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Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose
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April 27-29, 2001

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Rodeo
Palm Springs
October
18-21 2001

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'd like to start my message by thanking one of our members who has given his time, and greatly appreciated efforts, in making our chapter and rodeo a great success. Gary Heflin, who has been our Merchandise Coordinator and Office manager for the past year, will be taking a year off to concentrate on other obligations. Gary, thank you on behalf of the Executive Board and myself. You will surely be missed at the table.

As President, my most important responsibility among many, is our membership body. That means you. For without you, there would be no association. I pledge to all members that if you ever have an issue that needs to be addressed, or an opinion that needs to be heard, I will make myself available to you. I will do my best to approach all issues with an open mind, and to try to bring a fair resolution to all problems. By doing so, I hope to create an atmosphere of "good old fashioned" fun that all people who want to be a part of the Rodeo Association can enjoy.

This year's early turn out of new and long time members who wish to be a part of the Rodeo production is very promising. There are many opportunities for all who want to be a part of this EXTRAVANGZA. As we get busy and put our Rodeo faces on, I challenge you, the Rodeo Committee chairs and Chapter Chairs, to take a second to look around and include those who want to help, but don't know how to ask. Remember, you were new at one time as well.

In closing, I want to stress that the Rodeo Association is a group of people with one goal in mind..to educate the community on the Gay Country/Western Life Style, and have a lot of fun along the way.

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CONTESTANT REP

This year's Phoenix Rodeo was incredible despite the minor cold and mud! San Diego was well represented with contestants Ted Caldwell, Ron Call, Bonnie Boone and Randy Funderburk. Miss Reva and Ron were there as GSGRA Royalty doing a great job entertaining the troops. Congratulations to Ron Call who paired up with LA's Brian Swatfager and took 3rd in Goat Dressing on Sunday. Way to go GUYS! The incredible Bonnie Boone took 2nd in Break-Away Roping, Pole Bending, and Team Roping on Saturday. While in Barrel Racing she took 1st both days and came home with the buckle. Bonnie joined forces with Randy Funderburk to grab 4th in Steer Deco on Saturday and 1st in Sunday's Wild Drag Race. Bonnie also took home 3rd place in the coveted All-Around Cowgirl division. Randy Funderburk, on Saturday, in Steer Riding took 3rd and on Sunday took 1st and came home with the buckle! In Saturday's Calf Roping on foot, Randy was part of an unusual 3-way tie for 3rd. Sunday proved profitable for Randy as he took 2nd in Barrel Racing, 1st in Pole Bending, 4th in Flag Racing, and 5th in Goat Dressing. With all that winnin' Randy snagged 4th place in All-Around Cowboy.

Congratulations Team!

RODEO HAPPENINGS AROUND THE U.S.

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

February 17-19 IGRA University, Omaha, NE

March 10-11 GSGRA State Board Meeting, LA

GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

February 6, 2001—General Membership 7pm

February 20, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable

March 6, 2001—General Membership (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)

March 20, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)

Don't forget, elections for State Board Rep will be held at the General Membership Meeting on March 6th. Two Reps and two Alternates will be elected.

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

The following amendment of the Chapter By-laws is being submitted for adoption at a special meeting to be held on March 6, 2001 at 8pm. This meeting will occur during a recess of the regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting.

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

GOODBYE RODEO OFFICE

For those of you who were unable to attend the January General Membership Meeting, a motion was made to close the rodeo office. The motion was seconded, with a friendly amendment added that stated that the office could not be closed any sooner than 60 days from that date (Jan. 2, 2001). The vote was taken, and the majority voted to let the motion pass. More details will be available at the February General Membership Meeting, and in March's issue of the Chute.

COORDINATORS WANTED

If you are new to rodeo and want to learn more, or you're an old-timer who is finally tired of just sitting on your duff, we are still looking for people who are interested in helping to make rodeo happen. The following chair and co-chair positions are still open: Fundraising Co-chair, Stage Manager, Rodeo Director Co-chair, Ass't VP Rodeo Ops, Merchandise, State Convention Chair, Donations Chair, Welcome Committee Chair, Education Co-chair, Events & Activities Chair, Boots & Briefs Co-chair, Vendors Co-chair, Membership Co-chair, and Member Discount Chair.



