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MARCH 1999



1998-1999 Rodeo Schedule

Texas Gay Rodeo:	San Antonio, TX Nov 6-8, 1998
Road Runner Rodeo:	Phoenix, AZ Jan 15-17, 1999
Bighorn Rodeo:	Las Vegas, NV March 5-7, 1999
Saguaro Rodeo:	Tucson, AZ Canceled
Rodeo Wichita:	Wichita, KS Apr 2-4, 1999
LA Rodeo 15:	Los Angeles, CA April 9-11, 1999
Rodeo In The Rock:	Little Rock, AK Apr 23-25, 1999
Great Plains Rodeo:	Oklahoma City, OK May 28-30, 1999
Bay Area Rodeo:	San Jose, CA June 18-20, 1999
Heartland Rodeo:	Omaha, NE June 25-27, 1999
Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo:	Calgary July 2-4, 1999
Rocky Mountain Rodeo:	Denver, CO July 9-11, 1999
Annual Convention:	Long Beach, CA Jul 28-Aug 1, 1999
Zia Regional Rodeo:	Albuquerque, NM Aug 13-16, 1999
Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo:	Detroit, MI Aug 13-15, 1999
N'ern Sierra Rodeo:	Sacramento, CA Aug 20-22, 1999
Windy City Gay Rodeo:	Chicago, IL Aug 27-29, 1999
Pikes Peak United Rodeo:	Colorado Springs, Co Canceled
Show-Me State Rodeo:	Kansas City, KS Sept 3-5, 1999
Dixieland Rodeo:	Atlanta, GA Sept 10-12, 1999
San Diego Rodeo:	San Diego, CA Sept 17-19, 1999
Atlantic Stampede '99:	Washington, DC Oct 1-3, 1999
Finals Rodeo:	Little Rock, AR Oct 28-31, 1999

All information is believed to be accurate at the time of going to press. You are urged to contact the local Association or I.G.R.A. to confirm all dates, times and locations before making any commitments. Our data source is IGRA as of 2/28/99.



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SPECIAL ELECTION

Don't forget that we will be having a special election to elect a new Chapter Secretary at the March 3, 1999 General Membership meeting. If you wish to run for this office, contact any Executive Board member to submit your name. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the night of the election.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

A ROYAL PLAY-NIGHT

Thank you to all the members that made the Royal Play-Night a great success;. A special thanks to Edie, KICKER's Cloggers, Mr. IGRA, Doug Graff and his friend Phil and Mr. GSGRA, Sammy Van Galder for their hard work.It was really fun to work with everyone.

Submitted by Michele Chagnon

STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

It's coming up on the time of the year that we elect our State Board Representatives. When elected, these people are responsible to attend the State Board meetings (quarterly and as directed) to voice the concerns of the Chapter and its members to the State Board and to report back to the Chapter members on the workings and actions of the State Board. Each Chapter elects three Chapter and two Alternate Representatives for a

term of one year. They will be seated immediately following the Annual State Membership Meeting at the State Board Meeting. To be eligible, candidates must be actively affiliated with the Chapter for a period of at least one year prior to the election.

If you wish to run for this office, contact any Executive Board member to submit your name. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the night of the election.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

Greater San Diego Chapter - March 1999

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

First I want to thank ALL the people that did so much work and made our events the past month so good. I add my thanks to that of Michele's to everyone involved with the Royal Play-Night. Edie, KICKER's Cloggers, Mr. IGRA, Doug Graff and Mr. GSGRA, Sammy Van Galder. Also to Michele and Ric for the time and efforts and to all the contestants that entered the stick horse races.

Another event was the State Board meeting that was held at the Fiddler's Green restaurant. Again, Michele and Ric and everybody involved did an OUTSTANDING job. If you haven't had a chance to check out the Fiddler's Green, you definitely should. If you don't know already, this business is own and operated by Steve and Debbie from The Hole. They have both done so much to help our Chapter and many other organizations in the past year by hosting fundraisers and don't forget, GSGRA members get a 20% discount with their GSGRA cards.

