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THE
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NEWSLETTER
OF



1997 I.G.R.A. Rodeo Season

Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix	January 17-19
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas	March 7-9
Saugaro Regional Rodeo	Tucson	March 21-23
LA Gay Rodeo & Country Fair	Los Angeles	April 11-13
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock	April 25-27
Dixieland Regional Rodeo	Atlanta	May 2-4
Greater Motown Intl. Rodeo	Detroit	May 16-18
Great Plain Regional Rodeo	Oklahoma City	May 23-25
Bay Area Regional Rodeo	San Jose	May 30 - June 1
Big Sky Regional Rodeo	Billings	June 13-15
Canadian Rockies Intl. Rodeo	Calgary	June 27-19
Heartland Regional Rodeo	Omaha	June 27-19
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis	July 11-13
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver	July 18-20
13th Annual IGRA Convention	Salt Lake City	July 24-27
Greater Northwest Regional Rodeo	Seattle	August 8-10
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago	August 15-17
Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City	August 29-31
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque	August 29-31
Pikes Peak United Rodeo	Colorado Springs	September 19-21
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego	September 26-28
Atlantic Stampede	Washington DC	October 3-5
11th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo	Phoenix	October 23-26

Please confirm rodeo dates and locations with the local Association or with IGRA.

BUDDY PASSES

G.S.G.R.A. has a statewide agreement regarding Buddy Passes. The following should help you understand what they mean to you and how they work.

To qualify for a Buddy Pass the contestant must be competing in at least one rough stock or horse event. Contestant only competing in Roping on Foot or Camp Events do not qualify for a Buddy Pass.

Your Buddy must sign a liability waiver and must comply with, and be subject too, all rules governing the rodeo including the dress code. You, the contestant, can and will be held responsible for the actions of your buddy up to and including your disqualification.

The cost of the Buddy pass can, and will vary from one rodeo to another based on the social events included with the pass.

Please help us run better rodeos for everyone by not asking us to bend the rules.

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THE DESERT EMPIRE CHAPTER

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DECEMBER 1997

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take a moment to **THANK** all of the State Reps, Reigning Royalty, Royalty Contestants and everyone else who attended the **HOEDOWN 96** on November 1 & 2. The night was a **GREAT SUCCESS** and everyone had a festive time. We raised quite a bit of money for the clinic at **DAP** (Desert AIDS Project) and that cheque will be presented at our Beer/Soda Bust on **5 December**. If you were not able to attend the **HOEDOWN**, you missed a great night. There were **HOT COWBOYS & COWGIRLS**, shoulder to shoulder until 1:30 in the morning. Thanks to all the local merchants who donated prizes from hotel stays to dinners to gifts from their shops. Thanks again to all who attended.

DESERT ROYALTY

On Friday evening **MISS TIPPI** was crowned **COYOTE QUEEN 97**. Miss Tippi would like to extend an invitation to all Royalty, past and present, to contact her if ya'all would like to help with any fundraisers. You may contact her at (619) 770-9915

NEW ROYALTY

Congratulations to **OUR NEW STATE ROYALTY**. They are as follows.
MISS G.S.G.R.A. Tina Rhinestone
MR. G.S.G.R.A. Guy Johnson
MS. G.S.G.R.A. Nancy Novak
Good luck with your reign.

GOOD BYE PAST ROYALTY

It was a tear filled evening when the titles were passed down. **David Medzerian and Sheba McEntired** have done a **FAB-U-LAS** job in the past year & they will be missed. Thanks for all of your hard work. **You will be missed.**

ELECTION TIME

It is that time of year again. We are currently taking nomination for the following positions on the **Board of Officers for the Desert Empire Chapter**. President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. All nominations must be submitted in writing to the newsletter by 31 December 1996. Elections will be held at our **January** meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesdays - 7pm Rodeo Mixer
Sundance Saloon
2nd Friday - 8-1 Beer Bust
Sundance Saloon
Sundays - 5-8 BBQ
Sundance Saloon Patio
2nd Monday - 7 pm Chapter Meeting
Sundance Saloon

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you would like to **JOIN** the **DESERT EMPIRE CHAPTER** or know someone who would like to join. Please contact Christopher Musser at (619) 770-9915. We are building our membership so that we will be able to have **RODEO 97**.

