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NOVEMBER 1996

Royalty news

Mr. GSGRA
David Medzerian

Runner-up
Guy Johnson

Miss GSGRA Sheba McEntired
(David Lyle Carver)

1st Runner-up Mrs. Olson
(Nils Peterson)

2nd Runner-up Tina Rhinestone
(Tony Nicholson)

A thank-you note from Mr. and Miss GSGRA

There were times we never thought this would end — especially since your 1995-96 GSGRA royalty had the “privilege” of serving for 16 months. In that time we’ve represented California at 23 IGRA rodeos, two IGRA finals, two IGRA conventions, a state convention, an Imperial Court coronation and so many fund-raisers we’ve lost count. We’ve

earned quite a few frequent-flyer miles, slept in more hotel rooms than when we were single — and made dozens and dozens of great friends around California, across the country and in Canada, too.

And, as 16 months of sash-bearing comes to an end, we’ve got so many people to thank:

☛ Two very special gentlemen, Ken Vanderpool and Steve Creber. They’ve been our roadies, dressers, sound techs, chauffers, therapists and more. Simply put, we couldn’t have done it without them.

☛ Our wonderful runners-up — Mrs. Olson, Guy Johnson and Tina Rhinestone — who have worked to help us out and to represent the state when we couldn’t. Best of luck to the three of you — you are the best.

☛ Amy Griffin and Phil Baldwin, the 1995-96 and 1996-97 state vice presidents with whom we’ve worked so closely.

☛ Our state president Craig Rouse, our



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trustee Vince Coco, and the 1995-96 and 1996-97 state boards.

☛ All of the past GSGRA royalty — especially Miss GSGRA 1994 Wynona Juggs, who continues to represent California so well.

☛ Our friends at Floyds, the Rawhide, Oil Can Harry’s, the Rawhide II and Kickers.

☛ Everyone at Charlie’s in Phoenix, our home away from home.

☛ All the royalty and former royalty we’ve worked with, and especially Ms. AGRA 1996 Sherry Reedy; Miss AGRA 1996 Pussy LeHoot; Mr. and Ms. NSGRA 1996, James Jenkins and Dot Trevis; and De Shannon, Miss IGRA 1995.

☛ Our special friends in Arizona, Victoria London and Erika Alexander.

☛ The entire 1996 IGRA royalty team for their hard work and their friendship.

And finally to all of you. It has truly been our honor to raise money for the David Watkins Fund, and to represent all of GSGRA and the state of California wherever we’ve been.

We wish all of you the very best in everything you do. You’ll forever have our love and support for having given us a year we will never, ever forget.

Your friends,
David & David

Royalty news

California tradition continues, as Sheba wins an IGRA title!

Congratulations to Miss GSGRA 1995-96 Sheba McEntired, who was crowned in Albuquerque as First Runner-up to Miss IGRA 1997! Sheba continues the fine California tradition started by Amy Griffin (First Runner-up to Ms. IGRA 1995) and continued by David Medzerian (First Runner-up to Mr. IGRA 1996).

Sheba also won the Congeniality award (so you can imagine how bitchy all the other contestants were!)

Sheba will join the rest of the 1997 IGRA Royalty team (to whom we send our congratulations):

☛ Miss IGRA Tori Hart (Rohn Roldan) of CGRA, and second runner-up Beverly DeMarco (Anthony DiSilva) of NMGRA.

☛ Ms. IGRA Sherry Reedy of AGRA, first runner-up Carla Torbit of CGRA, and second runner-up Deb Chambers of OGRA.

☛ Mr. IGRA Tommy Channel of CGRA, first runner-up James Jenkins of NSGRA, and second runner-up Clyde Mitter of AGRA.

A special word of congratulations to our friend Pussy LeHoot, Miss AGRA, who brought down the house with a stand-up comedy presentation that will never be forgotten!

And thanks, too, to GSGRA members who served as judges: GLAC’s Steve Creber, who served as the GSGRA judge in the horsemanship, entertainment, western wear and public presentation segments; and Amy Griffin, who was asked by the Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association to serve as their horsemanship judge.

To Sheba and the other winners: Congratulations! Now get to work

Come out to the desert for an evening of fun!

The 1997 GSGRA Royalty Contest

Cheer on your favorite contestants for Mr. GSGRA, Miss GSGRA and Ms. GSGRA as they compete in

Entertainment Public Presentation Western Wear

Saturday, Nov. 2,
starting at about 7 p.m.

at Sundance Saloon (formerly Spurs), Cathedral City

Plus open dancing and special entertainment with your hosts...

Sheba McEntired

Miss GSGRA 1995-96
and first runner-up to Miss IGRA 1996

David Medzerian

Mr. GSGRA 1995-96
and first runner-up to Mr. IGRA 1996

Join your friends for a night of fun

BAC In The Saddle

November 1996

This years Executive Board wishes to hear from you. Please contact them and get involved!

