


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

October 2000

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



2000-2001 Rodeo Schedule

TGRA Rodeo - Fort Worth, Tx	Nov 10-12
Road Runner Rodeo - Phoenix, Az	Jan 12-14
Rodeo in The Rock - Little Rock,	Apr 27-29
L.A. Rodeo 2001 - Los Angeles, Ca	Apr 27-29
Great Plains Rodeo- OKC, Ok	May 25-27
Southern Spurs Rodeo - Atlanta, Ga	June 1-3
Salt Lake City Rodeo - SLC, Ut	June 1-3
Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose, Ca	June 15-17
Heartland Rodeo - Omaha, Ne	June 29-July 1
Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo - Calgary Alb	June 29-July 1
Rocky Mountain Rodeo - Denver, Co	July 13-15
17th IGRA Convention - Long Beach, Ca	July 26-29
ZiaRodeo - Albuquerque, NM	Aug 10-12
Sierra Stampede - Sacramento, Ca	Aug 17-19
Windy City Rodeo - Chicago, Il	Aug 24-26
Show Me State Rodeo - Kansas City, Mo	Aug 31-Sept 2
Atlantic Stampede - Washington, DC	Sep 7-9
San Diego Rodeo - San Diego, Ca	Sep 21-23
IGRA Finals Rodeo - Palm Springs, Ca	Oct 18-21

All Information is believed to be accurate, however, we urge you to contact the local producing Association or I.G.R.A. to confirm all dates, times and locations before making any commitments. Our data source is IGRA as of 8/27/2001.



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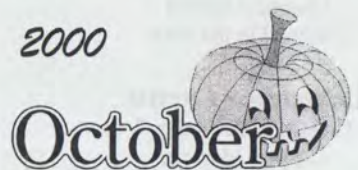


*Be there,
 cos California's gonna
 kick some serious butt*

**I.G.R.A.
 Finals Rodeo
 October 19-22, 2000
 Albuquerque, NM**
 At the
 New Mexico State
 Fairgrounds
 and the
Albuquerque Marriott
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BAY AREA CHAPTER



What's Happening?

October Events

Sunday, Oct 1
Castro Street Fair

Saturday, October 7
GSGRA Royalty Team
Country Western Night
Club 1220 - Walnut Creek

Saturday, October 14
Sundance Hoedown

Thursday Oct 19 - Sunday Oct 22
IGRA FINALS

Saturday, October 28
Chapter Meeting
BBQ & Train ride in Santa Cruz Mtns

November Events

Wednesday, November 1
Chapter Night at Grand Nationals
Cow Palace in San Francisco
Order your tickets by October 6!

Friday Nov 10 - Sunday Nov 12
TGRA RODEO - Fort Worth

Sunday, November 12
Chapter Meeting
Football in the Park

December Events

Thursday, December 7
Chapter Meeting



Congratulations to the following IGRA FINALS QUALIFIERS

Debbie Andrews
Jerry Anaya
Bunny
Patrick Burke
Phil Colwell
Kristi Lee Eifert
Debby Freeman
Marci Garcia
Doug Graff

Do You Know Me?

See if you can guess the member!

I've competed in rough stock, camp and speed events. My first ribbon was for chute dogging (3rd) at San Diego a few years back. I'm originally from east of the Rockies (home state starts with an "M"). I joined the chapter when some of the gang was doing an outreach at a bar in Walnut Creek where I was taking dance lessons.

The first person to email the correct answer AND be in attendance at the October meeting will be awarded a way cool prize. Get those guesses coming to RODEOJAB@aol.com

Hi. My name is Antonio Contreras. We've created a spot in the Chute to post pictures of members caught in the act of having fun. We'll probably also ask for a few "bio points". I'm going to take the big jump first and stick my mug in here, and I managed to drag one of the other officers along as well (ok you guys, the rest of you better do this next month!). So, be on the lookout for our trusty cameras and us.



President
Antonio "Tonio" Contreras



VP Rodeo Ops
Bob Pulliam

I'm Born, yes I know that's from David Copperfield, but I was born to. I was raised in the wilds of Central Islip, New York, that's on Long Island back when there were farms and was a suburb of a suburb.

