



THE  
OFFICIAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
NEWSLETTER  
OF



September  
1999



G.S.G.R.A.



GREATER LOS ANGELES



BAY AREA



GREATER SAN DIEGO



CAPITAL CROSSROADS

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

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

999912 XX 9012  
MIGRA  
3319 Greenfield Rd #264  
Dearborn, MI 48120



San Diego Rodeo  
September 17-19, 1999  
Last chance to  
Rodeo Party  
this summer!!!!



CAPITAL CROSSROADS SIERRA STAMPEDE

# WE DID IT!

The first Sierra Stampede is now a part of history and it's time for the entire Capital Crossroads Chapter Membership and all the volunteers to pat themselves on the back. O.K., that's enough, time to get to work on next year!!!

Our next newsletter will have lots of newsy stuff about the rodeo, the deadline for *The Chute* did not leave enough time for us to get into detail in this issue.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 1999

1.00 P.M. at Joseph's

(916)922-9988 if you need directions



GSGRA-Capital Crossroads

PO Box 189305

Sacramento, CA 95818

916-978-4040 hotline

603-806-3074

<http://www.gsgra.org/cc>

## The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

4226 East 15th Street

Long Beach, Ca 90804

(619)293-0666

[gsgra@gsgra.org](mailto:gsgra@gsgra.org)

[gsgra.org](http://gsgra.org)



### G.S.G.R.A. LOCAL CHAPTERS

#### Greater L. A.

P.O.Box 2407

Long Beach, Ca 90801-2407

(562)498-1675

[larodeo.com](http://larodeo.com)

[larodeo@larodeo.com](mailto:larodeo@larodeo.com)

#### Bay Area

P.O.Box 611033

San Jose, Ca 95161-1033

(415)561-9228

<http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html>

#### Greater San Diego

3768 30th Street

San Diego, Ca 92104

(619)298-4708

[gsgra\\_san@aol.com](mailto:gsgra_san@aol.com)

#### Capital Crossroads

P.O.Box 189305

Sacramento, Ca 95818

(916)451-9439

[gsgra\\_cc@hotmail.com](mailto:gsgra_cc@hotmail.com)

<http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/4909/>

### The International Gay Rodeo Association

900 East Colfax

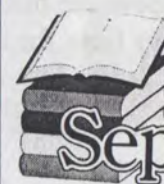
Denver, Co 80218

(303)832-IGRA

[igra@igra.com](mailto:igra@igra.com)

<http://www.igra.com>

*The Chute*  
The Official Newsletter of  
The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association



1999  
**September**

Published Monthly by

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

Newsletter CoChairs

Ruth Hilderbrandt [mamarodeo@aol.com](mailto:mamarodeo@aol.com)

and Joseph Olney [rodeobrit@aol.com](mailto:rodeobrit@aol.com)

# BAY AREA CHAPTER



## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

President  
 Executive Vice President  
 Vice President Rodeo Ops  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer

Doug Graff  
 Adrian Arteche  
 Terrylee Allert  
 Clint Johnson  
 Gregg Harvey

## Words from the Pres!

Heeee's back!! I'm very excited to return to the office of Chapter President for the Chapter. As my year as Mr. IGRA winds up, I'm looking forward to bringing home many of the things I've seen on the road this year.

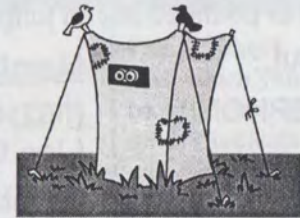
I'd love to hear from any of you who may have suggestions for Fun activities, fundraising ideas or any bitches that might be hanging around. If you choose the bitching one, please also include any suggestions you may have for improvements.

A big thank you from Terrylee Allert, this year's Assistant Rodeo Director to KristieLee and others who helped us out at our Rodeo. THANK YOU! And thank you contestants for being so good to work with...Ya'll are the best!!!

## Fun Things Coming Your Way

September 18 through 20 - San Diego Rodeo. What more can be said?

