
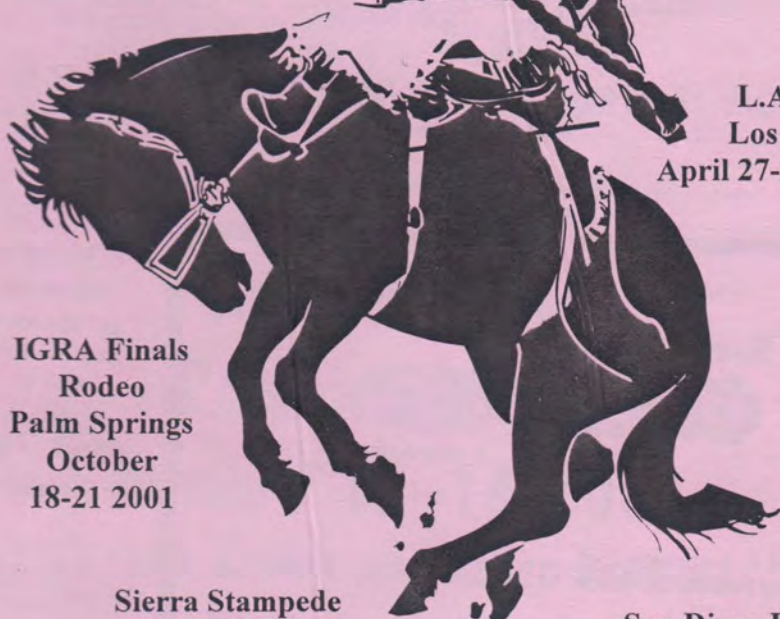


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Palm Springs
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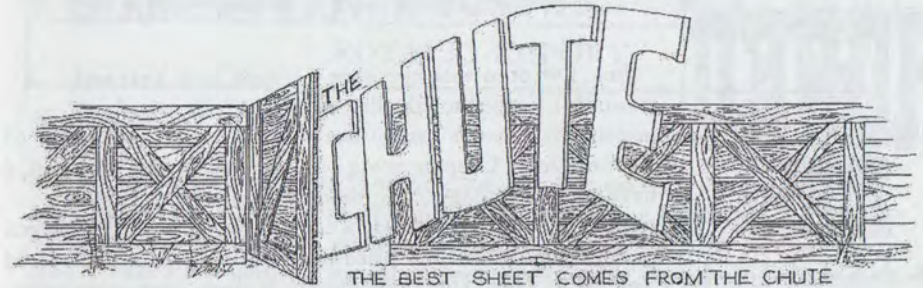


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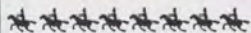
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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

First, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and secondly I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Joseph Berry and I've been a member of the San Diego Chapter going on three years now. However, I have been attending Rodeo functions since 1995. I can remember my first rodeo dance and how I almost didn't come because the dance took place on a Saturday night and so did dancing at Floyd's in Long Beach. It took some convincing, but I finally decided to come to the dance hosted by the Rodeo Association. When I walked into the tent where the dance was, I thought I had died and gone to Cowboy Heaven. So many Cowboys, so little time. After an evening of spinning and twirling, we started the trek home and I thought to myself how fun it must be to be involved with an organization like the Rodeo Association. Little did I know what was to come!

Three years ago, my friend Robert, President 1999-00, asked me to attend a general membership meeting and that's all "she" wrote. It escalated from just wanting to help to: Awards, Finance, Asst. Treasurer, Newsletter, Corporate Sponsorship, State Rep., By-Laws, Secretary, to hauling the rolling roper in the bed of my truck from Sacramento for our part of SD Pride. "More rope I said, more rope!"

As I write this note to be included into our portion of the State Newsletter with the column heading "A Word From Our President," I still find it hard to believe it's me. I just wanted to help and have some fun along the way. I see good things happening with our chapter and its members, and it is my hope that we continue building on these positive changes to make our presence in the community an even stronger influence. In closing, if there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I will make it a top priority, and with your help, try to make it happen.

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ROYALTY REPORT

Howdeeeee!!!!