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

3 Months and counting!

Now is the time to get involved in planning the 2001 L.A. Rodeo. There is still a lot to be done, and there are plenty of ways to help out. Thanks to **Tim Haskin, Sunnie Rose and Charlie Colella** we have *fabulous* posters and trifolds available to assist in promoting the LA Rodeo 2001. These new posters and trifolds have already been printed and are ready to be distributed all over the greater Los Angeles area. Put on your thinking caps, and make a list of places you'd like to see them displayed... bars, coffee houses, bookstores (no boys, not THAT kind!), restaurants, community centers, gyms...any place where folks can see them! Then, bring your list and your enthusiasm to the next Chapter Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 3, 2001 to be held at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center. There are also great sponsorship packages available, including several buckle sponsorships. If you know of anyone who owns or runs a business that would benefit from the advertising, please pass the word along. As we all know, the rodeo folks are a great group to sponsor, because we are loyal to our sponsors and will continue to bring our business back to a sponsoring vendor or organization as a way of saying, "Thank you for the support."



State Board Meeting Comes to L.A.

The GSGRA State Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alpert Jewish Community Center. Although only State Board Members and State Board Representatives can vote at the meeting, everyone is invited to attend. It is a great way to find out more about how things work at the state level of our organization. Since this meeting's location rotates quarterly, it may not be in our backyard again soon. Take advantage of this great opportunity to meet new people from throughout our state while learning more about GSGRA and IGRA. The Alpert Center is located at 3801 East Willow, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Directions

From 405 Fwy. (northbound or southbound) -- Exit Lakewood Blvd, South. First light is Willow, turn right. First light is Grand, turn right. Enter driveway on left.

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February Buckout Postponed

Due to various factors, the Buckout that was scheduled for March 11, 2001 has been postponed. State Education Chair, Charlie Colella is now looking into putting this event on early in the summer. The buckout will be for rough stock and possibly calf roping on foot, and is for beginner to experienced. It would be

a great help to Charlie if those of you who are interested in Roughstock Events (Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Steer Riding and Chute Dogging) or Roping Events (Calf Roping on Foot, Mounted Breakaway Roping, and Team Roping) would e-mail him at charles.colella@usa.xerox.com to let him know. This way he can get a better idea of what type of stock to have on hand for the day. (A playday to practice Horse Speed Events is also being considered, but would be held on a separate date.)

The Fundraisers are Coming...

Chapter member, Stevan Bailey would like to invite all members and friends for The Rawhide's kickoff party for "Return to Country Fridays" on **February 2, 2001**. A portion of the nights proceeds will go to GLAC. In addition, there will be a raffle to raise money for the Chapter and Rodeo.

On **February 3, 2001**, join fellow chapter members for a pancake breakfast at The Porch Café in Long Beach. Pancake Breakfast hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to GLAC.

Don't miss the "Country Show Down" at the Dance Factory in Long Beach on **February 24, 2000**. This event will be packed full of boot-stomping fun and again, a portion of the proceeds will benefit GLAC. This party will kick up dust from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the GSGRA State Board Meeting on **March 10, 2001**, GLAC will be hosting a fundraising party at The Silver Fox in Long Beach. More information on this event will be in next month's Chute.

For more information on any chapter event, please check the website at <http://www.larodeo.com>, send e-mail to larodeo@larodeo.com or call the hotline.

Second Chance for L.A. Chapter Shirt Orders

Administrative Vice President, Sherry Le, is collecting one more round of Los Angeles Chapter Team GSGRA shirts to be delivered in time for the 2001 L.A. Rodeo. These are the same Team GSGRA shirts that were debuted at the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque in October. The shirts are tan, button-down style with collar, and have the L.A. Rodeo logo embroidered on the front chest and Team GSGRA embroidered across the back. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Sherry directly at cowgrlup@earthlink.net or phone her at (818) 599-8924 for more information.



