

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

August 2000

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

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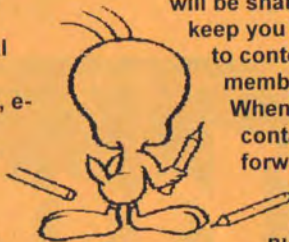


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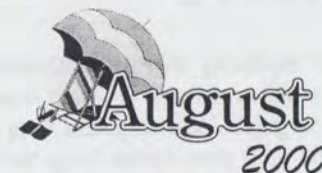
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HEY Everyone!

First, I would like to CONGRATULATE ANN KINNEY on her WIN in BAREBACK BRONC RIDING at the Bay Area Rodeo last month. WAY TO GO ANNIE!

Well, we seem to manage to survive the Marathon MEETING weekend. With the STATE BOARD, Chapter Meeting and Rodeo Meeting. It was good to see some of the other chapter members out of Friday night. SPECIAL THANKS to Billy Hughs for making the arrangements for the State Board Meeting, Ed Brick for the use of his house, Sammy, Marshall, Wes and Stacey for being social directors and helping out.

Well, July is almost over, which means we are getting closer to the SIERRA STAMPEDE - AUGUST 18-20. If you have not yet VOLUNTEERED - you NEED to CONTACT RAY MESTAS or use the ON-LINE volunteer form at:

**** VOLUNTEER****

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

**** VOLUNTEER****

This will be the last newsletter before RODEO.... SO LET 'ER BUCK!!!! HAVE FUN, BE SAFE!!!!

Thanks,

Herb



ROUGH NOTES AND CASUAL THOUGHTS

Chapter Rodeo Shirts: Anyone wishing to order dress shirts to be available by the rodeo needs to do so by August 5th. They are \$40, cash or check made payable to Capital Crossroads. Call Marshall at 446-6061 for information.

Spaghetti Western night at the Depot will be running through Wednesday, August 9th. Event runs from 7-9PM, with a free spaghetti dinner being served at 8-9PM. All members should be attending to help create excitement for the rodeo, promote sale of advance rodeo tickets and getting volunteers.

Rodeo meetings are now weekly. Tuesday, August 1, at Marshall's (619 17th Street) 7PM Grounds, Security, Volunteers. Tuesday, August 8, at Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 3rd and J St. Hotel, Security, Entertainment, Merchandise Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Marshall's (619 17th Street) 7PM Wrap-up! Let's Rodeo

As we venture into our second rodeo, I think that we also ought to look around and acknowledge the hard work and time put forth by so many members of the Capital Crossroads chapter and the community. The elected officials of the chapter have worked tirelessly to keep this group and the rodeo on track; the sponsors and community have been great. Matt B., the rodeo committee and the volunteers at fund raisers, events, and promotional functions, and the members that represent our chapter locally, state wide and nationally have all put in thousands of miles, hundreds of hours and personal sacrifice to make this event work. None of this happens by accident. For many, the rodeo is Saturday and Sunday, for others it is a year round project. Lets make this the best rodeo ever, and work hard to keep improving every year. Dean, this one's for you, it has been a heck of a ride.

Membership Report

I recently placed an order for the Capital Crossroads Chapter pendants for our new members. When I receive them I will distribute them, if you have lost yours please contact me. Armando & Matt R. this includes your pendants lost during activities near the hay bales at the Barn Dance! We had another good month with nine new members and

three



expirations. New members for June/July are: Eli, Lori, Ed, Sandi, Don, Billy, Kevin, Emma, & Ron. Please join me in welcoming them to our chapter!!! We are now at 117!!!

Wes Wilkinson, Membership Chair

As most everyone is aware, the State Board members of GSGRA were in Sacramento the weekend of July 15th. Many of these cowboys and cowgirls arrived on Friday evening, July 14th and were no doubt thirsty and looking for a "watering hole"! Many of the Capital Crossroads chapter members met at **The Depot** for a "meet and greet"! Folks started arriving at **The Depot** around 9 p.m. and were there until last call. Afterward a large number of the group went out for an early (late?) breakfast. The party was repeated on Saturday Night. Main comment for our out of town guests: "Sacramento sure knows how to party!"

Thunder is good, thunder is impressive, but lightning does the work!

RODEO

Book your room for the Sierra Stampedo **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 **NOW** by calling 916-446-0100 and asking for the Sierra Stampedo. Rates are \$99/night for 1-4, but for those making reservations early, the rate is \$95.

