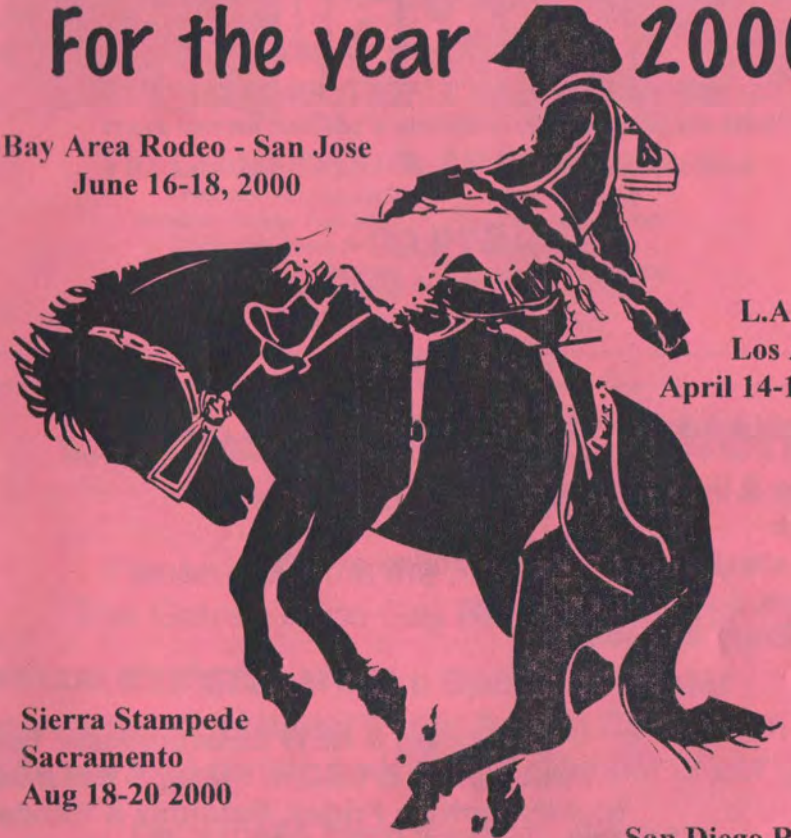


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For the year 2000

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

June 2000

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

G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee
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Ladies and Gentlemen

(and Rodeo Contestant!!!)

Please welcome the newest Chapter of
 The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association.

The Greater Palm Springs Chapter
 was granted a charter at our Annual Convention and
 is now a fully constituted, official member of our gang.

Let's make them feel very welcome.

***Gay Rodeo is back in the desert.....
 And about time too.***

The Chute is the official newsletter of
The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

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2000

BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words from the Pres!

Are you all ready for a fantastic June?

So many things happening...San Jose Gay Pride Parade and I know there is something else, but it escapes me right now...oh yeah THE 9th ANNUAL BAY AREA REGIONAL GAY RODEO!!!

First I want to thank all of the chapter members who are a part of the Rodeo Roundtable Team. They have done one heck of a job setting up for the best rodeo yet. But before we rodeo, we have to publicize, publicize, publicize.

So....on Sunday, June 11, we will have the largest contingent in the San Jose Gay Pride Parade ever! Not only will we have horses, a guy on stilts and a rodeo clown, but we'll also be carrying the flags for the 50 United States...but we can not do it without ALL of our members helping out. Yes that even means you folks that we only see on Rodeo Weekend...we really need your help on that Sunday morning to show San Jose that the rodeo is coming to town!

Here's how it will work...on a first come first serve basis, you may reserve the state flag of your choice. Please let me know now which flag you want to carry so I can get a feeling of how many folks I have to pull off the street and from other organizations...but I really don't want to do that...it's time to cowboy up for our organization!

And now for Rodeo Weekend. Things are falling into place nicely. It's almost a carbon copy event from last year...only bigger and better. The largest change this year will be the addition of the entertainment tent at the Hyatt. We'll also have a Falcon Studios model on hand all weekend as well as the WILD ANGELS BAND at the fairgrounds on Sunday. But

we need to publicize this too. Start talking it up! The pool parties will be as fantastic as ever this year. It will be "Classic" Disco on Friday from Patrick Terry of HGRA and modern dance music from Ernesto on Saturday.

