

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

For the year 2000

Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose
June 16-18, 2000

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 14-16, 2000



Sierra Stampede
Sacramento
Aug 18-20 2000

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 21-24, 2000

The Chute

March 2000

The Official Newsletter
of G.S.G.R.A.

G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee

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Big Horn Rodeo-Las Vegas-March 3-5, 2000

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Who cares if you're not 100% Irish?
You can still have
a happy St. Patrick's Day!



You have a happy Halloween and you're not a pumpkin, are you?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to start this month by thanking all the people who attended the state board meeting in February. It is refreshing to see the growth of interest from our chapter in the state's activities. Planning is underway for the State Board Convention in May, and I look forward to seeing a lot of San Diegan faces there.

For those of you unfamiliar with the State Board of Directors is a governing body of all the individual G.S.G.R.A. chapters and consists of three members of each chapter (whom San Diego will be electing their representation in April), plus its own internally elected executive board. Many decisions that directly affect our chapter and rodeo event are made at these meetings, and the State Board Convention will feature the election of the Executive members of the State Board of Directors and bylaw change proposals to the G.S.G.R.A. bylaws. All of our members are welcome at any of the state board meetings, including convention.

As we head into March, rodeo is only about six months away and planning will be heading into full swing. As things get busier, please remember to ask for help if you need it! One of the functions of our chapter's board (that's me, Nancy, Rick, Joseph, and Del) is to provide that help to you when you need it. If you need advice, help or just need someone to vent or talk to, just ask.

We would love to hear from you. If you would like to contact us, or get information on our organization, please do so at:

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would be sponsoring the event, livestock suddenly became very unavailable. (One wonders if they feared the cattle might become Gay by association!) Gay resourcefulness finally secured the necessary beasts, and Gay Rodeo was birthed as a fun-filled event.

1977-1980: National Reno Gay Rodeo flourished and Phil Ragsdale's new fundraiser, the Mr., Ms., and Miss National Gay Rodeo Competition, grew each year.

1981: An energetic Texas contingent arrived in Reno to represent their state. During the festivities, Miss Texas bumped into Wayne Jakino and , upon learning he was from Denver, chided him for lack of representation from that state. Jakino vowed that Colorado would be well represented the following year. A month later Jakino, Ron Jesser and seven other men formed the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association.

1982: When Colorado returned to the 1982 National Gay Rodeo they were 400 strong, including a mounted drill team and forty-three rodeo contestants (two-thirds of that year's contestants). Colorado's contestants rallied support from other states to push for uniform rules and a quality rodeo. Attendance in the grandstands reached over 10,000, and Joan Rivers was Grand Marshal.

1983: An envoy from Colorado went to Houston seeking support from the formation of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) and , more specifically, a rodeo.

They elicited a promise of support if Colorado would lead the way with a rodeo of its own.

On June 3, 1983, Denver became the second city in the US to host a Gay rodeo, at Coal Creek Rodeo Grounds in Aurora. Contestants flocked from Texas and California to the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, only to have a torrential rain dumped on them that weekend. But the games went on! They had been through too much to let a little watersports stop them!

Later that month, the TGRA was formed and scheduled for the first Texas Gay Rodeo for 1984.

In August, Colorado returned in force to the Eighth National Reno Gay Rodeo. The largest number of dance groups ever assembled at a rodeo were there that year. Over fourteen countries totaling more than 12,000 spectators jammed the grandstands. This year saw the formation on the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association in California (GSGRA). Sadly, it also saw the Ninth (and final) National Reno Gay Rodeo, as rodeo books were seized by the federal government. **(continued next month)**



RIDE INTO THE MILLENNIUM

Did you know?

Our third San Diego Gay and Lesbian Rodeo was held on Sept. 27-29, 1991 at Del Mar Fairgrounds Equestrian Center.

The 1991 board members were:

President: Ralph Martinez
Executive
Vice Pres: Jan Sabalausky
Treasurer: Larry Rose
Secretary: Kelly Trammel
Rodeo Dir
&
Vice Pres: Carl Peterson
Arena Dir: Ray Hartshorn

Grand Marshal:
Judy Galloway

The following article first appeared in the 1989 Greater San Diego Rodeo Program. Those of us new to the rodeo experience felt that the history of gay rodeo would be of interest to those who had no idea how it all began. For those cowboys and cowgirls who actually experienced this history as it was unfolding, we both wanted to remind you of how and where you began, and thank you for preparing the way. We would like to thank the original author of this article. If you wrote this, or know who wrote this piece, please e-mail us so that we can acknowledge the author appropriately.