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- February 2**
9 PM
CHAPTER FUNDRAISER
"Return to Country Fridays"
Kick-off Party at Rawhide
10937 Burbank Boulevard
N. Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 760-9798
<http://www.rawhidebar.com>
- February 3**
7 AM - 11AM
CHAPTER FUNDRAISER
Pancake Breakfast at
The Porch Café
2708 East 4th Street
Long Beach, CA 90814
(562) 433-0118
- February 3**
10AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
The Center, Long Beach
2017 East 4th Street
Long Beach, CA 90814
(562) 434-4455
- February 3**
SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
The Center, Long Beach
Following the Chapter Meeting
- February 16-17**
IGRA UNIVERSITY 2001
Omaha, Nebraska
- February 24**
6 PM - 10 PM
CHAPTER FUNDRAISER
"Country Showdown" at
The Dance Factory
266 Alamitos Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 495-2294
- February 25**
SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
Time and location TBA by e-mail
or call Drew 562-429-5665

MARCH

- MARCH 3**
10 AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
11127 Orcas Avenue
Lakeview Terrace, CA 91342
- March 10**
10AM
GSGRA STATE BOARD MEETING
Alpert Jewish Community Center
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Bay Area News

Bay Area Chapter Website: www.gsgra.org/bac/ Hotline: (415) 561-9228

EVENTS

-February-

Thursday 22, 7:00 P.M.
Chapter Meeting & Rodeo Roundtable - Hyatt

Sunday 25
Eagle Tavern Rodeo Fundraiser

-March-

Saturday 10
State Board Meeting

Thursday 22, 7:00 P.M.
Rodeo Roundtable - Hyatt 7PM

-April-

Thursday 19, 7:00 P.M.
Rodeo Roundtable - Hyatt
Sunday 22
Spring Rodeo Fundraiser - Sundance Saloon

Sunday 29
Eagle Tavern Rodeo Fundraiser

-May-

Friday & Saturday 4, 5
Bay Area Chapter Royalty Contest
Cinco de Mayo Dance. Rodeo Playday

Thursday 17, 7:00 P.M.
Rodeo Roundtable - Hyatt

Saturday 19
Rodeo Workday - Fairgrounds (tentative)

-JUNE-

Thursday 7
Rodeo Roundtable - Hyatt 7PM

Saturday 9
Rodeo Workday - Fairgrounds

Sunday 10
San Jose Pride

Friday - Sunday 15, 16, 17

2001 RODEO & FESTIVAL

Man, just look at all the activities lined up! And, that's not all, we've still got some more coming soon to a calendar near you. Keep checking the website and the hotline for details. Also, please VOLUNTEER to help out at some of the events. There's PLENTY of work to go around!

Cowboy Talk

Seems like it was only yesterday that we were celebrating the holidays and now it is less than FIVE MONTHS until our rodeo. See the Rodeo Roundtable section of this newsletter for all the things we need to get done and how you can help.

A couple of us participated in the Phoenix Roadrunner Rodeo on January 13-14. We all had a great time and I kept my eyes and ears open for some new ideas/procedures to help our rodeo run a little smoother. I'm excited about some of the upcoming changes and will help us have not only a more exciting rodeo, but also a more profitable one.

We had a great time at the Bowl-A-Thon on January 20th and raised lots of money for the rodeo. I can't believe that some of you, unlike me, actually know how to bowl. Of course, what matters most if that we all had a great time.

Mark your calendars for our Horsemanship Clinic on May 5th, followed by a dance and royalty contest that evening. Get out your boots, jeans, hats, and gowns for a great time at the Hyatt in San Jose. This event should be a great precursor to our rodeo.

We really have a lot of work to do and fun to have in less than five months. We can really use all of the People Power we can get to make this rodeo the best ever.

Remember your sweet heart this valentine's day! One year ago, February 7, my partner Ron Evans and I Got married in Maui.

Happy anniversary, Ron!

Your President, Tonio

Congrats to those placing at the most recent rodeo - Phoenix:

Doug Graff - 6th place - Wild Drag
Doug Graff - 2nd Place - Goat Dressing
John Carrillo - 2nd Place - Goat Dressing

Baseball anyone? Doug Graff wants to start a co-ed team for the spring leagues. If you are interested, let us know!

Dear Friends,

February is here and so begins our anticipation to spring and a new vitality. As the ground hog pop's its head out of the ground on February 2nd to see how winter is progressing, isn't it time for folks to dust off the old hat and get reacquainted with your chapter and begin the process of getting involved again.