VOLUNTEER

In order to organize a successful rodeo, we rely heavily on volunteers who are needed in



many areas, such as ticket and script sales, grounds set-up and tear down, electrical, security, working the chutes, parking, etc. Previous experience is not required and it is a great way to meet your fellow chapter members. If you are interested in volunteering for the Sierra Stampedo Rodeo, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Ray Mestas at 916-457-0268

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

3-6 - Old Spanish Days Stock Horse Show & Rodeo -Earl Warren Show grounds Santa Barbara, CA

12-13 - Truckee Rodeo - Truckee, CA.

18-20 -- Capitol Crossroads Rodeo

22-25 - Susanville Centennial Cattle Drive -Susanville's 100th Anniversary details at www.susansbirthday.org

25-27 Susanville Rodeo

September

10-11 -- Cowboy Gathering and Ranch Rodeo - Rowell Ranch, Castro Valley, CA

12-15 -- Pendleton Round-Up and Rodeo - Pendleton, OR - (PRCA)

13 -- Los Angeles Alzheimer's Association Dinner - Sponsored by the PBR and held in conjunction with the PBR's stop in Anaheim, this event will have Crystal Gayle for entertainment. Tickets for this worthy cause range from \$150-\$300. For an extra \$25 you get VIP seating for the Saturday PBR event at The Pond in Anaheim. For Tickets, call: 323-938-3379 Location: The Sportsman's Lodge, Studio City, CA

15-17 -- Draft Horse Classic - Grass Valley Fairgrounds, CA. See the **BIG** horses!

15-17 -- Creston Rodeo - Creston CA (near Paso Robles)

October

29- Oct 1 - Poway Rodeo - Poway, CA (PRCA)

7 - Black Cowboys Parade - Oakland, CA

The Royal Word.....

HOWDY ALL!!!! its us again THE ROYALTY TEAM well hope everybody is in good health. on June 24 stockton had Gay Pride kick off ,Erica was thier Reperesenting GSGRA and Matt went on to the SF Gay Pride both were a lot of fun we had to split that weekend. on july 02, Stockton had thier Tropical heat party during the day it was at the park and followed by a show that night we were thier also. on july 15 it was the GSGRA state Board meeting thier was good repersention from all the GSGRA Chapters great to see all of you Erica was thier for the Royalty then she went on to do the club paradise show in stockton for thier 17year anivasary party after being at faces with the members how does she do that lol oops skiping dates on july 08 was Modesto for thier ICP ball Matt & Erica K was present for that Erica K mc'ed the show now that was a night to remember with her challanging the other court for donation for a 50/50 raffle but darn we dint when it we tryed. well this was a real treat for us on July 16, was the Royalty show and are VERY SPEACIAL MC WAS DESHANNON had to but that in bold letters because we were very honored by her we had so much fun with you ,hope you well do it again THANK YOU we love you sweethart. and Charlie was thier from southren ca also i had so much fun with you, You are a trooper but you need to smile more haha!!! and to our members thank you very much for your support. We had an amazing turn out and to all our perfomers we thank you you did a great job to Cub Paradise thank you for having us once again . Well as you can see we have been busy Reperesenting

GSGRA and are having fun helping other charity to raise money. The country Westren Style we are proud to be your royalty team and a member of GSGRA. If you are having any fundrasiers in your area and would like us to be thier please let us know we will try we are here to serve you. now we are trying to set up other dates and car washes for next month before our Rodeo for Royalty Chairity's dont forget SIERRA STAMPEDE SACRAMENTO RODEO ON AUG 18-20, 2000 HOPE WE SEE A LOT OF YOU THIER . Oh one more thing i forgot Coy thanks for bbq for the Royalty show everybody is taking about your homeadebbq sauce you did for the ribs i want the recipet. Well until next month take care and treat each other with love your ROYALTY TEAM LOVE & KISSES Matt, Alex, Erica k :)

2001 Royalty Contest

The 2001 Royalty Contest has been scheduled for November 18, 2000. The Greater Palm Springs Chapter will be hosting the quarterly GSGRA State Board meeting and State Royalty Contest in Palm Springs, CA. State board representatives were given a sample of the royalty contest packet during the quarterly state board meeting in Sacramento in July. It includes guidelines, rules and applications. Copies can be made or a packet can be sent to all interested persons by contacting Sammy Van Galder, GSGRA AVP (916-737-7610) or the Greater Palm Springs Chapter 760-202-4935. The deadline to postmark contestant applications and letters of charitable donations is October 19, 2000. All applications and letters should be mailed to the Greater Palm Springs Chapter's address. Don't delay!!!