Hope all is well in Royalty land out there, just a few words of Thanks from Tina in San Diego. This years California Royalty Competition was a blast!!! Thank You to all the Judges, DJ, Mistress of Ceremonies, ect... for all your hard work on this event. Also we had a few sponsors for our competition this year. We will start with the Palm Springs sponsors, Oscar's, The Wolfs Den, and the Palm Springs Chapter. Now for the San Diego Area, The Imperial Court, de San Diego, The Inn Suites Hotel, Nancy Novak, MS G.S.G.R.A. 1997, and Tony Nicholson (AKA. Tina Rhinestone) Miss G. S.G.R.A. 1997. Thank you so much for your continued support to the Rodeo Association, we could not have put on such a Grand Event if it were not for all hard work that every one put into this. I hope this years' Royalty has as much fun as Nancy and I had in our year!!!! Also a very Special Thank You to the Palm Springs Chapter for inviting me out and letting me have so much fun with this years event. Good luck to y'all and remember to have FUN all year long.

Tina Rhinestone
Miss G.S.G.R.A. 1997



RODEO HAPPENINGS AROUND THE U.S.

Don't forget these exciting events coming up in the next months:

January 12—15 Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix, Az.

February 16—18 IGRA University, Omaha, NE



GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the San Diego Chapter.

January 2, 2001—General Membership 7pm

January 16, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable

February 6, 2001—General Membership 7pm

February 20, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable

Don't forget, General Membership moves to Tuesdays in 2001, and according to our fun ideas list, the e-board should wear clown noses to all meetings.

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

The following amendment of the Chapter By-laws and change of the Standing Rules is being submitted for adoption at the February 6, 2001, Membership Meeting:

By-laws

Add:

Article XIX: No member shall represent himself/herself as an official representative of GSGRA, San Diego unless authorized to do so by the Board. Nor shall any member use the name of GSGRA, San Diego for any purpose, business or otherwise, unless specifically authorized to do so by the Board and adhering to any issued guidelines.

Standing Rules

In section 2: Chapter Chair Duties: Change the committee called Chapter Sponsorship to read just Sponsorship.

James A. Roth
2001 By-laws Chair

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY PARTY REDUX

A rousing thank you goes out to Tony Nicholson and Robert Farley for the FABULOUSSSS Holiday party they threw on December 16th. For those of you unable to attend, you missed quite a spread of wonderful dishes prepared by Tony and other members of the Rodeo Association. No awards were handed out, no money was raised, and no speeches were given, yet a good time was had by all. Imagine that! Tony, when can we expect invitations to the Valentines Day Party? (Just kidding).

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Unlike the party mentioned above, there were plenty of speeches and lots of money raised at the Ho Ho Ho Down held at Kicker's on Friday, December 15th. Reva, Ron and Michele (the GSGRA Royalty Team for 2001), put on quite a show, with Santa and a few naughty elves to liven up the evening. Thanks go out to Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's, the Kicker's Cloggers, the emcee for the evening, Ken Valdez, all of the wonderful businesses that helped out by offering raffle prizes, and last but definitely not least, all the people who helped make the evening a success.



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Behind The Chutes

WOW! 2001 A Cowboy Odyssey. Hopefully it will be a year of success for All the contestants and chapters of IGRA and GSGRA. It's really hard to believe that we are now in the year 2001. With the year 2000 gone, the Capital Crossroads Chapter starts the "REAL" new millennium with a new Executive Board. The board for the year 2001 is as follows:

President: Jeff Hollis
VP-Admin: Wes Wilkinson
VP-Rodeo: Victor Estrada
Secretary: Armando Reyna
Treasurer: Bill Hause

CONGRATULATIONS! To the new board. Jeff is already off to a great start and I wish the entire chapter continued success. Please watch the web-site and *The Chute* for upcoming activities as announced by Jeff, the activities coordinator. I have had a great time working with IGRA, GSGRA, and the other Chapters. I have met a lot of people and made a lot of lasting friendships. Thank You all. I'll be seeing you all at the rodeos.

Herb Smith



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Holiday party was a hit!

Some new faces and new rodeo volunteers joined the more than 30 GLAC members who attended the annual chapter holiday party on December 3, 2000. The party, held at the Franklin Towers Tea Room in Hollywood, was a wonderful way to kick off the winter holiday season and a nice time to be spent with friends old and new. Twelve bags of canned food that were collected at the party were donated to a local charity to help those in need during the holidays. Thanks again to **Sue Downing** and **Connie Risch** for organizing this great event.