SPECIAL THANKS

The **Desert Empire** would like to thank the following people for making **HOEDOWN 96** a success.
Luigi & Staff of the Sundance Saloon
Len Hickman *Raffle Sales & Coordinator
Judy Galloway *Raffle
Ken Beaton *MC Raffle Prizes
Donald Marvin *Raffle Sales
Miss Tippi *Raffle Prizes
Jay Bowen *Buffet
Sheba McEntired *MC
David Medzerian *MC
State Reps
Royalty Contestants

Without these people, **HOEDOWN 96** could not have happened.
THANKS!!!

NEW MEMBERS

The **Desert Empire Chapter** would like to **WELCOME** the following New Members.
Donald Marvin
Larry Romain
Chip Prince (renew)
John Bauder (renew)

NEWS FLASH

Mr. George Barson placed 2nd in Calf Roping on Foot, Saturday@ IGRA Finals

THINKING OF YOU

Our thoughts go out to Allan Hale-Rankin who is feeling under the weather.
GET WELL SOON!!!

THE NEWSLETTER

Everyone is encouraged to submit information to the **NEWSLETTER**. Deadline is the 10th of each month. Please send submissions to **THE NEWSLETTER** 37982 DaVall Drive Rancho Mirage, California 92270 (619) 770-9915 (619) 328-8696 FAX

UNTIL NEXT MONTH!!!!



G.S.G.R.A. Rodeo ED

By Rick Washburn

New Contestants

Are you a new member? Wanting to know how to compete? A big question of new members is how to get involved in the competition at rodeos. The biggest misconception is that some prior experience is required. While this is highly recommended for steer, bull, and bronc riding, it does not apply to the introductory level camp events; goat dressing, steer deco, and wild drag. All these events require is that you find a partner or partners in the case of wild drag to compete with.

As a new contestant, you don't have the entry forms to enter in a rodeo. This is because you are not yet in the I.G.R.A. contestant database. To register to compete as a new contestant, you are only required to show up at the rodeo registration on the Friday night preceding the rodeo from 6:00 to 9:00 which is usually held at the host hotel. When at registration for the first time, you will receive a packet with registration forms for the remaining 6 month period of rodeos. From this point on, you will need to mail in your pre-registration application to the rodeo to avoid a late fee. At the beginning of the next six month period, I.G.R.A. will send you a new packet of registration forms for the next six months.

After you get your feet wet competing in a camp event, you may wish to move on to something bigger. Keep an eye out for buckouts and gymkannas in the newsletter. These are a good opportunity for you to learn how to do an event before going to a rodeo. They are usually very educational and can save you and the rodeo staff a lot of time if you have at least tried a rough stock event once.

New 1997 I.G.R.A. Rule Changes

Phoenix is fast approaching, and if you haven't had a chance to scour the new rule book yet, the following is provided to give you a summary of the *many* changes that have been made at the I.G.R.A. Convention in 1996. These changes took effect after the finals rodeo and were first used at the Texas Rodeo in November. If you don't have a new rule book, you can get one from your local chapter representatives, otherwise you will have to get one at the next rodeo you register at.

General Contestant Changes

1. The contestant number can no longer be folded to eliminate or cover the sponsor's name. The contestant number must be worn during the entire event in which you are competing. Your laminated badges must also be visible. Contestants may now wear chest protectors over their contestant numbers during their event.
2. Contestant and officials are to be given maps and locations of medical facilities from the rodeo grounds by the hosting association.
3. \$1.00 of the contestant's entry fee for each event will now go to the hosting association to help offset rodeo production costs. Previously, the host association received no assistance from I.G.R.A. or contestant entry fees. This reduces prize money by \$1.00 per person per event.
4. There is now a mandatory \$40.00 non-refundable deposit for all pre-registration. This \$40.00 will be applied to your total entry fee when you register. If you don't show up, it reverts to the host association to help offset the cost of extra stock ordered. This should help the overall planning of the rodeo significantly,

especially start times and required stock, since it should produce a more accurate pre-registration count.

5. Explanation of performance name, AKA, has been expanded. If you don't give an alias or performance name, your legal name may be released to media and other persons for promoting I.G.R.A. rodeos, otherwise your performance name will be released.
6. Excessive roughness DQ rule has been expanded to *before*, during, or *after* the event.
7. Only boots marketed and sold as western boots are acceptable to be worn while competing.
8. Point awards for events has now been extended to 8 places divided as follows: 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15.
9. Prize money will be divided to 4, 6, or 8 places depending on the number of contestants placing.
10. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st through 4th place. Only the first 4 places will be brought up at awards, all others will be given checks after the awards ceremony.

