



THE OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF

The 1998 Don't miss out on a night of GSGRA fund Mr. Miss & Ms.



GSGRA contest

Saturday night, Nov. 1 at the Rawhide, North Hollywood

Join your rodeo friends and some of your favorite former royalty, and see who'll be our 1998 representatives!

LOTS OF FUN - AND LOTS OF OPEN DANCING, TOO!

LAST CALL FOR CONTESTANTS: Applications must be postmarked by Oct. 2 — no exceptions! To get an entry form and rules, contact GSGRA Administrative Vice President Steve Creber by E-mail at **screber@usa.net** or by phone at **(562) 439-1066** (be sure to leave a complete address!).

STATE BOARD MEETING AND ROYALTY CONTEST - NOV. 1 IN BURBANK

Make a weekend of it!

The Burbank Airport Hilton is our host hotel for this special weekend — with low GSGRA rates. The board meeting is at the Hilton, the contest is at the Rawhide nearby, and West Hollywood's Halloween festivities are just minutes away! So call the Hilton at **818 843-6000**, and be sure to mention "IGRA California Rodeo Board" to get the best rates!

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THANK YOU

As this newsletter goes to We here at press. G.S.G.R.A.-San Diego Chapter, would like to take a moment to thank all the staff, officials, and most of all the hard working volunteers. Those individuals that help put on the Rodeo each year. Long hours, no pay, but knowing that they help in some way put Rodeo97 on the books. Lets also remember to thank our Rodeo97 sponsors, Park Center for Health, In Memory of Bryan Marshall, Update, Payne Williams, Mark Loeffler. American Airlines, In Memory of Roger Jarboe, In Memory of Kelly Haima, Charlies Den/Chi/Phx, GSGRA State, Life Benefactors, Kings Western Wear, LA Rodeo 98, David Pickle, John Kramer, Ripples, Long Beach, Kickers Cloggers, Girth&Mirth of San Diego, Imperial Court of

Los Angeles Inc, Kickers/ Hamburger Mary's, Gay & Lesbian Times, Cloud Nine Shuttle, and Jessops Jewelers.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the Nov Meeting. All members are encourage to attend this meeting. Contact Michael Taylor if you would like to be nominated for an office, or if you would like to on the nominating committee. We will also take nominations from the floor. This also a good time to learn more about our chapter and to start planning for Rodeo98. The Penn Pese cans are finally done!!!!! Look for them at your local b u s i n e s s establishments. Thanks to Mike Sheehan, Paul Fox and Don Teeter for their assistance. Look in the upcoming newsletter for a list of where you can find The Penny Posse Cans.

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COMMUNITY OUT

REACH

CHAPTER DINNER

This year the Chapter dinner will be held at the Bayou Bar and Grill. On Nov 15 1997, No host cocktails from 6:00 PM to 7:00pm Dinner at 7:00pm we had the dinner there last year, and had great time, so back we go. See J.J for details.

GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER EVENTS - OCT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 7:pm Membership	2	3	4
5	6	7pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 7pm Roundtable	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Dates for November Nov 5-General Membership Nov 15-Chapter dinner

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From our L.A. chapter membership chair...

Iwould like to take this time to introduce myself. I'm Ruth Hilderbrandt (a.k.a. "Mom"); I'm your new membership chair for the chapter, and Kevin Weeks is assisting me.

We do have some surprises for you during the year, and each one of you will be hearing from me.

But I also want to hear from you. I would like you

to call me if one of our chapter members is hospitalized, or for any happy occasion such as new additions to the family unit, a "Holy Union" or any other special occasion in your life.

If you have any questions that I may be able to help with, please call me at (310) 539-2187.

MEMBER UPDATE: We would like to let you know that one of our members, Roy Benavidez, broke his back in a diving accident. He will be bed-bound for about three to four months. How about dropping him a card or note — to 10937 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, Ca. 91601 — or give his partner, Stevan Bailey, a call and leave a message at (818) 760-9798. Best wishes to you, Roy; get well soon!