Moved to California when I was just a mear child, in 1978. Finished school explored California and San Francisco. Met my life long partner, Michael in the fall of 1979 and after much convincing, convinced him I was the one for him and he caved in and we moved in together. It has been 21 years since we said I Do and let me tell you I would not change a thing.

2001 Rodeo Operations Board Announced

Event Director	Bob Pulliam
Fairgrounds Director	Craig Allen Rouse
Hotel Director	Michael Barela
Entertainment Director	Doug Graff
Rodeo Treasurer	Gregg Harvey

New Members!

John Carrillo
Julian Garza
Larry Rhodes

Renewing Members

Kristi Lee Eifert
Dr. Susan Bromley



Cowboy Talk

Whew.....we are some busy cowpokes. Just take a look at all of our upcoming events, including the 2001 rodeo, in the section above, a new feature which will be included every month with your Chute.

Before I go any further, I wanted to say "hats off" to the San Diego Chapter for a fantastic rodeo. Look for the list of Bay Area Chapter buckle and ribbon winners in next month's Chute.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the Castro and Folsom Street Festivals in San Francisco. We poured lots of beer, made new friends, had a great time and raised a lot of money for our Chapter.

Many of you have been asking for more events in the Bay Area and we are working on that. As events are finalized, we will add them to the calendar to give you as much notice as possible. You can also receive notices of our events via e-mail. Send a message to Jabby Lowe at "Rodeojab@aol.com" to add yourself to our e-mail distribution list.

Our next Bay Area Chapter rodeo will be held June 16-17, 2001 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds in San Jose. We want to get each of Bay Area mayors and city council representatives to attend and show their support for our community. If anybody has any contacts in the mayors' offices of San Francisco, Oakland or San Jose please let me know.

A chapter meeting was held on Sunday, September 17th. Although we had a good time and got a lot accomplished, we were all disappointed at the attendance. As in the past, less than 10% of our members showed up. We really need folks to attend the meetings. We cannot put on the type of rodeo we all want without participation from the members. It's your chapter - make it what you want. We are trying to combine the meetings along with fun events. Send ideas for fun events directly to me at gaucho10@ix.netcom.com @ Internet.

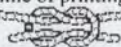
Thanks again to all of you volunteers! We can't do it without your help.

Tonio

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The Royal Word... Hello everyone, it's the GSGRA Y2K Royalty!

Well, it's coming down to the wire now for the new GSGRA 2001 Royalty Competition. We hope there are a lot of people interested. And, it will be time to say good bye to the 2000 Royalty on November 18, 2000 in Palm Springs. We just can't believe it's almost over. It went by fast and has been the best time of our lives representing you as GSGRA 2000 Royalty.

Emails have been sent to you and your chapters for the fundraiser on October 7, 2000 at the 1220 CLUB in Walnut Creek. We are willing to help anyone raise money and would like to see you all come out to the 1220 CLUB. Besides, it's going to be a lot of fun and it will be hosted by us :) Fun, fun, fun.

Well now, to let you know what we have been doing.... In August, we had another great fundraiser at Club Paradise in Stockton. Then, we were off to the Sierra Stampede Rodeo in Sacramento. We had lots of fun. Great turn out! We will be at San Diego Rodeo in September, and boy we can't wait!

Well, we have represented GSGRA not only by going to the rodeos but by representing all of you at coronations, court events, working with the AIDS Foundation, and other organizations. So far, we have been to 7 rodeos, 4 Royalty fundraisers, 6 Coronations, and 10 functions we were asked to be at to represent GSGRA. We hope we have made you proud so far. And, we still have 2 more months with more events planned.

We'll see you in San Diego in September, and don't forget to come out to Walnut Creek on October 7, 2000.

Loves and Kisses!
GSGRA Y2K Royalty
Mr. GSGRA 2000 - Matt Romero
Ms. GSGRA 2000 - Alex Waller
Miss GSGRA 2000 - Gilbert Rodriguez
(aka. Erica K)

GSGRA ROYALTY 2001

The waiting is nearing its end. October 19, 2000 is the deadline to postmark entries for Mr./Ms./Miss GSGRA 2001. Candidates, don't forget that you must include your documentation of donation(s) with your entry forms. Your horsemanship videos will be due on Saturday, November 18th - the day of the competition.

