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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

For the 14th time — Let's Rodeo!

an it be time already? Yes — the 14th Cannual L.A. Rodeo is just days away. In case you forgot, this year's rodeo will be April 17-19.

Nearly all of the advance work has been completed, but there are a few spots where a hand is always welcome. Paul Thompson will be happy to put you to work as a volunteer; there are still good shifts available. Give him a call at (818) 760-6633.

Again this year, our hotel party will feature non-stop dancing to Southern

California's best deejays in the main ballroom on Friday and Saturday night. Also on Saturday night, your favorite entertainers and dance groups will perform in the separate entertainment room. It will be a great time! And don't forget the awards party on Sunday, too.

Our rodeo has grown to be one of the largest and most popular on the entire IGRA circuit, and it's because of you: our volunteers, chairpeople, contestants and members. Thanks in advance. Now, let's rodeo!

Special events planned leading up to the rodeo

number of special events are planned in A the days leading up to the rodeo. Everyone, try to hit as many as you can:

► A beer bust is planned Sunday afternoon April 5 at Pistons in Long Beach. (Thanks, Mark Jensen!)

► Rodeo kickoff parties will be Friday night April 10 at the Rawhide and at Oil Can Harry's. (Thanks, David Smith!)

► The chapter will have a featured place at Chuck Wagon '98, a fund-raiser for the Long Beach AIDS Food Store, at the Pyramid on the Long Beach State campus.

Previews scheduled for long-awaited rodeo film

Insung Cowboy," the long-awaited film about gay rodeo by Jeremy Simmons, will be previewed twice in April. Jeremy, you may remember, filmed at a number of our IGRA rodeos, and the film, we are told, features our very own Jeannine Tuttle.

The previews will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Norris Theatre on the USC

Keep in mind that reservations are required; call (213) 740-1153 to reserve your place to see this special film.

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. In The GSGRA-L.A. logo, "L.A. Rodeo" logo, rodeo poster, newsletter and web site are Copyright 1998 GSGRA-L.A. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.





GSGRA GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

DAVID MEDZERIAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

DEAR FELLOW CHAPTER MEMBERS:

I'm dispensing with the usual upbeat tone of the newsletter to pass along some important information. Some false rumors are being circulated about our organization, and I want you to know the real facts:

- 1. We are a non-profit organization but are not a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Someday we'd like to be a 501(c)3 charitable organization (they're tax-exempt), so in the early 1990s a chapter bylaw was written that permits us to only do things that a 501(c)3 organization can do. This will make it easier for us, someday, to become a 501(c)3 group. But we're not one now, never have been and never claimed to be one.
- 2. The chapter's finances are in the best order they've been in years. Our treasurer Nils Peterson (who was re-elected to the position last year unanimously and unopposed) has all the financial data up-to-date on the chapter computer, and (sorry Nils) he's so tight with the cash nobody could get away with anything even if they tried.

One of Nils' challenges has been that previous treasurers didn't always leave complete records; this is one of the unfortunate realities of a volunteer organization. There are places in old rodeo records where figures are incomplete, but it's been impossible to tell if it's just bad record-keeping — or something worse. You can be sure that if the facts ever point to anything unsavory, the chapter would surely pursue the culprits; we'd be fools not to!

3. Some years we can afford to give community grants; some years we can't. After the 1996 rodeo, for instance, membership decided we couldn't afford grants (remember, we were facing a move to Hansen Dam and unknown new costs). And a year earlier, taxes ate deeply into our proceeds. But after last year's rodeo, we distributed nearly \$2,500 to community groups including the Long Beach Pool League and Homestead Hospice, and hope we'll be able to do even more this year.

Like everything else we do, these grant decisions were made by the entire membership during meetings that are always open to the public. (Remember, among our committee chairs are a few members of Southern California police departments. I can't imagine they'd put their entire careers at risk by taking such an active part in an organization unless it was completely above board.)

