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**G.L.A.C. Members... READ THIS.....**

The following was received immediately after the L.A. Rodeo. It represents 99% of the comments I have received and I was and still am asking for comments so I have received dozens. I asked lots of people at the rodeo and many more since and they all agree. Congratulations L.A. you did it.

Dear S.S.G.R.A. Board, 4/4-97

I wanted to write you to tell you what a terrific job you did on this year's rodeo. Kudos! Congratulations! Job Well done!!

I was very pleased with your new location. It has a "Country Fair" feel to it. It's spacious + comfortably accommodates the large crowds.

You did a great job on the Saturday night dance party. It was 100% better than last year. It was organized well. There was something for everyone - dancing, entertainment + plenty of performing royalty.

All in all, it was a really fun weekend! I can't wait for next year's rodeo!

Thank you for a great Rodeo!

Mernie Migacz

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MAY 1997

See you in  
**SAN JOSE**  
May 30 - June 1  
**Everyone who is Anyone**  
will be there.

# San Diego Smoke Signal

G.S.G.R.A - Greater San Diego Chapter  
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Just tell us where to blow it.

## SAN DIEGO RODEO MOVES TO RAMONA

This year the San Diego Rodeo will be in RAMONA, at the Ramona Outdoor Community Center, Fred Grand Arena, and is only 35 minutes from our host hotel, the Town and Country. Many of our members ask: Why? Yes, Del Mar was nice and only 25 minutes from the Town and Country. But did you know they were asking for more money from our ticket sales, not willing to lower food and drink costs, and parking would be \$4.00? And none of that cost increase would be going back into the community or the chapter! Well now, Ramona is only 10 minutes farther away, the grounds are available at a lower cost, and food, drink, and parking will be less. Did you like L.A.'s new rodeo grounds? Our new site in Ramona is very similar to their Hansen Dam site. The Ramona grounds have large shady trees, lots of grass, and a

much larger grandstand. Just imagine having your lunch under the trees, watching thousands of hunky cowboys and cowgirls walking by! For those who don't want to drive, you can opt to take our FREE shuttle to and from the Town and Country. It all comes down to a better time on better grounds, lower costs to our spectators, and our chapter being able to contribute more back into the community. More information will be available on our Hotline at (619) 298-4708 as it becomes available.

## DANCE!

G.S.G.R.A. Proudly presents the 1997 Country Western Dance Competition and Festival. This year the competition will be held at the Town and Country Hotel on May 10, with workshops starting at 9am. Call Ellis Rose at (619) 459-6196 for more information. For hotel reservations, call the Town and Country hotel at (619) 291-7131.

## MERCHANDISE CORNER

We are happy to announce that the kickoff of ticket and merchandise sales for the 1997 S.D. Rodeo season took place at the LA Rodeo on April 12. Once again, the chapter's concepts and designs were well received. We received many positive comments on our poster, quadfolds, t-shirts, tank tops, hats, and pins. Over the weekend, we took in just under \$2000 in merchandise and ticket sales.

I would like to give a very heartfelt "THANK YOU" to Margo, Nancy, Mike, Clay, Robert, Ed, Mike, Hank, Paul, Donald, Phil, David, Jim, and all the others that came by the booth to help with setting up, selling merchandise, advertising our rodeo, packing up and just for stopping by to say "Hi!" I hope you all enjoyed the weekend as much as I did. Also a "JOB WELL DONE" to the L.A. Chapter on what appeared to be a successful rodeo

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## PRO RODEO DAY

Have you ever seen a real pro rodeo? If not, why not all of you San Diego Chapter Members come on out on the weekend of May 16-18, 1997 and join us for some fun to see how a pro rodeo is run at the Ramona Rodeo Grounds. Tickets are FREE to all San Diego Chapter Members, and is sponsored by the Education Committee.

Anyone interested please let George Mousally (619-298-4708 x4668) know by May 9, 1997.

Looking forward to seeing all San Diego members that weekend for some real fun with the pro rodeo cowboys and cowgirls in calf roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, barrel racing, and team roping!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On Friday May 9, 1997, the Chapter will be kicking off our "Penny Posse" Fundraiser for the Center's Domestic Violence Hotline program. This event will be from 7pm to 10pm. It has all the makings for a great time: a \$5.00 beer/soda bust, a 50/50 raffle, and a door raffle! Look for and support the "Penny Posse" with your change at your favorite establishments!