Rough Stock

1. Both men and women may elect to ride Broncs 2-handed. If so elected, they must use a two handed rigging, and maintain a two handed hold throughout the ride or they will be disqualified. There is a 5 point deduction from each judge if you do this. This was done to encourage new riders to attempt bronc riding.
2. Bull and steer riding must be 1 handed for men and women.
3. You can now be DQ'd for spurring behind the break of the horses' shoulders.
4. Professional pickup men and bull fighter has been changed to Qualified and Experienced. Bull fighter is now *required* for Chute Dogging as well.
5. You can now only share 1 rigging (2 male, and 2 females). You are now required to sign a rigging form at registration signed by the owner of the rigging, and the person sharing. These forms will then be given to the Chute Coordinator and the Arena Director. Any person without a rigging not on a signed shared rigging form will be disqualified.
6. It is now recommended, but not required, that bronc and bull riders complete 2 successful rides on a steer before attempting these events, or have previous experience outside of I.G.R.A.. Included is the recommendation for all rough stock contestants to wear mouth and chest protectors.
7. If you touch an animal and it was clearly due to the animals motion (swinging head etc.) you will not be DQ'd if the judge determines you were not trying to regain balance.
8. You will be DQ'd for grabbing hold of the fence or chute gate or pushing the gate after crossing the plane of the gate.
9. If a contestant's name is called 3 times and they are not present with rigging (except for legally shared rigging) and or ready to go in their event they can be disqualified by the Chute Coordinator, or their designee.
10. The bell must remain on the bull or steer rope for the full 6 seconds.
11. Contestants are allowed only 1 coach during an event.
12. Chute Coordinator is now included on bull draw.
13. If there are more bulls than bull riders, at the discretion of the Stock Contractor and Chute Coordinator, the bulls that were not used in the first performance will be drawn for the second performance prior to the availability of the other bulls.

Speed Events/ Roping Events

1. You can now only share 1 horse (2 male, and 2 females - men and women are considered separate events, except in team roping). You are now required to sign a shared rigging form at registration signed by the owner of the horse, and the person sharing. These forms will then be given to the Chute Coordinator and the Arena Director. Any person sharing a horse without a signed shared rigging form will be disqualified.
2. Ropers are required to tell the gate puller and the Arena Director or their designee whether or not they will call or nod. The gate will not be opened until the contestant does the correct signal for release of the animal.
3. Calf roping on foot will be limited to only 1 loop.
4. \$5.00 hat fine has been extended to Breakaway and Team Roping.
5. If you feel you have been interfered with you must declare so immediately before throwing your next loop.
6. Hazing of the calf in the chute is allowed, however the person doing the hazing must remain in the roping box or you will be disqualified.
7. Breakaway roping time limit reduced to 30 seconds.
8. The Arena Director and/or their designee may declare a contestant a "No Show" after the contestant/team has been called 3 times and they are not present, mounted, and ready to go in the arena entry area. (Shared horses are an exception).
9. All animals are to be randomly loaded in the roping chute, exit order can only be changed because of equipment failure.
10. In team roping, if the steer is injured or escapes the arena with the headers' rope on, that team will be given a re-ride with another steer with the headers' rope on in the steer in the roping box. Time will resume when the steer moves out of the chute.

General/Officials

1. Many associations are now encouraging media to cover their events in order to help promote them. Officials need to work with the Rodeo Director in allowing coverage of rodeos. The rules covering this have been more clearly defined. Dress code for media is long pants, no open toed shoes period. They must sign a waiver and adhere to rules and locations requested by certified officials. The hosting association Rodeo Director has the final say.
2. Rodeos may now choose to become a 'Restricted Rodeo' in which some events in that rodeo will have a contestant limit placed on them. This is a new rule and first attempt at allowing a hosting association to control the size and length of their rodeo should they choose to do so. All division contestants pre-registering by a 60 day deadline will be allowed to compete. At this time we interpret this to mean late entries will not be allowed. If there are any open slots left after being filled by in division contestants, out of division contestants will be allowed to fill those slots. "In Division" means that you are competing for points in that division for finals, not that you are a member of an association in that division. All first time contestants will be allowed to compete. Your I.G.R.A. Registration Packet will state if the rodeo is restricted.

3. Host association is now required to provide water and/or sports drink to contestants and staff.
4. Actual exit order from the chutes will be done in consideration of contestant/stock/staff safety, equipment failure, or overall flow of the rodeo. has been added to rule II.14.
5. If there are excess bulls in the first performance, the excess bulls will be drawn first for the second performance.
6. Hosting associations must now use their respective acronyms on the outside of all mailing envelopes.

