on July 20th, 1996. The Chapter was able to donate \$100.00 to Community Link of Fresno and \$100.00 to MCC of the Sequoias of Visalia. Way to go Rough riders.

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All Dances at 8128 E. Olive have changed. The door donation will no longer go to the CSC due to rising cost of electricity, personnel time etc. However the CSC will continue to collect the profits from the bar sales at the dances. Members of CSC are able to enter the dances for free as long as you are willing to lend a hand with the work. It takes a lot of work to get a simple dance going, so the Board of Directors recommended that this change be made. We really need more of the members out to help with these functions, also this gives the Rodeo Association the opportunity to expand in other areas for fundraising.

Speaking of fundraising. Applications are being excepted for those interested in running for the CSC Royalty. The Royalty positions require dedicated persons to head the fund raising activities for the chapter. As of this writing we have two applications already. 1997 is going to be a great year.

The future is yours, stated the President of CSC at the last General Membership meeting held on August 3, 1996. The President announced that he would not seek re-election for the 1997-98 year, Lloyd felt that it's time for new blood to take over, however he plans on being around for any advise if needed. This is the perfect opportunity for someone to

get to know the in and out of the chapter. The President has asked all of the Board of Directors to seek and educate prospective Directors for the 1997-98 year. If you are interested in a position don't wait until it's to late call Lloyd now and begin your training NOW.

If you're not planning on going to the San Diego Rodeo in September try to go to the Folsom Street Fair, the CSC will have representatives there to sell items, Call Lloyd if you are interested in helping out.

Those people interested in competing for CSC Royalty try to get your riding tapes done now while its dry outside, if you need assistance, such as a horse to ride contact Lloyd.

September 1996

September 7, at 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting at 8128 E. Olive, Fresno

September 21, 1996 Dance, Dance 8:00 p.m. 8128 E. Olive Call if you can help with the bar.

September 26-29 San Diego Rodeo Del Mar Race Track

September 29 Folsom Street Fair San Francisco

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Point of Clarification
Regarding the dances, at 8128 E. Olive. The Central Sierra Chapter will continue to receive the ticket sales for the Rodeo Reba Ball, Christmas Party, and the Hot Summer Night Barbeque.
CSC members can get in for free, however you must present your GSGRA membership card at the door. If you do not have your card, you must contact Jim Flores -Carr (VP of Administration) prior to going to a dance.

1996 Convention:

As last year I was able to be part of the By Laws committee, (at my request).

This year the many changes that the committee dealt with, turned out to be very beneficial for the state of California. As these changes will take effect in November, I'm sure that this years committee did a fine job. (Sorry but I'm having to write this at work and can't elaborate more.)

Perhaps next year the IGRA convention might look at dividing the convention into three groups Rodeo, Royalty and Dance.

To be quit frank, I don't understand the Dance rules, wouldn't it make since to have the dance committee or those interested in Dance make up their rules. Oh well I don't get paid the big bucks to make that decision.



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OCTOBER 17-20, 1996
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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