## GYMKANA AND CALF ROPING CLINIC

**Date:** Saturday, June 14, 1997  
**Place:** Lakeside Equestrian Center  
 Willow Road  
 Lakeside CA  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**Events:** Calf Roping on Foot, Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, and Breakaway Calf Roping.  
**Directions:** From the LA area: Follow 5 south into San Diego to the 8 East. Continue on the 8 east to the exit marked 67 (Lakeside, Ramona). Go north on the 67 until the end of the freeway. You will pass the Lakeside Rodeo Arena on your right. Continue past the rodeo grounds until you come to the Willow Street intersection, and the Equestrian Center will be on your right side. (Circle K will be on your left) There will be parking available for horse trailers.

**FREE TO ALL GSGRA MEMBERS, AND \$10.00 PER GO ROUND FOR ALL OTHER GUESTS.**

**Information:** Contact George Mousally, Education Committee Chair, at the San Diego Rodeo Chapter Office for any other information (619-298-4708 x4668.) Hope to see everyone at a great day of practice roping, and horse riding with the cows!

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The Chapter will be having a Membership Drive with the Fundraiser at Kicker's on May 9th. Have some friends that have been saying for YEARS that they'll join and get involved? Bring them along and show them how fun our organization is!

## MERCHANDISE (CONTINUED)

weekend. The weather was superb, the new site was great and all the staff was very helpful. Some of our upcoming events that we will be at are: Long Beach Pride, May 17-18, LA Pride, June 21-22, and San Diego Pride, July 26-27. See you there!

# GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER EVENTS - MAY

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thur      Fri      Sat

				1	2	3
4	5 Board Mtg. 6:30pm	6	7 General Membership Mtg. 7pm	8	9 Center- Fundraiser & Membership Drive @ Kickers 7 pm	10 State Dance Competition @ Town and Country
11	12	13	14	15	16 Ramona Pro Rodeo	17 Ramona Pro Rodeo Detroit Rodeo, Long Beach Pride
18 Ramona Pro Rodeo, Detroit Rodeo, Long Beach Pride	19	20 Rodeo 97 Roundtable Meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24 Oklahoma City Rodeo
25 Oklahoma City Rodeo	26	27	28	29	30	31 Bay Area Rodeo

## CHAPTER DIRECTORY

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Golden State Gay Rodeo Association  
proudly presents

## COUNTRY-WESTERN DANCE COMPETITION and FESTIVAL

MAY 10, 1997

Town and Country Hotel  
San Diego, CA



WORKSHOPS BEGIN AT 9:00 AM

DANCE COMPETITIONS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM

Two-Step! Waltz! Free-Style  
Swing! & Line-Dance

OPEN DANCING AFTER THE COMPETITION

Special Hotel Rates: call

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500 Hotel Circle North  
San Diego, CA 92108



All-Day Workshop Admission: \$10  
Evening Competition & Dance Party: \$5  
Combination Day and Evening: \$12

For information, contact Ellis Rose at (619)459-6196



# LANews

## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Rodeo '97 is a success! Thanks, everyone ...

If you were there — and thousands of you were — you know that the 1997 L.A. Rodeo was a huge success! The festival was great. The parties were well-attended. And it was really fun, too!

Mrs. Olson and Lenore are still tallying up the numbers, but things are looking terrific.

If you worked the rodeo,

try to attend the volunteer party on Saturday night, May 3, at Oil Can Harry's.

While we're saying thanks, a special word of gratitude to our Vice President for Rodeo Operations, Joe Olney, who envisioned what a great site Hansen Dam would be.

Thanks too, to Robert Armend, Vern Brooks and every-

one who helped coordinate the rodeo fund-raisers. And a huge thanks to the bars that hosted our big fund-raisers — Oil Can Harry's, the Rawhide and Ozz — and our little give-aways — the Brit, The Silver Fox and Ripples.

Congratulations to everyone! Now get to work ... on next year's rodeo!

### Chapter elections set for May 17

This month's chapter meeting will include elections. These folks have accepted nomination:

- ▶ President: David Medzerian.
- ▶ VP/Admin.: Joe Olney.
- ▶ VP/Rodeo Operations:

Mike DeYonker.