Camp Events

1. If a team member fall ill, they can request a substitute. The definition of ill does not include lack of sleep or hangover. This will be clarified by the I.G.R.A. trustees, and will probably include statements that if illness is claimed to allow a substitution, you will not be allowed to compete for the rest of the day.
2. Hosting association has the option of reducing the time limit to 1 minute from 2 minutes for all camp events.
3. If a time is not available for a team that completes the event, they may now take the maximum time or request a re-ride.
4. There is now a definition as to how the rope is to be placed on the steer deco steer's horns; ring behind the horns pointing inwards towards the chute.
5. Prefab cloth ribbon is now required for steer deco.
6. If a camp team feels that there was a gate hang-up, they must stop immediately. Continuing will be deemed as acceptance of the animal.
7. Goat dressing configuration has been changed. You no longer have to tag the timer. You just have to run across the finish line. The timers now stand to the side of the finish line and stop the time when both contestants cross the line. Contestants will line up adjacent to the start finish line, 15 feet from the timer.
8. The Arena Director and/or their designee may declare a team a "No Show" after that team has been called 3 times and they are not in the arena line up area.



RODEO - BAY AREA STYLE



The 6th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo was recently approved for production at the GSGRA Board of Directors meeting in Palm Springs. We are currently looking for a theme, poster design and committee people to develop our 1997 Rodeo.


The new Host Hotel will be the San Jose Hyatt, located just across from our hotel last year, near the San Jose Airport.

1997 Buckles and Ribbons will be bigger and better than ever!!



REMEMBER...

- Monthly Chapter Meetings: 3rd Thursday of Each Month
- 1997 IGRA Rule Books are here; do you have one?
- Nominations for Chapter President are now being accepted.
- Do you have a free weekend or evening? Become a volunteer!

- Only  **YOU** can help make our '97 Rodeo and Chapter more exciting!



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Bay Area Chapter



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6th Regional Rodeo

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
May 30 - June 1, 1997

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Dec. 10 | BAC Holiday Party & Auction; <u>Hamburger Mary's</u> , San Jose.
7pm: Beer Bust, 50/50 raffle, auction of donated items. |
| Dec. 14 | Rodeo Country Beer Bust, <u>LoneStar Saloon</u> , San Francisco
3-7pm, \$6 |
| Dec. 19 | Monthly Chapter Meeting (call Hotline, 985-5200, for location) |
| 1997 | |
| Jan. 23 | Rodeo Beer Bust, <u>Daddy's</u> , San Francisco
8-11pm, \$6. |
| Mar. 2 | <u>SF Eagle/BAC</u> Annual, capacity crowd, Tri-Tip BBQ and Beer Bust
3-6pm |



Special Thanks to Dave Hobler
for many hours of service
as the outgoing BAC President!!



Congratulations to BAC's
Vice-President, David Lyle Carver ("Sheba McEntred") on being crowned
1st Runner-up to Miss IGRA 1997!

To: You
From: Us
Happy Holidays



Newsletter of the Capital Crossroads Chapter

LET'S GET BUSY, THERE'S SO MUCH GOIN' ON

A great big Howdy, and hello to our chapter's new members. Thank you all and one for joining the Capital Crossroads Rodeo Chapter. All the big wig eyes of the state are now upon us as we are growing faster than a cactus plant in the desert!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have decided to move all of the chapter meetings to the **2nd Tuesday of each month**. This will allow for greater flexibility, and possibly an **EVEN BETTER TURNOUT OF CHAPTER MEMBERS**. We'll see!!! The Monthly meetings are also being changed to **THE BOLT/JOSEPH'S TOWN AND COUNTRY**. They are located at 3518 Marconi Ave 481-4681

CALENDAR

December:

***December 10th -- Chapter meeting at The Bolt 7:00 p.m.

***December 6th -- CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

PARTY!!!!!!! Dancing. Drinking. Dating. Doing Line Dances. Checkin' out them tight Wranglers, hot lookin' hats, boots, and all that other fun stuff! This event is to be at Faces Bar on K Street at 7:00 p.m. Chapter members are encouraged to attend at 5:30 p.m. for a private rodeo Christmas gathering. Sounds like fun for all of you I hope.. There is only one catch though, you must wear a pair of Black jeans, (Wrangler if ya got 'em) or country dress (ladies), and a Black bow tie and dress shirt. In other words, its a Black jeans and bow tie Christmas party for all to enjoy Members are asked also to start wearing their name tags to gatherings, and meetings if they have them