Advertisement Attention GSGRA members ... order your Show your pride in GSGRA - or just your fabulous taste in accessories by sporting one of these great new hatpins. Proceeds (if any!) benefit GSGRA **ORDER BY MAIL!** Number of pins @ \$6 each* = Send check payable to "GSGRA" Your name Address ZIP City, State_ Send order form and check (no cash!) to: **GSGRA** Merchandise * Price includes c/o David Medzerian shipping and applicable taxes, 250 Pacific Ave., No. 315 Long Beach, Calif. 90802 if any

CAPITAL CROSSROADS RODEO

GYMKAHANA PLAYDAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1997

AT THE SACRAMENTO HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION ARENA 3200 LONGVIEW DRIVE, NORTH HIGHLANDS (OFF I-80 AND WATT AVENUE) PHONE (916)-451-9439

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

KIDS (UNDER 12) ARE \$2.00 EACH CATEGORY JUNIOR EVENTS (12 TO 18) ARE \$4.00 EACH CATEGORY SENIOR EVENTS (19 AND ABOVE) ARE \$6.00 EACH CATEGORY AND ALL MORNING CLASSES ARE \$3.00 EACH

MORNING CLASSES INCLUDE: BASIC HORSE HANDLING, GROOMING, BRIDELING, WALKING, TROTTING, CANTORING, HOW TO CORRECTLY SADDLE AND MOUNT THE HORSE, AS WELL AS BASIC RIDING LESSONS.

AFTERNOON DELIGHTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

**POLE BENDING FOR KIDS, JUNIOR AND SENIOR CATAGORIES **FLAG RACES FOR KIDS, JUNIOR AND SENIOR CATAGORIES **WALK, TROT, & CANTOR FOR KIDS, JUNIORS AND SENIORS

CAMPY EVENTS SUCH AS:

GOAT DRESSING -- EGG RACES -- ROLLA CALF -- MUSICAL TIRES

WE FINISH THE DAY UP WITH OUR FAMOUS BARRELL RACES FOR KIDS, JUNIORS AND SENIOR CATAGORIES!

FOLLOWING THE END OF THE DAY THERE WILL BE AWARDS AND A CHICKEN BBQ AVALIABLE FOR ALL WHO WISH TO PARTAKE! PRICES ARE \$4.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$8.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS, AND IF YOU ENTER 6 OR MORE EVENTS THE BBQ IS FREE.



Rodeo VP Mike DeYonker has put together a schedule of twice-monthly rodeo committee meetings.

These meetings will work like our coffee klatches from last year. The extra time and energy will ensure that Rodeo '98 is our best ever.

Make a note of these meetings on your calendar (and don't forget to try to come to the important chapter meetings each month, too!). RODEO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL START AT 2 PM

Sunday, Oct. 5 at Paul Thompson's, 4903 Laurel Grove Ave, N. Hwd. Sunday, Oct. 19 at Sue Downing and Connie Risch's, 4656 Larwin Ave., Cypress Sunday, Nov. 2, site TBA Sunday, Nov. 16, site TBA Sunday, Dec. 7, site TBA Sunday, Dec. 21 at Mike DeYonker and James Rose's, 15633 Horace St., Granada Hills Sunday, Jan. 11, site TBA Sunday, Jan. 25, site TBA Sunday, Feb. 1, site TBA Sunday, Feb. 15, site TBA Sunday, March 1, site TBA Sunday, March 29, site TBA

Important new committees created

At the September chapter meeting, membership created two important new committees to help work on the chapter's finances. (As you may know, some former members have left some of our records incomplete — or missing altogether.) One of the new commit-

tees — we'll call it the

Records Committee for now — will work on rebuilding the chapter's missing records from years past. The other we'll call it the Tax Committee — will focus on determining and resolving the chapter's tax situation. If you're interested in help-

ing with either, contact David Medzerian right away!

Election Oct. 11

The state board has agreed to allow chapters to select a second alternate representative to the state board. We'll hold a special election

We'll hold a special election Oct. 11 to choose this second alternate. Nominations will be from the floor; you must be present to accept nomination, or indicate your acceptance in writing beforehand.