On the Chapter front, please start thinking about our annual meeting in August. Several current officers will not be running again for office. We need your help to insure that the Bay Area Chapter continues to thrive as an alternative in the Gay Community.

See you at the Rodeo!
Yours in a rodeo way.

Doug Graff
BAC President
MRIGRA99@aol.com or 408-261-3259.

Congratulations to...



Jerry Anaya

- Pole Bending - 8th place on Saturday
- Wild Drag Race - 4th place Saturday, 1st place Sunday

JERRY'S FIRST RODEO RIBBONS!!!!

Debbie Andrews

- Bareback Bronc – BUCKLE
- Chute Dogging- 2nd place Saturday
- Calf Roping on Foot - BUCKLE –

FIRST TIME BUCKLE FOR DEB IN THIS EVENT!!

Debby Freeman

- Barrel Race - 2nd place Saturday, 6th place Sunday
- Pole Bending - 2nd place Saturday, 1st place Sunday
- Flag Race - 2nd place Saturday, 2 place Sunday
- Wild Drag Race - 4th place Saturday, 1st place Sunday

**ALL AROUND COWGIRL
FIRST TIME ALL AROUND FOR DEB!!!!**

Doug Graff

- Steer Decorating - 3rd place Saturday
 - Wild Drag Race - 3rd place Saturday, 4th place Sunday
 - Goat Dressing - 3rd place Saturday
- AND....ONCE AGAIN, FABULOUS JOB CLOWNING AND BULL FIGHTING....THANKS FROM ALL!!

Rodeo Stuff

June 8	Rodeo Roundtable
June 10	Rodeo Workparty
June 15	Chapter & Rountable Meeting
June 16	Rodeo
June 17	Rodeo
June 18	Rodeo
June 19	Tear Down & Clean-up

(All dates subject to change)

Lot's of volunteers are needed, so don't delay, call, fax, email or yell, but help make this the best rodeo ever!

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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
Southern Spurs Rodeo: Atlanta, GA July 21-23, 2000
16th Annual IGRA Convention and C/W Dance Championships
Las Vegas, NV Aug 2-6, 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 22-24, 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 1/21/2000.





Greater San Diego Chapter

3758 30th Street
San Diego, CA. 92104

Message from the VP of Rodeo Ops

Well, I hope you all are well rested. Now comes the time of year when things get fast and furious. It is also a time I would like all of you to start thinking about what positions you would like to try for next year. This is the time for you to start working with each other and perhaps learning a new job. I understand this may take a lot of time. I do understand that we all are volunteers. That is something I would like us all to remember. Many of us dedicate a lot of hours to the association. We need to listen to and respect each other. We may not always like what a person has done or that person. We are a team: a very **AWESOME TEAM!!** Let's remember this when it gets time for rodeo. Let's all have fun! Remember our knowledge is a gift to be shared not guarded.

Later,

Nancy

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

HOTLINE/ VOICE MAIL: (619) 298-4708

FAX: (619) 298-4709

E-MAIL: gsglasan@aol.com

WEB PAGE: www.sandiegorodeo.com

RIDE INTO THE MILLENNIUM

Did you know?

The Sixth San Diego Gay and Lesbian Rodeo was held on Sept. 22-25, 1994 at Del Mar Fairgrounds Equestrian Center.

The 1994 board members were:

President: Phil Baldwin
Executive
Vice Pres: David Pickle
Treasurer: Bill Chapman
Secretary: Terry Kaminsky
Rodeo Dir:
&
Vice Pres: Vince Coco

Arena Director:
Erin Eaton

Grand Marshal:
Carl Peterson

Member of the Year:
Doug Kenney

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEAD FOR THE HILLS

Join the San Diego Chapter of GSGRA for a fun filled weekend of camping at the Second Chance Ranch, near Lake Henshaw in late July. All you need to have a great time is a tent, something to rest your body on and some grub to fill your stomach. There are plenty of things to do to fill your day, whether you choose to hike the trails, lounge by the pool, venture into the nearby town of Julian or dance the night away under the stars. The low cost of enjoying this spectacular setting is only \$15 per night per person. So what are you waiting for? Mark you calendar for the weekend of July 29th and call Jon Strmiska at (619) 298-4708, extension 5787 for further information or to request a reservation form.