September 24 through 26 - Camping in the woods by the beach. You just know stories are gonna come out of this trip! New Brighton State Beach in Capitola. Contact Craig Rouse or Clint Johnson to sign up.



September 26 - Folsom Street Fair. Volunteers needed for the beverage booth.

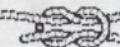


October 3 - Castro Street Fair

October 8 - 10 - Russian River Western Weekend. We are working to host a Saturday night dance party at the river. If you'd like to help, please contact Clint Johnson at [cjohnson@hbblaw.com](mailto:cjohnson@hbblaw.com).

## BAC Contacts

President:	Doug Graff	<a href="mailto:MrIGRA99@aol.com">MrIGRA99@aol.com</a>	Executive VP:	Adrian Arteche	<a href="mailto:Arian_Arteche@yahoo.com">Arian_Arteche@yahoo.com</a>
VP Rodeo Operations:	Terrylee Allert	<a href="mailto:Texas71@aol.com">Texas71@aol.com</a>	Secretary:	Clint Johnson	<a href="mailto:cjohnson@hbblaw.com">cjohnson@hbblaw.com</a>
Treasurer:	Gregg Harvey	<a href="mailto:Gharvey646@aol.com">Gharvey646@aol.com</a>	Newsletter:	Jabby Lowe	<a href="mailto:Jabbyd@aol.com">Jabbyd@aol.com</a>
BAC Website:	<a href="http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html">http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html</a>		BAC Hotline:	(415) 561-9228	



# ARE YOU GETTING ALL YOUR BENI'S?

- If you are not getting your copy of The Chute regularly each month!
- If you did not receive advance notification of an event you would have love to have attended if only you had known about it.
- If you had to pay a late registration fine because you didn't get your contestant package from I.G.R.A.
- Could it be that your address has changed and we don't know about it?

The Membership Committee wants to keep our records current but they can't do it without your help. If the address on this newsletter is not accurate, please, let us know. You can contact us by e-mail, snail-mail, telephone, telegraph or tell-a-fagot. Heck, we'll even accept messages by smoke signal or pounded out on jungle drums. No matter what, tell us.

**E-MAIL:** [Membership@gsgra.org](mailto:Membership@gsgra.org)  
**TELEPHONE:** (562)498-3488  
 (Joe Olney, Membership Chair)  
**SNAIL MAIL:** Membership Committee  
 42226 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Long Beach, Ca 90804

## The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Monthly Membership Statistics

	Start 8/1/99	Expired 8/31/99	New	Renewals	Transfers	End 8/31/99
Greater L.A.	112	8		2		106
Bay Area	74	2		1		73
San Diego	84	12	2	10		84
Capital Crossroads	50	2	5			53
Non Affiliated	22	2		2		22
<b>Total</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>338</b>

	1/1/99	2/1/99	3/1/99	4/1/99	5/1/99	6/1/99
Greater L.A.	112	107	113	98	103	108
Bay Area	74	69	83	80	75	69
San Diego	105	99	92	92	89	88
Capital Crossroads	31	29	33	36	35	41
Non Affiliated	22	18	21	21	23	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>330</b>

	7/1/99	8/1/99	9/1/99	10/1/99	11/1/99	12/1/99
Greater L.A.	109	112	106			
Bay Area	68	74	73			
San Diego	85	84	84			
Capital Crossroads	42	50	53			
Non Affiliated	24	22	22			
<b>Total</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential. G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member. Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Some G.S.G.R.A. events are held in locations with age restrictions that would exclude members under the age of 21.