If you are a new member of the GSGRA-GSDC or a member that hasn't been active for a while, a good way to learn about the chapter and its members is to volunteer. One of the areas we need this help is at the booths we have at various local and statewide events. The purpose of these booths

are many. One is to sell our Rodeo merchandise and tickets to raise operating money for the rodeo. But there are other reasons for us to show a presence at these events. We are also looking for volunteers, vendors, sponsors, entertainers, contestants for our rodeo. And we are always on the lookout for new members for the Chapter. We do these things by having members at the booth to tell others about us. This is a great way to meet and get to know people from our Chapter and others. Some of the events coming up are LA Rodeo, Long Beach Pride and all of our fundraising events, the next being the KSON Night at KICKER's on March 12. If you are interested, contact Ric at ext. 7936. Hope to see you at one of these events.

Most of you received a letter regarding Phil Baldwin and I hope you all take the time to send a card for his speedy recovery. In times like these a few words from a friend or acquaintance that you haven't seen in awhile can be a real bright spot in the day. We will be collecting cards and letters at the Rodeo Office and taking them to Phil on a weekly basis. Send your cards and letters to Phil Baldwin, C/O GSGRA Greater San Diego Chapter, 3768 30th Street, San Diego, CA. 92104.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

What is Splash Dance?

Greater San Diego Chapter - March 1999

VENDORS

ATTENTION ANYONE THAT
WOULD LIKE TO BE A
VENDOR AT THE 1999 SAN
DIEGO RODEO

It is not too early to put in your application to reserve Vendor space at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and the Marriott Mission Valley hotel for the 1999 San Diego Rodeo.

If you are interested, contact Angie at (619) 298-4708 ext. 2258. Leave your name, telephone number and mailing address and she will get you the information you need.

Submitted by Vendor Committee Chair

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Don't forget, your GSGRA membership entitles you to the following discounts:

10% off at Hamburger Mary's, San Diego!

10% off at Boot Barn Stores!

10% off at Boot World! (with card available at SD Chapter office)

20% off at Fiddler's Green Restaurant!

If you know of any other discounts, please let the Member Discount Committee know about them.

Submitted by Jonathan Hewlett

There are still Chapter and Rodeo Committee Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson positions open. Contact the Executive Board if you interested.

DATES FOR MARCH 1999

Mar 2	7 PM	Board Meeting
Mar 3	7 PM	General Membership Meeting
Mar 5-7		Bighorn Rodeo, Las Vegas, NV.
Mar 12	8-11 PM	KSON night at KICKER's, A GSGRA Fundraiser
Mar 17	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

DATES FOR APRIL 1999

Apr 6	7 PM	Board Meeting
Apr 7	7 PM	General Membership Meeting
Apr 9-11		Los Angeles Rodeo 15, Los Angeles, CA
Apr 21	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting
Apr 23-25		Rodeo in The Rock, Little Rock, AR

BOOTS AND BRIEFS CONTEST AT KICKER'S

Greater San Diego Chapter - March 1999

KICKER's, KSON and The San Diego Chapter of GSGRA

present

"KSON Night"

A GSGRA FUNDRAISER

A beer/beverage - bust and fundraiser to benefit the Greater San Diego Chapter.

**Friday, March 12,
1999
8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
at KICKER's San Diego**

**\$5.00 Beer & Soda
Bust
Prizes, 50/50,
Entertainment**

WANTED

CONTESTANTS

KICKER's and The San Diego Chapter of GSGRA are looking for Male and Female Contestants for a

BOOTS AND BRIEFS Contest

to be held in APRIL at KICKER's

If you are interested contact the San Diego Rodeo Hotline.

GET INVOLVED WITH OUR CHAPTER

BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words From The BAC President...

Hello BAC Members:

I am always amazed at what this association can do. February 14th we had our Valentine's Day Party at the Sundance Saloon. Again, all of our guests had a wonderful time. I firmly believe that if we set out minds to doing something, there is nothing that the Bay Area Chapter cannot accomplish.

I would like to thank a few of our member's that made this event a success:

- Entertainers: David Carver "Sheba" Great job as always.
 Doug Graff "Mr. IGRA" you always impress me.
 Jerry Anaya 1st Runner Up MR GSGRA, Jerry you did a GREAT Job at the 50/50 raffle - couldn't ask for a better person.
 TJ. You did a GREAT job on staying on people for the silent auction, and the items, WOW. There was something there for everyone.