- ▶ Treasurer: Nils Peterson
- ▶ Secretary: Vern Brooks.

Nominations can also be made from the floor.

The meeting is at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Center in Long Beach.

#### AFTER THE MEETING...

Stop by the Mine Shaft on Broadway for a social get-together. No tickets to sell, no rodeo to push — just some fun time with your GLAC friends (and it's beer bust, too!)

### And more: Special election June 7

At April's GSGRA state convention, our Steve Creber was elected state administrative vice president ...

Which means that alternate Guy Johnson was automatically elevated to State

Board Representative...

Which means that a Special Election will be held at the chapter's June 7 meeting to choose a new alternate to the State Board. (Actually, we'll elect two alternates.)

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

The meeting is at 10 a.m. June 7 at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles. Be there!

(To Steve and Guy: Congratulations! Now get to work.)

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 1997 GLAC-GSGRA. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.

## CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4/27	28	29	30	1	2	5/3 Rodeo volunteer party, Oil Can Harry's
5/4	Don't forget to be at the great GSGRA state dance contest on Saturday night, May 10, at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego!			8	9	5/10 GSGRA state dance contest, San Diego
5/11	12	13	14	15	16	5/17 Chapter meeting, elections, Long Beach
5/18 Long Beach pride parade	19	Attention all GSGRA members: The L.A. chapter is planning on carrying the flags of 50 states in the Long Beach pride parade again this year!			20	5/24 Great Plains Regional Rodeo, OKC
5/25 Great Plains Regional Rodeo, OKC	26	So join your GLAC friends at the corner of Ocean and Redondo for the parade, which starts at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 18!			27	5/31 Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose
6/1 Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose	2	3	4	5	6	6/7 Chapter meeting, Los Angeles

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

10 A.M. SAT., MAY 17  
(CHAPTER ELECTIONS)  
at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach

10 A.M. SAT., JUNE 7,  
at the CSW office,  
6855 Santa Monica Blvd.,  
Suite 200, L.A.



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Long Beach, South Bay:  
Robert Armend

Orange County:  
Sue Downing and Connie Risch  
West Hollywood; San Fernando, Santa Clarita valleys:  
open

San Gabriel, Inland valleys:  
Mary McGough  
**Contestant** Kevin Weeks  
**Fund-raising** Robert Armend  
**Membership** Robert Armend  
**Merchandise** Roger Davis  
**Newsletter** David Medzerian  
**Properties** Steve Creber

## Bay Area Chapter



IN THE SADDLE!!

“SOME LIKE IT HOT!”

### 6th Regional Rodeo

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
May 30 - June 1, 1997

Host Hotel: Hyatt, San Jose, at the Airport  
(800) 233-1234  
(408) 993-1234

### RODEO MONTH!! “COWBOY UP!”

5/1 Rodeo Beer Bust @ *Daddy's*, San Francisco, 8-11p.m. \$7  
5/3 Rodeo Beer Bust @ *SF Eagle* from 8-11pm, \$6  
5/11 Rodeo Beer Bust @ *Hamburger Mary's*, San Jose, 3-7pm  
5/16 Rodeo Party, BBQ & Beer Bust @ *Turf Club*, Hayward, 6-midnight!  
5/17 Rodeo BBQ, Beer Bust @ *Faces*, Sacramento, CA 5:30-10:30 p.m.

5/29 Rodeo Royalty Pageant, *Hamburger Mary's*, San Jose, 7 p.m.  
5/30-6/1 BAY AREA REGIONAL RODEO, San Jose

7/12-13 Cowboy Camp Western Weekend, *Columbia, CA*, (sierra foothills)  
August “Hot August Nights” Weekend ocean cliffs campout  
@*New Brighton State Beach, Capitola, CA*

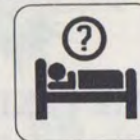
Information Hotline: (415) 985-5200

Rodeo Roundtable planning meetings: Every Thursday of May @ Hyatt 7:30 p.m.  
Chapter Meetings: 3rd Thursday of Each Month @ Hyatt 7:30 p.m.