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
PHONE #		
E-MAIL		
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		
<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER L.A. <input type="checkbox"/> BAY AREA <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER SAN DIEGO <input type="checkbox"/> CAPITOL CROSSROADS <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE
NAME		<b>MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:</b>  G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee 4226 East 15th St. Long Beach, Ca 90804
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		
BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
E-MAIL		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		



**SEPTEMBER  
16 - 19, 1999**

**Greater San Diego Chapter  
3768 30th Street  
San Diego, CA. 92104**

HOTLINE/ VOICE MAIL (619) 298-4708  
FAX: (619) 298-4709  
Email: [gsgra San@aol.com](mailto:gsgra San@aol.com)  
Web Page: [www.gaywired.com/gayrodeo.htm](http://www.gaywired.com/gayrodeo.htm)

CHAPTER BY LAWS	EDUCATION
<p>The special meeting of the membership to vote on changes/amendments to the Chapter by-laws was cancelled by vote of the members present at the meeting. The main reason was the chapter had just received the new changes to the GSGRA by-laws and most members present want some time to review these to see if there was any additional changes that would need to be made to the chapter bylaws. Watch The Chute for the rescheduled date of this meeting. If you have any by-law changes you would like to present just put them in writing and present them to the By-laws Committee chairperson, Dan Bradford.</p>	<p>I have been approached by someone who is interested in giving rodeo riding lessons. He wants those people interested in learning to do horseback events. You can be any level of rider. The price is negotiable. Please give Nancy Novak a call at the GSGRA SD Rodeo office at ext. 6668. I will try to listen to my voicemail more frequently. This is a good opportunity for all of you to learn some new tricks (Well, I guess some of you don't need new tricks)</p>

**GET INVOLVED WITH  
OUR CHAPTER**

**CALENDAR**

Dates for September 1999	Dates for October 1999
<p>Sep 1 7 PM General Membership Mtg. Sep 8 7 PM Rodeo Roundtable Mtg. Sep 10 8 PM Rodeo Kick Off Party at Kickers Sep 11 TBA Trail Ride Sep 15 7 PM Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.</p>	<p>Oct 1-3 Atlantic Stampede Rodeo Oct 5 7 PM Board Meeting Oct 6 7 PM General Membership Mtg. Oct 28-31 13th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo</p>
<p><b>September 16-19 San Diego Rodeo 1999</b> Mission Valley Marriott Del Mar Fair Grounds</p>	<p><b>San Diego Volunteer Appreciation Party</b> Date and Place to be determined.</p>

**Greater San Diego Chapter - September 1999**

**VOLUNTEERS**      **GREATER SAN DIEGO  
CHAPTER OFFICE**

Volunteers are still needed for all positions for the San Diego Rodeo week-end. See the Volunteer Sign Up form in this issue of THE CHUTE for information on days, times and positions. Don't forget that volunteers get into the event they work for free in addition to many other gifts and goodies. So for a fun time, fill in the volunteer form and mail or FAX it the SD Rodeo office or call the SD Rodeo office and leave a message for Volunteers at ext. 3272. Or just show up at the Volunteer Check-in booth and we will put you to work.

The Greater San Diego Chapter is on the move again. We have been made an offer that we just can't refuse. Our neighbors at "Soccer Crazy" want our present space to expand their store. They have been very instrumental in getting us a great deal and getting us moved to a new location. And just where is this new location you ask? Our new address will be 3758 30<sup>th</sup> Street. That's right, we just going to be moving a few doors down the street. Details on the when and how will be discussed at the September General Membership meeting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
AWARD**

Last month we announced the formation of the

**PHIL BALDWIN  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
AWARD.**

Members of the chapter presented some very impressive nominations at the August General Membership meeting. These were discussed and a winner was named. The winner will be presented at the Rodeo and will have a write-up in the Rodeo program. It is great that we have so many people active in our community. They all deserve our thanks and support.

**Splash Dance  
Sept. 17, 1999**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Besides the most obvious one (the SD Rodeo) we have a number of events we would like to invite the SD chapter and all the GSGRA membership to come and enjoy with us.

September 10th we will have a Pre-Rodeo Kick Off Party at Kickers. Festivities start at 8 PM and run until 11 PM. There will be a Wrangler Butt Contest, Beer/Beverage Bust and entertainment. See you there.

September 11 saddle up and ride with us. Come out and ride with us in the beautiful Cuyamaca Mountains. This guided trail ride is only \$35.00 for an hour and a half ride. All levels (beginner to rodeo star) of riders are welcome. Leave a message for Nancy Novak at the GSGRA office (619)

# 1999 San Diego Rodeo Volunteer Sign Up Form

## INSTRUCTIONS

Fill in the information requested in the Volunteer Identification section

Please CIRCLE the shift the corresponds with the position and shift for which you are volunteering.  
You can volunteer for multiple shifts or positions by CIRCLING each one for which you are volunteering.