It would be hard for a spectator seated in the arena at Austin or Phoenix or Denver to imagine the long and colorful road down which gay rodeo has traveled. It hasn't been easy getting from there to here, believe it! 1975: Most of us are aware of the "Imperial Court system, wherein a "Court" is elected to spearhead fundraising efforts for charitable causes. In 1975, Phil Ragsdale, that year's Emperor in Reno, chose as his cause the Muscular Dystrophy Association and as his means a gay rodeo. Phil was told by the operators of the Washoe County Fairgrounds that the first available date was October 2, 1976 and accepted immediately. Next he contacted local farmers and ranchers in the area to obtain livestock. As soon as the locals heard that the Reno Gay community

March 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Meeting 7pm Merchandise Mtg.	2 State Convention Meeting 7pm	3	4 Las Vegas Rodeo
5 Las Vegas Rodeo	6	7	8	9	10	11 Chili Cook-Off at the Hole 4pm
12 Bylaws Mtg. 2pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Rodeo Round Table 7pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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GSGRA, Inc Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2000

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
WFB - David Watkins Fund	1,545.60
WFB - General Operating	978.45
WFB - Rodeo Sanction	15,468.50
WFB - Savings 5,115.58	
Total Checking/Savings	23,108.13

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable	16,491.58
Total Accounts Receivable	16,491.58

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Taxes	340.00
Total Other Current Assets	340.00

Total Current Assets 39,939.71

Other Assets

Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00

TOTAL ASSETS 40,863.71

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	43,893.70
Retained Earnings	-1,513.88
Net Income	-1,516.11
Total Equity	40,863.71

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 40,863.71

GSGRA, Inc Revenue vs Expenses January 2000

Income	Interest Income	29.25
	Membership Income	755.00
	Total Income	784.25
Expense	General Administrative	223.87
	Membership	200.00
	Total Expense	423.87
	Net Income	360.38

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**GSGRA, Inc Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
March 1999 through January 2000**

	Mar '99 - Jan '00	Budget	Over
Income			
Dance Contest	150.00	975.00	-825.00
D Watkins Fund	1,267.00	1,000.00	267.00
Donations	20.00		
IGRA Convention	11,260.00	12,000.00	-740.00
Interest Income	533.56	1,120.00	-586.44
Membership Inc	13,673.00	12,600.00	1,073.00
Merchandise Sale	56.00	1,000.00	-944.00
Reserve Funds	2,650.00	500.00	2,150.00
State Convention	940.00	1,000.00	-60.00
Total Income	30,549.56	30,195.00	354.56
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	450.00	600.00	-150.00
Dance Contest	273.80	500.00	-226.20
DWMF Contestant Exp	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Education	300.00	1,500.00	-1,200.00
General Admin	5,239.48	4,220.00	1,019.48
IGRA Convention	13,482.41	12,000.00	1,482.41
IGRA Convention	550.00	2,500.00	-1,950.00
Membership	4,793.01	4,250.00	543.01
Merchandise	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00
Mr Ms Miss	548.00	500.00	48.00
Professional Fees	740.00	385.00	355.00
Rodeo Loss	4,269.94		
State Convention	455.03	1,200.00	-744.97
Taxes	964.00	1,800.00	-836.00
Total Expense	32,065.67	31,605.00	460.67
Net Income	-1,516.11	-1,410.00	-106.11

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***** CHECK IT OUT *****

E-mail Officers and Committees

Link to other G.S.G.R.A. Chapters

Link to I.G.R.A. and other Rodeo and Associations

**Current Schedule of Rodeos and other events
and so much more.....**



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

The GSGRA/GLAC Buckout Was a HUGE Success!!

On a perfectly sunny day in Acton, California, fifty (or so...) GSGRA Members and Rodeo Competitors met for a day of education, practice, bonding, and BBQ! GLAC Secretary **Lenore Mankoff**, worked hard at her famous hamburgers and dogs (with Treasurer **Mark Jensen's** help, of course...) while newly reinstated GLAC Education Chair, **Charlie Colella** instructed event participants in Steer Riding, Chute Dogging, and Calf Roping on Foot *with a little help from his friends*. Charlie and his team of seasoned rodeo veterans assisted newcomers and as well as familiar faces trying out new events. Event safety precautions were stressed throughout the day, along with tips from "the pros" and valuable practice time. Thank you to **Charlie** and **Lenore** and everyone else who worked hard to make the day a success and to all the "contestants" who participated in the day's events -- without you we're nothing!

