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*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!

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if any

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Smoke Signal

Just tell us where to blow it.

TOWN AND COUNTRY HOTEL

This year the San Diego Rodeo Host Hotel is once again the Town and Country. Garden Rooms start at \$82.00, Tower Rooms start at \$93.00 with 3 night minimum, and for Suites you need to call the hotel. The Town and Country is located right off interstate 8 on the famous Hotel Circle in Mission Valley. The hotel is situated on 32 beautiful, tropically landscaped acres, with 4 swimming pools, whirlpool, restaurants, cafes and shops. Remember to bring fixin's and that unforgettable trim for the 4rd annual balcony decorating contest. And a must on anybody's list is the pool party "BEACH BALL BASH POOL PARTY". The adjacent Town and Country Convention Center will be headquarters for all four nights of infamous GSGRA/San Diego DANCE PARTIES.

With over 7,000 square feet for for boot scootin', the Atlas Ballroom will host CONTINUOUS dancing each night. Starting the weekend off with a bang, the adjacent Mission Ballroom will be the site of Thursday 5th annual BOOTS and BRIEFS BENEFIT AUCTION and all the entertainment events each evening.

FREE FREE FREE
This year there will be a free shuttle to the rodeo grounds from the hotel. Just check with Rodeo Hospitality desk

FIRST

Ms Amy Griffin is the first Rodeo 97 contestant to send in her event entry form. Way to go to Amy! Rodeo 97, would like to remind everybody that this year has been declared a restricted rodeo, so please look in your contestant mailers or call the Rodeo 97 hotline for information. The deadline is 25 July 97, for entries.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Kickoff for the penny-posse was a great success. We raised \$275.00 for the Anti-Violence project at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Look the "penny-posse" cans at your favorite establishment. Thanks to, Mike Sheehan for your wonderful graphics. A big thanks to Chris Shaw and the Staff at Kickers.

Thanks can also go to Don Teeter, Paul Fox, George Moussally, Dan Bradford, Robert Kojima, Guy Johnson, and David Medzerian. Last, but not least "The Kicker's Clogger. This was a great event, so once again thanks for all the support and to Roy Kinley for getting up early.

GYNKANA 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 Moussally, 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!

The Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo Association is on June 27-29th, 1997. The ARGRA is notifying all Associations that they are using cows instead of steers in STEER RIDING ONLY. They are also providing an added puse of \$300.00 US in the rough stock events for both men and women.

GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER EVENTS - JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:30pm Board Mtg.	3	4 7pm General Membership	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 7pm Donation Comm.	12	13	14 Roping and Gynkana
15	16	17 7:00 Rodeo 97 Roundtable	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 7pm Pride Comm	26	27	28 Calgary and Omaha Rodeos
29 Calgary and Omaha Rodeos	30 6:30 Board Mtg.					

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET MONTH OF MARCH 1997

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
CHECKING			
CASH-CHECKING 1889	325		325
SAVINGS			
CASH-D.W.M.FUND 8018	426		426
CASH-M/M OPERATING 2433	10,877		10,877
CASH-RODEO SANCTION 245	22,465		22,465
SUBTOTAL SAVINGS	33,768		33,768
OTHER ASSETS			
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-BA	8,742		8,742
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-DE	8,075		8,075
ACCUM. DEPR-COMPUTER	(1,383)		(1,383)
EQUIPMENT	2,307		2,307
TOTAL ASSETS	51,834		51,834
EQUITY			
FUND BALANCE	51,186		(51,186)
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT Y	648		648
TOTAL DEBT AND EQUITY	51,834		51,834

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

	** MONTH **		** YEAR TO DATE **			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR
INCOME						
DAVID WATKINS MEM FUND		50	(50)		50	(50)
INT. INCOME-D.W.M.F.	1	2	(1)	1	2	(1)
INT. INCOME-M/M OPERATI	24	20	4	24	20	4
INT. INCOME-RESERVE FUN	43	75	(32)	43	75	(32)
MEMB-DUES	1,730	1,500	230	1,730	1,500	230
MEMB-NAME TAGS	7	10	(3)	7	10	(3)
OTHER STATE REVENUES	74		74	74		74
TOTAL INCOME	1,879	1,657	222	1,879	1,657	222
EXPENSE						
ADMIN-AWARDS/MEMORIAL	200		(200)	200		(200)
ADMIN-INSURANCE		120	120		120	120
ADMIN-NEWSLETTER EXPENSE		100	100		100	100
ADMIN-OFFICE SUPPLIES		10	10		10	10
ADMIN-POSTAGE		32	32		32	32
ADMIN-TELEPHONE	46	45	(1)	46	45	(1)
ADMIN-TRUSTEE EXPENSES	207		(207)	207		(207)
BANKING-RETURNED ITEMS	40		(40)	40		(40)
BANKING-SERVICE CHARGE	6	21	15	6	21	15
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE		25	25		25	25
MEMB-EDUCATION EXPENS	270		(270)	270		(270)
MEMB-ID CARDS		500	500		500	500
MEMB-MISC		10	10		10	10
MEMB-NAME TAGS	212	100	(112)	212	100	(112)
MEMB-POSTAGE	250	250		250	250	
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,231	1,213	(18)	1,231	1,213	(18)
NET INCOME	648	444	204	648	444	204