4. Our chapter wants everyone to take part. Not all of our 150 members attend the monthly chapter meetings, and that's OK; meetings aren't everybody's cup of tea. But those who do attend know that we're always happy to see new faces — and eagerly let

It's hard to determine where these lies come from, and it's especially unfortunate that they are suddenly appearing when our rodeo is days away. But I wanted to clear the air so we can concentrate on rodeo. Call me at (562) 436-1810 if you have any questions at all.

Remember, if you want to see things change, please think about running for a chapter office in June. And in the meantime, let's get on with why we're here: to rodeo!

Your friend, David

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29, RODEO COMMITTEE meeting at 2 p.m. Rick Dominguez's, Sylmar

A P R 1 L

Saturday, April 4, CHAPTER MEETING at the Center, 10 a.m. 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach

Saturday, April 4,
3:30 p.m.

"Unsung Cowboy" by Jeremy
Simmons, featuring Jeannine
Tuttle, at USC's Norris Theatre.
Reservations required; call Call
(213) 740-1153.

Sunday, April 5 BEER BUST at Pistons, Long Beach

Tuesday, April 7, Preview of "Unsung Cowboy" (see 7:30 p.m. details above)

Friday, April 10 Chuck Wagon fund-raiser for the Long Beach AIDS Food Store, at the Pyramid, Long Beach

Friday, April 10 Rodeo kickoff parties at the Rawhide and Oil Can Harry's

Sunday, April 12, RODEO COMMITTEE meeting (if 2 p.m. needed) at Mike DeYonker and James Rose's, Granada Hills

APRIL 17-19 L.A. RODEO '98

April 24-26 Rodeo in the Rock, Little Rock, Ark.

MAY

Saturday, May 2, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 10 a.m. 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., L.A.

May 9-10 GSGRA state convention, Laughlin, Nev.

May 22-24 Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Oklahoma City

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June 5-7 Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose



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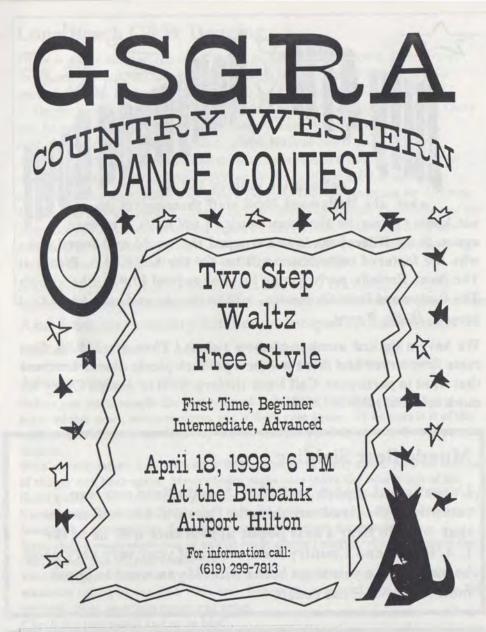
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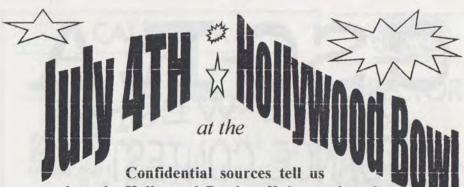
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San Diego Special Election

On May 6th there will be a special election for the position of Vice President of Rodeo Opperations. For more information call the rodeo hotline (619)298-4708.

Got teeth?.....



what the Hollywood Bowl staff themsaelves do not know (or maybe that was wouldn't tell us!!). Yes once again, Scott Hilderbrandt has scooped the world and found out who the featured entertainer will be for the G.S.G.R.A. Picnic at The Bowl. Freinds, perfvorming just fior us (and 17,970 others) with The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, will be the one and only Angel Girl herself, Della Reese.

We have a limited number of show tickets./ They are \$10.00, first come first served and there will be a pot luck picnic dinner for those that want to participate. Call Ruth Hilderbrandt or Joseph Olney for more info (562)498-1675 x 888.

Mundo Bear Sighting.....

Unconfirmed reports state that Mundo Bear was seen recently at the Academy awards. Fans will know of course that Mundo Bear's next public appearance will be at the L.A. Rodeo and Country Fair, where, if your very very good he may choose you to go home with. If you want to know more, see you at the rodeo.