These are just a few of the many people we need to thank. And of course all of you for attending these events without we could never make them a success. Believe you me when I say THANKS A MILLION. We are starting to show the Community that when GSGRA Bay Area Chapter, puts on a fundraiser everyone shows up.

I would also like to thanks the Merchants that contribute to our auctions. With your help and that of the community our events are always a success. It just goes to show that once the community forms together we are a power and can do wonderful things. Thanks Again.

Bill Gorman
BAC President



Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

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 chair, Bill Gorman (billgbac@aol.com).

Volunteers are need for the April 11 BBQ & Beer Bust. Please contact Brian Syth (Briman1160@aol.com).

Fun Things About to Happen

March 20th – The DANCETHING at the California Dance Academy (Dee & Carolyn's). Special guests will be John & Steve, who will be competing at the State Dance Competition. Come see their routine and cheer them on!

March 28th – New members Meet & Greet Bar-B-Que and Swim Party. Don't miss this sure to be talked about event at Bill's Pleasure Palace.

April 9-11. The world famous LA Rodeo and Dance Competitions. What more can be said?

April 11th – The HUGE always fun, annual BBQ & Beer Bust at the incomparable SF Eagle Tavern.

BINGO!

BINGO games are held every Wednesday at the Hyatt San Jose.

BINGO					
14	25	34	52	68	
1	24	38	51	69	
4	26		48	74	
3	23	41	46	63	
6	20	39	56	70	

Chapter Meetings

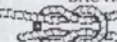
THURSDAY March 18th - Chapter Meeting at the San Jose Hyatt – 7:00 PM

Followed by the ever popular, RODEO ROUNDTABLE MEETING at 7:30 PM

Please be there for these important Rodeo Prep meetings!!

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State Board Representatives Elected

The meeting of the chapter on February 13th at the Center in Long Beach was the setting for the elections of your chapter's new state representatives.

The regular annual election had followed closely on the heels of the resignation of Big Al Wright, who found it necessary to resign his post for personal reasons. But now with the election of Thom Brennan, Mike DeYonker, Kevin Weeks as our regular state board representatives, and with alternates Steve Creber and Ruth ("Mom") Hilderbrandt as alternates, our voice on the state level is now fully secured with all posts now filled.

All of the incumbents were re-elected both for the regular and alternate posts. Ruth fills the second alternate post, which had been vacant.

An election for the post of chapter Spokesman at the State Convention was also held, and Kevin Weeks was dragooned, er, elected to serve in that capacity. He'll be our official spokesman at the upcoming state convention to be held in May in Long Beach.

Our congratulations to the successful candidates! Your enthusiasm and dedication is much appreciated! Now get to work...

Nominations sought for upcoming chapter elections

If you have considered running for a chapter office, or have been feeling that you'd like to see things done differently, here's your chance to make your mark. Steve Leigeber is serving as nominations chair for the chapter's annual elections, and he is collecting nominations for the posts of President, Administrative Vice President, Vice President for Rodeo Operations, Secretary and Treasurer.

Many of our chapter officers haven't decided whether to seek re-election

for next year, so this could be the perfect chance for you to run for any of the major posts in the chapter administration. It's a chance to make your mark.

Steve will be accepting nominations for the above posts until the chapter's April meeting.

Elections will be at the June meeting.

To make a nomination, call Steve at 714 534-9221 or e-mail him at larodeo@larodeo.com.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 15th of each month. Email to newsletter@bidstrup.com or mail to Box 265, Perris, CA, 92572. All published materials, including the chapter logo, "LA Rodeo" logo and posters, newsletter, "LARODEO.COM" and website contents are Copyright © 1998 GSGRA-L.A., a California non-profit corporation. Any use without prior permission is a violation of copyright law.

New Voice Mailbox Now Operational

For some time, a creaky old computer that has been down as much as it's been up, has been handling our voice mail. We haven't been able to trust it to ensure that our message got out nor have callers who've been leaving messages on it been able to be assured that their message would be heard.

All that's changed, though, with the inauguration of our new fully automated voice mail service we have obtained from GTE to answer the chapter's hotline. The voice mail service is very inexpensive and should prove to be much more reliable. The number's still the same. You can reach the chapter's hotline at 562 498-1675.