If you've been thinking about this, now is the time to make your reservations. There is only one more newsletter left before this event.

UPCOMING RODEOS

Good luck to all of the rodeos taking place during the month of June. May Mother Nature be in a fabulous mood, and give you all sunshine and clear blue skies. To all the contestants riding at the Salt Lake City Rodeo on June 3rd and 4th, San Jose on June 17th and 18th, and/or Omaha on June 24th and 25th, may your ropes fly true, and may whatever you choose to ride choose to let you stay on until you're finished!

PRIDE

LA and San Francisco will be holding their Gay and Lesbian Pride Festivals on June 24th and 25th. Go forth and be Mary!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

TOAST YOUR WEENIES

Come and find out what the Greater San Diego Chapter of the GSGRA is all about. On Saturday, June 10th, there will be a BBQ and Open House for anyone who is interested in finding out why a group of urban cowboys and cowgirls feel the driving need to hold a rodeo every year. This event is open to all members and non-members (or hopefully, future members). The office will be open from 12 til 4, and free burgers and weenies will be served.

OTHER NEWS

STATE DANCE COMPETITION

The 10th Annual GSGRA Dance Contest that was held on Saturday, May 6th. Division 1 : First Place went to Steve Cheatham and Paul Casey, Second Place went to Pamela Ford and Carol Ann Palmer. Division 2: First Place went to Gorge Aguilar and Lorry King, Second Place went to Paul Van Zyl and Michael Miller. Division 3: First Place went to John Garrison and Stephen Crowe. Division 4: First Place went to Wes Wilkinson and Stacey Spears. Many thanks to all those who helped, and congratulations to all the dancers who competed .

FUNDRAISING

Our thanks and thoughts go out to Charles B. for pulling together a fabulous Mexican Dinner Fundraiser. We all hope you get back on the horse that threw you as soon as possible!

GSGRA STATE CONVENTION

Lots of happenings at the GSGRA State Convention that took place on Saturday, May 6th in San Diego at the Marriott Hotel in Mission Valley. The San Diego Chapter made a fine showing, thank you everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. The new San Diego Chapter State Reps began their term. The new state representatives are Joseph Berry, Dan Bradford, and, of course, our illustrious President, Robert Kojima. Robert Farley and James Gearity are First and Second Alternates, respectively. Elections for the new Executive Board of the GSGRA State Board of Directors were held. Our new State Board of Directors are: Treasurer—Bill Chapman, Secretary—Clint Johnson, VP of Rodeo Ops—Nancy Novak (congratulations, Nancy!), Executive VP—Sammy Van Galder, and President—Mark Marshal.

Besides elections, there was a proposal made for chapterhood. Congratulations go out to our newest chapter, Greater Palm Springs. Welcome!

Two other major occurrences were bids for Finals. The Greater Palm Springs Chapter made a proposal for 2001 Finals (and what a proposal!). They received permission to make the bid at IGRA. The Greater San Diego Chapter also made a proposal for 2002 Finals, and also received permission to make a bid at the next IGRA Convention. Good luck to both these Chapters, and let's hope for a double-header of great rodeo finals on the West Coast!