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 each month. The GSGRA-L.A. logo, "L.A. Rodeo" logo, rodeo poster, newsletter and web site are Copyright 1997 GSGRA-L.A. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Oct. 3-5 Atlantic Stampede, D.C.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.	RODEO COMMITTEE meeting at Paul Thompson's, 4903 Laurel					
	Grove Ave, N. Hwd.					
aturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.	CHAPTER MEETING at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach					
Sunday, Oct. 12 3-8 p.m.	Beer and Beverage bust to benefit Guy Johnson, Mr. GSGRA, at the Fault Line, Silver Lake					
Sunday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.	RODEO COMMITTEE meeting at Sue Downing and Connie Risch's, 4656 Larwin Ave., Cypress					
Oct. 23-26	IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix					
Monday, Oct. 27 9 p.m.						
	NOVEMBER					
Saturday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.	Mr./Miss/Ms. GSGRA competition at the Rawhide, North Hollywood					
Saturday, Nov. 1	GSGRA State Board meeting, Burbank Airport Hilton					
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.	RODEO COMMITTEE meeting, site TBA					
Nov. 7-9	TGRA Rodeo, Houston					
Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.	CHAPTER MEETING at the Center, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles					
Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m.	RODEO COMMITTEE meeting, site TBA					
	DECEMBER					
Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.	CHAPTER MEETING at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach					
Sunday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m.	RODEO COMMITTEE meeting, site TBA					
aturday, Dec. 13	Tentative date, GLAC holiday party					



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Newsletter

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CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER - SACRAMENTO VOLUME X OCTOBER 1997

C. C. CHAT NEWSLETTER

Well hello this month to all of you in the chapter. We had had a quiet month again for a change, and not much to report. There are a few changes to the calendar for the next few months, so please take note. Casino night at Faces netted the chapter about \$ 200.00. Yea, and thanks to Sammy for all of his hard work. Thanks to the chapter members who helped out as well. Devon, C.J., Kim, and Brandy Watters for all dealing the cards.

Remember, the monthly calendar stands as usual, and the chapter meeting for the month of October is to be held at Joseph's Town and Country Bar and Restaurant upstairs in the club at 7: 30 p. m. Were on the subject of name tags and I. D. 's again, and if you do not have one or the other, please call Ms. Alex Murray-Waller at (916)-685-6293. Remember, that she is now in charge of the membership aspect of the chapter. Also, A GREAT BIG THANK'S to all of the members who have re-newed their memberships for another year!! Also, thanks to all of the new members we have gotten to come on board Thanks for all the support.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Mark Marshall

Due to our illustrious leader being on vacation for three weeks now, we are unable to bring you the "famous" president's corner! Stay tuned for the November newsletter, as Mr. Mark Marshall will have plenty to tell ya all upon his and his boyfriend's return.

CALENDAR:

September 26/27/28–San Diego Rodeo This is a restricted rodeo and contestant deadline is July 25. For further info call (619)-298-4708) for further info.

October 3/4/5—Atlantic Stampede in Washington D.C. for info call (202)-298-0928 Registration deadline is September 19.

October 11 1997-----CAPITALCROSSROADS PRESENTS GYMKAHANA

PLAYDAY'97 at the Sacramento Horseman's Areana. I'm heading the one event up this year. I DO NEED HELP with volunteers. At the present time Herb Smith, Lynn Daughtery, and Clark are helping out. My other half Van will be grillin the burgers he needs help too! Call me at (916)-456-5917 to volunteer. There is a flyer out locally here in Sacramento. Please see the newsletter flyer for further info.

October 14—Chapter meeting at 7:30 p.m. Joseph's Town and Country. Upstairs in the cabaret area. All members are ENCOURGED to attend, as well as PROSPECTIVE new members!!!!!!!!

October 23/24/25/26--Phoenix AZ. 11th annual IGRA Finals Rodeo for further info call (602)-265-0618. By invitation only watch your mail for details and info.

November 11-Chapter meeting TBA (Veteran's Day)

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 items placed in the monthly C.C. Rodeo newsletter has to be to Brian Koeber by the 10th of each month. The newsletter is then approved at the chapter meeting each month. His phone number is (916)-456-5917.

TIDBITS:

We would like to stress to you that your involvement and or participation in volunteering to assist us in the 1998 up and coming C.C. Rodeo, is very important. WE DO NEED TO KNOW AND HEAR FROM YOU THE MEMBERS. At the October meeting We will be discussing the upcoming rodeo and the activities to become involved in.

We would also again, like to stress the importance of attending meetings, or coming to functions. Ladies, and Gentlemen, it's basically "crunch" time as the rodeo date has been set for August of 1998! We appreciate and value all information and feedback.

If you have a "special" event you want us to know of please let us know so that we can tell the world of it.

My other half Van celebrated his BIG 33 years on September 12. Happy Birthday to my cub scout! From the Sky Cowboy!!!!!!