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Marshall and the executive board want to say a special welcome to all our new members, who have sent us over that 50 member mark, and growing stronger with there participation. We also wish all of the state of California, and it's executive board from the state a wonderful safe, and prosperous New Year , as well as a Very Merry Christmas from all of the members of the Sacramento Capital Crossroads Rodeo Chapter

REMEMBER CHAPTER MEETINGS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

TIDBITS

Sammy Van Gelder is running for Mr. GSGRA and placed **FIRST RUNNER UP** at the GSGRA meeting in Palm Springs, this past month. As Sammy told us, it is more than just standing there and looking pretty with all of (his) that blonde hair and tight body (WOOFFFF)!!!!!! Way to go Sammy and congratulations from the whole chapter. We know you will do one hell of a job representing our chapter at future Royalty functions!!!!

Your Cowboy Quote of the Month is: "When the snow's lyin' deep in the forest and the critters have all gone to rest, 'Cept the ones that cant sleep 'Cause they cant orget That the winter stars are always the best The spirit of Christmas come lurking silently, like the winds of above blanket her white hands across the prairies.

My personal wish for all of you who read this, is a safe, and prosperous Christmas and New Year. Good health to each and every one of you. Remember in your prayers on Christmas eve that of our fallen cowboys, and cowboys who have taken that last ride into the sunset for a final time!

THAT'S IT FOR THE MONTH, SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!!!!! REGARDS, BRIAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (via The Net 11/3/96)

Hi, this is DJ Simmons,

I would like to thank all the contestants and everyone at the IGRA Finals Rodeo in New Mexico who helped me through my horses colic. There are no words to fully say thank you especially to everyone that donated to help pay for the surgery.

My horse, Sugar Mare, is doing well and is getting better every day. She is still in New Mexico and if she keeps improving will be ready for her journey home later on this month.

Anyone that would like to contact me my AOL address SnJRanch@aol.com. or call 818 956-7114.

Thank you all

DJ

This update was received 11/8/96

Sugar is still improving and I'll be bringing her half way home on the 15th. She's going to have a lay over in Maricopa, AZ for a couple of weeks so she can rest. Yes, I'm pampering her and Candie and Jodie will take good care of her for me.

Once again, Thank you everyone,

DJ

Editors note: "and they say we are not family!1"



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

1997 schedule of events set

Get out those calendars: The schedule of 1997 chapter events is complete!

The chapter executive board met in Palm Springs in early November and put together a schedule for the new year, with the specific goal of making it easier for more members to attend more chapter events.

There's only one event that conflicts with a rodeo (and it's the rodeo in Detroit, which few GLAC members attend). Some chapter meetings are being planned to coincide with special events.

The coffee klatches are planned to alternate between West Hollywood and Long Beach.

And the "Annual Meeting of Members," including election of officers, is being planned for the first meeting after our 1997 rodeo.

These changes should make it much easier for everyone to participate.

JANUARY 1997

Sat., Jan. 4: Chapter mtg., L.A.
Tues., Jan. 14: Coffee klatsch, Long Beach

Jan. 17-19: Phoenix rodeo
Sat., Jan. 25: Chapter trail ride, Lake View Terrace

FEBRUARY 1997

Sat., Feb. 1: Chapter mtg., Long Beach
Sat., Feb. 8: GSGRA state board mtg. at Hansen Dam
Tues., Feb. 11: Coffee klatsch, West Hwd.

MARCH 1997

Sat., March 1: Chapter mtg., L.A. (Delegates to the state convention will be elected.)
March 7-9: Big Horn Rodeo, Las Vegas

Wed., March 12: Coffee klatsch, Long Beach

March 21-23: Tucson rodeo

APRIL 1997

Sat., April 5: Chapter mtg. at Hansen Dam
April 11-13: L.A. Rodeo
April 19-20: GSGRA state convention, Stateline, Nev.

MAY 1997

Sat., May 10: GSGRA dance competition, San Diego
Sat., May 17: Chapter mtg.,

Long Beach (with elections)
May 17-18: Long Beach pride
May 30-June 1: Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose

JUNE 1997

Sat., June 7: Chapter mtg., L.A.