For all those interested in running for any of the state royalty titles, questions about the contest and what to expect are best answered by current and past royalty members. Contact one of them and ask your questions. Get to know them and what they did for GSGRA. They will be your most valuable resource for information and support. Good luck to all! I look forward to this year's royalty contest in Palm Springs.

*Sammy Van Galder
Vice President of Administration*

News from The Net

The following did the rounds this month. We thought it funny enough that those of you without access to The Net might like it too. Ed.

Dear Dr. Laura,
Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's law. I have learned a great deal from you, and I try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind him that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate. I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the specific laws and how to best follow them.

When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord (Lev. 1:9). The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. How should I deal with this?

I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as it suggests in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanliness (Lev. 15:19-24). The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

Lev. 25:44 states that I may buy slaves from the nations that are around us. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans but not Canadians. Can you clarify?

I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?

A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 10:10), it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

Lev. 20:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

A Fan

Volunteers Wanted

August 18-20, 2000

**The Sierra Stampede
Sacramento
California**

**gsgra.org/cc/volunteer
or
916-978-4040**

Net Income -1,484.78

**Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
March 2000 through February 2001**

	Mar 00-Feb 01	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Dance Contest	337.94	900.00	-562.06
David Watkins Mem Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Interest Income	142.58	500.00	-357.42
Membership Income	9,486.00	12,420.00	-2,934.00
Merchandise Sale	24.00	300.00	-276.00
Reserve Funds	329.50	2,000.00	-1,670.50
State Convention	500.85	800.00	-299.15
Total Income	10,820.87	17,420.00	-6,599.13
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	800.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	582.61	270.00	312.61
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Education	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
General Administrative	1,538.09	5,800.00	-4,261.91
IGRA Convention	1,050.00	1,500.00	-450.00
Membership	2,824.58	4,150.00	-1,325.42
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Professional Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
State Convention Expenses	151.55	500.00	-348.45
Taxes1	0.00	800.00	-790.00
Total Expense	6,956.83	17,420.00	-10,463.17
Net Income	3,864.04	0.00	3,864.04

GSGRA Inc Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2000

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

WFB - David Watkins Fund	1,274.00
WFB - General Operating	-1,594.35
WFB - Rodeo Sanction	17,516.43
WFB - Savings	10,398.88

Total Checking/Savings

27,594.96

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable	15,891.58
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Total Accounts Receivable

15,891.58

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Taxes	340.00
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Total Other Current Assets

340.00

Total Current Assets

43,826.54

Other Assets

Depreciable Assets	924.00
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Total Other Assets

924.00

TOTAL ASSETS

44,750.54

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	-2,853.34
Net Income	3,725.13

Total Equity

44,750.54

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

44,750.54

Revenue vs Expenses June 2000

Income

Interest Income	39.65
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Total Income

39.65

Expense

General Administrative	304.84
IGRA Convention	450.00
Membership	769.59

Total Expense

1,524.43

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.		
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		<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"/> GREATER PALM SPRINGS <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE
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Mama
Membership
says*



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a friend
to join**

	Start	Expired	New	Renewals	Transfers	End
	07/01/00	07/31/00				08/01/00
Greater L.A.	115	2		6		119
Bay Area	62	6	1	2		59
San Diego	87	2	8	7		100
Capital Crossroads	101	13	7	8		103
Palm Springs	56	2	1	4		59
Non Affiliated	23	2		1		22
Total	444	27	17	28	0	462

* Suspended

	07/01/99	08/01/99	09/01/99	10/01/99	11/01/99	12/01/99
Greater L.A.	108	109	112	106	107	107
Bay Area	69	68	74	73	78	74
San Diego	88	85	84	84	77	78
Capital Crossroads	41	42	50	53	70	70
Non Affiliated	24	24	22	22	28	27
Total	330	328	342	338	360	356
	01/01/00	02/01/00	03/01/00	04/01/00	05/01/00	06/01/00
Greater L.A.	113	113	105	112	113	110
Bay Area	75	75	70	63	62	60
San Diego	80	85	80	82	83	90
Capital Crossroads	77	78	76	91	92	100
Palm Springs						53
Non Affiliated	28	28	26	24	65	23
Total	373	372	357	372	415	436
	07/01/00	08/01/00	09/01/00	10/01/00	11/01/00	12/01/00
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BAY AREA CHAPTER