President Elect - Dave Hobler
VP Admin. - David Lyle Carver
VP Rodeo Operations - Brad Roberts
Treasurer - Chris Caufield
Secretary - Marcie Garcia



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Special Thanks to all of our volunteers that have helped over the past few months at the following fund-raisers;

Pride Beer Booth
Folsom Street Beer Booth
Lone Star Beer Bust

Upcoming fund-raisers;
Lone Star Beer bust
Holiday ball

Snow Flakes & Spurs Christmas Party

We will need Volunteers for these events, call Now!

**** Calendar of Social Events ****

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Grand Nationals Rodeo @ Cow Palace
Meet, Greet & Eat Party @ Rodeo Directors (Brad's) House
State Board of Directors Meeting in Palm Springs
State Royalty Contest in Palm Springs
Chapter & Rodeo RoundTable Meetings
BBQ/Beer Bust with Capitol Crossroads Chapter/Sacramento
Lone Star Beer Bust, Holiday Ball
Cowboy Christmas/Snow Flakes & Spurs Party
Always check with the Hotline for updated times, dates and locations.

Call the Hotline @ 415-985-5200

**** Rodeo RoundTable Update ****

1/2 of the rental fees have already been paid to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds to secure our dates (May 31 - June 1, 1997). Fairgrounds have planted trees to help shade our area & we will be having work parties there to help improve that area.

San Jose Hyatt Hotel bids to become our host hotel.

Committee approves an increase in budget to allow purchasing more expensive Buckles & Ribbons.

Looking to host events at the Rawhide II in San Francisco.

A working budget has been approved.

Solicitation of Corporate Sponsorships has started.

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

The new 1997 IGRA rodeo rule book and contestant packets are being mailed. Remember that November 1st starts the new rodeo year. New rule changes will be discussed at the next few meetings if you have any questions, so contestants plan on attending!

Congratulations to the Greater San Diego Chapter for producing an outstanding Rodeo & Parties. Congratulations also to BAC members who competed and won ribbons and buckles!



Bay Area Chapter Hotline
(415 985-5200)

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NAME BADGE AND PENDANT ORDER FORM

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Use this form to order name badges and/or pendants.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

G.S.G.R.A. is not responsible for errors due to illegible orders. Your order will be mailed directly to you at the address you provide on this form. Your membership must be current and in good standing at the time of ordering and all orders must be prepaid. Prices include sales tax and shipping charges.

All new members of G.S.G.R.A. receive a name badge at no charge. If you ordered a name badge on your membership application form, please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. G.S.G.R.A. name badges have magnetic fasteners that will hold in place on most fabrics and will not cause pinholes or tears.

PLEASE PRINT HERE THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME BADGE ENGRAVED. MAXIMUM 25 LETTERS AND SPACES.

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| | Name Badges @ \$7.00 | |
| | Pendants @ \$3.00 | |
| | Order Total | |

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Make your check payable to GSGRA and mail with this completed form to:
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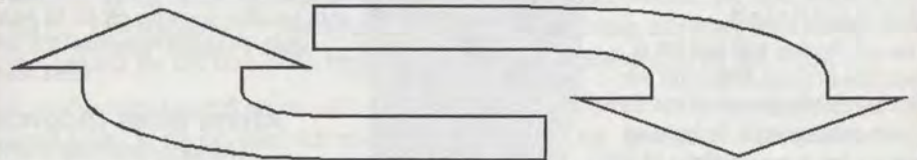
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The 1997 Los Angeles Gay Rodeo & Country Fair

New Location

In 1997 LA Rodeo is moving to the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. Just 10 freeway minutes from our old home this new location is bigger and has the feeling of country in the middle of the city.

Not Restricted

The LA Rodeo will not be a restricted rodeo although we will be using some of the new IGRA rule options to help us reduce the running time of our rodeo.

Host Hotel

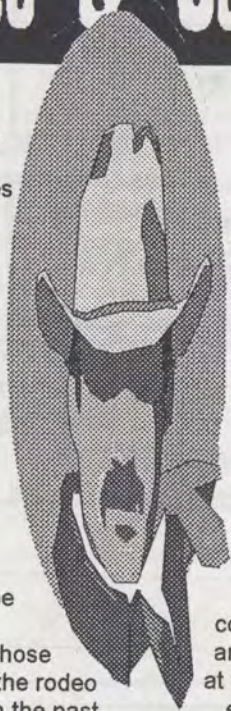
Our host hotel will once again be the Burbank Airport Hilton with special rates for the Rodeo for those that reserve early. The drive to the rodeo grounds is about the same as in the past. Reservations 1-800-HILTONS.