Tonio, Jabby, Michael, Gregg and I, the BAC Executive Board have been trying to get the involvement of our chapter membership, community and friends of our chapter for the last six months, and our efforts seem to be falling on deaf ears or at the least frozen one's. We have a number of upcoming events planned, from Fundraisers, a spring Cinco De Mayo Dance and Education Play day, and many other events leading up to our 10th Annual Rodeo & Festival. *Come on, get involved and join in the fun...*

February also brings another important date, you know, Valentines Day. I hope all of you have weathered the winter doldrums and have made special plans for this special day. I have been with GSGRA for a few years now, and GSGRA, the BAC has brought me some very close and loving friendships. At this time I would like to wish everyone Love, Happiness, Peace, and look forward to seeing you all at our next chapter meeting and Rodeo Roundtable meeting. And on a personal note-

Michael, I Love You!!!

For more BAC and 2001 Rodeo & Festival information, see our web page at (www.gsgra.org/bac)

Bob Pulliam, VP Rodeo OP's

Bay Area Chapter Celebrates its 10th Annual Rodeo & Festival



As the New Year starts, so does the preparation and process to begin work on our 10th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo & Festival. This year we are excited to be returning to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, with one exception, we will be holding our Rodeo and Vendor Expo at the Main Grandstand of the fairgrounds this year. We also are returning to the San Jose Airport Hyatt, our Host Hotel for our annual Pool Parties, Contestant Registration, and our legendary evening balls.

As we progress in our planning and implementation phase of rodeo production it is important not to lose focus on the reason of the event. Not only is it a time to have a great time at our parties, but for our contestants to complete in a rodeo. This is always consistent and provides them with the opportunity to do what they do best - compete in one of the premier gay rodeos on the GSGRA/IGRA circuit.

We are always looking at ways to improve our rodeo for our contestants and for our guests. As the weeks progress, watch our web page (www.gsgra.org/bac) for updated rodeo & event information, Rodeo Roundtable Minutes, and Rodeo News.

Our next Rodeo Roundtable Meeting will be on February 22, 2001, 7:15 PM at the San Jose Airport Hyatt. All are welcome to attend, bring a friend, and get involved.

Bob Pulliam, Bay Area Chapter
2001 Rodeo & Festival Event Director

So you like the bright lights and the big city? Wanna be treated like a star? Here's your chance. Coming soon details on how you can sign up to compete to be part of the Bay Area Chapter's Royalty. Mark your calendars now for the "face off" on Saturday, May 5th.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

by David Medzerian, GSGRA trustee to IGRA

On top of all the other activity during the Phoenix rodeo, the IGRA Directors had our quarterly meeting. Among the highlights was news from the Sponsorship Committee that Wet and Apple Pucker are just about ready to come on line with IGRA circuit-wide sponsorships, each with perhaps \$500-\$1,000 per rodeo. There's also been indications of interest from Ford as a rodeo sponsor. Stay tuned for details.

Also on the sponsorship front, our IGRA Grand Sponsor, Bud Light, has agreed to pick up all eight buckles at the IGRA Dance Competition (this is a big savings for us, being this year's convention hosts). And Instinct Magazine is eager to donate items -- logo T-shirts, shorts, magazines -- as raffle prizes, contestant gifts, etc. See me for contact info.

Other news:
-- The IGRA Royalty has their 2001 travel schedule in place they'll be well-represented at all rodeos -- especially in California!

-- Also on the royalty front, the fund-raising efforts of this year's IGRA Royalty contestants have allowed IGRA to make a donation of \$2,700 to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

-- Don't forget IGRA University is coming up Feb. 17-18 in Omaha. This is a great opportunity to learn a lot, have some fun and meet a lot of IGRA folks. Registration is only \$40 if you sign up by Feb. 2, and \$60 afterward.

-- In my role as 2001 Trustee Chair, I scheduled a seminar on the rodeo checklist procedures, with about a dozen trustees and other interested folks attending. We got a lot of good ideas on how to improve the checklist and make it more effective at helping all of our rodeos to be even better.