Please be aware that some positions or shifts require only a limited number of volunteers.  
Once that number is reached, you may be asked to fill a different position or shift. Please fill in this form and return it to the address shown below as soon as possible to insure that you get the position/shift that you want. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Rodeo Office and leave a voice mail message for one of the Volunteer Coordinators. The phone number is (619) 298-4708. Select Voice Mailbox 3272 for Dan B. or select Voice Mailbox 7546 for Roy K.

Mail this form to:  
**GSGRA San Diego Chapter**  
**ATTN: Volunteer Committee**  
**3768 30th Street**  
**San Diego, CA. 92104**

Or Fax to:  
**(619) 298-4709**

## VOLUNTEER IDENTIFICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOST HOTEL

### Marriott Mission Valley

	Accounting	Fundraising	Hospitality	Contestant Registration	Event Staff Security	Merchandise	Ticket/Door Crew	Volunteer Check-in	Volunteer General Pool
Thurs. Sept16, 99			Noon - 4 PM		6 PM - 10 PM	6 PM - 10 PM	7 PM - 11 PM	6:30 PM - 10:30 PM	7 PM - 11 PM
Thurs. Sept16, 99			4 PM - 8 PM		10 PM - 2 AM	9 PM - 1 AM	9 PM - 1 AM	9:30 PM - 1:30 AM	9 PM - 1 AM
Fri. Sept17, 99			10 AM - 2 PM				4 PM - 8 PM		4 PM - 8 PM
Fri. Sept17, 99			2 PM - 6 PM	6 PM - 10 PM	6 PM - 10 PM	6 PM - 10 PM	7 PM - 11 PM	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	7 PM - 11 PM
Fri. Sept17, 99					10 PM - 2 AM	9 PM - 1 AM	9 PM - 1 AM	9:30 PM - 1:30 AM	9 PM - 1 AM
Sat. Sept18, 99							4 PM - 8 PM		4 PM - 8 PM
Sat. Sept18, 99					6 PM - 10 PM	6 PM - 10 PM	7 PM - 11 PM	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	7 PM - 11 PM
Sat. Sept18, 99					10 PM - 2 AM	9 PM - 1 AM	9 PM - 1 AM	9:30 PM - 1:30 AM	9 PM - 1 AM

## RODEO GROUNDS

### Del Mar Fair Grounds Equestrian Center

	Arena Crew	Chute Crew	Roping Crew	Secretarial Crew	Event Staff Security	Merchandise	Ticket/Door Crew	Volunteer Check-in	Volunteer General Pool
Sat. Sept18, 99	<b>REQUIRES</b>	<b>REQUIRES</b>	<b>REQUIRES</b>	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM - 11 AM	7 AM - 11 AM	7 AM - 11 AM	6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	7 AM - 11 AM
Sat. Sept18, 99	<b>TWO</b>	<b>TWO</b>	<b>TWO</b>		10 AM - 2 PM	10 AM - 2 PM	10 AM - 2 PM	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	10 AM - 2 PM
Sat. Sept18, 99	<b>7 AM - 7 PM</b>	<b>7 AM - 7 PM</b>	<b>7 AM - 7 PM</b>		2 PM - 6 PM	2 PM - 6 PM	2 PM - 6 PM	2:30 PM - 6:30 PM	2 PM - 6 PM
Sun. Sept19, 99	<b>7 AM - 7 PM</b>	<b>7 AM - 7 PM</b>	<b>7 AM - 7 PM</b>	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM - 11 AM	7 AM - 11 AM	7 AM - 11 AM	6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	7 AM - 11 AM
Sun. Sept19, 99	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DAY</b>		10 AM - 2 PM	10 AM - 2 PM	10 AM - 2 PM	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	10 AM - 2 PM
Sun. Sept19, 99	<b>COMMITMENT</b>	<b>COMMITMENT</b>	<b>COMMITMENT</b>		2 PM - 6 PM	2 PM - 6 PM	2 PM - 6 PM	2:30 PM - 6:30 PM	2 PM - 6 PM

Where or where have the royalty been? Where or where can they go?