Buddy Passes

Buddy passes will be available at registration just like past rodeos. Buddies must sign a liability waiver before being allowed on the rodeo grounds so it works best to have her or him with you at registration. Buddy Passes will not be available after Registration closes.

April 11 - 13, 1997
Hot Line
(310) 498-1675

Two Days of Rodeo with Non-Stop Dancing and Non-Stop Entertainment at the Rodeo and at the Hotel.



No Pets

Our new facility has a very strict NO PETS rule which we will be required to enforce.

Barns

We will be using portable barns but expect little or no increase in cost to contestants and we will be able to offer parking close to each stall. Prepaid reservations will cost less.

Arena Sizes (Approx)

Horse Arena 120' x 240'
Main Arena 150' x 175'

Parties

Once again L.A. will offer a complete weekend of entertainment and non-stop dancing each evening at the hotel. Starting with a Welcome Party on Friday, the Big Bash on Saturday & our Awards Celebration on Sunday. All free to contestants.

Contestant Mailer

We will be mailing a complete registration package to all Division One contestants in early February. If you are planning to compete in our rodeo & you don't get our mailer, give us a call & we'll hustle one out to you.
(310)498-1675

SO HOW DID YOU BREAK YOUR ARM?

Even if you aren't a skier (or Snowboarder), with winter just around the corner we are sure you will appreciate this moment of humor on the slopes.

A friend just got back from a holiday ski trip to Utah with the kind of story that warms the cockles of anybody's heart. Conditions were perfect. 12 below, no feeling in the toes, basic numbness all over, "tell me when we're having fun" kind of day.

One of the women in the group complained to her husband that she was in dire need of a restroom. He told her not to worry, that he was sure there was relief waiting at the top of the lift in the form of a powder room for female skiers in distress. He was wrong, of course, and the pain did not go away.

If you've ever had nature hit its panic button in you, then you know that a temperature of 12 below zero doesn't help matters. So, with time running out, the woman weighted her options.

Her husband, picking up on the intensity of the pain, suggested that since she was wearing an all-white ski outfit, she should go off in the woods. No one would even notice, he assured her. The white will provide more than adequate camouflage. So she headed for the tree line, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing.

If you've ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and wrong way to set up your skis so you don't move. Yup, you got it. She had them positioned the wrong way. Steep slopes are not forgiving, even during embarrassing moments.

Without warning, the woman found herself skiing backward, out-of-control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them, and into another slope. Her derriere and the reverse side were still bare, her pants down around her knees, and she was picking up speed all the while.

She continued on backwards, totally out-of-control, creating an unusual vista for the other skiers. The woman skied, if you define that verb loosely, back under the lift and finally collided violently with a pylon. The bad news was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski pants.

At long last her husband arrived, put an end to her nudie show, then went to the base of the mountain and summoned the ski patrol, who transported her to a hospital.

In the emergency room she was regrouping when a man with an obviously broken leg was put in the bed next to hers. "So, how'd you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk.

"It was the darndest thing you ever saw," he said. "I was riding up this ski lift, and suddenly I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backward out-of-control down the mountain with her bare bottom hanging out of her clothes and pants down around her knees. I leaned over to get a better look, and I guess I didn't realize how far I'd moved. I fell out of the lift."

"So, how did you break your arm?"



LANews

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Fund-raiser is fun and profitable; more planned

By Sue Downing,
Community Outreach
co-chair

Thanks for the raffle gifts for the fund-raiser held in September at Oil Can Harry's.

Lots of money was raised and a great time was had by all who attended this fun event.

Special thanks to:
• J.T. Photography.

- Mane Design Hair Salon.
- Wet Products.
- Eileen with Magic Flare.
- Wolfe Video.
- A Different Light bookstore.
- Ruth "Mom" Hildebrandt.
- GSGRA San Diego chapter.
- North Glen Chiropractic.
- Venture Inn.
- Warner Bros. Music.

• Classic T's and Screenprinting.
And a very special thanks to Oil Can Harry's for hosting the event and for their donation as well.

Finally, a special word of appreciation to all who helped make this fun event happen, and to all of those who were able to attend.

Keep your eye on upcoming editions of The Chute for more fun events!

► Horseback ride a huge success

The Oct. 12 horseback ride and barbecue was a giant success. Mark your calendars for Jan. 25, when we'll have another ride and barbecue!

(Special thanks to Sue Downing and her cohorts for all their hard work in putting together this fun outing. Great work, Sue!)

Meeting change

The chapter meeting on Nov. 9 has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. After the

meeting, members will visit the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, the site of the 1997 rodeo.

Plan to attend!

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.