Got teeth?..... and wanna keep them!!!!

Long Beach C&W Dancing

There is a new exciting country western monthly event in town, "Country at the Beach." Every first Sunday of the month (Except April) there will be a special Country Western party beer bust held at Live Bait, located at 6251 E. Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach with plenty of onsite parking. There will be fabulous door prizes for all, country western dance instruction, real western barbecue and fantastic entertainment and a great Country Western DJ that knows how to keep our Cowboys and Cowgirls hopping on two dance floors totaling nearly 500 sq. ft. You will not want to miss this monthly fund-raiser which will benefit the food voucher program for Helping Hands and Lights Camera, Linear, Action!, the 16th Annual Convention of the International Association of Gay Square Dance clubs. Come and meet new friends or a new dance partner. For more information on the hottest new event in town, please call 562/425-0706 or 818/762-2865.

Schedule: April 12, May 3, June 7, July5, and every 1st Sunday thereafter.

And from our country kitchen, a recipe for Rum Cake:

1 or 2 quarts of Rum 1 c. butter 1 ts 1 c dried fruit 1 tsp soda lem

1 tsp sugar lemon juice 2 lg eggs brown sugar

baking powder nuts

Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. Now go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check rum again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup of rum into glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat.

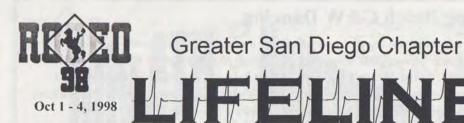
With electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add on seaspoon of thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure thata the rum is still of the finest quality. Try another cup. Open the second quarat if necessary. Add 1 arge leggs, 2 cups fired druit and beat til high. If druit get stuck in beater, just pry it loose with a drewscriver. Sample the rum again, check for tonscicticity.

Next, shift 3 cusps of peppar or salt (it really doesn't matter which). Sample the rum again. Sift 1/2 pint lemon juice.

Fold in chipped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thrgar, or whatever color you can find. Wix mel. Grease the oven and turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Now pour into coven and bake.

Check the rum again and go to bed!

Got teeth? and wanna keep them! Then wear a Mouthpiece when riding a bull, steer or bronc. At other times it's up to you.



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RODEO ROUNDTABLE AT MARRIOTT FOR APRIL

The Rodeo Roundtable meeting for April will be held at the Mission Valley Marriott on April 14th. Meeting time will be 6pm. Various members of the hotel staff will be on hand to introduce themselves! A "walk-through" of the facility will take place. Also, pictures for this year's rodeo program may take place, so please make every effort to attend this meeting!

FUNDRAISING!

- Thank you to all those that helped with the March 6th Rodeo Playday at Kickers. All of us orphans who couldn't make it to Las Vegas Rodeo were on hand to help out. Special thanks to Charles, Dan, and Mark, Robert, Don, Paul, Ed and especially to Paul and Ty, who performed a faaaaabulous 2 step.
- Another round of thanks for the people who helped with the Shooters T-Dance on Sunday the 15th.
- Thanks also to Lee & Mike for the great St. Patrick's Day Party.
- Even though the Spaghetti dinner hasn't taken place as of this writing, special thanks to Mark, Dave and all those who helped!
- At the next Rodeo Playday on Friday April 3, we will be having an Auction and Beverage Bust with FREE Beverage/Beer for GSGRA members. It will be held at Kickers starting at 7:00 P.M.
- Saturday April 4 we will have the infamous JAIL HOUSE at Shooterz.
- Sunday April 5 will be another Beer and Soda Bust at Shooterz. \$5 will buy you ALL THE BEER AND SODA you can drink from 5-8p.m.
- Also coming up on April 26, the Chapter will be having a YARD SALE. 8 a.m. 3 p.m. Start cleaning out that closet or garage. We need Stuff! Contact Charles if you have anything to donate (619) 280-9732.