-- GLAC's Mitch Gill (DeShannon), IGRA Entertainment chair, is putting together a list of entertainers eager to perform at IGRA events. If you know someone, please pass along their name -- and contact information to Mitch.

-- New on the IGRA website is a cool way to check on your points toward finals. There's also an online form to send change-of-address info to IGRA (but remember that GSGRA also needs to get that info!).

Finally, many thanks to everyone who stayed around for my Monday

night post-rodeo party at Charlie's. A great time was had by all -- the bar stayed packed until closing! -- and more than \$400 was raised for AGRA, IGRA and The L.A. Rodeo. Special thanks to Steve Creber, the staff of Charlie's, all the visiting royalty -- and congratulations to GLAC member Chuck from Orange County, who won the coveted title of "Mr. Undie Monday 2001."

Those are the highlights; I've passed along some more tedious business to the chapter presidents. I'll have a complete update for you during our March GSGRA board meeting. See you there!

Let's have a rodeo, but where?

The future site of the L.A. Rodeo will be the subject of a meeting to be held following the next GLAC Chapter meeting on February 3, 2001. (Check the LA section for location).

There are now two alternatives to the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center so this meeting will handle the logistical considerations for each site. The money crunchers will then do their stuff ready for a second meeting to be held February 25, 2001. The time and location of this meeting has yet to be announced but those on the e-mail list will get notified that way, others should call Drew at (562) 429-5665 a little closed to the date. The second meeting will finalize the recommendation to be presented at the March Chapter meeting at Hansen Dam.

It's time to get involved. Everyone is welcome and all opinions count. Where do *you* think we should have our rodeo? Remember, if you don't participate now you give up the right to complain later!!!

The Royal Word

Howdy from your 2001 GSGRA Royalty Team!

Well we are at the beginning of an exciting and rewarding and HARD WORKING year!

The Royalty Team has already been very busy. The first fundraiser was held in San Diego at Kicker's and benefited *Something Special Food Pantry*, where money and food donations were donated. Special performances from the Royalty and special guests, including "Hunky Santa" helped to make it a success.

Help us Help You! Please let us know of any planned fundraisers for your chapter in the next coming year. The more in advance we know the quicker you get a confirmation and being placed on our calendar of events.

Speaking of events, here is YOUR chance to get involved. The San Diego Rodeo will be hosting a Casino night, the first Friday night of the rodeo weekend and it is going to be incredible. This event will be hosted by yours truly and we want others to experience the fun. We are currently in need of the following committee chairs and volunteers: Underwriting, Decorations/Signage, Ticket Sales, Donations/Give-Aways, Volunteer Coordinator (same as Rodeo volunteer coordinator), Publicity, Advertising, Host Committee/Honorary Host Committee, Mailing/RSV.

Although September seems like far away, this Casino Night is going to be huge and will be a great opportunity for people to get involved.

On the RODEO front, we had a great time in Phoenix. The AGRA puts on a great rodeo and despite a little Saturday dampness, all the cowboys and cowgirls had a great time! Congratulations to the new AGRA Royalty Team., Ms AGRA Gaylia Young, Miss AGRA Suzanne Target, Miss AGRA First Runner Up Ms. Markus, Miss AGRA 2nd Runner Up Noel Christine. Y'all did a incredible job entertaining the crowd.

Be sure to come and attend "Country Showdown" benefit for the Imperial Court and Greater Los Angeles Chapter of GSGRA on February 24th at the Dance Factory in Long Beach. This event hosted by Miss and Mr. LB Pride (DeShannon and Bill) is bound to be incredible. See you there!

Also, our next rodeo at Los Angeles Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, April 27-29, 2001 will a lot of FUN! Be sure to check out the website, <http://www.larodeo.com/>, for more information.

Until next time!
Your 2001 GSGRA Royalty Team

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Check It Out....

Dance Dance Dance.....