In case you haven't heard, the GSGRA Royalty have been traveling the Central Valley lately. A very successful event at Stockton's Club Paradise earned the respect of the locals for Gay Rodeo. Not only did the all-live show make a mark, but brought recognition to the premiere rodeo in Sacramento.

So, off to Sacramento the Royalty went for a very hot weekend of rodeo and entertaining. If you haven't seen the royalty all together, you haven't stayed at the rodeo long enough. The Royalty Team has teamed up for the Wild Drag Race. Not only do we perform on stage for you, we also perform in the arena. In Sacramento, we did substitute Lenora with her partner Theresa. So, it is still all in the Royal family.

Of course, Lenora was our star that weekend in Sacramento, performing all three days. Thank you Lenora.

Out of the Valley and heading down south, look out San Diego, here we come!! The Royalty Team is excited to be attending Rodeo '99 in San Diego. See you all there!

One sneak peak for October, Mr. GSGRA 1999 is sneaking off to Washington D.C. for the 1999

Atlantic Stampede. Sammy will be jumping Coasts to check out the action and entertainment in Washington DC October 1 - 3, 1999.

Royal advice for persons interested in our titles, get to know the current royalty and see what they do and what they stand for. Good luck!

\*\*\*\*\*

Who will be the next Mr./Ms./Miss GSGRA 2000?

The end of the 1999 rodeo season is approaching fast, and a new royalty team will be sashed this November. All interested contestants need to get an application from the state Vice President of Administration, Sammy Van Galder. The deadline to have the necessary forms submitted is October 20, 1999. The Royalty Contest will be held in Sacramento this year on November 20, 1999 at FACES Video Bar. Please plan to attend to thank this year's royalty team for their hard work and representation, and cheer on your favorite candidate for next year's Mr./Ms./Miss GSGRA 2000!

Good luck to all those that run for these titles.

*Sammy Van Galder*



**RE/MAX**

Group South Bay

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

**Bob Stanfill**

e-mail: bob@bobstanfill.com  
http://www.bobstanfill.com

19200 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 210  
Cupertino, California 95014  
Direct Line: (408) 246-3562  
Toll Free: (800) 969-LIST

*Before*  
You make  
a move.....

*Call*  
**Me!!!**

*FREE One Year Home Warrantee for Members of G.S.G.R.A.*

**WWW.GSGRA.ORG**

**Check it out....**

*The French  
Flower Market*

**FLORIST & ANTIQUES**

1439 University Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92103

**RICK HUNTER**

(619) 260-0531

**MEMBER  
BENEFIT:**

Card Carrying  
G.S.G.R.A.  
Members receive  
a 10% Discount  
on all goods and  
services with the  
exception of out  
of town wire  
orders.



# LANews



P. O. Box 2407 ~ ~ Long Beach, CA 90801-2407 ~ ~ 562-498-1675  
~ ~ <http://www.larodeo.com> ~ ~ [larodeo@larodeo.com](mailto:larodeo@larodeo.com) ~ ~

## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Rodeo Fundraising Needs Your Help

The weather debacle at Rodeo 15 left the chapter bank *empty* -- and GSGRA requires us to have at least \$7,000 in seed money by the fall before they'll OK our next rodeo. "Unless we raise a lot of money in an incredibly short time period, it's very possible that we won't be able to put on our rodeo in April," chapter president David Medzerian said.

Here's what you can do:

-- We need you to help sell raffle tickets!  
See any chapter officer to get some of the

tickets and a prize list, and sell them to all of your friends. We need their cash!

-- We need suitable raffle prizes. Do some creative thinking and come up with some great prizes that will help make these raffle tickets even more attractive.

-- Participate in or (better yet) volunteer for fundraising activities, such as our beer busts, like the ones planned (see below).