JULY 1997

Sat., July 5: Chapter mtg. and trail ride
July 24-27: IGRA convention, Salt Lake City

AUGUST 1997

Sat., Aug. 2: Chapter mtg., Long Beach
Aug. 8-10: Seattle rodeo (tentative)

Aug. 29-31: Albuquerque rodeo

SEPTEMBER 1997

Sat., Sept. 6: Chapter mtg., L.A.
Sept. 26-28: San Diego rodeo

OCTOBER 1997

Sat., Oct. 11: Chapter mtg., Long Beach
Oct. 24-26: IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix

NOVEMBER 1997

Sat., Nov. 1: Chapter mtg., L.A.
Nov. 7-9: Palm Springs Regional Rodeo (tentative)

DECEMBER 1997

Sat., Dec. 6: Chapter mtg., Long Beach

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
12/1	2	3	4	5	6	12/7 GLAC chapter meeting, Long Beach
12/8	9	10	11	12	13	12/14 Chapter meeting, Long Beach; Xmas party, Oil Can's
12/15	16	17	12/18 GLAC 7 pm coffee klatsch, The Abbey, W.Hwd.	19	20	21
12/22	23	24	25	26	27	28
12/29	30	31	1	2	3	1/4 GLAC chapter meeting, Los Angeles
1/5	6	7	8	9	10	11

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

10 A.M. SAT., JAN. 4
at the CSW office, 6855 Santa
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If quorum is not reached, meeting will reconvene 30 minutes later.



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► A fun afternoon on horseback

On Oct. 12, we had a social outing of horseback riding and a barbecue at Osborne Riding Stables. Nine people trailered their own horses to the stables, and 14 more rented horses.

We rode for two hours through the hills above Hansen Dam, enjoying the scenery and each other's company.

After the ride we were joined by six more people for a barbecue at the stables picnic area.

We had music, hot dogs, burgers, chips and beans — and lots of time to visit. The day was finished with a group photo.

We're planning another day of fun on Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. For reservations or information, call Sue or Connie at (714) 828-3438.

By Sue Downing

Holiday party is really on Dec. 14

Nobody told the newsletter editor that the holiday party date had been changed! So ignore last month's newsletter, and instead plan to attend on Saturday night, Dec. 14.

The holiday party will be held again this year at Oil Can Harry's in Studio City. Be sure to attend — last year's event was the highlight of the holiday season!

Royalty news

A busy desert weekend of fundraising and meetings in November was highlighted by the annual competition for GSGRA royalty titles.

As you can see, the four contestants who will represent us as 1997 Mr., Ms. and Miss GSGRA are a terrific group who will do us proud.

Winning the title of Mr. GSGRA 1997 was our runner-up to the title for 1995-96, Guy Johnson. Runner-up to Guy was first-time royalty contestant Sammy Van Galder.

In the category of Miss, our representative for 1997 will be none other than Tina Rhinestone (Tony Nicholson), our second runner-up to Miss GSGRA for 1995-96. Tina kept extra busy during the weekend, competing in Palm Springs and helping to decorate a wedding in Los Angeles at the same time!

For 1997, we will once again have representation as Ms. GSGRA, Nancy Novak, who did a terrific job competing for the first time in a GSGRA royalty competition.

Again this year, we will have a good distribution of royalty across the state: Nancy hails from San Diego; Tina and Guy both live in the Los Angeles area; and Sammy lives in Sacramento.

The competition itself was spirited, with each contestant competing in horsemanship, entertainment, western wear, public presentation and interview categories.

Additionally, each contestant had to raise a minimum of \$500 for charity over the last year just to compete.

Serving as hosts for the evening were the outgoing GSGRA titleholders, Sheba McEntire — who was crowned at the IGRA Finals in October as first runner-up to Miss IGRA '97 — and David Medzerian, who stepped down at Finals as first runner-up to Mr. IGRA '96.

Also taking to the stage, in addition to Sheba and David, was Mrs. Olson (Nils Peterson), who stepped down as first runner-up to Miss GSGRA 1995-96.

Among the dignitaries in the audience were our 1994 Miss GSGRA Ken Hart (Wynona Juggs), our 1995 Ms. GSGRA Amy Griffin, and the Desert Empire Chapter's newly crowned Coyote Queen, Miss Tippi (Christopher Musser).

A number of raffle prizes were given away to benefit the Desert Empire Chapter — our hosts who made sure the weekend was a blast — as well as local charities in the Palm Springs area.

Many thanks to everyone who made the competition — and the weekend's GSGRA state board meeting, as well — such a success, especially our new best friend Luigi from the Sundance Saloon, and Len Hickman of the Desert Empire Chapter.

And to our winners goes the traditional greeting: Congratulations! Now get to work.