Just a few words from the Execs

Volunteers who helped out at the San Jose Rodeo are so much appreciated you have no idea. Volunteers put out several hard hours of hard work while the rodeo takes place and each and every one of them deserve a big THANK YOU. People like the volunteers help make the rodeo happen weather is taking money at the gate, working the chutes or checking the passes. We all do appreciate the time that you can give.

Thanks again for your help, See yall around,
Terrylee V.P. Rodeo Operations/ Asst. Rodeo Director

I would like to thank everyone I have had the chance to work with over the past 6 years on the California State Executive Board. I look forward to working with the new State Secretary and assisting and participating at future rodeos.

Clint Johnson

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars now for SUNDAY, August 13th. There's several important events happening that day; our annual meeting, a cocktail reception, and the President's Dinner.

Everything takes place at the Line Up restaurant in San Francisco. Check the hotline (415-561-9228) for directions.

12:00 Noon until 2:00	Annual Meeting
2:00 until 2:30	Cocktail Reception
2:30 until 4:00	President's Award Banquet

Make plans now to attend all three big events. Remember, it's time to elect officers, so don't miss this **VERY** important meeting. And, stick around for some South of Market fun afterwards. Don't forget, the Sundance Saloon!

BAC Contacts

BAC Website <http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html> BAC Hotline (415) 561-9228



HOW TO HAVE YOUR ARTICLE OR AD PUBLISHED IN *The Chute*

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Submit your article:

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3. as typed hard copy by regular mail.

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Full Page:	5" x 8"	Half Page:	5" x 3 ¾"
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DEAD LINES Our deadline is absolute. We must receive your submission no later than the 20th of the month for consideration for the following months newsletter.

SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO:

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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS



Greater San Diego Chapter

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Message from the President

I would like to start by giving a huge THANK YOU to our siblings up in Sacramento for being such a wonderful host for the State Board meeting in July. You have such a way of making our chapter feel so welcome up there. I know that we are really looking forward to your event this month, for just by talking with you it is evident that we can learn a lot from your organization. Some of our chapter members are planning a caravan up to the Sacramento Rodeo, and if you're interested in joining us, contact us at the number below.

During our fun time up in Sacramento, I am happy to report that congratulations are in order for **Ken Valdez** from our chapter who was elected to the Executive Board of the State Board of Directors as Secretary this past meeting. Congratulations!

For those of you whom attended the July Membership and Rodeo Roundtable meetings, you know that things are really starting to pick up. With Pride now finally behind us, I promise the pace will not slow back down until after the rodeo. A big thank you to all that helped make Pride a success, especially **Neil and Robert F.**

Finally, I would like to remind everyone in our chapter and across the state: If you have not made your hotel reservations, hurry. The deadline for getting the reduced rodeo rate is August 15th. Call (619) 209-6638 and reserve your space today!

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

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E-MAIL: gsgrasan@aol.com

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OTHER NEWS

GSGRA STATE CONVENTION

The Capitol Crossroads Chapter of the GSGRA played host to the GSGRA State Convention over the weekend of July 14th. San Diego was well represented with Robert K. (President), Nancy N. (VP Rodeo Ops), Dan B. (Rep), Joseph B. (Chapter Secretary and Rep), Robert F. (1st alt), James G. (2nd alt), and Kelly G. (3rd alt) attending. Due to a vacancy left in the board after the resignation of the Board Secretary, the State Board elected Ken Valdez of GSGRA-San Diego Chapter as the new secretary. Once a majority of the chapters have confirmed the acceptance of this election at their general membership meetings, the election will become official. San Diegans, be prepared to vote on this at the next general membership meeting, Sept. 6th.