### Three Big Beer Busts: Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Oct. 8

Three big bar fund-raisers are planned for September and October: -- L.A. Rodeo's San Diego Rodeo Kickoff Party, **Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Rawhide** (during beer bust), 10937 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood. -- Beer bust fund-raiser **Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, at Pistons**, 2020 Artesia Blvd, just east of Cherry Avenue, Long Beach. -- L.A. Rodeo fund-raiser beer bust at the **Rawhide, Friday, Oct. 8**. Besides always being a lot of fun, these are great fundraising activities for our chapter, so we *need* to see you there! So bring a friend or two and have a great time carousing with all your rodeo friends!

### Outdoor Rodeo Playday Planned For October 16

As announced last month, our Outdoor Rodeo Playday is on for Saturday, Oct. 16.

We're planning to have several horse and rough-stock events, which you can enter at reduced cost with your GSGRA membership. Since the purpose of a "buckout" is learning and practice, you're encouraged to try your hand at events new to you, which you can do without the much higher cost of competing in a rodeo.

There will be food and lots of tasty beverages to be had, and it will be lots of fun for all. Details on where it will be held will be in October's Chute.

The Outdoor Playday will provide a focal point on which we can focus our efforts on gaining new rodeo sponsors. Let's all get in touch with the potential corporate sponsors we know and invite them to join us at the playday as our guests.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 15th of each month. Email to [newsletter@bidstrup.com](mailto: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.

### IGRA National Convention A Great Success!

Thanks to all who helped out with the production of the IGRA convention, held in Long Beach early last month. It was a roaring success, due to the excellent help we had from volunteers representing each of the GSGRA's chapters. Special thanks to David Medzerian for heading up the effort, and to the Hilderbrandts, Lenore Mankoff, Steve Leigeber, Thom Brennan, and the other volunteers who hung in there for the entire convention. The result was a convention that

the GSGRA can be proud of. The universal comments among the attendees were how well it went. And the wonderful Long Beach weather helped a lot, too. It was such a success, we'll be hosting it again next year.

Our special congratulations to GSGRA president Craig Rouse, who was elected to the presidency of the IGRA for the next year. We're proud of you, Craig! Now get to work...

### Beach Bonfire Scheduled for Sept. 25

Sue and Connie, our tireless activities co-chairpersons, have scheduled another one of those terrific beach bonfires at Bolsa Chica State Beach. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 25, and be at the beach at 6PM near guard tower 17. These bonfires are lots of fun, with gossip, great friendship, and lots of gorgeous, well-tanned bodies to admire! So bring your beach chair, jacket, beach blanket, some snacks and drinks (no

alcohol - this is a state beach and it's prohibited).

Car-pool if you can, as parking is \$6 per car. It's between Warner St. and Golden West along Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach. If you have any wood for the bonfire, bringing it would help us keep the cost down. Email Connie and Sue at [surfdogs@pacbell.net](mailto:surfdogs@pacbell.net) if you can help out.

### Roller-skating and Bowling Was Great Fun!

Our very special thanks to the Moonlight Roller Way for hosting our roller-skating party on July 18. Those attending had a really terrific time, and no small part because it is such a really great facility - complete with hardwood floors and many other amenities that make it a very pleasant place for roller-skating. Connie and Sue indicate they're hoping to organize another roller-skating party there soon.

If you didn't make it to Wednesday Night Bowling at the Brunswick Rossmoor Bowling Center in Seal Beach last month, you really missed out!

It was also a lot of fun and was a great success. Our thanks to the staff at the Brunswick Rossmoor Bowling Center for being such great hosts.

### Rent a Car, Help Your Chapter!

If you travel for business, or you're headed to a rodeo, you can help your chapter by your choice of rental car!

IGRA has a corporate sponsorship deal with Avis Rental Cars, and your chapter has arranged it so that if you do it right, you get a special discount on the car you're renting, *and* the chapter gets a part of the rental money!