Looking for some advice and guidance? Your current and former royalty are as close as a phone call or an email message. They are very willing to help you in answering those nervous questions and what to wear, what to say, etc.

The Greater Palm Springs Chapter will host the GSGRA 2001 Royalty Competition in Palm Springs, CA on November 18, 2000. The interviews and horsemanship videos will begin immediately following the GSGRA quarterly state board meeting and the competition will conclude that evening. Tentatively, all segments of the competition will be held at the Marquee Hotel. The GPSC has done a wonderful job making plans for the royalty competition and I'm sure it will be a fabulous event! Watch the GSGRA web site for more details.

If there is anyone still interested in competing for a GSGRA 2001 Royalty title, entry forms can be obtained from the GPSC (telephone number) or Sammy Van Galder (916-737-7610). Entries must be mailed to the Greater Palm Springs Chapter, PMB C125, 4741 E Palm Canyon, Palm Springs, CA 92264. They must be postmarked on or before October 19, 2000 to be eligible.

Each year the GSGRA Royalty teams have raised money for various charities in many communities. The David Watkins Memorial Fund is one charity that benefits from the efforts of the GSGRA royalty and is disbursed as grants to GSGRA contestants that compete at the IGRA Finals rodeo. The David Watkins Memorial Fund was established in memory of one of the founders of GSGRA, David Watkins.

In this edition of the CHUTE and next month's edition, there will be other trivial tidbits to watch for. It will be useful information whether you are running for a royalty title or just a member and/or contestant of GSGRA. It is always good to know more about an organization you belong to. The more you know, hopefully, the more you will want to be involved with your local chapters or in the state organization as a whole. Read and re-read the CHUTE carefully for those helpful hints and just plain GSGRA trivia.

I look forward to seeing a great turnout in Palm Springs this November for the GSGRA 2001 Royalty competition. Mark you calendars now and start making those plans. Check out the current royalty's upcoming events on the web site or in this edition of the CHUTE.

Sammy Van Galder - Administrative V.P.

RODEO 2000

Greater San Diego Chapter

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS:

The President is still recovering from the stress and strain of entertaining all of you out-of-towners, so it was left up to us lowly newsletter editors to come up with something grand and worthy of this space. If the President were fully recovered, we're sure he would just like to say "thank you all for making our rodeo a success and hope you all make plans to come back again next year".

As your editors, we would just like to thank all of the contestants, rodeo members and spectators who have provided us with the information, antics, and entertaining gossip that have made our portion of the Chute such a joy to write and get published each month.

We are especially grateful to Joe Olney and his staff for faithfully providing the GSGRA with the Chute each month without fail.

Until next month, your editors — James and Robert

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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E-MAIL: gsgrasan@aol.com

WEB PAGE: www.sandiegorodeo.com

Did you know?

**The Tenth Annual San Diego
Gay and Lesbian Rodeo was
held on Oct. 1-4, 1998 at Del
Mar Fairgrounds.**

**The 1998 board members
were:**

**President: Nancy Novak
EV Pres: Robert Kojima
Treasurer: Del Castillo
Secretary: Paul Fox
Rodeo Dir: David Pickle
Rodeo Ops: JJ Jennings**

**Arena Director:
Rick Washburn**

**Grand Marshal:
Mandy Schultz**

**Member of the Year:
Jay Wilpolt**



RODEO CALENDAR

RODEO MEETING SCHEDULE

Well, now that Rodeo 2000 is history, it's time to start planning for Rodeo 2001. The next General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4th. At this meeting, we will be taking nominations for Rodeo Executive Board 2001. The next Rodeo Roundtable meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17th. Don't forget, the Annual Meeting of Members will be held Wednesday, November 1st. Executive Board elections will be held at this meeting.