### LOOKING FOR RODEO VOLUNTEERS:

Please call 415-985-5200 or Ando Merendi @ 415-522-3393

### HOST HOTEL



HYATT, at the Airport  
1740 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95112-4584  
\$89.00 Sgl/Db/Quad  
\*ask for GSGRA Rodeo Rate



Special Thanks to THE EDGE  
for donating the proceeds from our recent fund-raisers  
back to the chapter.

Thanks to D.L. Carver & M. Amoroso for a great show at THE SILVER FOX in Cupertino.

Thank You to the continuing support of the staff and patrons of  
THE LONE STAR SALOON, SF EAGLE, HAMBURGER MARY'S

### THE CINCH

was the place to be on Sunday, March 23rd, as BAC members strolled through the swinging saloon doors and put on a fantastic fund-raiser. The energy of the crowd was electric and the entertainment was superb, as D. Graff, J. Mancuso and T. McGovern belted out good 'ole country western tunes!! Stop by the CINCH on Polk St. and support a great bar!



### “THE DIRT PILE!”

By the looks of everyone who attended our fund-raiser at THE CINCH, those gold margaritas were some of the strongest and best in the city! (C. Rouse can personally tell you of his night playing “red light/green light”!) We have found the best way to help a member stop being shy is to have them sell 50/50 raffle tickets and measure all the patrons inseams throughout the bar! (M. Amoroso & David P. really enjoyed this task). I wonder who will show up to our next event with a new “husband”? It must be in the chapter water! How about those new back-up dancers for DLC in Cupertino!?



### INFORMATION HOTLINE

(415) 985-5200  
103116.3010@Compuserve.Com



**"SOME LIKE IT HOT!"  
'97 BAY AREA RODEO  
SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, May 29**

Hamburger Mary's - San Jose  
Rodeo kick-off party & Royalty Pageant 7pm

**Friday, May 30**

Hyatt Hotel, at the Airport, San Jose  
Suits-N-Boots Pool Party & BBQ 3-7pm  
Rodeo Contestant Registration 6-9pm  
Dance & Party, Mediterranean Center 8 pm

**Saturday, May 31**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
Contestant Meeting 7:30am, Rodeo Slack 8am  
Rodeo & Vendor Expo '97 10am  
Grand Entry/Performance 12 noon  
Hyatt Hotel  
"Some Like It Hot" Pool Party & BBQ 5-7pm  
Dance & Party, Mediterranean Cntr, Hotel 8pm

**Sunday, June 1**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
Rodeo Slack 8am  
Rodeo & Vendor Expo '97 10am  
Grand Entry/Performance 12 noon  
Hyatt Hotel  
Awards Ceremony, Mediterranean Center 9pm  
Hamburger Mary's  
Cool off Post-Rodeo Party 9pm

*It took several years  
to get the new GSGRA flag made ...*

*It only took one year to get pins ...*



# PINS

Yes, the largest association in IGRA (that's us)  
finally has some merchandise:  
Beautiful hatpins that look just like our new, blue GSGRA flag!

Show your pride in GSGRA by sporting one of these great new hatpins.  
Or give one as a gift!  
They're a ~~cheap~~ delightful present for that special rodeo pal.

**ORDER BY MAIL!**

Number of pins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6 each\* = \_\_\_\_\_  
Send check payable to "GSGRA"

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Send order form and check (no cash!) to:

**GSGRA Merchandise**  
**c/o David Medzerian**  
**250 Pacific Ave., No. 315**  
**Long Beach, Calif. 90802**

\* Price includes  
shipping  
and applicable taxes,  
if any

*More GSGRA merchandise to come...*

# THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

## 1997 - 1998 Elected and Appointed Officials

### 1997-98 State Executive Board

Craig Rouse, President  
Steve Creber, Vice President  
Sammy Van Galder, V.P. Rodeo Operations  
Clint Johnson, Secretary  
Clay Wright, Treasurer  
Roger Bergmann, GSGRA Trustee  
David Medzerian, IGRA Trustee