Whew! Lots of events. Keep in mind, coming up in June is our "Haircut" fundraiser. If you know of any hairdressers (Gay men and Lesbians who know Hairdressers? Unthinkable!) that are willing to donate their services for the day, please let Mark know at (619) 542-1437:)

DATES FOR APRIL 1998

Wed	April 1	6pm	Board Meeting
Wed	April 1	7pm	General Membership Meeting
Fri	April 3	7pm	Rodeo Playday at Kickers
Sun	April 5	5-8pm	Beer/Soda bust at Shooterz
Tue	April 14	6pm	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting - at Marriott
Wed	April 15	7pm	Kickers 6th Anniversary Party
	April 17-19		Los Angeles Rodeo
Sat	April 18		State Dance Contest
	April 24-26		Little Rock Rodeo

DATES FOR MAY 1998

Fri	May 1	7-10:30 pm	Rodeo Playday at Kickers
Wed	May 6	6pm	Board Meeting
Wed	May 6	7pm	General Membership Meeting
	May 9-10		State Convention, Laughlin NV
Tue	May 19	7pm	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

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	Ken Valdez	5825	Merchandis	e	Ric Wenzel	7936
Community Outreach	Nancy Novak	6888	Program		Jonathon Herndon	5437
Donations	Clay Wright	2974	Publicity		David Spence	3773
Asst	Nancy Novak	6888	000 550 500	Asst	Jay Wilpolt	5945
Finance	Del Castillo	3227	Security		Lance Sharp	5742
Exec VP	Robert Kojima	7565	Set design		Neil Holmes	6465
Education	Ken Valdez	5825	Tickets		Clay Wright	2974
Membership	Marshall Kline	6554	4.00	Asst	Phil Baldwin	7225
	Paul Fox	7369	Treasury		Jeff Jones	5566
Asst	Robert McNeese	7626	Vendors		Don Teeter	3833
Events & Activities	Charles Bowling	2269	1		Paul Fox	7369
Pride (Parade)	Marshall Kline	6554	Volunteers		Dan Bradford	3272
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Roundtable Secretary	Paul Fox	7369		Asst	Lance Sharp	5742
Arena Coordinator	David Pickle	3742	Newsletter		Dan Bradford	3272
Awards	Robert Kojima	7565	Treasurer		Jeff Jones	5566
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Charles Bowling

Don't miss it - Saturday, April 18 ...

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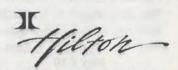
GSGRA State Dance Championships

California's dance teams are always among the best at the annual IGRA dance contest — and here's your chance to see them in action!

COME SEE THE BEST DANCERS ANYWHERE!

For details, call GSGRA Administrative
Vice President Steve Creber

at (562) 624-1011



Competition is tentatively scheduled to take place late Saturday afternoon in the Burbank Airport Hilton ballroom, and will conclude well before Saturday evening's dance parties.



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ZIP

A Jerry Lee Update.....

L.A.'s Littlest Rodeo Trouper is doing just fine.
Remember that irrepressible smile, well it's just that, irrepressible. Of course the treatments have been tough on the little guy but the end justifies the means, at least in this case. Jerry was in hospital for a little over three weeks for some pretty heavy duty chemotherapy which worked well enough to bring him into remission by the 14th day, most kids take 28 days

to get that point. He has been home now for almost a month and is in

phase two of the Chemo process and continues to do well. His blood levels are almost normal and his immune system is coming back. Our little hero has endured 4 or 5 spinals with several more scheduled and almost weekly bone marrow biopsies to monitor his progress. On top of all that he has gained a little weight and lost all his hair, but chubby and bald ain't all that bad to which some of us can attest!!!!

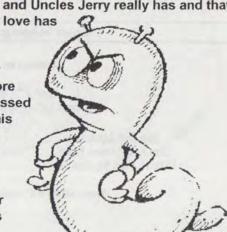
Jerry still has a long road in front of him so keep him and his two Moms in your thoughts and prayers. He has three full years of Chemo and then two more years in remission before the doctors will consider him cured. That is the day we look forward to and the day we will all finally breath a sigh of relief.