A Message from Charlie...

Well, it's been a long time since we've had one, but we did it. I'd like to thank EVERYONE for coming out, participating and helping out. There were many newcomers and first-time riders/doggers/ropers, along with a lot of experience on hand. I sure hope that everyone had a good time and came away a bit more enlightened with regards to the events we taught. Thanks to all who made this a successful event! If you have any thoughts or comments on how the buckout went, or what we can do to improve the next, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks, Charlie

(p.s. -- Keep your eyes open for future GLAC educational events. Next up on Charlie's list are a Horse Events Gymkhana and a Roping Clinic.)



THANKS TO WEBGIRL MARK JENSEN, YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE FRESHLY REDESIGNED GLAC WEB PAGE AT:

<http://www.larodeo.com>

So... You Wanna DANCE?

The California State Convention and Dance Competition will be held May 6, 2000 in San Diego. We will be electing GLAC's State Board Representatives at our April Chapter Meeting. State Officers will be elected at the State Convention. The Annual California State Dance Competition will also be taking place at the State Convention.

To nominate State Board Representatives, contact **Thom Brennan** at tbngrendel@aol.com. To nominate State Officer candidates, contact **David Medzerian** at davidm@link.freedom.com. For Dance Contest information, contact **Amy Griffin** at Amy@lacap.com.

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Words from the President...

Folks, two important items for you:

First, we're in the homestretch toward the rodeo. There are only about six weeks left, and there's lots of work left to do! Remember, a lot of our time and energy in the fall and winter was spent on fund-raising just so we could have the rodeo; but that means we're behind in several important areas. Please, find something you can do to help: From logistics to volunteers to hotel to publicity, we need you. Send an e-mail to larodeo@larodeo.com, or contact either **Steve Creber**, our rodeo VP, at (562) 624-1011 or volunteer coordinator **Lenore Mankoff** at (310) 509-4109.

Second, chapter elections are also just around the corner, and now is the time to think about running. This will be a critical election, because your chapter president (me) as well as rodeo VP (**Steve**) and administrative VP (**Amy Griffin**) have all announced their intention to step aside after multiple terms each. Contact either of the nominations chairs, **Nils Peterson** at (562) 435-2511 or **Thom Brennan** at (323) 256-7868 -- for details.

Remember, whether it's working to put on the rodeo or serving on the chapter board, the chapter can't continue without volunteers. -- **David Medzerian**, GLAC President

Note on Membership Renewal

If your membership expires, your renewal month will remain the same regardless of how long you wait to renew. In other words, if your membership expired in January, and you wait until April to renew just before the L.A. Rodeo, your renewal will expire again in January of next year. If you have questions on membership or renewal, please contact GLAC Membership Chair **Ruth Hilderbrandt** at Mamarodeo@aol.com.

PRIDE Season Is Just Around the Corner...

The season of pride celebrations is fast approaching.

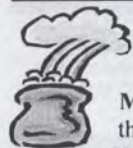


To uphold tradition, GLAC will be carrying the flags to lead off the Long Beach Pride Parade. At the L.A. Pride Festival, we hope to be pouring beer (we have found in past years that this is a *great* way to have some fun at Pride while wearing our

cowboy hats and raising a little money for the Chapter). In addition, after several years of weak showings at the Los Angeles Pride Parade, **Drew Oberbeck**, **Charlie Colella**, **Devon Deming**, and **Sherry Le** have volunteered to organize a GLAC party to walk/ride in the L.A. Parade. More details on all Pride events to coming in future newsletters.

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LOS ANGELES RODEO INFORMATION



Las Vegas, Here We Come!

Mark Jensen and Lenore Mankoff will be (wo-)manning the L.A. Rodeo booth at Las Vegas Rodeo's Dance on Saturday night, March 4, 2000. In addition to handing out information on the upcoming L.A. Rodeo, Mark and Lenore will be selling L.A. Rodeo T-shirts. If you haven't

gotten a fabulous L.A. Rodeo T-shirt yet, make sure to buy one before they are gone! (And Lenore begs anyone who is willing to please stop by the L.A. Rodeo booth and bring her something to *D-R-I-N-K...*)



Rodeo Kick-off Parties in Planning Stage

Don't forget our upcoming Rodeo Kick-off Parties! These parties will be loads of fun and a great way to raise money for our chapter and to get the word out about our Rodeo. At each of the parties listed below, we will be raffling off 24-Hour Fitness Memberships and Boot Barn Gift Certificates, so bring your friends and support GLAC and The L.A. Rodeo!!