Miss Brandy Watters, Miss GSGRA, Deceased

It is with deep regret that we inform our chapter members of the passing of our own Miss GSGRA, Miss Brandy Watters, also known as Larry Stokes, on February 11th.

Larry was much beloved by our chapter for his ready smile, his cheerful helpfulness and his dedication to the chapter and to gay rodeo, as well as his faithfulness in fulfilling his duties as Miss GSGRA. He was a faithful attendee at chapter meetings, in spite of the fact that he lived more than two hours away. He'll be much missed.

State royalty has written a tribute to Larry, which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Please join your chapter officers and other chapter members in extending our condolences to Larry's family and friends.

Rodeo 15 is only a month away!

Well, it's almost here! Rodeo 15 is fast approaching! The wildest parties and the biggest rodeo on the circuit is only a month away! So if you haven't already...

- Get those hotel reservations made! If you don't do it early, you could find yourself staying at Hotel Dive fifteen miles from the parties and all the fun. Take it from someone who's been there - waiting till the last minute can cause you problems if there's a major convention in town you don't know about it. So pick up that phone *right now* and call Hilton reservation number 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the GSGRA rate.
- Volunteer! It's the best way to get the most fun out of the rodeo - ask anyone who's been a volunteer and they'll tell you that it adds a dimension of fun that you can't experience in any other way. There are special incentives for volunteers, too. E-mail Lenore at

comedancn@aol.com or call a club officer for her phone number.

- Let all your friends know! It's surprising how many people never seem to hear about the rodeo until a week after it's over. And it seems that many of them would have come had they known. So make sure everyone you know gets the word - and an invitation to come.

Special Note to Contestants:

If you're a contestant, it's important that you get registered right away. Your registration should be postmarked at least two weeks before the start of the rodeo. Failure to do so can lead to problems for the rodeo secretary and delays at the registration table at the rodeo and *will cost you money!*

CALENDAR

MARCH

March 5-7 Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas, NV

Sat., Mar. 13 10 AM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING
Burbank Airport Hilton

Sat., Mar. 27 RODEO ROUNDTABLE
(TENTATIVE!)

APRIL

April 9-11 L.A. RODEO 15
THE BIGGEST RODEO AND THE
WILDEST PARTIES ON THE
CIRCUIT!

April 24 10 AM CHAPTER MEETING
The Village, Los Angeles

MAY

May 8 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
In conjunction with the GSGRA
State Convention in Long Beach

JUNE

June 5 10 AM ANNUAL MEETING OF
MEMBERS and CHAPTER
ELECTIONS
The Center, Long Beach

June 18-20 Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose, CA

June 25-27 Heartland Rodeo
Omaha, NE



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He Will Be Missed:

It is with much sadness that I must inform everyone of the passing of our Miss GSGRA 1999, Larry W. Stokes, a.k.a. Brandy Watters, on Thursday evening, February 11, 1999.

Larry has been battling cancer for some time, now. In December 1998, after many radiation treatments, the doctors thought they had much of the cancer in his body under control, only to discover a tumor on his brain, and days before the new year, diagnosed it as inoperable and terminal. He was told he may live up to six months and may lose his sight and hearing in the advanced stages. Since then, he has been in and out of the Kern County Medical Center in Bakersfield. His fight with cancer has now ended and he will be free of the pain and suffering he has endured in the last two months.

The humor, support and love Larry shared with us all will be sadly missed. His encouragement and campy antics brought smiles to our faces. He was a good friend and a fabulous Miss GSGRA. I will miss him dearly

Sammy Van Galder.

Nominations for GSGRA Executive Board..

Nominations are currently open for all Executive Board positions. The Election will take place at our up-coming Annual Meeting of the Membership (a.k.a. Convention). Nominations should be made through our webpage and addressed to the President. Nominations can also be made by mailing your nominations to the GSGRA address in Long Beach. All Nominees must accept or decline their nominations and nominations can be made from the Convention floor. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the State Organization. You may nominate yourself.

GSGRA is, by far, the best State Organization in the IGRA. Many other Associations are following our set up and our method of handling business within our Organization, Bylaws & Standing Rules.

Get involved! Either on a State Level or on the local Chapter Level. Every Chapter needs new participation from our Membership. We need your help!