CC CHAT

CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER VOLUME 6 JUNE 1997

As promised, the barn dance was a glowing success! Our host, Stonewall Stud owner **Mike Muir** was his usual incredible self. Those who saw the late night fun were introduced to his now infamous (if they weren't before) strawberry margaritas. Of the 120 that did make it, it was great to see **Don and Carl** of the **Townhouse**, **Joseph and Tom** of the **Bolt/Joseph's Town and Country**, and a great representation from the **Bay Area Chapter**. **Boomer** made sure his legend lives on! **Sammy** is working on the hot tub for the next barn dance. The pictures from the twister contest should prove interesting as well. And next time you must bring a sleeping bag - the stars are incredible and Mike's pancakes are the best!

It is very exciting to hear all the positive feed back and queries as to when the next barn dance will be. Hopefully we didn't wear out our welcome and there will be one planned for the fall. This was our most successful event to date and undoubtedly will be at least twice the size next time. I am sure you who didn't make it will not want to miss the next one.

A special thanks to **Nena Bradeen, Sammy Van Galder, Alex Waller, Tim Dean, Doug Layton, Chuck Valdes, Helen Godvin, Brian Koeber, Van Boeck, Dan Self (Bolt), Annie Kinney and Billy Hughes** for all their work before and during the event. A thank you also goes to those non-members (but soon to be, we hope) who gave their time working security, barbecue, and bar: **William, Marie, Kim (the strawberry girl), Heather, Joanna, Kerri and Kelly**.

Thanks again to the Bay Area Chapter and also MCC for your support!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Mark Marshall

May was an exceptionally busy month. The annual state meeting for GSGRA was held at Stateline, NV (Prima). At that meeting the dates for **Sacramento Rodeo** were set, to be affirmed at the IGRA meeting in July. Mark your calendar for August 21, 22, 23. If Seattle decides not to host a rodeo in '98, the dates will be August 7, 8, 9. We also saw one of our members elected to state office: congratulations to **Sammy Van Galder**, State VP - Rodeo Operations. For me, the best part of the meeting was the comradery between the chapters. Our chapter and Bay Area are going to work to present a bid to host the annual state meeting next year. In the mean time, we will be hosting the *quarterly state meeting July 19 and 20*. Watch for details of that weekend because it is a time to show our hospitality!

Now that we have our rodeo date, please plan on attending the next **Chapter meeting** to discuss what needs to be done and to show you support for the event. Bring friends that may be interested in helping. Even if they are not members (we'll get 'em later), we are going to need a lot of volunteers and community support. Be at the **Townhouse**, upstairs on **June 10**.

Believe it or not, it is also time for *elections in July*. Nominations are open and may be left by phone at 451-9439 or will be taken at the June meeting. All nominations must be accepted by nominee in writing or in person.

Hopefully you will have joined us the Bay Area Chapter Rodeo in San Jose on May 30, 31, and June 1. I am sure there will be more stories of which legends are made to report in the next newsletter. It makes for better reading!!

• CALENDAR

- **June 10** - Chapter Meeting at Townhouse (21St. between O St. and P St., 7:30)
- **June 14** - Lambda Freedom Fair
- **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 15, Chapter Meeting** - This will be **chapter elections**. We will have food and beverages provided so you don't have to worry about fixing dinner.
- **July 19** - Quarterly state meeting of GSGRA, hosted by Capital Crossroads. Details in the next newsletter.
- **July 24 to 27** - IGRA annual convention in Salt Lake City.
- **August 12, Chapter Meeting** - 7:30, place to be announced.
- **August** - Casino Night at the Townhouse. This will run Friday and Saturday.

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 *10th of each month*. He may be reached at 916-456-5917. The newsletter is then approved at the chapter meeting each month.