Sunday, March 26, 2000

Fire Island, 3325 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA 90801, (562) 597-0012
<http://www.clubfireisland.com/>

Directions to Fire Island:

From the 405 Fwy, go south on Cherry Ave. (2.1 mi.), then left on E. Anaheim St.

Other fabulous parties to follow include...

***Sunday, April 2, 2000, West Hollywood

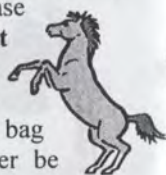
***Sunday, April 9, 2000, Rawhide, North Hollywood

Watch for more details on Rodeo Kick-Off Parties in upcoming newsletters.

Reduction in L.A. Rodeo Stall Fees

Due to some tough negotiations by Rodeo Operations Co-Chair Tracy Keiper, reserved stall fees for the L.A. Rodeo have been reduced to \$60.00 for the weekend (Thursday through Monday). Unfortunately, there is still no discount for late arrivals or early departures, and there is no day trailering. In addition, the \$60.00 rate is available only to contestants who reserve stalls and pay for them in full in advance. **To qualify for this rate, stall**

reservations must be mailed with your rodeo pre-registration and postmarked on or before March 17, 2000* (*please note that this deadline is two weeks prior to the registration deadline). Also, please remember that **pets are not allowed** at the Rodeo site. Final note, due to the reduction in cost, the one bag of shavings will no longer be provided with the stall rental.



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MORE LOS ANGELES RODEO INFORMATION

L.A. Rodeo Tickets Available for Purchase ONLINE

Presale tickets to the world famous L.A. Rodeo and Country Fair are now available for online purchase at the IGRA Country Store, <http://www.igracountrystore.com>. There is also a link to the IGRA Country Store on the GLAC home page at <http://www.larodeo.com>. Bookmark both!

Buckles Still Available for Sponsorship

Plenty of buckles are still available for sponsorship. If you know an organization or business that would like to support gay rodeo and receive

recognition, please contact **Thom Brennan** at TBNGrendel@aol.com for a sponsorship packet.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR VENDOR BOOTHS AND RODEO ENTERTAINERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO <http://www.larodeo.com>

L.A. Rodeo *STILL* Seeking Assistants

The chairs of the various rodeo committees continue to seek assistants for the Year 2000 Rodeo. This can be a great opportunity to get more involved in the nuts and bolts of the Rodeo. Assistants will work alongside chairs learning what it takes to make the

Rodeo happen. All areas are currently seeking assistants, including entertainment, security, publicity, operations, and others. If you are interested, please contact **Steve Creber** at (562) 624-1011 or at screber@usa.net.

Support L.A. Rodeo Sponsors!

Please continue to support the following sponsors of IGRA/GSGRA and the L.A. Rodeo: Bud Light, Avis, Instinct Magazine, 24-Hour Fitness, The Burbank Hilton, United Airlines, Wet, Galpin Motors, and Re:Source. Show them their sponsorship is valuable.

New Members and More ...

Welcome to new members **Jan Fogel, Charles Mann, Danny Aguilar** and **Robert Monterone**. We hope you enjoy all that our association has to offer in the upcoming year. Welcome back to **Paul Thompson** and **Steve Creber** who have renewed their memberships just in time to continue serving the chapter humbly in their thankless positions. And warm wishes to **GERALD HILL, Greg Garcia, Kevin Mock, Kevin**

Kretsinger, Daune Beatty, Jeff Amsden, Lewis Putnam, and Thom Brennan who all celebrated birthdays in February. Here's to another year of fun in the Rodeo family!

As usual, you can e-mail newsletter content and/or comments to me at: dmdeming@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 15th of each month. All published materials, including the chapter logo, "LA Rodeo" logo and posters, newsletter, "LARODEO.COM" and website contents are Copyright © 1999 GSGRA-L.A., a California non-profit corporation. Any use without prior permission is a violation of copyright law.

CALENDAR

MARCH

- Mar. 3-5 **BIGHORN RODEO**
Las Vegas, Nevada
- Mar. 11 **GLAC BOARD MEETING**
10 AM
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center*
11127 Orcas Avenue
Lakeview Terrace
- Mar. 26 **RODEO KICK-OFF PARTY**
5 - 10 PM
Fire Island, Long Beach
3325 E. Anaheim Street
(See directions in this issue.)