### State Board of Directors

**BAC:** Chris Caufield  
Tom McGovern  
David Carver  
Brad Roberts

**CCC:** Mark Marshall  
Billy Hughes  
Chuck Valdez  
Alex Waller

**CSC:**

**DEC:** Judy Galloway

**GLAC:** Michael DeYonker  
Guy Johnson  
Amy Griffin

**GSDC:** Michael Taylor  
George Mousally  
Paul Fox

### Committees:

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Newsletter & Membership: Joe Olney  
Education: Billy Hughes  
Animal Treatment & Concerns: Phil Baldwin  
Health & Safety: Brad Roberts  
Merchandise & Pride: Tim Parker &  
David Medzerian  
Internet Communications: James Rose

### Committees:

Rodeo Mangement & Resources: Rick Washburn, Brad Roberts, Joe Olney & Roger Bergmann

### EPRC

Chris Caufield, Mark Marshall, Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz, Guy Johnson, Michael Taylor

### Dance

David Carver, Nena Bradeen, Rosie Sierra, Michael DeYonker, Ken Valdez

### Royalty

David Carver, Nena Bradeen, Rosie Sierra, Guy Johnson, Don Teeter

### 1997-98 State Calendar of Events (To-date)

**May 10, 1997:** State Country/Western Dance Competition, San Diego

**May 31 - June 1, 1997:** Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose

**July 19, 1997:** State Board of Directors Meeting (Special Bylaws & Standing Rules), Sacramento

**September 27 & 28, 1997:** Greater San Diego Regional Rodeo, Ramona & San Diego

**November 1, 1997:** State Board of Directors Meeting & State Royalty Contest, Los Angeles

**February 7, 1998:** State Board of Directors Meeting, Palm Springs

**April (TBA) 1998:** Greater Los Angeles Regional Rodeo, Los Angeles

**May 2 & 3, 1998:** Membership Meeting/Convention/State Board of Directors Meeting, TBA

**June 6 & 7, 1998:** Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose

**August 23 & 24, 1998:** Capitol Crossroads Regional Rodeo, Sacramento

**September 26 & 27, 1998:** Greater San Diego Regional Rodeo, San Diego

**November 21 & 22, 1998:** Desert Empire Regional Rodeo, Palm Springs

## Special Election Chapter Meetings

The elections at State Convention will require that some chapters hold special elections. Check with you chapter officers or your chapter's section in *The Chute*. At this time two chapters, Los Angeles and San Diego have announced special elections, both of which will be at their respective June membership meetings.



**CC CHAT CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER OF GSGRA**  
**VOLUME 5 MAY 1997**

**ANNIVERSARY ANNIVERSARY ANNIVERSARY**

**COME JOIN US AT**  
**THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY PARTY AND**  
**BARN DANCE AND BARBECUE**

**MAY 3, 1997 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**STONEWALL STUD RANCH**

Tickets are on sale and will be \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the gate. This includes entry and the barbecue. A full bar will have beverages for sale. For tickets or more information call: Rodeo Hotline: 451-9439  
Nena: 622-2756 Sammy: 739-8958. There will also be members with tickets for sale at several of the local bars between now and Friday, May 3. For directions that evening to the barn dance, we have a special phone number: 916-207-7269

This promises to be one of the highlights of the year! The barn is awesome, with a large dance floor complete with a sound booth. We will feature great music, dancing, entertainment, dancing, and a few surprise events (including a twister competition on the uncovered twister game painted on the loft floor), and of course, much more dancing. Our host, Stonewall Stud Ranch and **Mike Muir** invite you to bring your sleeping bag in the event that you have to much fun and want to take advantage of the hay loft. For that matter, there are nice grassy fields all around and you may just want to take a break and look at the stars! For those who opt to stay over, there will be a continental breakfast provided.

We also understand that a few from San Francisco and the Bay Area Chapter will be on hand, including our **State President, Craig Rouse**. So be sure and join us!

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER Mark Marshall**

After that last newsletter, I am sure you'll be happy to know that no one has much to say this month. I am sure **Joe Olney** and his wonderful assistant, **Mother Ruth**, are pretty happy too! However, the reprieve will be short as I am sure we will have a lot to report from the State Board Meeting which will have been held the weekend before this letter goes to press. Please show your support for a rodeo in Sacramento in 1998 by attending the Barn Dance May 3. Not only will this be a fun event for our members and the community, it will be a major step in raising money and interest for the rodeo in '98.