New Years Resolutions...



The fresh start of a new year is the perfect time to get involved in new activities. If you haven't been a part of the chapter administration or rodeo production in the past, now could be the perfect time to find a niche that fits you

Goodbye to a Dear Friend

Please take a moment to remember our dear friend and longtime rodeo supporter and chapter member, **Kevin Weeks**, who passed away on December 20, 2000. Kevin was a fearless bull rider and a patient teacher, always more than willing to take new contestants under his wing. He was not only a noble and worthy competitor, but he was a champion of behind-the-scenes involvement in the rodeo association as well, serving as one of GLAC's State Board Representatives to the GSGRA State Board meetings. Thank you to Kevin for your years of friendship and support. We love you and will miss you tremendously. (Kevin leaves behind his longtime partner John. Please send good thoughts and helpful hands his way during this difficult time.)



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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- January 6 10AM GLAC BOARD MEETING
The Center, Long Beach
- January 14-16 ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO
Phoenix, Az

FEBRUARY

- February 3 10AM GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
The Center, Long Beach

2001 MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sunday, Mar. 4, 2001, Beer Bust @ Pistons in LB
- Mar. 10-11, 2001, State Board Meeting, Long Beach
- Sunday, Mar. 11, 2001, Buckout, Location TBA



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EVENTS

-January-

Friday 12 – Sunday 14
Phoenix Rodeo

Saturday 20th
Chapter Meeting, Bowl-A-Thon
6:00 P.M. Dinner, 8:00 P.M. Bowl
at Fiesta Lanes in San Jose

Thursday 25th
Roundtable, 7:00 P.M., Hyatt Hotel

-February-

Friday 16 – Sunday 18
IGRA University

Thursday 22nd
Chapter Meeting & Rodeo Roundtable

Sunday 25
BBQ Fund Raiser, Eagle Tavern

-March-

Sunday 25th
Renegades Fund Raiser, San Jose

-April-

Friday 27 - Sunday 29
LA Rodeo

Sunday 29
BBQ Fund Raiser, Eagle Tavern

Cowboy Talk

Hey, Everyone!

I hope you all made it through the holiday! Whew!

Lots of new and exciting work is going on with the club. We have started the Rodeo Roundtable meetings. We are off to a great start. Lots of people were there to show their support and share their ideas about our rodeo. I can't express how important it is to share your ideas about the production of our rodeo. If getting to a meeting is impossible please e-mail your thoughts or ideas to us.

Castroville was a blast! We made lots of new friends and they were great hosts. There we put on a great show for them with cameo appearances from Winnie Bago and Rudolph. I'm pretty sure we will be heading down there again in the spring so keep an eye out for the details.

A big Thank You to Craig and Brad for hosting our December chapter meeting at their house. The decorations were beautiful and the spread of munchies only added to my expanding holiday waistline. Thanks guys!

We have lots of fun things planned for the coming months. Some fundraisers at the Eagle, our bowl-a-thon. I really hope to see ya there. Doug Graff mentioned to me at the chapter meeting about forming a rodeo softball team. Anyone interested please contact Doug Graff at dgraff01@home.com or myself at gaucho10@ix.netcom.com.

Your President, Tonio



Member of the Month Doug Graff

Congratulations to Doug Graff, the first member of the month in the new millennium. What needs to be said? Doug's one of the true backbone members of gay rodeo. Aside from serving as a past Mr. International Gay Rodeo and several stints as chapter president, he's always in the arena, either competing, bull fighting, or lending a helping hand. He's ever present at fundraisers, chapter events, and work sessions. Thanks, Doug, for everything; and all the best in the coming year from your rodeo family.



December Mystery Member

New Members

- ☆ Brent Nunes of Carmel Valley
- ☆ Matt Kawakami of San Francisco

Dear Friends,

Now that 2001 is here the real Millennium starts. I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday and are in good health. I extend my wishes for a great New Year, the best of health, great happiness, and prosperity.