VOLUNTEERS

For anyone interested in volunteering for San Diego Rodeo 2000, now is the time to sign-up. For those of you with internet access, the sign-up sheet is available on our website (www.sandiegorodeo.com). If this isn't convenient for you, sign-up forms are also available in the rodeo office, or one can be sent directly to your home. Rodeo Ranchhands receive gifts for offering their time, the more time, the more gifts. Hat pins, bandannas, and T-shirts are all available for interested volunteers. There is also a Ranchhand Round-up planned for Sunday night, Sept. 24 with food and fun for all. For more information, or to request a sign-up form, either send an e-mail to James G. at jimgear@yahoo.com or leave a message at 619 298 4708 x5432. Come on out and help us make San Diego Rodeo 2000 the most a**-kickin' rodeo in San Diego history!

DISCOUNTS

RIDING LESSONS

Thomas E. Curtin is offering riding lessons for interested members at a discounted rate. RLC Honorigo, a 15.2H bay, is being made available at \$15/hour for GSGRA members in good standing. If you've always wanted to learn to ride, now's the time. Contact Thomas at (619) 470-6019 for more information.

JUST FOR FUN

ROAD TRIP

Come on and join the party! The GSGRA-San Diego Chapter is on the road again. On Sunday, August 27th we will be hopping on the party bus and heading up to the Rawhide in L.A. The bus will depart from the Rodeo Office (3758 30th St) at 1:30pm and will return to San Diego at 10:30pm. Cost is \$20 for GSGRA members and \$25 for non-members. If you need more information, contact Jon S. at (619) 688-0854.

RODEO MEETING SCHEDULE

The next General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd and the Rodeo Roundtable will be on Tuesday, August 15th. Mark your calendars!

OTHER NEWS

SAN DIEGO PRIDE

A big THANK YOU!! goes out to all of the entertainers and volunteers that made the Country Village at this year's Pride an overwhelming success. An especially hearty Thank You goes to our illustrious Pride Coordinator, Robert F. We definitely couldn't have done it without you. Congratulations on a job well done!

RIDE INTO THE MILLENNIUM

Did you know?

The Eighth San Diego Gay and Lesbian Rodeo was held on Sept. 27-29, 1996 at Del Mar Fairgrounds Equestrian Center.

The 1996 board members were:

President: Vince Coco
Executive
Vice Pres: Michael Taylor
Treasurer: Bill Chapman
Secretary: Mike Sheehan
Rodeo Dir:
&
Vice Pres: Rick Washburn

Arena Director:
Erin Eaton

Grand Marshals:
Ruth Hendricks
Rue Tootle

Member of the Year:
Phil Baldwin

UPCOMING EVENTS

IGRA CONVENTION

Yes folks, it's that time of year again. It's time to place that political feather in our stetson's and head out to the IGRA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The convention will be held beginning Thursday, August 4th and ending Sunday, August 7th. Come on out and meet the delegates from across the United States and Canada, and be sure to attend the cocktail party on Saturday night, sponsored by the GSGRA. Just remember, this is where the rules and regulations concerning our local rodeos get decided. Make your opinion count!

DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

When you begin to feel that if you have to sit through one more committee meeting you're going to lose your mind, that's the time to head over to the Country Western Dance Championships held Saturday, Aug. 6th in Las Vegas. Come on out and support the teams representing the GSGRA, Wes and Stacey from Capital Crossroads, and Lorry and Gorge, from the Greater Palm Springs Chapter.

UPCOMING RODEOS

If the hospitality the Sacramento Chapter gave all of the delegates who attended the GSGRA State Convention is any measure of their skill, you won't want to miss out on their rodeo. These Sacramento cowboys and cowgirls certainly know how to show an out-of-towner a good time! Mark your calendars to attend the Capital Crossroads Rodeo, August 17th—20th. You're sure to have a ropin' good time.

PRIDE

If you just can't drag yourself away from beautiful Southern California to head up Sacramento way, visit Orange County the weekend of August 19th to help them celebrate Pride.



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President Drew and First Lady "Pearl"

Meet the TEAM!

Beginning this month, we will be running a new column that introduces you to the people behind GLAC. If you're involved in helping out the chapter behind the scenes, watch out, you may be next... and if you'd like to get more involved, make sure you make it to the next chapter meeting on August 12th.

The office of President is held by **Drew Oberbeck**. Drew has been a member of GLAC since 1995. He attended his first IGRA rodeo in Seattle, WA where he competed in Steer Decorating. Drew now competes in 10 of the 13 Camp, Speed, Roping and Rough Stock events. Drew has won two IGRA Finals buckles, one in Goat Dressing with his partner **Phil Lucier** and one in Wild Drag with **David Smith** and **Candy Bell**. Drew lives in Long Beach with The First Lady, Phil Lucier (a.k.a. "Pearl"); their dog, **Apples**; their cat, **Boo**; and their horses, **Reebok** and **Texas**. Drew is dedicated to serving the GLAC as part of Team LA.