TIDBITS

Our condolences to **Van Boeck**, whose father passed away last week.

Thanks to the Bay Area Chapter for a good party (and fund raiser for their rodeo) on Saturday, May 17. I am sure that there are some good stories out there for tidbits next time.

Bay Area Chapter



7th Regional Rodeo
Information Hotline: (415) 985-5200

June 5-7, 1998

"COWBOY UPI"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/29 1997 San Francisco Pride Parade "One Community, Many Faces"
Come out and support our chapter parade float and beverage booth at the festival!



7/12-13 Cowboy Camp Western Weekend, *Columbia, CA, (sierra foothills)*

9/5-7 "Indian Summer" Weekend campout on the cliffs by the ocean.
@New Brighton State Beach, Capitola, CA

** Chapter Meetings: 3rd Thursday of Each Month @ Hyatt 7:30 p.m.

Special Thanks
to everyone who helped make our
1997 Rodeo a HUGE SUCCESS!



"THE DIRT PILE!"

(due to pre-rodeo publication,
please wait for the next issue which will
cover all the dirty events of the
rodeo weekend!)

CONGRATULATIONS

to our new representatives to the State Board of Directors from BAC:
Chris Caufield, Tom McGovern, David L. Carver, Brad Roberts

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CAMPING WITH US THIS SUMMER?

Call the hotline and reserve you campsite now!

We have a great trip planned for July; camping in the mountains,
and in September we will be camping on the beautiful cliffs above
the beach at Capitola.

(the campsite co\$t and some food will be paid for by the chapter....now you have no excuse.)



WE NEED YOUR HELP BUILDING OUR E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST!!

If you have an E-Mail address or are on a distribution list,
please let us know and share with us to help publicize events!



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CONTESTANT ALERT!!!!

New Rules Regarding Horses

The following was adopted by the Board of Directors of I.G.R.A. and is effective immediately. The entire issue will be re-examined at the I.G.R.A. convention in Salt Lake City at the end of July at which time we will have the opportunity to change it and/or rejected it. If there is anything here that concerns you, the California delegates to the convention need to know. Put your concerns in writing and mail them to us, tell us what should stay and what should go. We will make sure that all the delegates get copies of all the letters we receive.

This is your chance to be heard. If this affects you, speak up now. Our delegates cannot properly represent you unless they know how you feel about this. Make sure that you include your name and an evening telephone number so that the delegates can call you for more input if they still have questions.

Mail your comments to: G.S.G.R.A.
 4226 East 15th Street
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Inhumane Treatment

- A. Inhumane Manner of Treatment. No person on show/rodeo grounds, including but not limited to, barns, stalls, parking area and show/rodeo arena, may treat a horse/animal in an inhumane manner, which includes, but is not limited to:
1. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undo discomfort or distress;
 2. Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undo discomfort or distress; or
 3. Letting blood from a horse/animal.
- B. Immediate Report by Rodeo/Show Management/Officials. Upon being informed or discovering any inhumane treatment, Rodeo/Show/Management/Officials shall immediately report the matter to IGRA.
- C. Accepted Standard of Conduct Measurement. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured, is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine/animal training and riding/exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane. (NOTE: Cross reference infraction - to IGRA rules - code of ethics and disqualification).

Surgical Procedures

- A. Procedures Affecting Performance or Natural Confirmation. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug which could affect the horse's performance or alter it's natural confirmation or appearance, is prohibited, except for those procedures performed for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. (NOTE: Cross reference to IGRA rules, code of ethics and disqualification rules).

Drugs and Medication

- A. Prohibited Substance. A horse shall not be entered/shown in any event/class of an IGRA associated rodeo/event, if the animal has been administered in any manner, a prohibited substance.

A prohibited substance is defined as any stimulant (Example: Epinephrine), depressant (example: Demeral), tranquilizer (example: Acepromazine) or local anesthetic (example: Procaine), which may affect the performance of a horse, or any drug classified as a steroid. Also prohibited, are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which may interfere with the detection of the aforementioned drugs. Such drugs are masking drugs. Some examples of masking drugs are:

- *Polyethyleneglycol
- *Thiamine
- *Dipyrone
- *Furosamide and other potent diuretics
- *Sulfa drugs
- *Benzimidazole Anthelmintics (wormer)
- *Isoxsuprine

- B. Drugs or Medication. Drugs or medication which does not come within the definition of prohibited substances are permitted. Some examples of permitted drugs or medication are:

- *Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, except dipyrone
- *Nutrients, vitamins, minerals and electrolytes, provided they do not contain any forbidden substance
- *Naturally occurring substances, provided they do not contain any forbidden substance
- *Some miscellaneous substances, provided they do not contain any forbidden substances. Example: Dimethyl, Sulfoxide, Griseofalvin and Diethylcarbazine are permitted.