Last newsletter promised a paragraph from our out-going Treasurer, **Helen Godvin**. Unfortunately, she has been too busy making sure no stone was left unturned before her May departure. However, I did promise to include a quote from Steve, if not our

favorite - one of the cutest bartenders at Faces, "Helen, I know you always have fun. You can never keep your cocktail napkin dry!"

**CALENDAR**

- **May 3** GSGRA-CCRA 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!! BBQ/BARN DANCE Flyers will be sent out with details and directions. You may also call the Hotline: 451-9439; Nena: 622-2756; or Sammy: 739-8958
- **May 10, 11** GSGRA STATE DANCE CONTEST. Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA
- **May 13** Chapter Meeting - we will discuss State Meeting and Rodeo for 1998.
- **May 16-18** MIGRA-Detroit Rodeo. Call (313) 438-1305 for further information. Contestant registration deadline is **May 2**.
- **May 23-25** - OGRA - Oklahoma City Rodeo. Call (405) 943-0843 for further information. Contestant registration deadline is **May 9**.
- **May 30, 31, June 1** - GSGRA-Bay Area Rodeo SAN JOSE, CA Call (415) 985-5200 for further information. Contestant Deadline for the Bay Area Rodeo is **May 16**. I'm almost certain that the folks down there are definitely looking for some good help still!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- **June 8** - Lambda Freedom Fair
- **June 10** - Chapter Meeting
- **June 16** - Chile cook-off and horse shoe tournament at the **Bolt**, details to be announced.
- **July** - Reno bus trip. We are hoping that Bay Area will join us. Call **Billy Hughes** for information. 916-368-7208
- **July Chapter Meeting** - to be announced. This will be **chapter elections**.

Other dates for upcoming events or activities will be added as they are planned. Watch your calendars for new activities. Plan to attend chapter meetings for most up-to-date schedule.

There is a *new deadline* for information to be placed in the newsletter. Anyone who wants items placed in the monthly C.C. Rodeo newsletter has to be to **Brian Koeber** by the *10<sup>th</sup> of each month*. He may be reached at 916-456-5917. The newsletter is then approved at the chapter meeting each month.

**TIDBITS**

Congratulations to **Sammy VanGalder** and his partner **Michael Biggs** (BAC) on their 4th place finish in steer deco at the Greater Los Angeles Rodeo. Their second in two months - they are on a roll. **Sammy** also place second Saturday in Chute Dogging, fourth in Steer Riding on Saturday and third on Sunday. Way to go Sammy!!



Desert Empire Chapter

G.S.G.R.A. Inc.

April 1997 NEWSLETTER

**NO MORE FOOLING AROUND!**

**We are reforming.** For the FUN TIMES and to unite our members who love the country western lifestyle. To build the kind of organization that will make every member proud to be a member of a new and better chapter.

We are rebuilding our board and membership.

**Dinner and Meeting : Tuesday 13 May 1997**

Dinner: **6:30 PM**

General Membership Meeting: **7:30 PM**

Hosted By: Judy Galloway

Address: 1163 North Calle Rolph  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**General Membership Meeting AGENDA**

1. Vote to put the chapter back in action.
2. Nominate new board members.
3. Introduce new wanna-be board members:

Judy Galloway, President  
George Marlinga, Treasurer  
Dan Brown, V.P. (Acting)  
Marcel Patuelo-Schwartz (Acting)  
Don, Secretary

4. Establish Special Meeting for elections date and location.
5. New business not thought of at this time.

For more information, please call Judy Galloway, (760) 320-7387  
George Marlinga, (760) 329-2893  
Dan Brown, (760) 323-9120, Village Pride Coffee House

**THE GOLDEN STATE GAY  
RODEO ASSOCIATION**

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Membership records are strictly confidential  
G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address.