Mr. GSGRA '97

Guy Johnson

Runner-up

Sammy Van Galder

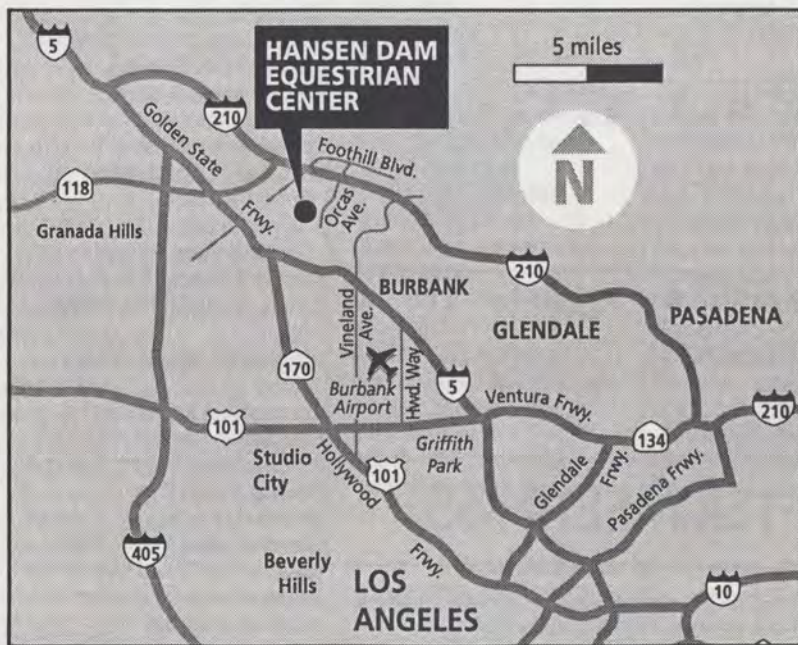
Ms. GSGRA '97

Nancy Novak

Miss GSGRA '97

Tina Rhinestone

(Tony Nicholson)



WHERE IS HANSEN DAM?: To see the new rodeo site, take the 405 or the 5 North to the 118. Take the 118 East to the Foothill (210) Freeway. Go east and exit at Foothill Boulevard. Go left (you'll cross under the freeway and then curve right) to Orcas Ave.; go right. Hansen Dam Equestrian Center will be on your right.



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1997 I.G.R.A. FINALS RODEO - POSTER CONTEST

Phoenix, AZ--The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Phoenix Chapter is proud to be hosting the 1997 I.G.R.A. FINALS RODEO to be held Oct. 23-26, 1997 in Phoenix, AZ. at the Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds. In conjunction with this event, we will conduct a contest for the design of an associated rodeo poster

The contest is open to anyone; membership in a rodeo association is not required. The winner of the poster contest will receive \$200.00 prize money.

All entries must be 17" x 22" finished size, the only lettering being **I.G.R.A. FINALS RODEO 1997**. It is not mandatory, but you may include the IGRA & Miller logos in your design. You must leave enough room in the finished design to incorporate dates, locations, hotels, phone numbers, IGRA and Miller logos (if not already included). Posters may be black and white or color. If the design is in color, it must be original art work or an original photograph.

All entries must be received by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997. They may be mailed to the AGRA PO box, given directly to Linda Hoffman, or delivered to Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85013. Place your name, address and phone number on the upper left, back side of your design (not on the front of the art work) for contact.

The winning design will be determined by vote of the I.G.R.A. Board of Directors and Trustees at their meeting occurring at the RoadRunner Regional Rodeo on Friday, Jan. 17, 1997. The winner will be notified by January 25, 1997.

The winning design and original artwork then become the sole property of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Phoenix Chapter. **ALL OTHER ENTRIES WILL BE DESTROYED UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE BY THE ARTIST. ANY RETURNED ENTRIES WILL BE AT THE ARTIST'S EXPENSE.**

For more information, contact Linda Hoffman, Public Relations Director, at (cell) 602-619-0488, E-mail: pr@agra-phx.com, AGRA Rodeo Hotline 602-265-0618.

Stuff from the B.O.D.

State Convention. The 1997 Annual Convention and Meeting of Members will take place the weekend of April 19, 1997 and will once again be held at Buffalo Bill's in Stateline, Nevada. Last years Convention was not only a productive working weekend but a good time was had by one and all when the work was done. The weekend will once again include a Fundraising event at the Back Street Bar in Las Vegas on Friday April 18, 1997, so mark your calendars and make your plans. More details in the New Year.