To request your discount, give the Avis Worldwide Discount number T238312 to the Avis reservation sales agent and then make sure you get the discount when you pick up the car. This is good for any rental you make from Avis at any city anywhere, and besides getting you a good discount, it gets your chapter some money!



## Sunset Horseback Ride and Dinner Details

The Sunset Dinner Ride through Griffith Park, announced in last month's Chute, is now upon us. If you haven't made your reservations and paid your fee, it's too late. No more openings are available. If you have, here's the details:

The ride will begin at Sunset Ranch, 3400 N. Beachwood Dr. in Los Feliz. It takes about two hours to make it to the restaurant. We'll stop for dinner there, then make the two hour ride back to the ranch.

To get to Sunset Ranch, from the Hollywood Freeway (101) south, take the

Franklin Blvd. exit. Go east on Franklin to Beachwood, north (left) on Beachwood to the ranch. From the 101 north, take the Gower St. exit, and keep right at the split.

If you're planning on bringing your own horse, you *must* check with Sue or Connie if you haven't already done so -- space for your trailer is extremely limited. In fact, car pooling is best, too, if you're planning on coming with a friend.

Plan to be at the ranch by **5:00 PM**. No later or you might get left behind!

## From the Editor's Desk... Tears of Gratitude

A vote taken at the IGRA convention, held in Long Beach at the end of July, brought a tear of gratitude to your editor's eye. I even had to leave the convention floor to regain my composure.

The vote was whether or not to approve dividing prize money into up to three divisional payouts in horse speed events, based on times turned in. This change was sought by the horse competitors, and was opposed largely by some of the more experienced competitors, particularly those who compete both in horse and other events. The vote approved the inclusion of the divisional payout rule. And that's where I come in.

I know I'm not a candidate to ride the PRCA circuit. I'm painfully aware of that, and I know I never will be. After all, I'm fifty years old, I've only been out for a few years, and interested in gay rodeo for only a couple of those. At my age, I'll probably never be a first-division rider, and I know that that it's darned unlikely I'll ever be wealthy enough to own a first-division horse. But I'd still like to compete. I'd still like to be a real, competing part of this thing we call gay rodeo.

But what incentive is there for me to trailer a horse hundreds of miles to a rodeo, spend hundreds of dollars in hotel costs, stall and entry fees, knowing full well that any prize money I'd like to win is going to go straight into the pocket of a much more competitive cowboy - one who's had a lot of breaks I never had?

And haven't we've all heard stories of such cowboys who don't really care one whit about the buckles they've won, but are really there only for the cash they know they can take away from the weaker competitors? This new rule addresses that problem. It means that it's possible for a less competitive cowboy such as myself to come home with *something* - a small check, but some prize money nonetheless. A small reward for endless hours of practice and a long trailering trip.

The cowboys of the IGRA are my friends, and are the only family I really have these days. And now, with this vote, I have one more reason to make my home with them in the IGRA. That's why the tear of gratitude. Thanks, ladies and fellas, I really appreciate it. And I owe you one!

--Scott Bidstrup

*This editorial reflects only the opinion of the writer, and not that of IGRA, GSGRA or the GLAC. Signed letters to the editor in response to this editorial are welcome and will be printed if the writer wishes and space permits. Send them to P.O. Box 265, Perris, CA 92572 or by email to newsletter@bidstrup.com.*

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3-5 SHOW-ME STATE RODEO  
Kansas City, KS
- Sept. 11 CHAPTER BOARD MEETING  
10 AM  
The Center  
2017 E. 4th St.  
Long Beach
- Sept. 12 BEERBUST - S.D. KICKOFF  
Rawhide (during beerbust)  
10937 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood
- Sept. 11 SUNSET RIDE AND DINNER  
6 PM  
Sunset Ranch, Griffith Park
- Sept. 10-12 SOUTHERN SPURS RODEO  
Atlanta, GA
- Sept. 17-19 GREATER SAN DIEGO RODEO  
San Diego, CA  
Volunteer to man the GLAC Booth!  
Contact David Medzerian
- Sept. 25 BEACH BONFIRE  
6 PM  
Bolsa Chica St. Beach, tower 17