Since taking office in September 2000, I have been trying to figure out why our membership is so low, I have come to the following conclusion...apathy. Folks seem not to want to go out of their way to recruit new members, to pitch in and do a little more, to get involved in our chapter, in fundraisers and Rodeo. We have a great group of officers trying different ways to bring folks into our chapter and to get community support for our events and

Rodeo. We have tried a variety of many things, for example outings, charity events, picture contests, etc. to get folks involved with little effort on their part, but it seems the more we try the result is the same, apathy and non support.

I am putting this to our membership, how can we get folks more involved and interested again in being part of this organization? Only with your support can we survive and grow. I would love to hear any suggestions and thoughts you might have. Please take a minute or two to think of ways we can, as an organization, grow and how you can support it. Please email me with your thoughts and comments pulliam101@aol.com or yprodeo.bac@gsgra.org.

Bob Pulliam, VP Rodeo Op's

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GSGRA, Inc
Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2000

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	8,091.91
Reserve Accounts, Rodeo & DWTF	21,858.88
Total Checking/Savings	29,950.79

Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	8,650.00
Total Accounts Receivable	14,191.58

Total Current Assets **44,142.37**

Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00

TOTAL ASSETS **45,066.37**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	-3,193.34
Net Income	4,380.96
Total Equity	45,066.37

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **45,066.37**

Revenue vs Expenses November 2000 and YTD

	Nov '00	Mar - Nov '00
Income		
Dance Contest	0.00	337.94
David Watkins Memorial Fund	0.00	230.00
Donations	531.50	531.50
Interest Income	40.48	324.21
Membership Income	1,043.00	17,613.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00	24.00
Reserve Funds	1,000.00	1,329.50
State Convention	0.00	500.85
Total Income	2,614.98	20,891.00

Expense

Buckle Sponsorships	0.00	800.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	582.61
General Administrative	98.73	4,009.02
IGRA Convention	0.00	3,460.00
Membership	525.97	5,515.19
Mr Ms Miss	491.67	491.67
Professional Fees	0.00	690.00
State Convention Expenses	0.00	151.55
Taxes	0.00	810.00

Total Expense **1,116.37** **16,510.04**

Net Income **1,498.61** **4,380.96**

Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
March 2000 through February 2001

	Mar '00 - Feb '01	Budget	\$ Over...
Income			
Dance Contest	337.94	900.00	-562.06
DW Memorial Fund	230.00	500.00	-270.00
Donation			\$531.50
Interest Income	324.21	500.00	-175.79
Membership Income	17,613.00	12,420.00	5,193.00
Merchandise Sale	24.00	300.00	-276.00
Reserve Funds	1,329.50	2,000.00	-670.50
State Convention	500.85	800.00	-299.15
Total Income	20,891.00	17,420.00	3,471.00

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	4,085.51	5,800.00	-1,714.49
IGRA Convention	3,460.00	1,500.00	1,960.00
Membership	6,089.00	4,150.00	1,939.00
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	859.34	500.00	359.34
Professional Fees	690.00	800.00	-110.00
State Conv Expenses	151.55	500.00	-348.45
Taxes	810.00	800.00	10.00
Total Expense	17,528.01	17,420.00	108.01

Net Income **3,362.99** **0.00** **3,362.99**



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY 2001! And what a year it will be. The Greater Palm Springs Chapter is ready and able to meet the privilege of hosting the IGRA Finals 2001! To do this we will need the support and commitment from each of its own members as well as the assistance from our four sister Chapters in GSGRA. What a team! We can produce the BEST IGRA Finals ever. The work has already begun and the focus is own providing the very best for the contestants and spectators, and that we will do. It is important to realize that it will take each and everyone of you to make this happen. It is also important to note that it will take some long and hard preparation starting NOW to make this the BEST IGRA FINALS ever! With the opportunities we have in Palm Springs, of being the World's largest Gay Resort, we can surely break all attendance records and raise great amounts of moneys for the chosen charities. What a privilege! We are teaming up with Palm Springs Pride, which will be held two weeks after IGRA Finals (with Halloween on Arenas being on the weekend between), to market a great "Two Week Vacation Package" worldwide! This should give, not only the Greater Palm Springs Chapter and GSGRA some tremendous exposure, but the entire IGRA family of Associations and Chapters. So onward to the challenge!