Standing Rules of GSGRA Greater San Diego Chapter

SECTION 1. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:

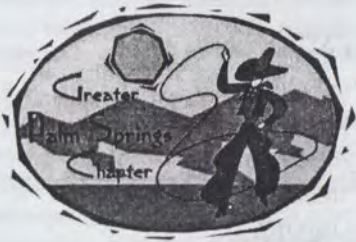
1. The Chapter will hold a regular monthly meeting to be held the first week of every month with the exception of November and those dates that fall on a National Holiday.
 - The day of the week will be voted on at the general membership meeting in December.
 - The date must be agreed on by a majority of the membership present.
2. The Chapter will hold a rodeo roundtable monthly with the exception of the month before a rodeo production.
 - The day of the week will be decided by the VP of Rodeo operations upon the advisement of the rodeo roundtable.
 - The VP of Rodeo Operations will chair the meeting.
 - In the event that the VP of Rodeo Operations is not present the Rodeo Director will chair the meeting.

SECTION 2: CHAPTER CHAIR DUTIES

The chapter committee chairs will report to chapter officers as directed by the chapter president.

- ARCHIVES: To maintain and collect items for GSGRA-SD'S history.
 - BY-LAWS: To assist the chapter membership in applying for changes to the standing rules and bylaws. To update and maintain the chapter by laws and standing rules. To maintain/update GSGRA & IGRA manuals: standing rules and by-laws.
 - CHAPTER FUNDRAISING: To plan and coordinate fundraisers for chapter expenses.
 - STATE REPRESENTATIVES: To attend all state board meetings and the state convention. To update chapter members on GSGRA state business. To be a liaison between the chapter and GSGRA board of directors.
 - FINANCES: To audit GSGRA-GSDC'S treasurer's records at least annually.
 - EDUCATION: To develop and direct educational projects. The training should be useful in the participation of rodeo.
 - PUBLICITY/MEDIA RELATIONS: Inform the press and public about upcoming rodeo events. To be GSGRA-GSDC's liaison with the media.
 - COMMUNITY OUTREACH: To serve as a liaison between GSGRA-GSDC and other community organizations. To inform the chapter membership of upcoming community events.
 - MEMBERSHIP: To recruit new members through membership drives. This includes participation in community events, i.e. pride and rodeo events.
 - EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES: To plan and coordinate non-fundraising events for the benefit of GSGRA-GSDC members.
 - MOBILITY AND LOGISTICS: To be responsible for GSGRA-GSDC'S equipment trailer. To arrange contracts with other rodeos for the use of the trailer and its contents. To be aware of the trailer's contents, location and condition. To ensure the trailer's registration is kept current.
 - MERCHANDISE: To oversee the production and sale of chapter related merchandise. Coordinate with the rodeo merchandise coordinator.
 - MERCHANDISE/MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT: To contact businesses for GSGRA-GSDC members. To inform membership of discounts available.
 - SYSTEM SUPPORT: To coordinate with the office manager the maintenance and updating of GSGRA-GSDC computers.
 - NEWSLETTER: To be responsible for the production of GSGRA-GSDC input into the GSGRA Newsletter. To act as a liaison between the chapter and state newsletter.
 - OFFICE MANAGER: To be responsible for the running of the chapter office. These duties include, but are not limited to: obtaining office supplies, beverages, and the cleanliness of the office.
 - DONATIONS: To oversee the selection of beneficiaries of GSGRA-GSDC donations. To present the selection(s) to the chapter membership for their approval.
 - PRIDE: To be a liaison between GSGRA-GSDC and SDG & L PRIDE. To coordinate the chapter's activities during San Diego Pride weekend.
- CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP: To solicit sponsors for GSGRA-GSDC.

GREATER PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER



Howdy,

The Greater Palm Springs Rodeo Chapter had an INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL first fundraiser this past Saturday night, April 29th at Hunter's Dance and Video Bar. From 6 to 9 there was non stop entertainment, auctions and raffles...even Hunky Cowboys being auctioned off with dining for two at some of our finest eating establishments. A BEAUTIFUL Cowgirl was auctioned and was grabbed up by another beautiful lady ...now they are off to dine together in one of Palm Springs finest ! The crowd , reaching approximately 500 during the evening.....was VERY enthusiastic ! They were also VERY giving ! As Chapter members moved through the crowd greeting, encouraging and soliciting for donations...the roars and applause for the fabulous entertainment by Victoria London (Miss AGRA) MC for the evening, Irene Soderberg. , JG