- C. Caution Against Medicinal Preparations. The use of medicinal preparations and tonics of any kind in which the ingredients and quantitative analysis are not specially known, is also cautioned against, as the use of such may result in a positive analysis of the specimen taken from the horse.

D. **Responsible Parties.** All owners, trainers and exhibitors are accountable for the condition of any horse they enter or allow to be entered in any IGRA sponsored or approved event. Such persons are hereafter referred to as "responsible parties".

By voluntarily entering a horse in an IGRA approved or sponsored event, the responsible parties are presumed to know all rules and regulations of the Association. Based on their accountability of their horse's condition, all responsible parties are subject to disciplinary action any time a prohibited substance is detected at an IGRA approved or sponsored event, regardless of the reason the prohibited substance has been administered, and whether or not the responsible parties had actual knowledge of the administration or presence of the prohibited substance.

E. **Involved Parties.** In addition to the "responsible parties", as that term is used in this rule, any person who administers, aids in the administration, causes to be administered or conspires in the administration of any prohibited substance, shall be subject to disciplinary action. Such persons are hereafter referred to as "involved parties".

F. **Testing by IGRA or State/Provincial Government.** All drug testing of IGRA sanctioned rodeos/events, will be done under the direction of IGRA Officials, unless the rodeo/event is being held in a state or province whose government has established drug testing procedures.

G. **Laboratory Integrity.** It shall be presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it was sent, is the one taken from the horse in question, that its integrity has been preserved and that all of the procedures of the collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory, analysis of the sample and report received from the laboratory pertaining to the horse in question are presumed to be accurate and correct reflections of the condition of the horse during the rodeo/event in which the horse was entered. The burden shall be on the "responsible" or "involved" parties to rebut the aforesaid presumptions in a hearing conducted by the EPRB.

H. **Request For Specimen.** A request by the IGRA representative or its designee to take a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance for testing, shall not be refused by any person. Refusal to comply with such a request, shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the horse and rider from further participation in rodeo/event and shall be considered a positive test for purposes of this rule. Artificial induction of urination is at the option of the owner/agent.

I. **Cooperation With IGRA Representative.** Cooperation with the IGRA approved veterinarian and/or their agents and/or Association representative, shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Taking the animal immediately to the location selected by the appointed veterinarian and/or their agents for testing the horse and present it for testing and presenting the registration certificate or a photocopy for the veterinarian's report.

2. Assist the veterinarian and/or their agent in procuring the sample promptly, including, but not limited to, removing equipment from the horse, leaving it quietly in the stall and avoiding distractions to it. Schooling, lengthy cooling out, bandaging and other delays of this type, may be construed as non-cooperation.
3. Polite attitude and actions to the veterinarian and/or their agents and/or Association representative.
4. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a refusal.

J. **Horses Subject To Examination.** Horses in competition at IGRA sanctioned/approved rodeos/events are subject to examination by a licensed veterinarian or an Association representative who must be approved by the IGRA. The examination may include positive identification, physical, saliva, urine, blood tests, or other tests or procedures at discretion of said licensed veterinarian necessary to effectuate the purposes of this rule. Said veterinarian may examine any or all horses in the event/class in a rodeo/event, or any horse entered in a rodeo/event, whether in competition or not, or any horse scratched or withdrawn or which simply fails to appear for competition, by any other exhibitor within 24 hours prior to the rodeo/event for which it has been entered. A horse which has been withdrawn from competition may be administered a prohibited substance provided the prohibited substance is declared to show rodeo/event officials prior to a requested drug testing.

K. **Requesting Testing.** At any IGRA sanctioned or approved rodeo/event, a request for testing, may be made by:

1. IGRA/Rodeo Officials (cost to be paid by IGRA)
2. Other competitors (cost to be paid by the requesting competitor when test is at their request)
3. Interested individuals (cost to be paid by the interested individuals when test is at their request)

Upon notification of a positive drug test, all "responsible parties/involved parties" will be placed on suspension for the rodeo year, denied all privileges of IGRA and become subject to the following penalties:

1. Charged a \$200.00 restitution fee
2. Post a \$500.00 bond in the form of a Certified Check (or money order if they wish) to protest the findings before EPRB.
3. Forfeiture and reimbursement of any awards, monies, points earned for the rodeo year.
4. Fines as decided by the EPRB.