Craig Rouse,
President, G.S.G.R.A.



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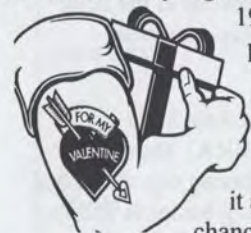
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L.A. News ~ March 1999

A mother was reading a book about animals to her 3 year old daughter:
 Mother: "What does the cow say?"
 Child: "Moouoo!"
 Mother: "Great! What does the cat say?"
 Child: "Meow."
 Mother: "Oh, you're so smart! What does the frog say?"
 The wide-eyed little three-year-old looked up at her mother and replied,
 "Bud"

GONGRATULATIONS .

Our revered and fearless leader (Craig) and his beloved, (Brad) celebrated their 15th anniversary together on February 22, 1999. Craig



proclaimed himself to be a very lucky man and enthusiastically said he would do it all again, given the chance. Brad said "Craig

who?" (Just kidding). Theirs is a strong and powerful relationship, one to be envied. We love you both and next month we want a fully detailed report on how you actually celebrated your anniversary!

WHEN YOU SPEAK, WE LISTEN

Our thanks to David Kueter in O.K.C. There are potholes in the road of life and we fell in one. David helped us climb out. We will do our best not to make that particular mistake again however we will probably make others so please, keep an eye on us and let us know when we goog-up.

Check out the corrected I.G.R.A. schedule in this issue of *The Chute*.

What a busy month we have faced. The good days and the bad days just flew by, but not without noticing.



The royalty team performed January 23rd in Walnut Creek, CA for a Bay Area Rodeo fundraiser. The royalty shared the night and stage with many other talented performers. Special kudos to Lenora for keeping everyone organized and going. If you haven't been measured up by First Runner-up, Jerry Evan Anaya, plan to be at the next fund-raiser and be sure to buy those raffle tickets. It's a show in itself.



The 1999 GSGRA Royalty team would like to thank the Greater San Diego Chapter for their cooperation and support in our joint fund raiser Friday, February 5th. The evening was successful for everyone with performances from Mr.

GSGRA, Sammy Van Galder and Mr. IGRA, Doug Graff and special performances from the KICKERS CLOGGERS and the fabulous dance team of Mark & Daniel, last year's GSGRA State Dance Champions and IGRA Dance Champions as well. Good luck boys in this year's state dance contest in April during the Los Angeles Rodeo!

The month started off promisingly with Miss GSGRA 1999, Brandy Watters, coming home from the hospital.

Although Brandy knew her time on earth was limited, she offered her support and encouragement to the royalty

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Rodeo Royalty *Continued*

team. Her battle with cancer ended late Thursday evening, February 11, 1999. Services for Larry W. Stokes, a.k.a. Brandy Watters, were held in Bakersfield on Tuesday, February 16, 1999. Special thanks to all those that sent emails, cards and arrangements for Larry and the Stokes family, and to Sammy Van Galder for representing GSGRA and the 1999 Royalty team at the services. "Brandy, You Were a Fine Girl ..." and "[We'll] Always Love You ..."

Although the royalty team is missing one member, you will still find the rest of us working for your chapters. Lenora and Sammy will have performed for the Bay Area's Casino and Cabaret, February 20th. Next stop will be the Bighorn Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 5 - 7th. Watch *The Chute* for more upcoming events!

Here's one you don't want to miss out on, the Capital Crossroads annual barn dance on May 15th. Mark your calendars early. The royalty team will be out in full showing!

Until we meet again...
Sammy - Lenora - Jerry

LA Rodeo 15

We need help finding:

- a few good people
- a vet
- a farrier (horseshoer)
- a mobile home

Can any body help???

Thanks
Erin and Tracy
eatonkeiper@earthlink.net

JOCKSTRAPS..

by Brad Roberts, Rodeo Medic

Too much jiggling around during exercise can bruise your testicles or your epididymis, the tube that carries your sperm. Though usually harmless, this condition can hurt more than taking a knee or hoof. So always batten down before you run or compete (and using a protective cup) - but there's no need to squeeze yourself into an old supporter. Snug cotton briefs or Lycra athletic shorts will support your testicles as well as a jockstrap during exercise and running.