By Ken Valdez

Congratulations go to four of GSGRA Dancers, Paul Casey, Carol Ann Palmer Pamela Ford and Ken Valdez. These people competed in Worlds IX in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Worlds IX is the highest level of Country Western Dance Competition in the world. Paul was named a Worlds Champion in the Pro/Am Classic Male Adult Advanced Division. Carol Ann won 4th Place Overall in the Pro/Am Classic Female Silver Intermediate Division. Pam was a named a World Champion in the Pro/Pro Classic Female and in the Pro/Pro Spotlight Divisions. Pam also came in Second Place Overall in the Pro/Pro Showcase Female Division. Ken was named a World Champions in the Pro/Am Male Crystal Advanced and Pro/Am Male Showcase Divisions.

Paul, Carol Ann and Pam competed at the IGRA 2000 Dance Finals and Ken was the Contest Director for IGRA 2000 Dance Finals.

There is lot of talent in our community and its good to see them do so well in events outside the community.

Please look for information about the GSGRA Dance Contest to be held in May, in the next edition of the Chute.

In 1555, Nostradamus wrote:

"....Come the millennium, month 12,
In the home of greatest power,
The village idiot will come forth
To be acclaimed the leader....."

...HMMMMMMMMMMMMMM...

On February 14th, remember this.....

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy All,

PROGRESS.....Just 9 short months ago, the Greater Palm Springs Chapter was established. One of the FIRST goals that was set by the Chapter was to create a Contestant Scholarship Program. Frank Delgado led the way with this effort. Though our timing may not have been what we initially projected, we now have a truly incredibly well thought out and planned Greater Palm Springs Chapter Contestant Scholarship Program in place! Congratulations to Frank and the entire committee that worked VERY hard to put together this program. I am EXTREMELY proud that we can now offer ALL GPSC Contestants assistance in participating at IGRA Rodeos! By the time this is published, we will have had our first Fund Raiser in which we begin the process of setting aside funds for this outstanding program. This will be only one of MANY! Let the fun begin and the assistance will follow!

In addition to this wonderful accomplishment, we also have a new Chapter Treasurer. Chuck Marx was appointed at our last meeting to serve out the term of the vacated position. Chuck brings a tremendous amount of experience to our Board and as a member of the Palm Springs Pride Board also, he gives us a tremendous avenue in which to interact and develop our awareness with PS Pride! Welcome aboard Chuck and thank you for your willingness to be a part of the GPSC success story! Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Lorry King who has held her office as Secretary as well as the Treasurer's position for the last several months! Great work Lorry!

Another new appointment is that of our new Communications Chairman. John Johnson has been appointed into that position and his expertise will enable us to take advantage of and correctly communicate in all possible venues in a professional manner. Thank you John for accepting and heading up this task.

We also look forward to being well represented at IGRA University 2001 in Omaha. I attended this event last year and walk away with a tremendous amount of great information. I encourage each of you to sign up.

Happy Trails,

Barry Hamm, President



GREATER PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER RODEO TEAM NEWS

Our GPSC Rodeo Team continued its winning ways in Phoenix. Dan Guevara won a 4th place ribbon overall in Poles and a Buckle in Barrels despite being sick as a dog all weekend long. David Smith won a 2nd place ribbon overall in Chute Dogging, a 4th place ribbon on Saturday in Wild Drag, and a Buckle in Steer Deco.

We now have three months to recover (hope you're feeling better, Dan) and train for LA. In the meantime, the Team will be holding fund-raisers (the February one is on the 18th) in order to raise money to help with expenses.

Lorry King, Secretary



**Golden State Gay Rodeo Association
Greater Palm Springs Chapter
Fundraiser**

February 18th, 4-10 PM

The Lark

925 Inland Center Drive
San Bernardino
(909) 884-8770



Raffles, Dancing, Entertainment and More!

Chapter Meeting Schedule

Sunday, February 11th
4:00 PM

Oscar's
Formerly Tramps

440 N. El Cielo Road
Palm Springs
760-325-7072

Sunday, March 11th
4:00 PM

The Lark

925 Inland Center Drive
San Bernardino
909-884-8770

Sunday, April 8th
4:00 PM

Oscar's
Formerly Tramps

440 N. El Cielo Road
Palm Springs
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Message from the President

I trust everyone has recovered from the holidays and are back in the swing of things. I just wanted to take this opportunity to let the General Membership know (if you haven't heard by now) several things are-a-changin' with the Capital Crossroads Chapter.