RODEO NEWS

GSGRA—CAPITOL CROSSROADS

The second annual Sierra Stampede Rodeo was held in Rio Linda, California near Sacramento on August 19th & 20th. This year's weather was hot like last year, but both days were still well attended. The following contestants form the San Diego chapter competed: Ron Call, Kirk Carter, Michelle Chagnon, Randy Funderburk, David Pickle, David Renier, Larry Rose & Ed Wallum. A BIG welcome to first time contestant David Neisinger. Randy Funderburk won the men's pole bending buckle & was 1st runner-up in the men's all-around. Kirk Carter won the men's barrel racing buckle, & was 3rd runner-up in the men's all-around. Congratulations to all!

UPCOMING RODEO

TGRA RODEO

They say that everything is bigger in Texas. Be sure to see if this is true by attending the 17th annual TGRA rodeo in Fort Worth on November 9-12. You can find out more about the rodeo by going to www.tgra.org or by calling the TGRA hotline at (713) 777-0410.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped make GSGRA—San Diego Rodeo 2000 a success.

We definitely couldn't have done it without our:

Vendors

Coordinators

Volunteers

Sponsors

Spectators

Entertainers

Contestants

Set Production

IGRA

A special thank you goes out to:

The 2000 Rodeo Executive Board—Robert, Nancy, Joseph, Rick, and Del

Our phenomenal Arena Coordinator—David

Our illustrious Rodeo Director—Lewie

And our wonderful Rodeo Ops Team of Nancy and Robert

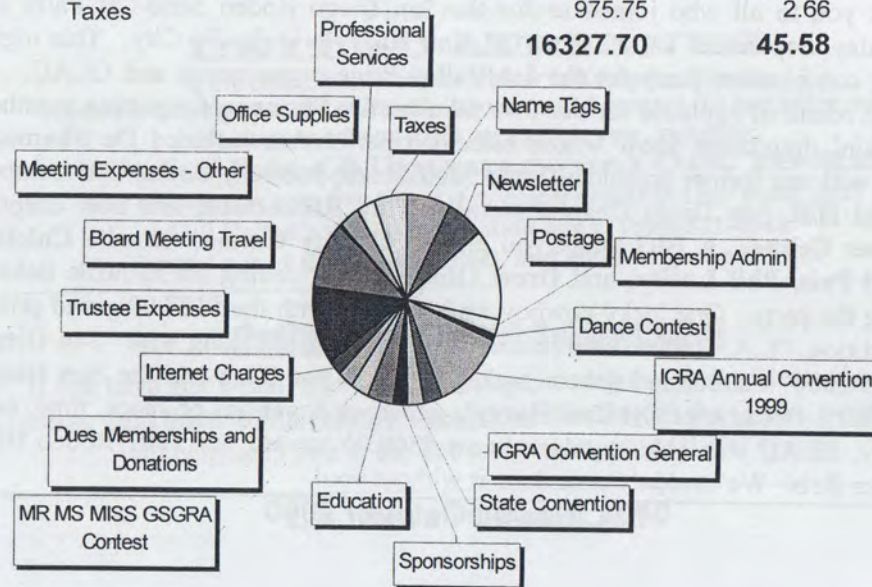
GREAT JOB

NOW QUIT RESTING ON YOUR LAURELS, WE HAVE RODEO 2001 TO PREPARE!!!!

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

We are often asked this question so we thought the following might be of interest to you. We took a look at our book for the last fiscal year which ended on February 29, 2000 and broke down the figure to show how much was paid in via membership dues and then how much we spent per member during the same period.

	Total	Per Member
Name Tags	1347.90	3.67
Newsletter	1134.56	3.09
Postage	2500.00	6.81
Membership Admin	384.43	1.05
Dance Contest	123.80	0.34
IGRA Annual Convention 1999	2222.41	6.06
IGRA Convention General	550.00	1.50
State Convention	(484.97)	(1.32)
Sponsorships	450.00	1.23
Education	800.00	2.18
MR MS MISS GSGRA Contest	548.00	1.49
Dues Memberships Donations	50.00	1.23
Internet Charges	440.74	1.20
Trustee Expenses	2139.60	5.83
Board Meeting Travel	1878.50	5.12
Meeting Expenses - Other	50.00	0.14
Office Supplies/Copying/Phone	609.44	1.66
Professional Services	607.54	1.66
Taxes	975.75	2.66
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L.A. News



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Meet the TEAM!