Finals Rodeo -- Automatic testing of top 2 horses in all speed events

1. Cost to be paid by IGRA
2. Refer to above paragraph if positive tests results with an additional year of suspension from IGRA.

Any restitution failure shall be grounds for "responsible parties" continued suspension until settled in full.



LANews

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

New board members are elected

The chapter's 1997-98 board is in place after elections were held at the May meeting.

The lineup is: President, David Medzerian; Administrative Vice President, Joe Olney; Vice President for Rodeo Operations, Mike DeYonker; Treasurer: Nils Peterson; and Secretary: Jim Hoffman.

Congratulations to everyone! Now get to work.

But first, a special word of thanks to all of the nominees, to the 28 members who attended the election

WANTED: COMMITTEE CHAIRS

With a new board comes a perfect opportunity to look at all our committees. This year, we'd like to avoid having so many committees of one (over-worked) person. We'll be discussing committees at the June 7 meeting, but: Is there one that you'd like to work with? If so, let David Medzerian know (by phone or E-mail) as soon as possible.

meeting (a recent record!), and a very special thank you to Vern Brooks for all of his hard work and dedication as the chapter's 1996-97 secretary.

Plan now: July 19 is next trail ride

Sue Downing and Connie Risch have planned another GSGRA-LA trail ride from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Osborne Riding Stables. Cost is \$20-25.

If you're planning to attend, RSVP ASAP to (714) 828-3438 — there are only 15 rental horses available!

Afterward, a barbecue will be held at the Rawhide in North Hollywood. (Barbecue price is still to be determined, but GSGRA-LA members get free cover at the bar with your membership card.)

In the planning stages: An evening bonfire at Bolsa Chica State Beach...

Special election June 7 to select new State Board alternate

Remember, we'll be holding a Special Election at the chapter's June 7 meeting to choose a new alternate State Board representative.

Nominations will be taken from the floor; nomi-

nees must be present to accept, or have indicated in writing beforehand that they'll accept nomination.

The alternate should plan to attend the state board's quarterly meetings, begin-

ning with the July 19-20 meeting in Sacramento.

The chapter meeting with special election is at 10 a.m. June 7 at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles.



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Alternates
Open

COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Is there a committee you'd enjoy serving on, as a chairman or as a member? If so, call David Medzerian and let him know — and starting with the June chapter meeting, be ready to work!

Make a note that the June meeting is in L.A. and the July meeting is in Long Beach (some earlier calendars may have had different locations).

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6/1 Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose	2	3	4	5	6	6/7 Chapter meeting, Los Angeles
6/8	9	Be sure to attend the great Bay Area rodeo!				14
6/15	16	17	18	19	20	6/21 L.A. pride festival
6/22 L.A. pride parade and festival	GSGRA-LA has been invited again to serve as mounted color guard for the L.A. parade. If you'd like to bring your horse and ride, call David Smith at (213) 953-9171 or Sunnie Rose at (805) 245-9653.				27	6/28 IGRA Calgary and Omaha rodeos
6/29 IGRA Calgary and Omaha rodeos	We'll have a small float, too — Be at the BofA parking lot at 9 a.m. to take part!				4	7/5 Chapter meeting, Long Beach
7/6	(And thanks to everyone from around the state — and beyond — who joined us in Long Beach!)				11	7/12 IGRA Minneapolis/St. Paul rodeo

CHAPTER MEETINGS

10 A.M. SAT., JUNE 7 (WITH SPECIAL ELECTION), at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, L.A.

10 A.M. SAT., JULY 5, at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach

1997 GSGRA STATE DANCE COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

IGRA-QUALIFYING STATE COMPETITION

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Each couple is eligible to compete at IGRA Finals Competition at the IGRA Convention in Salt Lake City during the last weekend of July.

Thanks and congratulations to the couples who competed in the new West Coast Swing dance competition. Their dancing was enjoyable to watch, and their excitement as first-time contestants was refreshing.

GSGRA WEST COAST SWING COMPETITION

1ST PLACE	<i>Daniel Gonyea & Chiara Manodori</i>
2ND PLACE	<i>Sharon Warner & Liz Yager</i>
3RD PLACE	<i>Adrienne Sainten & Pan Haskins</i>

Thank you to the judges for the 1997 GSGRA State Dance Competition:

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ARGRA have given notice that they will be using cows not steers this year for steer riding only and also that they are providing \$300.00 to the purse in the rough stock events for both men and women.

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