CHAPTER Meeting and POTLUCK to be held AUGUST 12!

Don't miss the upcoming chapter meeting and potluck lunch to be held at the home of **Thom Brennan** at 1:00 pm. on Saturday, August 12, 2000. This meeting will be especially important as the board and chapter membership will begin seriously planning the upcoming 2001 Rodeo. Committee chairperson appointments will also be discussed (see next section for details on available positions). The GLAC executive board will be providing the hamburgers, dogs, and buns. Members are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert large enough to share, and beverages for themselves. Everyone is encouraged to attend as this will be both a productive and entertaining experience.

Directions to Thom's House, 5268 Ellenwood St, Eagle Rock, CA 90041: From Downtown L.A./Long Beach – Take the 5 Fwy. North to the 2 Fwy. North and Exit at Colorado Blvd./Broadway. Turn RIGHT on Colorado, continue ½ mile, then turn LEFT on Ellenwood Drive. **From Santa Clarita/Antelope Valley** – Take the 5 Fwy. South to the 134 Fwy. East and exit Harvey Drive. Turn RIGHT on Harvey Drive. Turn LEFT on E. Wilson Ave./Colorado Blvd. Turn LEFT on Colorado Blvd. and LEFT on Ellenwood Drive. Thom's house is on the RIGHT.

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Grab a CHAIR!

The following committees are available to chair or to co-chair. If you have experience or interest in a certain field, come to the meeting on August 12th to see what it's all about or contact a board member:



Chapter Positions:


Membership, Education, Events, Newsletter, By-Laws & Standing Rules, Taxes, Web Design, Fundraising, Public Relations

Rodeo Positions:

Festival Director, Logistics Director, Hotel Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Vendor Coordinator, Security Coordinator, Grand Entry Coordinator, Contestant Coordinator, Arena Director, Entertainment Coordinator, Accounting Director, Box Office Manager, Scrip Sales Coordinator, Parking Coordinator, Buckle Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, Chute Coordinator, Beverage Coordinator.

Don't hesitate to get involved in something you will truly enjoy!

LA's Newest Sister Act!



Thanks to some hard work and tireless networking by Nils Peterson (aka Mrs. Olson), Mitch Gill (a.k.a. DeShannon), David Medzerian (a.k.a. Woody), Thom Brennan (a.k.a. Blanca Derma) and others, the International Imperial Court of Long Beach has declared GSGRA/GLAC to be a Sister Organization. You all know how close sisters can be! This means that we can now count on each other to be mutually helpful as well as having a lot more fun together. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the IICLB along with our gratitude and honor. We certainly look forward to working with all of you in the months and years to come!

Don't forget... **UNITED AIRLINES is the official airline of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter**

United is offering special L.A. Rodeo discounts of 5 percent, 10 percent or more for travel to several IGRA events this year, including:

IGRA Convention (Las Vegas) Aug. 5-6

Sierra Stampede Rodeo (Sacramento) Aug. 19-20

IGRA Finals Rodeo (Albuquerque) Oct. 19-22

Our chapter can earn free tickets if sufficient people use our group code.

Call United's special reservation line

at (800) 521-4041 (open 4 a.m.-9 p.m. Pacific time)

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- August 3-6 **IGRA ANNUAL CONVENTION**
Las Vegas, Nevada
- August 12 **CHAPTER MEETING w/ Potluck**
1 PM
Thom Brennan's House
Eagle Rock, California
(Directions in this issue.)
- August 18-20 **SIERRA STAMPEDE RODEO**
Sacramento, California
- August 25-28 **WINDY CITY RODEO**
Chicago, Illinois

SEPTEMBER

- September 1-3 **SHOW ME STATE RODEO**
Kansas City, Missouri
- September 8-10 **ATLANTIC STAMPEDE**
Washington D.C.
- September 16 **GLAC BOARD MEETING**
10 AM
Long Beach, CA
- September 22-24 **GREATER SAN DIEGO RODEO**
San Diego, CA