This regular column 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 October 7, 2000.

The office of Vice President of Rodeo Operations is held by **Paul Thompson**. Paul first joined LAC (Los Angeles Central Chapter, GSGRA) in 1993. When the LAC and GLAC merged he became a member of GLAC. He volunteered at two LA Rodeos and at the two Palm Springs Rodeos. Then decided to really get

involved, serving as the Volunteer Coordinator for two years, then moving up to Festival/Logistics Director for two more years. Paul has not competed as of yet, but would not rule out something like goat dressing some time in the future. Paul is very single (but looking), and lives in Valley Village, where he is busy remodeling his new (1938 vintage) house. Paul is looking forward to making the 2001 Rodeo the best ever as part of Team LA.!



(Photo not available)

... And What a Party it Was!

Thank you to all who joined us for the San Diego Rodeo Send-Off Party on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at **Oil Can Harry's** in Studio City. This night was a combination party for the LA/Valley Pride organization and GLAC. A HUGE round of applause for our own fabulous **De Shannon** for putting together a rockin' drag/talent show whose esteemed performers included **De Shannon** along with our former president **David Medzerian**, Publicity Committee member **Gerald Hill**, San Diego Chapter member **Tina Rhinestone**, and new chapter member **Celine**. A BIG thank you also to **Christy Cotton**, **Charlie Colella**, **Cyndi Pais**, **Phil Lucier**, and **Drew Oberbeck** for selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the party. One lucky cowboy walked away with the \$127.00 grand prize. In addition, "L.A. Rodeo 2000" t-shirts were raffled off along with "San Diego Rodeo 2000" t-shirts and tickets packages (thank you **Tina** and the **San Diego Chapter**)! Because of **Oil Can Harry's** generous donations of space, time, and money, GLAC was able to raise almost \$300.00 toward our 2001 Rodeo Bid. Thanks **Bob!** We couldn't have done it without you!

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

There's only ONE CHAIR LEFT!

L.A. Rodeo 2001 is still seeking an enthusiastic individual to chair the **Parking Committee** for the rodeo. The Parking Coordinator's responsibilities will include chalking the parking lot prior to the opening of the Rodeo, overseeing the parking operations, scheduling volunteer shifts, and relieving volunteers for breaks. Volunteers from **Minority Aids Project** (who staffed the parking lot at last year's rodeo and had a great time) are standing by ready to help out on rodeo weekend. They are waiting for a fearless leader to step in and coordinate their efforts. Don't let them down!



☆ Don't Miss October's Chapter & Rodeo Meetings! ☆

The next Chapter meeting will be held on October 7, 2000 at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center. Everyone is welcome at this meeting and encouraged to attend. Important topics to be covered include the date & location of L.A. Rodeo 2002. We will also discuss Grand Marshal and Charities for the 2001 Rodeo and vote to confirm the nomination for California's new GSGRA Secretary. The Chapter Meeting will be followed by an L.A. Rodeo 2001 planning meeting. All committee chairs and co-chairs are encouraged to attend... see ya'll there!



THANK YOU, SISTERS!

Thank you to the Imperial Court of Long Beach for the beautiful certificate you presented to GLAC as a token of our kinship. We look forward to working with each of you in the near future...

Final reminder...

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 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) and mention group 598EM

Calling All E-Mail Addresses!

If you have any e-mail additions or changes or regular mail address changes, please send them to MamaRodeo@aol.com. Getting on the GLAC e-mail list will help keep you in the know about ongoing GLAC events.

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

October 7 10AM **GLAC CHAPTER MEETING**
LB Gay & Lesbian Center
Long Beach, CA

October 19-23 **IGRA FINALS RODEO**
Albuquerque, NM

NOVEMBER

November 4 10AM **GLAC BOARD MEETING**
Franklin Towers Tea Room
Hollywood, CA

November 10-12 **TGRA RODEO**
Fort Worth, TX

November 18 **GSGRA State Board Meeting**
Palm Springs, CA

2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

10 am Sun. Dec. 3, L.A. (chapter)



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A Message from L.A. Rodeo 2001 Volunteer Coordinator...