### OCTOBER

- Oct 1-3 ATLANTIC STAMPEDE RODEO  
Washington, DC
- Oct. 3 BEERBUST  
Pistons  
2020 Artesia Blvd., Long Beach
- Oct. 8 BEERBUST  
Rawhide  
10937 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood
- Oct. 10 CHAPTER MEETING  
10 AM  
(Sunday)  
Long Beach Westin Hotel  
633 Ocean Blvd., Long Beach
- Oct. 16 OUTDOOR RODEO PLAYDAY  
10 AM  
Location TBA
- Oct 28-31 IGRA FINALS RODEO  
Little Rock, AR



## DIRECTORY

- PRESIDENT**  
David Medzerian  
562-436-1810  
davidm@link.freedom.com
- VICE PRESIDENTS**  
**Administration**  
Amy Griffin  
818-265-9353  
Amy@lacap.com
- Rodeo Operations**  
Steve Creber  
562-624-1011  
screber@usa.net
- SECRETARY**  
Lenore Mankoff  
ComeDancn@aol.com
- TREASURER**  
Mark Jensen
- STATE BOARD Representatives**  
Thom Brennan  
Kevin Weeks  
Steve Creber
- Alternates**  
Ruth Hilderbrandt  
Steve Leigeber
- COMMITTEES**  
**By-Laws**  
Mike DeYonker
- Events**  
Sue Downing, Connie Risch
- Membership**  
Ruth Hilderbrandt
- Taxes**  
Thom Brennan
- Records**  
D.J. Simmons
- Webgirl**  
Mark Jensen
- Newsletter**  
Scott Bidstrup  
newsletter@bidstrup.com

The L.A. Rodeo and GSGRA present

# An Outdoor Rodeo Playday

10 a.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 16,  
in Los Angeles County

*Spend a day outdoors with your rodeo friends*

Here's your chance to learn how to compete  
in your favorite rodeo events!

*Scheduled events include:*

- **Horse events** (barrel racing, pole bending and flag race)
- **Steer events** (chute dogging and steer riding)
- **Camp events** (goat dressing and steer decorating)

*plus food, beverages and fun!*

**Admission is free for spectators!**  
Small fee to compete – discounts to GSGRA members

*Visit our web site at  
[www.larodeo.com](http://www.larodeo.com)  
for details*



## 1999-2000 Rodeo Schedule

**Texas Gay Rodeo:** Austin, TX Nov 12-14, 1999  
**Road Runner Rodeo:** Phoenix, AZ Jan 14-16, 2000  
**Bighorn Rodeo:** Las Vegas, NV Mar 3-5, 2000  
**LA Rodeo 2000:** Los Angeles, CA Apr 14-16, 2000  
**Great Plains Rodeo:** Oklahoma City, OK May 26-28, 2000  
**Salt Lake City Rodeo:** Salt Lake City, UT June 2-4, 2000  
**Bay Area Rodeo:** San Jose, CA June 16-18, 2000  
**Heartland Rodeo:** Omaha, NE June 23-25, 2000  
**Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo:** Calgary June 30 - July 2, 2000  
**Rocky Mountain Rodeo:** Denver, CO July 7-9, 2000  
**Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo:** Detroit, MI Aug 11-13, 2000  
**Sierra Stampede:** Sacramento, CA Aug 18-20, 2000  
**Windy City Rodeo 2000:** Chicago, IL Aug 25-27, 2000  
**Show-Me State Rodeo:** Kansas City, KS Sept 1-3, 2000  
**Atlantic Stampede 2000:** Washington, DC Sept 8-10, 2000  
**San Diego Rodeo:** San Diego, CA Sept 15-17, 2000  
**Southern Spurs Rodeo:** Atlanta, GA Sep 29-Oct 1, 2000  
**Finals Rodeo:** Albuquerque, NM Oct 19-22, 2000

All information is believed to be accurate, however, we urge you to contact the local producing Association or I.G.R.A. to confirm all dates, times and locations before making any commitments. Our data source is IGRA as of 8/20/99.