2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 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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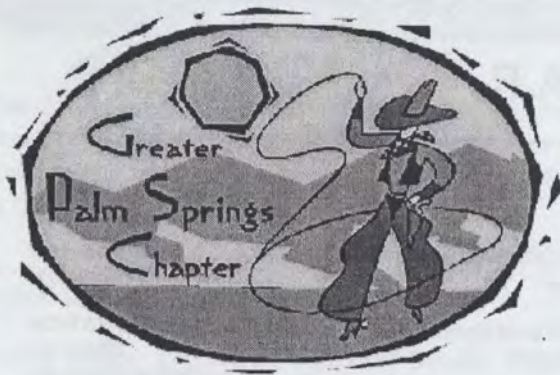
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy ...What an exciting time we are in! The excitement within the Greater Palm Springs Chapter is building as we head to IGRA Convention with our bid for FINALS 2001! We are finalizing all the details and putting together a presentation that should "knock their BOOTS off"! We are finalizing plans with the fabulous Marquis Hotel ...which is right in the middle of the Gay District of Palm Springs! We would be taking the entire hotel! We have also had some VERY productive meetings with prospective sponsors for the FINALS 2001 RODEO.

Our Chapter continues to grow! By this publication we should be VERY near, if not at, the 70 members mark! We are VERY proud of all of our "contestant" members, who represent us so very well at the IGRA Rodeos throughout the nation!

With "crossed fingers" and much excitement, a very LARGE group of members will be going to the IGRA Convention in Las Vegas. Expecting the GREAT GPSC Dance team of Lorry and Gorge to walk (or should I say "dance") away with a WIN! They will always be OUR WINNERS!

Plans have begun for our next Fundraiser, which will be held in Palm Springs on Saturday, September 30th! We will be featuring Tamara Marks - IGRA Vice President and a host of other great talents. Mark your calendar NOW ...you don't want to miss this one!

Our July meeting was a really HOT (literally) POOL PARTY at GPSC member, Jack McCarthy's home! A fun time was had by all and our host provided a really special place for our meeting! We had two Palm Springs Pride Board members in attendance to review the plans for PS PRIDE 2000! This year PRIDE is adding an additional Festival site near Warm Sands and Arenas. We will be participating in the parade (on horseback) and at the MAJOR Country and Western venue at the Festival site. Another great event in "PARADISE" you do not want to miss...The dates, November 4th and 5th!

We thank each and every GSGRA Chapter for your support and guidance during our growing stages! We could not have done it without you all!

Barry Hamm, President



GPSC PRESS RELEASE

Our wonderful President, Barry Hamm had a meeting with Jack, Palm Springs PRIDE 2000 President, on July 18th. Boots & Squares, a dance club, also attended the meeting.



PS PRIDE 2000 will be providing a wonderful Country & Western location for GPSC and Boots & Squares to run as we see fit! We will have a 40 X 40-tented dance floor and 2 - 20 X 40 tented cocktail-tabled areas. We will be meeting with Boots and Squares to determine the agenda for the event and discuss each and every responsibility.

Barry stated "I walked away with GREAT confidence in the decision to move PS PRIDE to the new location. It is going to be much much better and BIGGER!"

We will also be involved at the VIP BBQ on Thursday night prior to PRIDE! It will also be a Country & Western theme. This will be an incredibly visible way to let the valley and surrounding cities know that GPSC is HERE! So start thinking gang...let's put on the greatest COUNTRY event any PRIDE has ever seen. ALL OF GSGRA 's Chapters can be involved and gain exposure also!

John Johnson, Editor

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GPSC RODEO TEAM

We've had three rodeos since the last issue of the Chute, but only one of our Rodeo Team participated. Let's hear it for COWGIRL DETERMINATION! Elodie Huttner won a Buckle in Broncs at Omaha, despite a tornado! Best of luck to the Team in Atlanta, Sacramento, and Chicago.

Lorry King, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July was another exciting month for membership. We are continuing to get the word out in the Inland Empire and the Desert and are planning membership drives in August and September. We would like to encourage everyone to submit ideas and suggestions. We will be targeting the Hemet - San Jacinto area, Victorville and Hesperia (the high desert), Riverside, and of course the low desert and the Coachella Valley.

The Badlands Saloon in Palm Springs will be hosting a *Torn Wranglers* fundraiser for the Chapter in the month of September. We will finalize the date at our next Chapter meeting (Sunday, August 13th) and let everyone know. For more info: (909)882-0699.

Frank Delgado, Membership Chairperson

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