I also want to welcome Bud Lite as our Official IGRA sponsor. With additional funding from Bud Lite, each Chapter will benefit even more than before. Thanks to some VERY hard work by Craig Rouse and the IGRA Board, we have achieved new heights in our sponsorship with Bud Lite.

As 2000 has come to a close, I wish to thank all the member of GSGRA and especially the members of the Greater Palm Springs Chapter for being a part of putting our new Chapter on the GSGRA team! You have all done a GREAT job and I look forward to all the challenges and victories of 2001!

Happy New Year and Happy Trails to you all,



Barry Hamm, President

Greater Palm Springs Chapter Fundraiser

January 20th, 10 P.M.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By David Medzerian, GSGRA Trustee

Folks, a few items about our IGRA beer sponsorship, Instinct magazine sponsorship and GSGRA elections:

Bud Light will be continuing as IGRA's official beer sponsor through 2003, with one-year options extending to 2006. Coors had made a very lucrative offer to IGRA, which Bud Light eventually increased. Although the IGRA Directors approved the Coors bid 12-7, lawyers for IGRA and both beer companies later agreed that the "right of refusal" in the existing sponsorship bound us to having Bud Light as sponsor as long as the firm matched any counterproposals, which they had done. The new agreement is worth nearly \$1 million over the six-year period. Each rodeo does a little better than in 2000, but there are also significant funds for IGRA events including the Convention and Finals that GSGRA is hosting in 2001. Please be sure your local Bud Light representatives know how much we appreciate their continuing support. And my personal thanks to all of you for your well-thought-out debate of this important issue.

The IGRA Directors also renewed our Instinct Magazine sponsorship. The magazine, based here in California, has been very eager to work with IGRA for another year; the 2001 contract builds on this year's arrangement and also irons out some of the rough spots we've had in 2000, our first year working together.

Finally, my current term as your GSGRA trustee to IGRA concludes at the end of the new rodeo year, on Oct. 31, 2001. (We elect trustees to a three-year term, but I was elected in 1997 to finish the term of my predecessor and will have served nearly five years when my current term ends Oct. 31.) Although my successor will not take office until Nov. 1, he or she will be elected during our

GSGRA convention May 12-13 -- and that means this month's IGRA board meeting in Phoenix is the last trustees' meeting before the election. Attending the Phoenix meeting is something I strongly urge for those of you considering running for trustee, as well as anyone interested in what the trustees actually do; seeing the board in action may help you make your decision at election-time. The meeting is at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Ramada Camelback.

I hope you all had a great holiday season, and I hope to see you at the Phoenix rodeo (and please stay for my post-rodeo fund-raiser at Charlie's on Monday night, Jan. 15).

Gay and Lesbian Trade Show

IGRA will be having a booth/activity section at the Gay and Lesbian Trade Show in San Francisco February 10 and 11. We need to get the Roller Roper up here from San Diego. Could you put a request in the chute for help with this? They can contact me directly at 408-261-3259 or dgraff01@home.com if they can help out. IGRA will reimburse them for their gas and mileage.

Thanks,
Douglas Graff
IGRA Spokesperson

FINALLY, A WINNER:

Al Gore has won the election ...for district director of the Marion Soil and Water Conservation Board in Salem. No one ran for the post, so write-ins ruled the day. Gore won with 23 of the 4,570 votes cast, easily beating George W. Bush, who also got some votes. "Voters don't understand what it means when they write in a silly name," said Marion County Clerk Al Davidson. "But it's their right, and it's their tax dollars that pay for it." The Vice President cannot actually take the job, however, since to serve "you have to

own or manage land in the zone," Davidson said. Gore actually came in second, but vote winner Donald Duck was disqualified because he's an animated character. (Which is something no one has ever said about Al Gore)

IGRA UNIVERSITY 2001

Hosted by HGRA

Dear IGRA University 2001 Candidate: It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been accepted into IGRA University 2001, which will be held during the weekend of February 16-18, 2001. Your hosts for this stimulating academic experience will be the members of the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association.

Classes will be conducted on the "campus" of the Clarion Hotel Carlisle, located at 10909 M Street in Omaha, Nebraska. The Clarion has generously provided University 2001 attendees with a rate of \$72 per night. Please make your hotel reservations by calling the Clarion directly at (402) 331-8220. When making your reservations, be sure to identify yourself as an IGRA University 2001 attendee, so that you will be guaranteed the special \$72 per night "student" rate.