Avila , Randy Riggs, Doug Graff (Mr. IGRA 1999), Erika Kay (Miss GSGRA), and the INCREDIBLE sounds and voices of Digital Soldiers! Special guest , Mr. Craig Rouse , President of the IGRA, provided wonderful support and encouragement throughout the evening. WOW what an evening...everyone had a great time and the GPSC walked away with \$4700 in donations for the Chapter. The State GSGRA Convention in San Diego, the Greater Palm Springs Chapter will become "OFFICIAL". Lots of plans are being made already for our next fun event ! The membership is already at 52 people and growing DAILY! Thanks to everyone that contributed to the success of our firstfund raising event.

Barry Hamm - President - GPSC

FINALS RODEO 2001

The GSGRA convention voted to allow the Greater Palm Springs Chapter to bid for the finals rodeo in the year 2001. Plans already underway include having the arena site, initial contract negotiations with the host hotel, major underwriting for the event has been secured The arena is covered, has a state of the art cooling system, accommodations in permanent stalls for 50 horses. In addition, there are warm up arenas, plenty of space for

vendors and entertainment. Craig Rouse will be the Rodeo Director, and we have had offers of assistance from many others in the GSGRA. We will welcome anyone that desires to be a part of the rodeo. This is being looked at as a GSGRA event hosted by our chapter, so everyone is welcome.

Doug Belk, VP Rodeo Operations

Membership Report

Well we actually did it! We managed to triple our membership in only three months. After our first meeting held in February, we had 21 members by 3/1/00. By 4/1/00 our membership was at 43. As of this writing, GPSC has 52 members and we're still growing. We had eight new members sign up the night of our first fundraiser and all the membership applications that were put out that evening were snatched up. We want everyone to know that only 13 memberships were transfers – the rest are all new GSGRA members. We are looking forward to getting more new members involved with a trail ride tentatively planned for June/July. We will keep you posted.

Frank Delgado ,Membership Chair

GPSC TEAM WINS DIVISION II

GPSC Officers are pleased to announce that the team of Lorry King and Gorge Aguilar won the division II (Intermediate) Dance Competition.

To top off our wonderful weekend at Convention, the GSGRA Dance championship was held Saturday night at Kickers. GPSC sent one couple, Gorge Aguilar and Lorry King, to compete in Division II (Intermediate). It was their first time competing together and we're proud to say they won! They will now represent GSGRA at the IGRA Dance Finals in Las Vegas at the BackStreet Saloon during IGRA Convention weekend, August 5th. **We're rooting for you, Gorge and Lorry!**

TRAIL RIDE EVENT BEING PLANNED
FRANK DELGADO AND HIS TEAM MEMBERS ARE PLANNING A TRAIL RIDE AND BAR-B-Q FOR THE JUNE MEETING. ALL GSGRA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT FRANK AT:



Capital Crossroads PO BOX 189305 Sacramento CA 95818
 916.978.4040 <http://www.gsgra.org/cc>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Below are the questionnaire results from the surveys turned in. All numbers are in percentages.

Why did you join Capital Crossroads?

Social	Contacts	Rodeo	Other
0.36	0.08	0.48	0.08

How long have you been a member?

< 1 year	1-2	3-5	5+ years
0.375	0.25	0.1875	0.1875

Do you find out about meetings and events in a timely manner?

Yes	No	N/A
0.6875	0.125	0.1875

How do you find out about meetings?

Chute	Mouth	Web	E-mail
0.148148	0.407407	0.222222	0.222222

What is the best time for chapter meetings?

Sunday	no answer
0.56	0.44

Would you be willing to be on a committee?

Yes	No	Maybe
0.75	0.0625	0.1875

Would you like notification of special events by e-mail?

Yes	No
0.875	0.125

Would you like to see a phone tree implemented for upcoming events?

Yes	No	Maybe
0.5	0.375	0.125

Would you like to see a 'buddy system' implemented for new members?