First off, we have a new crop of officers for 2001. They are:

Jeff Hollis - President
Wes Wilkinson - Vice President-Administration
Victor Estrada - Vice President-Rodeo Operations
Armando Reyna - Secretary
Bill Hause - Treasurer

Additionally, I have asked the Executive Board to appoint Chuck Valdes to the office of Chapter Parliamentarian. I am happy to announce that Chuck has accepted the position and will not only be the gatekeeper for the Executive Board Meetings, but will also help keep us on-track at General Chapter Meetings. Thanks Chuck for taking on this very important position.

Probably the biggest news to communicate is that our Chapter now has a place to call home!!! Beginning with our next General Chapter Meeting on February 18th, we will be meeting at the Lambda Community Center located at 1927 L Street in Sacramento. Arrangements have been made with the Lambda Community Center for us to hold our monthly General Chapter meetings for the remainder of 2001.

The Lambda Community Center has a full kitchen with counter space (for refreshments of course). We have the room reserved from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m., so we have some wiggle room on times. Right now, let's shoot for a 1:00 p.m. start time.

Along with the meeting times for the Chapter, your Executive Board has also scheduled it's meetings for 2001. The Board will meet every

Thursday before the scheduled Chapter Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at my home in Elk Grove. Everyone is welcome to attend Executive Board Meetings, so if you would like to stop by let me know and I'll give you directions to my house.

A couple of other changes to note:

-Yes, you read correctly, General Chapter meetings are now on a monthly basis. Since there is no requirement for attendance and 60 days between meetings is a L-O-N-G time, let's try it! Now that we have a permanent place to meet, we can begin to think of other, exciting things to do at our meetings. Several of you have suggested holding our meetings off-site. Great! Just because we now have a home doesn't mean we have to stay at home!!!

- We are in the process of changing our website (<http://www.gsgra.org/cc>) to better pass along information to the General Chapter and the public. Check out the new CALENDAR OF EVENTS section. Because of the ease of updating this new format, this calendar will be updated on a regular basis.

- Membership information is in the process of being updated. I know several of you have had address/phone/email changes and the database hasn't been updated. PLEASE be patient...it shouldn't be too much longer and we'll have this information current. If you have changes please submit them to Wes Wilkinson and he will make the corrections to our records and forward them to GSGRA.

Well...that's all for now. As we progress through the year, along with your Executive Board, I'll do my best to keep everyone in the loop.

Hope to see everyone at our first General Chapter Meeting on February 18th at 1:00 p.m.!!!

Jeff Hollis
President
Capital Crossroads Chapter - GSGRA

Congratulations To One of Our Newest Members

Linda Koscheski kicked butt at the Phoenix Road Runner Rodeo this month by placing 1st in Chute Dogging on Sunday and 4th place on Saturday. In addition, she was successful on her steer ride Sunday and

brought home a 4th place ribbon! Congratulations Linda...Look out for this cowgirl in April at the Los Angeles Rodeo.

Wes Wilkinson
Membership Chair
Capital Crossroads Chapter, GSGRA

Activities & Events

Western Wednesday Nite at The Depot continues....

Every Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Capital Crossroads is proud to partner with The Depot in offering a place for us to get together informally on a weekly basis. We have had a lot of fun with the 50/50 raffle and the ever so popular "Big Bang Balloon Board". The proceeds of the raffle fund our upcoming Chapter activities, which we plan for 2001. On a weekly basis, The Depot has been very generous and has donated, in conjunction with the 50/50 raffle, \$25 in drink coupons, shirts, and hats. In addition, The Depot VJ takes request to play your favorite Country Videos for \$1 which all proceeds are contributed to our Chapter. Rope your buddy and bring 'em out on Wednesday nights for an evening of fun!

The next General Chapter meeting is February 18th at 1:00 p.m. and I would like to encourage everyone to come early for a potluck prior to the meeting. The Lambda Community Center opens their doors to us at 12:00 noon, so bring your favorite dish and share it with your rodeo friends. I will send out a sign-up sheet prior to the meeting.

If you have any suggestions for events that you think the chapter would be interested in doing, please let me know.

Jeff Barr, Activities Director
Capital Crossroads Chapter, GSGRA

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