About 250,000 American men suffer sports-related groin injuries every year, so

I give you a friendly reminder, if you play vigorous sports like football, softball, racquetball, bike, or run...Secure yourself and if you are in rodeo events especially rough stock, wear a jockstrap and a protective cup. Women are also advised to wear athletic bras and protection as well.

Here's to a safe rodeo season!

Know who our friends are....

On last Sunday's "Meet the Press" on NBC, Tim Russert presented, on behalf of Mary Matalin, who didn't know it beforehand, a Tinky Winky TeleTubby doll to James Carville, her husband. Carville said that Tinky is his favorite TeleTubby and kissed it, then said, "I don't care if it's gay." Matalin then said, "Thanks for mentioning that. I want it known that I will not support any Republican who campaigns on an antigay platform in the year 2000."

Our thanks to Sunny Rose for the above which was forwarded from The Net. Sunny also sent us a copy of a very interesting article written by Mel White on this issue and the Reverend Jerry Falwell. We would have reproduced the entire article here but regrettably space does not permit and we would not presume to edit it. If you would like a copy e-mail us at: membership@gsgra.org or snail-mail us at: Membership, G.S.G.R.A. 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, Ca 90804 and we will send you a copy of the article and referrals to the author and Dr Falwell.



Billy's Byline

It is with sadness that we must say goodbye to our MISS GSGRA, BRANDY WATTERS a.k.a. Larry Stokes. Larry had a lot of courage and strength I hope I can pull from that. We will miss him a lot. It goes to show how valuable life is and especially for the people in our lives.

Our state Royalty team have been hard at work trying to attend as many events and fundraisers as possible throughout the state. Boy do there know how to work a crowd, I have never seen so many smiling faces from the 50/50 raffle what are you guys doing? Or maybe I don't what to know keep up the Great Job.

Lets gear up for the Fabulous, LA Rodeo coming up April 9-11th. LA you always do a great job should be *Party Time for everyone*. Remember to come cheer on our couples competing in this years Dance completion on April 10th.

That's it for this month. Take care be careful and hope to see you all at the LA Rodeo. Let's have a GREAT time.

*Bill Gorman
E.V.P.*

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WHAT's THE CHATTER?

WE ARE APPROVED! With the hard work of the committee chairs we have become GSGRA's fourth rodeo. A special thanks goes to Sammy VanGalder, who completed the final budget and his help to Mike Silva in getting that sponsorship money in! Also a note of gratitude to Craig Rouse - State President, David Medzerian - State IGRA Trustee, and all those in BAC, GLAC, and GSDC who helped us with their experience and thoughtfulness.

NOW - LET'S MAKE'M PROUD. Remember this logo and remember the dates.
Presented by the Capital Crossroads Chapter of GSGRA



Dates: August 20-22, 1999

Location: Arena: Rio Linda Central Park Horseman's Arena
Hotel: Heritage Hotel and Convention Center
800-972-EXPO or 916-929-7900

The chapter wishes all those competing at the Big Horn Regional Rodeo in Las Vegas good luck. Let us know how you do so we can brag about you. Also, please plan on participating in Grand Entry on Saturday!

PRESIDENTS CORNER

There has been no moment when I felt more proud of our chapter than when they put their best foot forward at the State Board meeting and to know of the chapter's accomplishment. Nor have I felt more excitement and emotion than when that "whoopie - we've got a rodeo" came from members in the back of the room. It wasn't our best example of decorum, but I believe it was understood! The chapter has done a lot, but we've just got around the curve to find that mountain is still there to climb. We have a lot of work and a lot of hours to be put in before this rodeo is truly a reality. We just have a right to have one, now we must earn the right to hold our heads high and know we brought something of importance to our lives, to GSGRA, to our community, and more specifically to the Greater Sacramento area. If this sounds too reflective, forgive me. It is just that I remember when the chapter started in spring of '96. We were told four groups

had tried it before and it couldn't be done. We were told there wasn't the interest nor the people dedicated enough to see it happen - to see a group join the ranks of GSGRA. Well, you the chapter did it - *be proud - the future is bright - but know the work is not done!*