Yes	No
100	0



ROUGH NOTES AND CASUAL THOUGHTS

Results from the state rep election that was held on April 30 area as follows:

Chuck Valdes ----- State Representative
 Billy Hughes ----- State Representative
 Wes Wilkinson ---- State Representative

Mike Silva ----- 1st Alternate
 Dennis James ----- 2ed Alternate

Toz Jackson ----- Chapter Secretary

Congratulations to Mark Marshal being elected GSGRA President and to Sammy Van Gelder elected GSGRA Vice President.

Congratulations also to Wes Wilkerson and Stacy Spear for winning the Division 4 GSGRA State Dance Contest in San Diego.

FACES and **THE DEPOT**, are backing the first annual **Rodeo Kick'n Stomp 2000**, a street dance, sponsored by the Capital Crossroads Chapter. A live band, street dancing, entertainment, food vendors, beginning at 6 P.M. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Ray Mestas** at 916-457-0268 or Ray1@tomatoweb.com

The **Sacramento Pride Festival** is June 17 at the South Side Park. The festivities begin around noon. The South Side Park is off of I-5 and W / X streets.

Beginning July 12, 2000 and continuing through the Capital Crossroads rodeo, the Depot in Sacramento will be holding a Spaghetti Western Night every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Check out the **Western State Horse Expo** on June 1st through the 4th at the Cal Expo Fair Grounds. Over 500 exhibitors, 10 acres of horse trailers, horse sale, educational speakers and demonstrations by well-known horse trainers and showmen. The web site is <http://www.horseexpo.com> or call 800-352-2411 for more information.

RODEO

STAMPED TO **"Rodeo 2000"**!

NEXT RODEO MEETING - June 16 7 p.m. at Marshals House - 618 17th Street, Sacramento, CA.



Rooms are now available for reservation at the new host hotel, the **Holiday Inn, Capital Plaza** for the Capital Crossroads Rodeo. If you are planning on staying at the hotel, please make your reservations early by calling 916-446-0100 and asking for the Sierra Stampede. Rates are \$99/night for 1-4, but for those making reservations early, the rate is \$95.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed for June 17th to work the rodeo booth at Pride Fair and the street dance.

Also volunteers are being sought to help at the Rodeo in August.

CALENDAR

June

- 1-4 - Horse Expo at Cal Expo Fairgrounds
- 2-4 --IGRA: Salt Lake City, UT (First Rodeo)
- 9-11 --Camping Trip to Shasta Lake (Zack and Stacey Spears)
- 16 -- Rodeo Meeting 7 p.m. Marshals house 619 17 St, Sacramento, CA
- 16-18 -- IGRA: Bay Area Rodeo
- 17 -- Sacramento Pride Festival - Rodeo Street Dance at Faces
 - volunteers needed to staff the Rodeo Booth
 - Dance starts at 6 pm - between Faces and The Depot
- 23-25 -- IGRA: Omaha Nebraska
- 24-25 --San Francisco Pride Weekend

July

- 7-9 -- IGRA: Rocky Mountains Regional Rodeo - Denver, CO
- 15 -- General Chapter Meeting

August

- 18-20 --Capitol Crossroads Rodeo



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Dancing Down The Road to Stardom.....

The highlight of the GSGRA Convention Saturday night was 10th Annual Dance Contest at Kickers. There were six couples competing in four different divisions. The results are: Division I, First Place Overall went to Steve Cheatham and Paul Casey, 2nd Place Overall went to Pamela Ford and Carol Ann Palmer. Division II, First Place Overall went to Gorge Aguilar and Lorry King, 2nd Place Overall went to Paul Van Zyl and Michael Miller. Division III, First Place Overall went to John Garrison and Stephen Crowe.

Division IV, First Place Overall went to Wes Wilkinson and Stacey Spears. Congratulations to all our Dancers.

Next stop for these dancers will be the IGRA Dance Finals in Las Vegas on August 5, 2000.