Jeannine and Penny asked us to let you all know how grateful they are for all the support they have received and how much it has helped to know how many Aunties and Uncles Jerry really has and that your prayers have been heard and your love has

Because his immune system is still low visitors are still limited so call first before dropping in. And keep your fingers crossed because if he continues to improve at his current rate, we may just see him at the L.A. Rodeo for a few hours but that's a long way away yet.

been felt.

So, Jerry from one chubby, bald, cancer survivor to another keep smiling, it gets better, I promise.



BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words From The BAC President...

Damn we're good!

Once again, I am astounded by the commitment you all are making to fundraising and "funraising" for this years rodeo and the growth of our chapter. Did you know that we have raised almost \$2500 since the first of the year!?!

The Cupid's Comin' Courtin' was a huge success in more ways than one. It marked our return to the Rawhide in San Francisco. We were very well received by our friends in San Francisco and surrounding area. We even stumbled onto a former TGRA horse man who has recently relocated here. We impressed him good! Ok so some of you impressed him real good.

Bingo has ran in the black since mid February and is positioned to provide some much needed revenue for this year's rodeo. Huge thanks go out to the steady crew of volunteers who are there every week providing great entertainment to our community. We'd love to see more of you.

I'm hearing great things about us at every turn. At other rodeos, in the community and even in the Disco bars! Keep up the good work everyone and remember that most people come to our events because of word of mouth...use yours!

Until next month,

Doug

Chapter Meetings & Rodeo Rountables

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

April 2nd - Rodeo Roundtable April 16th - Chapter/Rodeo Roundtable

San Jose Location: San Jose Airport Hyatt 1740 N. First St., San Jose South City Location:
P&D Appliance
100 South Linden Ave., South San Francisco

Please call the BAC rodeo hotline for meeting locations.

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Bay Area Chapter

TWO-STEPPING INTO SPRING

A Country Western Dance Party

Saturday, April 4th, 1998 7pm to Midnight

Country Western Dancing

Live Entertainment

50/50 Raffle (you know, that SPECIAL way!)

Food & Drinks

California Dance Center 938 The Alameda San Jose

\$10.00 At The Door

For More Information, Call the GSGRA-BAC Hotline:

415) 561-9228 or http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac9 8.html



Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

- Buckle and ribbon sponsors are needed for this year's rodeo. If you know of any businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor a buckle or ribbon and get some great advertising exposure at the rodeo, please call the BAC hotline.
- ⇒ We've already started our regular rodeo roundtable meetings to plan an extraordinary event this year. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, call the rodeo hotline and let us know. There's plenty of fun stuff left to do and we can use all the help we can get!
- ⇒ The BINGO committee needs callers and floor people. If you like to be heard or can help out on the floor selling Cherry Bells, working the door or providing security, call the rodeo hotline or send email to the BINGO committee chairs, Mike Amoroso (mikeamor@ix.netcom.com) or Bill Gorman (billieg69@aol.com).

Officers

Recently, David (Boomer) Polette had to reluctantly resign as the BAC chapter secretary due to a relocation and his job just going too darn well. At our March 19th meeting, the chapter voted in Mike Amoroso as the new chapter secretary. We will miss David's input and presence at our meetings.

Delegates

Also recently changed (again due to those irritating day jobs) were our chapter's line up of delegates. Mike Amoroso and Phil Colwell were nominated for appointment to replace outgoing David Polette and Chris Caufield as BAC delegates for the remainder of the year

Up & Coming Events

Horseback Riding

Spring is here and we're finally starting to dry out! That means the trails are almost usable again! We have a lot of members who like to go out riding and we periodically arrange group outings around the Bay Area. If v'all are interested, call the hotline and let us know! We'll get back to you with the latest scheduled rides. We're going to have our first ride this season as soon as weather permits!



The Gay Rodeo Needs A Few Good Hands.....