I don't know exactly how it happened, but it did. I got roped and dallied into being the L.A. Rodeo 2001 Volunteer Coordinator. With this in mind... it's time to "Cowgirl Up," step into the box, and beg and challenge for a little help from my rodeo family. My theory is simple.... if each one of us just refers two people to volunteer for a four hour shift... we would be more than covered! All the positions can be fun and rewarding. I'm planning on a Pre-Rodeo Volunteer Orientation and Kick-Off Party, as well as a Post Rodeo Appreciation Party, along



with special t-shirts and some other goodies. So..... please help promote and recruit, do you part to help pull off YOUR rodeo association's rodeo.... To get involved, call Sunnie or Heather at (661) 245-9653 or e-mail RodeoVolunteer@aol.com

Thanks!
Sunnie Rose

... L.A./Valley Pride, Here we Come!

As this issue of The Chute is going to press, the members of GLAC are gearing up for a big weekend of volunteering at the first annual L.A./ Valley Pride event on September 30th and October 1st. GLAC will be serving drinks at all six beverage concession stands at the event with all tips going to the chapter's rodeo fund. Tune in to the next issue of the Chute for news and reviews.



And on a personal note.....

I want to say thank you to all my friends in the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, for all the cards, flowers, e-mails and wellwishes. As you know I have been in and out of hospital a lot recently. This last time I had to spend seventeen days there and my partner, Scott, just about lived there with me. I really want to say a special thank you to him and also to Mom and Joseph Olney.

Now that I am home I have to have dialysis three times a week combined with chemotherapy and, to be honest, my kidneys are failing more as time goes by.

I have learned that the people we meet in life are there for a reason. They are there to teach us and I have learned that live is not all bad. No matter what happens, it could be worse.

Again, thanks for the love and support, it has been a big help.
Jeffrey B Graham-Hilderbrandt

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David Watkins Memorial Fund

We congratulate all of our G.S.G.R.A. members that qualified and have been invited to the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque NM. At the Annual Convention of Members in May 1999, the purpose and method of disbursement of the David Watkins Memorial Fund were amended to reflect the changing nature of our organization. Please review the following information and take note of the modifications to the fund. For current Bylaws and Standing Rules information, visit our web page at gsgra.org, point to Standing Rules and bylaws, open the Standing Rules and reference section 10. By-laws and Standing Rules may also be obtained by mail upon request.

The original purpose of the David Watkins Memorial Fund was to offer some limited support to contestants to help defray the expenses involved in competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. It is recognized that contestants in horse events incur expenses over and above those incurred by contestants in general with the result that G.S.G.R.A. was often under represented in these events. With this in mind, the fund was to focus on, but not be limited to this particular problem.

The fund consists of such moneys as may be donated to the fund from time to time. G.S.G.R.A. will hold such funds to be distributed by way of grants, solely to assist in defraying expenses incurred by contestants competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. Members of our G.S.G.R.A. Royalty are the primary contributors to this fund and we greatly appreciate their time and dedication to this endeavor.

In order to qualify to receive a grant from the fund, contestant must:

- 1) Have been a member of G.S.G.R.A., in good standing, from the date of the first rodeo in the current season in which the contestant competed through the weekend of the Finals Rodeo.
- 2) Have earned all points for the current I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo as a declared member of G.S.G.R.A.
- 3) Compete in the Finals Rodeo.

Funds may be distributed by way of grants in two categories, general expenses and horse related expenses.

- a) In the general category, contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:
 - i) Hotel accommodation not to exceed the hotel basic rate for Friday through Sunday night, and only the actual share of room cost incurred.
 - ii) Travel from the home city to the Finals City and return; airfare not to exceed the least expensive advance reservation rate or fuel only if driving.
 - iii) Registration fees only for the events in which the contestant was qualified and invited.

- b) In addition to the above, the Horse contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:

- i) Trailer an/or truck rental and fuel costs.
- ii) Lodging expenses in transit and horse boarding expenses (stable/pasture)

Qualified contestants may submit grant requests for approved expenses. Grant request must:

1. Be received no later than 45 days after the Finals Rodeo.
2. Detail the expenses incurred.
3. Attach receipts for all expenses to be considered.