Our Treasurer Bill and his other half Gerado, are celebrating their 10 year anniversary on September 26.

Gerado Boccara has a birthday one September 25. He's an OVER 30 something guy.

Nina Bradeen our Events person is celebrating her 30-ish something birthday on September 27.

COWBOY QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

Never lie unless you have to, stick to the TRUTH!

and if you don't have a damn good lie,

WELL YA ALL, THATS IT FOR THE MONTH, SEE YOU NEXT TIME AROUND! REGARDS, Brian

BAY AREA CHAPTER



Chapter Elections

The new officers for the 1997-98 GSGRA-BAC were elected at the August chapter meeting. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and shared their views. The lucky souls are:

President.....Doug Graff VP Administration...Greg Harvey Secretary.....David (Boomer) Polette

Treasurer.....Bill Gorman VP Rodeo Operations....Phil Colwell

If you see these folks out and about, please be sure to congratulate them!

Up & Coming Events

Castro Street Fair 10/5

The BAC will have a booth at the Castro Strret Fair this year. You can have your picture taken with the gorgeous Miss BAC herself, Sheba or with the cowboy stud to die for, <....>. You'll also have the chance to try your ropin' skills with <....>. See y'all there!

BINGO!

The BAC's BINGO committee has been working hard to organize a weekly BINGO fundraiser. We'll be holding the games every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the San Jose Airport Hyatt, in the Governor's Room. The kickoff is currently scheduled for 10/1. Come join us for a great way to pick up your midweek and be sure to spread the word!



7th Regional Rodeo, June 5-7, 1998

On Going Events

Horseback Riding

We have a lot of members who like to go out riding and we periodically arrange group outings around the Bay Area. If y'all are interested, call the hotline and let us know! We'll get back to you with the latest scheduled rides.

Dancing

At Hamburger Mary's in San Jose, Tuesdays and Sundays and the Rawhide II in San Francisco on Saturday. You'll just about always find several BAC members kickin' up their heels at these great dance bars. Hamburger Mary's has started their "Country Club", with renewed dedication to country dance (special thanks to Hal Moss and B.A.G.L.) and rumor has it that the Rawhide II will soon be opening their expansion, an improvement we're all looking forward to!

Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m

The October chapter meeting will be held on 10/16, at our chapter president's home at 3551 Shafer Drive, in Santa Clara.



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GUY JOHNSON IGRA FINALS RODEO SEND-OFF

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MR. GSGRA '97' Invites you to party till the cows cum home @ the Faultline Sunday Beer/Soda Bust October 12, 3pm-8pm

4216 Melrose (at Vermont) Bust \$6

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IGRA to raffle off Mexican cruise Ticket sales benefit member associations including GSGRA!

From your GSGRA trustee:

Here's a great opportunity for us to make easy money for GSGRA — and help our community too!

(A big plus for us: Because the prize doesn't include airfare to L.A., folks from other states might hesitate to buy tickets. That will improve the odds for us here in California — and we can get to L.A. cheaply.)

By now, all chapters should have their allocation of **IGRA is pleased to announce a raffle** being conducted to benefit IGRA, local IGRA member associations, local charities and the Human Rights Fund Foundation. The prize being raffled is a cruise for two from Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera, March 15-22, 1998.

This wonderful prize aboard an RSVP Travel Productions tour has been generously donated by Deb Croom and The Travel Company. RSVP is well known in the gay/lesbian community for tours and cruises that offer high-quality vacation opportunities for the gay and lesbian traveler.

The tour prize includes an outside cabin for two on the cruise. Expenses not included are the port charges gratuities and the travel to and from Los Angeles. The Mexican Riviera cruise from March 15-22, 1998, will begin in L.A. and make stops in Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas. The prize is valued at \$2,590!

Raffle tickets are available at \$5 each. The proceeds of the ticket sales will be distributed as follows:

• \$1.00 to benefit the Humans Rights Fund Foundation.

\$2.00 to benefit the IGRA operating account.

\$1.00 to GSGRA (or whatever association you buy your ticket from).

 \$1.00 to benefit a local charity chosen by GSGRA (or whatever association your buy your ticket from).

The drawing for the winner will be held Jan. 18, 1998, at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix.

tickets. Check with your chapter president, grab a few books and let's start selling! — David Medzerian



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