The registration fee for the entire weekend is \$60. For this incredibly low tuition fee, you will receive entrance into all classes, a workbook and other materials to complement class content, a buffet dinner and entertainment, and a "Certificate of Completion" at the conclusion of classes on Sunday, February 18, 2000.

University 2001 is open to anyone. You do not have to be a member to avail yourself of the opportunity to expand and enhance your business, organizational, and life experience knowledge. Plan now to join us in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship, learning and sharing, as we not only acquire new skills and

information, but further develop the assets and talents we already possess.

The faculty and instructors of University 2001 look forward to your participation in, and contributions to, this very worthwhile and beneficial educational experience. If you have questions regarding IGRA University 2001, or require additional information, please call our hotline at 800-561-6918, or visit our website at www.hgra.net or www.igra.com.

HAVE YOU LOST IT?

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Phoenix, Az	1/13/2001
Omaha, NE	6/30/2001
Long Beach, CA	7/26/2001
Sacramento, CA	8/18/2001
Washington, DC	9/8/2001

(All arena director seminars, with the exception of the seminar at convention, will be at the rodeo rounds.)

SECRETARYS/SCOREKEEPERS

Larry Lindstrom (Chairperson)

LOCATION	DATE
Phoenix, AZ	1/12/2001
Los Angeles, CA	4/27/2001
Atlanta, GA	6/1/2001
Long Beach, CA	7/26/2001
Kansas City, Mo	8/31/2001

CHUTE COORDINATORS

Kim Dawson (Chairperson)

LOCATION	DATE
Phoenix, AZ	1/12/2001
Omaha, NE	6/29/2001
Long Beach, CA	7/26/2001
Sacramento, CA	8/17/2001
Washington, DC	9/7/2001

JUDGES

Casey Jackson (Chairperson)

LOCATION	DATE
Long Beach, CA	7/26/2001

Dates & locations for division I, II, III, and IV seminars to be determined.

Because the 45-day pre-registration requirement cannot be met for seminars scheduled to be in Phoenix on January 12 or 13, 2001, pre-registrations for these seminars only will be accepted until Friday, January 5, 2001.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Doug Graff (IGRA PR Spokesperson)

Public Relations/Marketing Seminars for Rodeo Year 2001 will be offered at:

LOCATION	DATE
Long Beach, CA	7/26/2001

Dates and locations for seminars in divisions II and IV to be determined.

To register for a seminar or for more information, contact the respective committee chairperson, all Committee chairs can be contacted through IGRA. A registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person (checks payable to I.G.R.A.) must and sent to the I.G.R.A. Office postmarked at least forty-five days prior to the date of the seminar except as noted above. Fees are refundable upon attendance.

Bronze Rat.....

A tourist walked into a curio shop in San Francisco. Looking around at the exotica, he notices a very lifelike, life-sized bronze statue of a rat. It had no

price tag, but is so striking he decides he must have it.

He took it to the owner and asked the price. "Twelve dollars for the rat, one hundred dollars for the story," said the owner.

The tourist gave the man twelve dollars saying. "I'll just take the rat, you can keep the story."

As he walked down the street carrying his bronze rat, he noticed that a few real rats had crawled out of the alleys and sewers and began following him. This was disconcerting so he began walking faster but within a couple blocks, the herd of rats behind him had grown to hundreds and then thousands of squealing, flea ridden, blood thirsty rodents.

The tourist began to trot toward the Bay, looking around to see that the rats now numbered in the MILLIONS, and were coming toward him faster and faster.

Concerned, even scared, he ran to the edge of the Bay, and threw the bronze rat as far out into the Bay as he could. Amazingly, the millions of rats all jumped into the Bay after it, and were all drowned.

The man walked back to the curio shop. "Ah ha," said the owner, "You have come back for the story?"

"No," said the man, "I came back to see if you have a bronze Republican."

(Ed note: If you are offended by the above please note that we took a pot shot at the Democrats on the previous page. Now get over it.)

**And so, as we say
good bye to the year
2000 may we leave
you with this
thought. ...**



**Happy
Everything**

**Now leave me alone
until next year!**

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