Grants will be made proportionally. The amount available for grants in a category will be divided by the total of the qualified requests in that category. The result will be calculated to a percentage and applied to the amount requested.

To apply for a grant, please send a detailed accounting of all expenses incurred, receipts (or copies) for all expenses, and proof of participation in the Finals. This documentation shall be mailed no later than December 5, 2000 to:

Bill Chapman, Treasurer
GSGRA, Inc
P.O. Box 7446
Long Beach, CA 90807

If you have any questions contact G.S.G.R.A. Executive Board members or State Board of Directors.

Our Little Family Is Growing.....

	Start 09/01/00	Expired 09/30/00	New	Renewals	Transfers	End 10/01/00
Greater L.A.	122	14	3	5		116
Bay Area	60	12	5	6		59
San Diego	104	17	5	4		96
Capital Crossroads	112	8	9	9		122
Palm Springs	61	1	4	1		65
Non Affiliated	23	2	0	0		21
Total	482	54	26	25	0	479



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HOWDY....What a wonderful IGRA Rodeo Year this has been. Having the privilege of attending all but two of the IGRA Rodeos this year has been a wonderful learning experience as well as providing a wealth of opportunity to interact with all the wonderful IGRA volunteers across the country and learn how important each and every one of them are. Hopefully the Greater Palm Springs Chapter will always be an example of an "appreciative" part of GSGRA and acknowledge each and every volunteer we come in contact with and even those we don't. As President of GPSC I hope to set an example of always saying THANK YOU to each and every volunteer. These are those brave hearts that assist in putting all the efforts of our Chapter in to play. I hope to create an atmosphere where "begging" will not be the method of achieving our volunteer needs and goals. If each of us continues to be the team we have created, the understanding of needs will be apparent and the accomplishment of achieving our goals will be our reward. We have inspiration throughout the IGRA organization through the timeless efforts of its leaders and volunteers. To be a part of that is enough to inspire improvement in all that we do and want to achieve as a part of the IGRA organization. If each of us sets our goals just a little higher each Rodeo season, we will see greater and greater accomplishments in ourselves, our Chapter, our State Association and IGRA. As we approach Finals 2000, we all need to reflect back on the accomplishments that have taken us there. All the volunteers, contestants, officials, entertainers, vendors and sponsors, that have made it all possible. What an accomplishment! And....YOU were a part of it!!!! Thank you and Congratulations!!!! See you in Albuquerque!!!!



Happy trails,
Barry Hamm, President

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GPSC RODEO TEAM

Our dedicated cowgirl Elodie Huttner made it to all of the last three rodeos and won a Buckle at each!! She won a Buckle in Bareback Broncs in Chicago, a Buckle in Calf Roping on Foot as well as a 1st on Saturday in Steer Riding in Kansas City and a Buckle in Broncs again in Washington DC. All that's left before Finals is San Diego and we know that our entire Rodeo Team -- Elodie, Anna and Diane Shannon, John Johnson, JG Avila, and Dan Guevara will be there and will be a force to reckon with! In addition, our Dance Team, Gorge Aguilar and Lorry King, will be competing in the Pro Am Dance Competition. Hope to see everyone in San Diego cheering our Teams on!!

Lorry King, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Greater Palm Springs Chapter continues to grow with yet another month of new memberships. We are proud to have two new corporate memberships for GSGRA here in the desert: Oscar's (formerly Tramps) and the Tool Shed. Welcome! We were very pleased to see all the new faces at the September chapter meeting. Our next chapter meeting will be at Oscar's 440 El Cielo Rd Palm Springs (corner of Ramon Rd & El Cielo) on Sunday 10/15/2000 at 4:00p.m.