This letter will be my last as Chapter President. According to state by-laws, I can not hold the office of chapter president and Sierra Stampede Event Chair. However, though our numbers may not be as reflective as the commitment, at no time have I been more sure of our success and the on going leadership of our chapter. In the mean time Vice-Presidents Lin Daugherty (administration) and Paul Klein (rodeo operations) have earned the trust for which you elected them. Sammy VanGalder has provided the chapter with a wealth of energy and knowledge and fine representation as Mr. GSGRA. Chuck Valdes and Billy Hughes have each brought their own knowledge and definite character to our chapter and the state. Bill Hause, as Treasurer, has brought to our accounting the integrity that allowed us to qualify for grants and be on solid footing. Zak Kreiter has brought a new sense of communication to the chapter as secretary and membership chair. Mike Silva, though one of the newest members, has lead us to a successful drive for non-traditional sponsors for the rodeo. Herb Smith, though he likes to think he is my worst nightmare, has brought so much to the chapter and GSGRA through his mastery of the web [is that why he is a webmaster? :-)]. I know I could *and should* go on, but I have only begun! The committee chairs for the Sierra Stampede give me a sense of pride all on thier own. And leadership potential? Let just say, I can't wait until our tenth anniversary!

So the point is - **Thank you!** To all those who have been a part of the last three years and have been so important to where we are today. **AND** to those who have just become involved with the chapter - rest assured that you are a part of something good and this is a place for you. **Mark Marshall**

Every one of our Sierra Stampede committee chairpersons is still looking for volunteers! Be a part of a great success story as we go in to full swing for our own rodeo. Committees needing volunteers:

☎ Logistics (arena grounds)	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Hotel	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Corporate Sponsorship	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Communications	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Security	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Entertainment	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Vendors	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Volunteers	<i>your name here</i>
☎ Finance	<i>your name here</i>

Please call the hotline or, better yet, access our incredible website, to contact the chairperson for the committee of your choice.

WEBSITE

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SPECIAL NOTES

Anyone interested in contributing to the monthly newsletter and taking on input to the Chute, please contact Marshall at 916-451-9439.

NEW HOTLINE NUMBER

Please make a note of this number for all future communications from the chapter regarding chapter events and the Sierra Stampede:

916-978-4040

CALENDAR

March

- 5-7 -- Big Horn Regional Rodeo, Las Vegas
- 16 -- Rodeo meeting 7pm at Marshall's, 6054 35th Ave. 451-9439.
- 20 -- Red and White Ball, CGNIE, call Paul for details: 916-331-3795
- 21 -- Academy Awards
- 27 --Chapter "Last Saturday of the Month", C&W dancing at Faces (20th and K St.), 7:30pm.

April

- 8 -- Greater Los Angeles Rodeo Kick-off party hosted by and for Capital Crossroads Sierra Stampede, 7:00 PM at Woody's Hyperion 323-660-1503 or chapter Hotline for details. Entertainment and Poster Unveiling
- 9-11 -- Greater Los Angeles Rodeo, Hanson Dam, Info: 562-498-1675
- 10 -- State Dance Competition - Burbank Hilton, call Bill Gorman at 408-926-8485 for information. *If interested in competing call our hotline.*
- 18 -- Rodeo and Chapter Meeting, location at Joseph's Town and Country at 1:30pm. Come at Noon and join us for brunch! 1454 Del Paso Blvd.
- 23 -- Rough Stock class -TENTATIVE - call Sammy at the Hotline
- 24 -- CGNIE Coronation, chapter needs volunteers to carry flags in opening procession.
- 24 --Chapter "Last Saturday of the Month", C&W dancing at Faces (20th and K St.), 7:30pm.

May

- 8-9 -- State Board Meeting and Annual Convention, Long Beach, hosted by GLAC, call chapter hotline for details.
- 15 -- **Capital Crossroads 3rd Annual Barn Dance**, sponsored by Coors, call the chapter hotline for details or watch the April *Chute*.
- 18 -- Rodeo meeting 7pm at Marshall's, 6054 35th Ave. 451-9439.
- 29-31 -- Country Western weekend at Edgewater Resort. Details TBA.

MEMBERSHIP

Let's all welcome our new members **Kathi Bertram, Terri Cunningham, and Tim Codd**. Hope to see you at one of our next meeting and events! Please remember to send in your renewal promptly so as to keep up on chapter activities and to remain on the Chute's mailing list.

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