I would like to thank every one who made this a wonderful event: Hamburger Marys/Kickers, Chris Shaw, David Pickle, Jim Blair, Matt Romero, Mark Balmer, Karen Balmer, Tiy Ocasio Torres, Joseph Berry, and Tony Garcia. A special thank you to our judges: Brandi, Eric, Ronnie, Stephanie and Tiffany.

*Ken Valdez,
Contest Director*

*The French
Flower Market*

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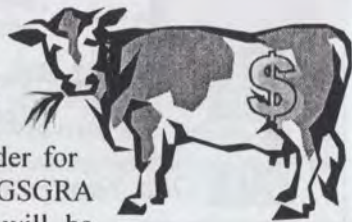


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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

GLAC Seeking CASH COW

After paying all of the bills from the 2000 L.A. Rodeo, GLAC has money in the bank to start planning for next year. That is a wonderful thing! Unfortunately, we also need "seed money" in order for L.A. Rod 2001 to win the approval of the GSGRA Board. To build up our "seed money," we will be fundraising like crazy for the next few months. For starters, GLAC will be raffling off a one-year 24-Hour Fitness Membership on July 15, 2000. In addition, we will be raffling off two round trip tickets on United Airlines in September at the San Diego Rodeo. \$50.00 gift certificates to Boot Barn will also be awarded in the raffles. The raffle tickets will cost \$1.00 each or you can get 6 tickets for \$5.00. We are encouraging each member to personally sell as many tickets as possible before July 15th. Our goal is to have each member sell one hundred raffle tickets. You can pick up raffle tickets before the parades at Long Beach and L.A. Pride or at the June 10th Chapter Membership meeting in Long Beach. We are also discussing a yard sale and other ideas to raise a little dough. If you have any experience fundraising or just have some creative ideas, now is your chance to get involved. We *know* that GLAC has the most talented folks anywhere. It's time to come out of hiding! If you can't participate in any of the fundraising activities, your donations are always welcome.



We Love L.A. Rodeo Sponsors!

Please continue to support the sponsors of IGRA/GSGRA and the L.A. Rodeo: *Bud Light, Jim Beam, Avis, Instinct Magazine, 24-Hour Fitness, The Burbank Hilton, United Airlines, Wet, Galpin Motors, Altman Winnebago and Re:Source.*

We look forward to a long and happy relationship with each of our sponsors. Please show them how valuable their support of gay rodeo is throughout the year.

Cowboys and Cowgirls Lead Long Beach Pride Parade

Thank you to all members who carried a flag (or flags) in the Long Beach Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, May 21, 2000. We made a terrific showing and had a fabulous time! If you missed pride this time around, be sure to mark your calendars for the Los Angeles Parade on June 11th.

We are prepared to take Santa Monica Boulevard by storm!

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Los Angeles Pride Parade Sunday, June 11th

GLAC members have been tapping into their creativity in preparation for the L.A. Pride Parade. In order to give all GLAC members the opportunity to be involved in the parade this year, we are calling on every member to make, find, beg, steal, or borrow his or her own "rodeo animal." In the wacky tradition of the Doo Dah parade, we will have a gay old time representing the spirit of the gay rodeo. Bring your stick horses and mop cows. Turn a bicycle into a wild bull or a scooter into a speed horse. Dress up as a rodeo clown, or simply wear your boots and hat and strut your stuff down the boulevard. Don't forget that in

addition to having a wild time on the parade route, we will also be affixing temporary tattoos to hundreds of half-dressed boys and girls along the parade route. The tattoos will have the L.A. Rodeo logo and the dates of next year's rodeo. There is no doubt that innocent bystanders may need help applying them. (Bring your own squirt bottle!) We are also trying to round up goodies from our sponsors to toss out into the crowd. **We will be meeting on the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2000.** If you plan on joining the fun, please e-mail Devon at dmdeming@yahoo.com.

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Salt Lake City Rodeo June 3-4

Bay Area Regional Rodeo (San Jose) June 17-18

IGRA Convention (Las Vegas) Aug. 5-6

Sierra Stampede rodeo (Sacramento) Aug. 19-20

IGRA Finals Rodeo (Albuquerque) Oct. 19-22

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A Reminder from President David...