7th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo June 5-7, 1998 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose Hyatt San Jose Airport, 1740 N. First Street, San Jose

Rodeo	NAME:		
1998	Address:		
	City:		State:
	Zip Code:	Phone:	
E-Mail:		Pager:	

Instructions: Please circle each shift and job for which you are volunteering. You can volunteer for multiple shifts and jobs by circling each. Fill out the top portion with your name, address and telephone number and mail this form to:

> GSGRA-BAC P.O. Box 611033 San Jose, CA. 95161-1033

RODEO

Ticket Crew Security Merchandise Booth Other	Saturday 9am-12pm 12pn 9am-12pm 12pn 9am-12pm 12pn 9am-12pm 12pn	-3pm 3pm-6pm -3pm 3pm-6pm	Sunday 9am-12pm 9am-12pm 9am-12pm 9am-12pm	12pm-3pm 12pm-3pm	3pm-6pm 3pm-6pm
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Chute Crew (Rough Stock)* Arena Crew* Registration Crew

Saturday & Sunday Saturday & Sunday Friday Night

7am-7pm 7am-7pm 5:30pm-9:30pm

2 day commitment required

Pool Parties Crew Door Crew Security 7pm-10pm	10pm-12am	10pm-12am 7pm-10pm	Saturday 2pm-7pm 7pm-10pm 10pm-12am	A CONTRACTOR	Sunday	Monday
Merchandise Table Set Production Hospitality	7pm-10pm 12pm-5pm (TBA)	10pm-12am	7pm-10pm	10pm-12am		8am-11am

More Up & Coming Events

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BINGO!

BINGO games are held every Wednesday at the Hyatt San Jose. Spread the word! It's a great way to get out of the house and meet other people.

San Francisco Eagle BBQ & Beer Bust - April 5th

We're doin' it again! We're back at the San Francisco Eagle, Sunday, April the 5th for another great BBQ & Beer Bust Party! This has traditionally been one of our biggest fund-raisers, attracting an SRO crowd at the Eagle. Come on out and join us from 3pm to 6pm. You won't be able to help but have fun!





GSGRA-BAC Bowl-A-Thon - April 26th

The annual Bowl-A-Thon fund-raiser at Fiesta Lanes, on San Carlos Street, in San Jose is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th. Call the GSGRA-BAC hotline for a sponsor signup sheet and be prepared for *FUN!*

Back Shed



The Las Vegas Rodeo was a huge success and a great time for everyone who was there! We tried to get some inside stories for those who weren't there, but all we could get was the mysterious quote: "What goes on in camp stays in camp". Guess y'all just have to be there to see what's going on after the chutes close. One secret was let out in

this quote from an anonymous attendee: "We did find a great way to clean up after breakfast when there's extra food ... cowboys!"

On another note, one of our newest members, Tom, recently got a taste of what it can be like trying to work with local constabularies when setting up an event. Seems he's having a bit of a problem getting some legal paperwork approved by the P.D. for an upcoming fundraiser. In a fit of frustration, Tom said "Maybe I should just go talk to him mano a mano, you know, man to man." "I can go in there and scratch my crotch and spit!"

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From the desk of the President:

April Means Elections.....

Your membership is in the State Organization (GSGRA, Inc) which has an Executive Board, and Directors who represent the membership. Each year we hold elections within each chapter to elect three State Representatives and two Alternates to represent the members as a member of the State Board of Directors. These elections are held the month before our Annual Meeting of the Membership (Convention). During the month of April each Chapter will be having a special election to select these representatives to the State Board of Directors. I encourage any member that is concerned about our organization and that wants to help organize the future of GSGRA to become a State Representative. The term of office is one year which starts on May 10, 1998 and will end at Convention in 1999.

Elections will be held for State Officers & our I.G.R.A. Trusee at our Annual Meeting of Members (Convention). Nominations may be made at any time in advance of Convention and from the floor on the day of the election. Nominees must either he present to accept niomination ar provide written acceptance. Term of office is for one year except for the IGRA Trustee, which is for three years. To date the following individuals have been nominated for office, they may or may not have accepted nomination. President: Craig Rouse, V.P. Administration: Guy Johnson, Bill Gorman, V.P. Rodeo Operations: Sammy Van Galder, Michael De Yonker, Secretary: Clint Johnson, Treasurer: Clay Wright, IGRA Trustee: David Medzerrian, Roger Bergmann, Craig Rouse, Brad Roberts



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