Individual.....\$40.00      Family.....\$75.00

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
PHONE #		
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		
DATE		<input type="checkbox"/> BAY AREA
SIGNATURE		<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER SAN DIEGO
FAMILY MEMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> DESERT EMPIRE
NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL SIERRA
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		<input type="checkbox"/> CAPITOL CROSSROADS
DATE		<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE
SIGNATURE		

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G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee  
4226 East 15th Street  
Long Beach, Ca 90804

G.S.G.R.A. Inc.  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE  
ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1997

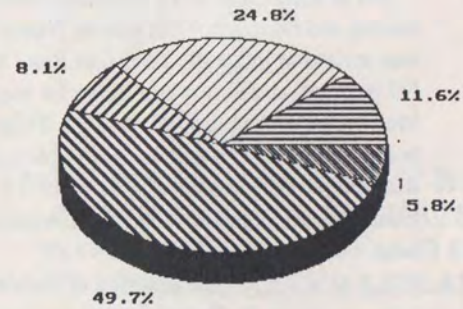
	** MONTH **			** YEAR TO DATE **		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME						
CHPT ALLOCATED INCOME	---	---	---	1,975	---	1,975
CORP. SPONSORSHIPS	---	50	-50	---	600	-600
DANCE CONTEST	---	---	---	450	600	-150
DAVID WATKINS MEM FUND	---	50	-50	254	600	-346
DONATIONS	---	---	---	100	---	100
INCOME-PRIOR YR	---	---	---	1,333	---	1,333
INT. INCOME-D.W.M.F.	1	2	-1	19	24	-5
INT. INCOME-M/M OPERATING	39	10	29	158	120	38
INT. INCOME-RESERVE FUND	84	19	65	477	228	249
LAMINATING INCOME	---	---	---	---	250	-250
MEMB-DUES	1,375	1,500	-125	17,028	18,000	-972
MEMB-NAME TAGS	6	35	-29	72	420	-348
OTHER STATE REVENUES	---	100	-100	175	1,200	-1,025
RESERVE FUND-OPERATIONS	---	---	---	2,777	3,155	-378
RESERVE FUND-RESTRICTED	---	---	---	8,501	---	8,501
STATE CONVENTION	---	---	---	945	950	-5
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>-261</b>	<b>34,264</b>	<b>26,147</b>	<b>8,117</b>

EXPENSE						
ADMIN-ACCOUNTANT	---	---	---	385	385	---
ADMIN-AWARDS/MEMORIALS	---	35	35	150	420	270
ADMIN-COPIER	---	10	10	---	120	120
ADMIN-DEPRECIATION EXP.	---	---	---	---	450	450
ADMIN-DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	---	---	---	260	125	-135
ADMIN-INSURANCE	---	---	---	1,380	1,415	35
ADMIN-MEETING EXPENSES	150	325	175	910	1,300	390
ADMIN-MISC	13	---	-13	72	---	-72
ADMIN-NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	---	100	100	1,008	1,200	192
ADMIN-OFFICE SUPPLIES	---	20	20	140	240	100
ADMIN-POSTAGE	---	40	40	105	480	375
ADMIN-TELEPHONE	40	55	15	695	660	-35
ADMIN-TRUSTEE EXPENSES	---	---	---	1,281	1,700	419
BANKING-RETURNED ITEMS	---	---	---	155	---	-155
BANKING-SERVICE CHARGES	12	15	3	205	180	-25
BUCKLE SPONSORSHIP	400	---	-400	975	800	-175
D.W.M.F. CONTESTANT EXP.	---	---	---	667	700	33
DANCE CONTEST	32	---	-32	613	600	-13
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	---	10	10	422	120	-302
IGRA CONV-ANNUAL DUES	---	---	---	500	250	-250
IGRA CONV-EXPENSES	---	---	---	2,955	3,000	45
IGRA CONV-REGISTRATION	---	---	---	400	300	-100
MEMB-COPIER	---	25	25	286	300	14
MEMB-EDUCATION EXPENSE	---	---	---	1,320	2,100	780
MEMB-ID CARDS	---	---	---	---	800	800
MEMB-MISC	15	25	10	182	300	118
MEMB-NAME TAGS	---	100	100	1,524	1,200	-324
MEMB-POSTAGE	250	266	16	2,281	3,192	911
MR MS MISS	---	---	---	569	800	231
STATE CONVENTION	---	---	---	477	500	23
TAXES-FEDERAL	---	300	300	---	1,200	1,200
TAXES-STATE	---	---	---	760	800	40
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>20,677</b>	<b>25,637</b>	<b>4,960</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>13,587</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>13,077</b>

G.S.G.R.A. INC.