Frank Delgado, Membership Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Torn Jeans Contest
Entertainment – Food – Prizes – Raffles
October 7th – 3 to 6 PM

Badlands
200 South Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs
(Corner of Indian Canyon and Arenas)
(760) 778-4326

Contestants Needed!
Contact Mike Spencer
mikey@badlandsbar.com
www.badlandsbar.com
Hosted by Denny Williams

GSGRA
STATE BOARD MEETING
ROYALTY COMPETITION

November 17th, 18th and 19th, 2000
Palms Springs Marquis Resort
150 S. Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, California 92262
Reservations: (800) 233-1050
Front Desk: (800) 262-0186
www.psmarquis.com
(Mention GSGRA for the rate of \$125.00)

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GSGRA, Inc

Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison

March 2000 through February 2001

	Budget	\$	Over
Income			
Dance Contest	337.94	900.00	-562.06
DW Mem Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Interest Income	215.17	500.00	-284.83
Membership Income	12,536.00	12,420.00	116.00
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	13,943.46	17,420.00	-3,476.54
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	800.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	582.61	270.00	312.61
DWMF Contestant Exps	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Education	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
General Administrative	2,984.47	5,800.00	-2,815.53
IGRA Convention	3,460.00	1,500.00	1,960.00
Membership	3,761.11	4,150.00	-388.89
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 Exp	151.55	500.00	-348.45
Taxes	10.00	800.00	-790.00
Total Expense	11,749.74	17,420.00	-5,670.26
Net Income	2,193.72	0.00	2,193.72

Revenue vs Expenses

August 2000

Income	
Interest Income	35.75
Membership Income	1,296.00
Total Income	1,331.75

Expense	
General Administrative	741.38
IGRA Convention	-30.00
Membership	443.53
Total Expense	1,154.91

Net Income 176.84

Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2000

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

WFB - David Watkins Fund	1,276.15
WFB - General Operating	2,173.10
WFB - Rodeo Sanction	17,766.94
WFB - Savings	5,157.36

Total Checking/Savings 26,373.55

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable 15,691.58

Total Accounts Receivable 15,691.58

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Taxes 340.00

Total Other Current Assets 340.00

Total Current Assets 42,405.13

Other Assets

Depreciable Assets 924.00

Total Other Assets 924.00

TOTAL ASSETS 43,329.13

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 43,878.75

Retained Earnings -2,853.34

Net Income 2,303.72

Total Equity 43,329.13

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 43,329.13



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Behind The Chutes

Well, it's been a long summer and a very HOT summer indeed. The Chapter has successfully held it's second annual Sierra Stampede Rodeo 2000. They were numerous compliments from spectators, Contestants, and even IGRA. The Dance on Saturday Night was packed. The success of the rodeo is the result of hours of hard work By many committee chairs, the Rodeo Director, Event Director, Logistics person, and 182 volunteers. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!! We can ONLY get BIGGER and BETTER in 2001.

At the time of the Rodeo last year, we had 29 members and a lot of prayers. This year, we had about 138 members. We continue to grow and now have over 140 members. I would like to WELCOME all the new members and I hope to meet you all at some of our events or chapter meetings. If I can be Of any service to you at all, please contact me.

The Chapter had a booth at the Rainbow Festival and we had a lot of visitors, questions, and interested people. I'd like to thank the members that helped me man the booth. THANKS to Jessie, Benjamin, Lady Maverick, and Les. Be sure to ask Jessie what he was doing with the blow up furniture It was funny, not a pretty sight.

The Chapter has a lot of up coming activities, so watch the web-site and the chute for details on events.

Membership:

Membership continues to grow and we are now over 140 members. WELCOME to all the new members. New Members, if you have not signed up on the e-mail list please do so. This is an organization that is for the membership. We do things for you. So come to the meetings or e-mail a board member and let us know what you would like to do.



Calendar:

October:

- 07 - 08 Western Weekend - Guernville Ca, Russian River
- 07 Royalty 2000 Fund Raiser - 1220 club - Walnut Creek
- 14 --- Hoe Down 2000 --- 8:00pm - 1:00am
Galleria Design Center - 101 Henry St, San Francisco
\$25 advance --- \$30 at door
- 20 - 22 IGRA Finals - New Mexico

November:

- 10 - 12 TGRA Rodeo - FortWorth Texas
- TBA --- Chapter Thanksgiving Meeting

December:

- TBA --- Chapter Christmas Party

**G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee
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Address Correction Requested



IGRA Finals Rodeo – October 19-22, 2000