Next Meeting. The Board of Directors will meet next in February. The location will be Los Angeles and the date February 8, 1997. The Los Angeles Chapter will host the meeting which will be held in the clubhouse at the new L.A. Rodeo Site in the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center.

Dance Contest. The 1997 California Gay Country Dance Contest will be held in San Diego. The Town and Country Hotel will be the locale and the date, May 10, 1997. The hotel will be offering discount room rates for what will be a great weekend. Look for more information here in "The Chute" as the event draws nearer or contact Phil Bladwin or Ellis Rose in San Diego.

New Feature. A new item for the B.O.D. meeting schedule was an informal meeting of all Chapter Presidents and Rodeo Directors for an open discussion of concerns and a sharing of "things to do, not to do and how to do" in the process of producing rodeos. It was a very valuable meeting and all agreed should be expanded and happen more often.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED

That's right. New IGRA rules effective this season require that contestants pay a \$40.00 **NON REFUNDABLE** deposit which must be included with your pre-registration form and mailed two weeks prior to the rodeo.

All rodeos on the circuit have been experiencing a very large "No Show" rate caused by a small group of contestants who pre-register for all rodeo and then choose later if they are actually going to compete.

A primary reason for pre-registration is to allow for more accurate forecasting of stock requirements. Too little stock causes many problems and is potentially dangerous, too much stock is stupid and expensive, very expensive.

Because the deposit is required, a pre-registration form that is received without the deposit will not be considered valid and therefore will cause a \$50.00 late fine on Friday evening at registration.

The deposit and any other amount paid with pre-registration may be paid by check providing the post mark meets the 14 day deadline. The "Cash Only" rule still applies at registration.

**ROAD RUNNER
REGIONAL RODEO
PRE-REGISTRATION
POSTMARK DEADLINE
January 3, 1997**

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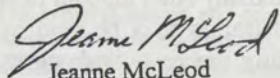
Dear I.G.R.A. Member Association,

Just a quick note to let everyone know that as the Chute Coordinator Chair for 1997, I wanted to touch base and let everyone know how interested Chute Coordinator Candidates may enter the program for the 1997 Rodeo season:

1. Send a letter to Jeanne McLeod at the above listed address stating their intentions of being entered in the program.
2. Follow the General Rules for Certified Personnel in the I.G.R.A. Handbook pages. 67-69.
3. Complete the Chute Coordinator Program Checklist in the I.G.R.A. Handbook pages. 74-76.
4. Contact me prior to contacting the Rodeo Association at which they wish to perform their Rookie Rodeo. This will allow the Hosting Association a chance to evaluate the Chute Coordinator Candidate's experience based on my records, and let the Hosting Rodeo Association have time to make their decision with their Rodeo Committee without the pressure sometimes associated with being caught off guard on such a major decision.

I hope you will share this information with potential Chute Coordinators and your membership. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLeod
I.G.R.A. Chute Coordinator
Chairperson 1997

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!! ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the last general membership meeting, the following individuals were elected as officers for the San Diego chapter for 1997. They are as follows:

President - Michael Taylor
Vice-President - Admin - Nancy Novak
Vice-President - Rodeo - Jay Wilpot
Secretary - Paul Fox
Treasurer - Jeff Jones

Congratulations to all the new officers! Also a sincere thank you goes to all the exiting officers from 1996. For all the countless hours**THANK YOU!**

CHAPTER DINNER - NOVEMBER 16

This year the chapter dinner took place at the Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market St., Downtown SD. There was wonderful food, fun, awards, prizes, and more fun!!

There were approximately 50 people in attendance for the festivities. The outgoing board was thanked and the incoming board was introduced!

Also announced was the member of the year. For this year is RICK WASHBURN. Congratulations Rick, and thank you! Rick has been the V.P. Rodeo for the the last two years. It is well deserved. If you run into Rick, now that he has most of his free time back, congratulate him.

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EVENTS CALANDER

DECEMBER

- 2 Executive Committee Meeting
- 4 General Membership Meeting

The dates for the Rodeo Roundtables will be available for the next newsletter, once they have been set by the new VP Rodeo - Jay. You can contact the office if you need the information prior to the next newsletter.

Enjoy the Holidays!

For all those who had a hand in this year's rodeo.....

THANK YOU

to everyone involved, for your time, energy, and talents. We hope it was a safe, exciting, fun, and rip-roaring rodeo for everyone.

See you next year!!!!!!



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