TOTAL INCOME

ACTUAL RESULTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1997

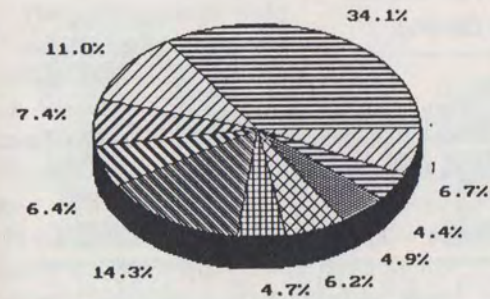


CHPT ALLOCATED INCOME	5.8
MEMB-DUES	49.7
RESERVE FUND-OPERATIONS	8.1
RESERVE FUND-RESTRICTED	24.8
ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS	11.6
	<u>100%</u>

G.S.G.R.A. INC.

TOTAL EXPENSE

ACTUAL RESULTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1997



ADMIN-INSURANCE	6.7
ADMIN-MEETING EXPENSES	4.4
ADMIN-NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	4.9
ADMIN-TRUSTEE EXPENSES	6.2
BUCKLE SPONSORSHIP	4.7
IGRA CONV-EXPENSES	14.3
MEMB-EDUCATION EXPENSE	6.4
MEMB-NAME TAGS	7.4
MEMB-POSTAGE	11.0
ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS	34.1
	<u>100%</u>

# Royalty news

What do bright lights, hot men and money have in common? Only one thing: Rodeo!

April was indeed a busy month for us. We had a very successful convention at Buffalo Bill's in Stateline, Nev., and made plans for the 1998 Royalty Contest.

The L.A. Rodeo was chock-ful of hot musclemen, and we held a 50/50 that raised

\$505 for the David Watkins Memorial Fund. We are proud to announce that, with your help, we have so far raised \$623 for this fund, which was established to provide financial assistance to any GSGRA member in good standing who is invited to compete at the IGRA finals. So remember, contestants: The next time a Sash Queen asks you to buy a raffle ticket, it could very well be helping you go to finals! As your royalty team, our goal this year is to double the amount raised last year, which would bring the fund to over \$1,500. With five months left until finals, it looks like we are well on our way...

A special thank you to all of the out-of-state royalty who traveled to California to support the L.A. Rodeo. We had a total of 20 people representing Arizona, Michigan, Nevada, North Star and our own California rodeo association, plus past and current IGRA titleholders. We appreciate the friendship and look forward to the next time we

meet!

But in addition to all of the rodeo fundraising and excitement last month, Nancy was invited to judge the Miss Gay San Diego '97 pageant, and Guy was a judge for the Miss Gay Los Angeles '97 pageant. They both had a lot of fun and were very pleased with the positive responses they received from the audiences about the rodeo association.

The question of the month is: Do you know your way to San Jose? We do, and so should you. (This newsletter is getting just a little to cliched, but we're still recovering from L.A.) Anyway, be sure to mark your calendars now and join us May 29-June 1 for the annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo. This year's theme: Some Like it Hot!

Meanwhile, don't forget: If you would like to be a contestant for the 1998 GSGRA Royalty Team, start planning now. We already have several men who are planning to compete for Mr.,

and a number of women for the Ms. title. A brief rundown of what you have to do: Raise a minimum of \$500 for a 501(c)3 charity of your choice, and be able to ride a horse — or be willing to learn how! Other categories of competition include western wear, entertainment, personal interview and public presentation. For more details, give any one of us a call; we'll be happy to help!

— Your 1997 GSGRA Royalty team

**Ms. GSGRA '97**  
**Nancy Novak**  
(619) 574-0891

**Miss GSGRA '97**  
**Tina Rhinestone**  
(Tony Nicholson)  
(310) 530-7663

**Mr. GSGRA '97**  
**Guy Johnson**  
(818) 989-1403  
**Runner-up**  
**Sammy Van Galder**  
(916) 739-8958

# THANK YOU!!

**FROM ALL OF US AT THE RAWHIDE NIGHTCLUB & BEVERAGE CATERING SERVICE, WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE G.S.G.R.A., FOR THE INCREDIBLE SUCCESS OF THIS YEARS RODEO.**

**WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP MAKE THIS YEARS EVENT A SUCCESS.**

**WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS YEARS TEAM, AND APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF SERVICE.**



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