ELECTION MEETING JUNE 10!!!

The Annual Meeting of Members (also known as Chapter Elections) will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2000, at The Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach. Bylaw and Standing Rule changes may be also be considered at this meeting (though none have been proposed yet), and elections of 2000-2001 chapter officers will take place. The nominees are...

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| • President | Drew Oberbeck |
| • Administrative V.P. | Sherry Le, Lenore Mankoff |
| • V. P. of Rodeo Operations | Tracy Keiper, Paul Thompson |
| • Secretary | Lenore Mankoff |
| • Treasurer | Mark Jensen |

Nominations also can be made from the floor during the election meeting. However, those nominated must be present to accept or have indicated to **David Medzerian** or **Lenore Mankoff** (current President and Secretary) their willingness to accept nomination. David has decided to give each nominee about two minutes to address the group, if they wish, before the final votes are cast.

Also, at the May chapter meeting, the group decided to hold several brainstorming sessions focusing on how we can improve and increase rodeo publicity, with each brainstorming group reporting back on their ideas at the June 10 meeting. One session will be at 7 pm Tuesday 5/23 at The Pizza Place, on Broadway at Falcon in Long Beach; another group will be getting together in the Acton area; and I expect the topic will come up during the Long Beach Pride festivities, too, and at other events in the next few weeks. Please try to be involved; we need to get new ideas on how to spread the word, and this is a great start.

Chapter to Host Beach Bonfire Party on June 24

Our fabulous Event Committee chairs **Sue Downing** and **Connie Risch** have been hard at work planning more fun for GLAC members. On June 24th, 2000, at 5:00 p.m., we will be having a Beach Bonfire Party at Bolsa Chica State Beach between Lifeguard Towers 17 & 18. Bring your own drinks (liquor is not allowed in the State Park), food or snacks, a chair, and a blanket. Jackets may be needed.

Directions: Bolsa Chica State Beach is off of Pacific Coast Highway, between Warner and Golden West Avenues. Exit the 405 Fwy. at Golden West Avenue and head south toward the beach. Turn right on PCH, and the Beach entrance is approximately one mile down on the left hand side. Beach Parking costs \$6.00. Pass the ranger booths, turn left and follow the beach around until you get to lifeguard tower 17 or 18. Look for us on the beach.

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CALENDAR

JUNE

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| June 2-4 | SALT LAKE CITY RODEO
Salt Lake City, Utah |
| June 10
10 AM | ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS - ELECTIONS
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center |
| June 11
10 AM | CSW / L.A. PRIDE PARADE
West Hollywood, CA |
| June 16-18 | BAY AREA REGIONAL RODEO
San Jose, California |
| June 23-25 | HEARTLAND RODEO
Omaha, Nebraska |
| June 24
5 PM | GLAC BEACH BONFIRE PARTY
Bolsa Chica State Beach (See directions on previous page.) |

JULY

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| June 30 - July 2 | CANADIAN ROCKIES RODEO
Calgary, Alberta, Canada |
| July 7-9 | ROCKY MOUNTAIN RODEO
Denver, Colorado |
| July 9
10 AM | CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
Burbank Hilton |
| July 21-23 | SOUTHERN SPURS RODEO
Atlanta, Georgia |

2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1 pm Sat. Aug. 12, Azusa (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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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.

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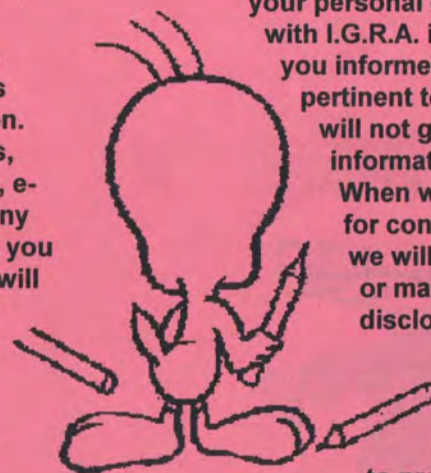
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