APRIL

- Apr. 2 **GLAC CHAPTER MEETING**
10 AM
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center*
- Apr. 2 **RODEO KICK-OFF PARTY**
??? PM
West Hollywood, Location TBA
- Apr. 9 **RODEO KICK-OFF PARTY**
??? PM
Rawhide, North Hollywood
- Apr. 14-16 **THE L.A. RODEO**
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center*

* Directions to Hansen Dam Equestrian Center: From the I-5 northbound, take the 118 fwy. east to the 210 fwy. East and exit at Osborne Street. Turn left from the exit and move to the right lane. Turn right onto Foothill Blvd. and right onto Orcas Avenue (signal light). Follow the two lane road under the freeway into the HDEC.

2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 10 am Sat. May 13, Long Beach (board)
10 am Sat. June 10, Long Beach ("annual meeting of members" with chapter elections)
10 am Sun. July 9, L.A. (board)
4 pm Sat. Aug. 12, L.A. (chapter, with potluck after)
10 am Sat. Sept. 16, Long Beach (board)
10 am Sat. Oct. 7, Long Beach (chapter)
10 am Sat. Nov. 4, L.A. (board)
10 am Sun. Dec. 3, L.A. (chapter)

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BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words from the Pres!

Words from the President.

Gotta keep it short again 'cause things are just jumping up here in the Bay. I'm still amazed at all the things that are going on. If you're not joining in, you NEED to be. The dance at the 1220 was a huge success, and thanks to the new emcee talent that was discovered. Right on the heels of that is coming the Mid-Winter Dance at the Sundance Saloon. Then we've got bar-b-ques, mud football, and more special events than I can count.

So, get ready for a fun-filled Spring with lots of rodeo events. I hope to see each one of you there. I also hope that each of you will consider joining us in the volunteer ranks at some of our fund raisers, or taking a place on the royalty stage. I also hope each of you will consider running for royalty.

Lest you think I've forgotten that visionary stuff from 2 months ago, we're moving ahead. We're definitely going to have a Sister Rodeo. We've got lots of other ideas cooking, but I'd really like each of you to provide some input, so make plans now to attend our April Chapter Meeting, and don't forget about the Rodeo Roundtables. It takes a lot of work to host a rodeo, and we need each of you to help out.

Yours in a rodeo way.

Doug Graff
BAC President
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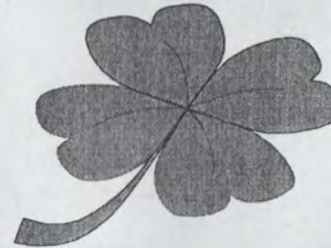
Another Exec Speaks UP

Howdy Chapter Members!!

Believe it or not, I have had SEVERAL people approach me expressing an interest in running for Mr. GSGRA!! Now that y'all have picked yourselves up off of the floor, you can help me out with some feedback. If there's enough interest in the Mr. GSGRA title, I'm hoping that a local contest for Mr. Bay Area Rodeo 2000 would be a nice warm-up for the BIG contest!! Once again, please email me should you show any interest whatsoever in either the local title, or the state title of Mr. GSGRA. I'm am absolutely confident that the next Mr. GSGRA will be from the Bay Area Chapter!!

Sincerely,

Adrian Arteche
Vice President-BAC



Congratulations to...

At the PHOENIX RODEO!
Debby Freeman - Fifth Place - Pole Bending
Debby Freeman - Sixth Place - Flag Racing
Patrick Burke - Third Place - Bull Riding
Doug Graff - Fourth Place - Steer Riding
Doug Graff - Second Place - Wild Drag



Rodeo Stuff

Check the hotline often - Rodeo Roundtables are occurring - be a part of the best rodeo ever!

Fun Things Coming Your Way



BAR-B-QUE. It's just about time for our world famous Sunday afternoon fund raisers at the Eagle Tavern. This year you get **twice** the fun! See you there on Sunday, March 19th and May 21st.



MUD FOOTBALL. Sunday Morning in Golden Gate Park. What could be better for a game of football and a cookout? This one's definitely headed for the record books. Don't miss this opportunity to spend a really fun day with your fellow chapter members. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, March 12th. Check the hotline and watch your email for more details.

April Chapter Meeting - **Thursday, April 20th** at 7:30 in San Francisco. Check the hotline and the website for details on location.

Remember, all events are subject to change after press time. So, make it a habit to check the hotline at **(415) 561-9228** and/or the webpage often.

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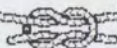
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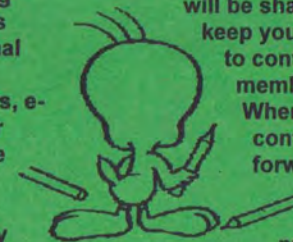
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