CALENDAR

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| 11/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11/9 GLAC chapter meeting, Los Angeles |
| 11/10 Texas Gay Rodeo, Dallas | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 11/17 | 18 | 19 | 11/20 GLAC 7 pm coffee klatsch, The Abbey, W.Hwd. | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 11/24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 12/1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 12/7 Chapter meeting, Long Beach; Xmas party, Oil Can's |
| 12/8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |

CHAPTER MEETINGS

10 A.M. SAT., NOV. 9,
at the CSW office, 6855 Santa
Monica Blvd., Suite 200, L.A.

NOON SAT., DEC. 7,
at The Center, 2017 E. Fourth
St., Long Beach

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



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NOVEMBER
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HOEDOWN 96

We are pleased to Hosting
HOEDOWN 96 at the
Sundance Saloon,
November 1st & 2nd.

State will be here for their
meeting along with ALL of the
Contestants running for MR.
MISS & MS. G.S.G.R.A..
Good Luck to all of these
contestants.

The **HOEDOWN** will begin at
8 p.m. at Sundance Saloon
with a Beer/Soda Bust for
\$5.00. There will be
drawings throughout the
evening with **NON-STOP**
music and dancing.

On Saturday, the evening
will begin at 5 p.m. with a
BBQ hosted by the Desert
Empire Chapter. Join us on
the Patio Under the Stars. At
6 p.m. the Entertainment
portion of the Royalty
Contest will begin. The **NEW**
TITLE HOLDERS will be
Crowned and then the
HOEDOWN will begin at 9
p.m..

This will be the **LAST**
CHANCE to purchase
chances to **WIN** the "1995
WILD STEER RIDING"
Buckle. Tickets are \$1.00
each

Drawings for prizes will be

going on throughout the night
with the **BUCKLE** drawing
at **MIDNIGHT**.

**JOIN US FOR
A SPECIAL
PRESENTATION.**

To be announced that
evening.

On **Sunday** be sure to
stop in at Sundance for
their famous
BEER/SODA BUST
from 2 p.m. til 10 p.m. and
Happy Hour from 10 p.m. til 2
a.m..

The Desert Empire Chapter has
our **Sunday BBQ** on the Patio
from 5 p.m. til 8 p.m.. The
best Hotdogs and Hamburgers
in the Desert.

**GAY PRIDE
WEEKEND**

On **10 November** Palm
Springs will be holding their
annual **PRIDE**
CELEBRATION.

Plan to be here that weekend
when the **WEATHER** is at its
BEST.

Be sure to bring your **WARM**
WEATHER CLOTHING, do
to the fact that the temps
here are still in the triple
digits.

**Dates to
REMEMBER!**

Tuesdays @ Sundance
7 p.m. Rodeo Mixer
2nd **FRIDAY** of each month
Rodeo Beer Bust
Sundays BBQ on the Patio
@ Sundance

INFORMATION

If you have any questions,
please feel free to call
(619) 770-9915 or
(619) 328-8696 FAX

We hope to see everyone
here!!!!

**ATTENTION RODEO FINALS CONTESTANTS
DIVISION 1 - G.S.G.R.A. MEMBERS**

The David Watkins Memorial Fund

The *David Watkins Memorial Fund* was created in memory of David Watching, a founding member of G.S.G.R.A. Inc.

The fund is held by your state corporation, intended to provide monetary assistance to contestants in financial need, who participate in the I.G.R.A. finals rodeo.

Being invited to the finals rodeo is a special honor for our contestants, and the Boards of Directors for G.S.G.R.A encourages contestants to attend.

The monies available this year are minimal, as it is a contributory fund (raised by G.S.G.R.A. royalty), but is available for grant requests.

To apply, your application should include:

1. Name address, and I.G.R.A. #
2. Total amount requested, based on your detailed expenses, for which you are seeking your grant.
3. Proof of participation.

Your completed request will be mailed to:

G.S.G.R.A. Inc.
Larry Rose - Treasurer
373 Amigos Road
Ramona, Ca 92065

Remember, funds are minimal, therefore you will not be reimbursed for all your trip expenses. Funds for 1996 of \$700.00 will be distributed to each applicant equally, but not to exceed 50% of the expenses incurred by a contestant, per G.S.G.R.A. Standing Rule Article X Rule 10.2.

The deadline for submission is (60) days following completion of finals rodeo or Friday, December 20, 1996.

Respectfully

Larry Rose
Treasurer, G.S.G.R.A. Inc.

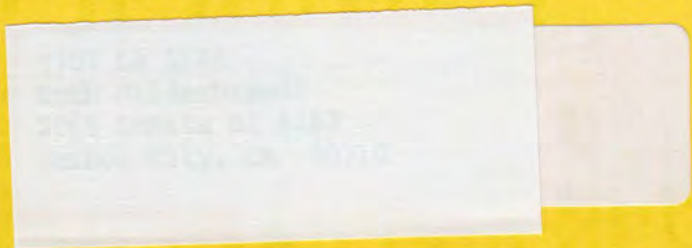


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