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For the year  2001

Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose
June 15-17, 2001

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 27-29, 2001

IGRA Finals
Rodeo
Palm Springs
October
18-21 2001

Sierra Stampede
Sacramento
Aug 17-19 2001

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San Diego
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March 2001

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sing, *volunteer*, mechanize, *volunteer*,
party, *volunteer*?

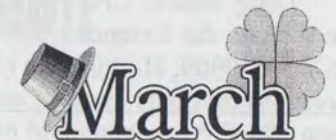
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L.A. News



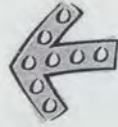
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

~ Meetings NOT to MISS! ~

In addition to all of the rodeo planning going on, we have several important issues that will be dealt with at upcoming meetings. Did I mention these issues were important? I *mean* important!

Chapter Meeting: **10:00 AM, Saturday March 3, 2001** at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. The location of the 2002 and 2003 rodeos will be voted on at this meeting.



Chapter Meeting: **10:00 A.M., Saturday, April 7, 2001** at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. We will be electing the new State Board Representatives, Alternates and Convention Spokesperson at this meeting.



Chapter Meeting: **10:00 A.M., Saturday June 9, 2001**, at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center. We will be electing the new Chapter Officers at this meeting...



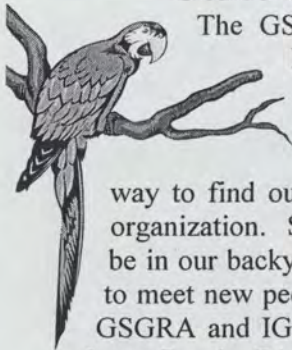
State Board Meeting Comes to L.A.

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. Local hotels within half a mile of the meeting site include the Extended Stay America (562) 989-4601, Marriott Residence Inn (562) 595-0909, Holiday Inn (562) 597-4401, Marriott (562) 425-5210.

Directions to Alpert Jewish Community Center

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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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Continued)

Another L.A. Rodeo Fundraiser...

Join us the day after the GSGRA State Board Meeting for a Country Beer Bust & BBQ at Fire Island in Long Beach. Details are in the works, but you can start getting the word out... the fun will be at Fire Island on **March 11, 2001**.



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 chapter hotline.

RODEO NOTES

It's never too late to lend a hand! Have you been thinking about getting more involved with the L.A. Rodeo? There are MANY volunteer shifts still available. To find a position that works for you, contact Sunnie Rose at RodeoVolunteer@aol.com or call the chapter hotline.

Are you, a friend, or your employer looking for publicity? There are still rodeo sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. Please check the L.A. Rodeo website at: <http://www.larodeo.com> for more details. Also, check out the L.A. Rodeo website for information on pre-sale locations in your neighborhood for L.A. Rodeo tix & vendor information.

Don't forget to book your room early at the Burbank Hilton on Rodeo weekend, as this popular host hotel will sell out before rodeo-time.



Don't Forget to bring your friends to the L.A. Rodeo!!

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CALENDAR

MARCH 2001

- MARCH 3
10 AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
11127 Orcas Avenue
Lakeview Terrace, CA 91342
- MARCH 4
3 PM
BEER BUST FUNDRAISER
Pistons
2020 Artesia Blvd.
(Just east of Cherry Ave.)
Long Beach, California 90805-1704
(562) 422-1928
- MARCH 10
10AM
GSGRA STATE BOARD MEETING
Alpert Jewish Community Center
3801 East Willow
Long Beach, CA 90815
- MARCH 11
TIME TBA
COUNTRY BEER BUST, DANCE & BBQ
Fire Island
3325 E. Anaheim Street
(Just west of Redondo Ave.)
Long Beach, CA 90804-4032
(562) 597-0014

APRIL 2001

- APRIL 7
10 AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
11127 Orcas Avenue
Lakeview Terrace, CA 91342
- APRIL 27-29
17th ANNUAL L.A. RODEO
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30% Referral Fee

(Offer expires on April 30, 2001)

Referral fee can be paid to a charity of your choice, even your local chapter. For those that choose **Calif Aids Ride 8** (rider #2092), I will contribute and additional 5% fee, total of 35%.

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Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2001

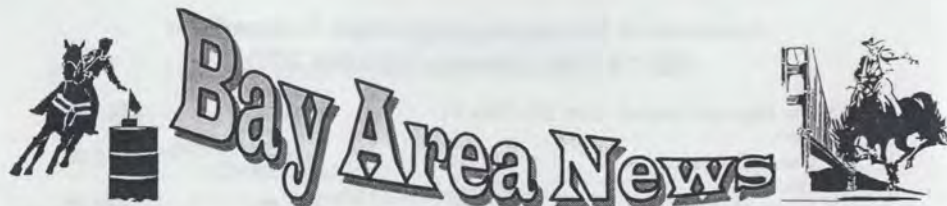
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	8,832.11
Memorial Accounts	3,044.29
Reserve Accounts, Rodeo & DWTF	17,758.93
Total Checking/Savings	29,635.33
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58
Due From Capital Crossroads	2,873.95
Due From Greater Los Angeles	8,450.00
Total Accounts Receivable	16,865.53
Total Current Assets	46,500.86
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	47,424.86
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	-3,193.34
Net Income	6,739.45
Total Equity	47,424.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	47,424.86

Revenue vs Expenses - January 2001

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Donations	5.00
Interest Income	45.96
Membership Income	1,979.00
Total Income	2,029.96
Expense.	
General Administrative	47.90
Membership	327.90
Total Expense	375.80
NET ORDINARY INCOME	1,654.16
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	
Other Income	
Kevin Weeks Memorial	1,090.00
Total Other Income	1,090.00
NET OTHER INCOME	1,090.00
NET INCOME	2,744.16

Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
March 2000 through February 2001

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar '00 - Feb '01	Budget	\$ Over...
Income			
Dance Contest	337.94	900.00	-562.06
Donations	536.50		
Interest Income	422.80	500.00	-77.20
Membership Income	19,592.00	12,420.00	7,172.00
Merchandise Sale	24.00	300.00	-276.00
State Convention	500.85	800.00	-299.15
Total Income	21,414.09	14,920.00	6,494.09
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	800.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	582.61	270.00	312.61
Education	318.00	1,500.00	-1,182.00
General Administrative	4,237.04	5,800.00	-1,562.96
IGRA Convention	3,460.00	1,500.00	1,960.00
Membership	6,699.51	4,150.00	2,549.51
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 Convention Expenses	151.55	500.00	-348.45
Taxes	810.00	800.00	10.00
Total Expense	18,608.05	16,720.00	1,888.05
Net Ordinary Income	2,806.04	-1,800.00	4,606.04
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial	230.00	500.00	-270.00
Kevin Weeks Memorial	1,660.00		
Reserve Funds	1,329.50	2,000.00	-670.50
Total Other Income	3,219.50	2,500.00	719.50
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	699.99	700.00	-0.01
Total Other Expense	699.99	700.00	-0.01
Net Other Income	2,519.51	1,800.00	719.51
Net Income	5,325.55	0.00	5,325.55



Bay Area News

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

EVENTS

-MARCH-

- 10, Saturday
State Board Meeting
24, Saturday
Fund Raiser - Club 1220

-APRIL-

- 22, Sunday Spring Rodeo
Fund-raiser - Sundance Saloon
29, Sunday
Eagle Tavern Rodeo Fund-raiser

-MAY-

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

-JUNE-

- 10, Sunday
San Jose Pride
15, 16, 17, Friday - Sunday
2001 RODEO & FESTIVAL
23, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.
Chapter Meeting & Barbeque, SJ Ap Hyatt

Chapter Meetings

All are at 7:15 p.m., the San Jose Airport Hyatt

- March 21, Wednesday
April 12, Thursday
May 10, Thursday

Rodeo Roundtable Meetings

All meetings are the San Jose Airport Hyatt

- March 8, Wednesday - 7:15 p.m.
March 22, Thursday - 7:15 p.m.
April 7, Saturday - 9 a.m.
April 19, Thursday - 7:15 p.m.
May 3, Thursday - 7:15 p.m.
May 17, Thursday - 7:15 p.m.
June 7, Thursday - 7:15 p.m.
June 14, Thursday - 6 p.m.

Cowboy Talk

Happy St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick did not get all the snakes out of Ireland by himself - he needed help. So do we.

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers:
-an important message for March with only four months left until our rodeo.

Just think about what we have undertaken - a major Bay Area event spanning three days with an estimated attendance of 15,000 people at two days of rodeo events and three evening parties. Our current small core group of about 10 members cannot do it alone. We need any and all help we can get from our membership. For example, volunteers are needed for some major projects, as well as for smaller ones requiring a time commitment of only one to two hours per month. To volunteer, just send an e-mail with your name, area of interest (e.g., decorating, fairground committee, parking, tickets, etc.) and amount of time you have to Bob Pullman at pulliam101@aol.com.

I was glad to see many of you at the fund-raiser held at the Eagle in San Francisco on February 25. We had a great time. Our next fund-raiser will be in Walnut Creek on March 24.

Your President, Tonio

Rodeo 101

♦ Never competed before? ♦ Need a coach? ♦ Want to join in but are intimidated? ♦ Compete but need pointers. **Rodeo 101** is for you! Come and join BAC on May 5th at Calero Ranch in South San Jose.

Schedule

Friday Night - ♦ San Francisco bar Hop & Cabaret Show. ♦ Royalty Western Wear & Public Presentation. **Saturday Morning** - ♦ 9 a.m. Continental breakfast. ♦ 10 a.m. basic horsemanship taught by Calero Ranch. ♦ Horses provided by Calero Ranch. ♦ You must attend the 10 a.m. clinic to trail ride. ♦ 11 a.m. trail ride (10 people) ♦ 12 p.m. trail ride (10 people) ♦ 1 p.m. trail ride (10 people)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will have continuous instruction for all camp events, roping on foot, roller roper, chute dogging, steer and bull judging.

horsemanship/educational speakers and Royalty interviews. There will be no stock. This is theory and dummy practice. **BBQ and sodas!**

Meanwhile, back at the Hyatt: **Saturday Night** - ♦ 6-8 PM Two step and line dance instruction. Entertainment/ MC clinic. ♦ 8PM Cinco de Mayo Ball and Cabaret Show.

Horse clinic deadline is Friday April 27. Contact Tonio Contreras, Gauchio10@ix.netcom.com, 408-781-5947.

Dear BAC Members,

Listen, I'm not Irish, I'm not wearing green, and no one should even think of pinching me on St. Patrick's Day! Unless, of course, that someone is a gorgeous cowboy - I would be honored to have him pinch me until I turn green!

As winter progresses and our thoughts turn towards spring and all that is new, isn't it time to renew your commitment to the Bay Area Chapter. Each month I have put a few lines in the Chute about participation in your Chapter, trying to get folks involved in functions and joining the production of our upcoming Rodeo in June. Well, I guess I need to try a bit harder since I hear only silence from our membership.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT

I am putting it out to our membership, what do you want from your chapter? What things would you feel will work as fund-raiser, fun activities, education, and training for our Chapter? Here is your chance to speak up and to have your CHAD counted... Please email me with any suggestions, comments, and your thoughts that I can take to our executive board and to present at our chapter meetings. If you wish them to be confidential, just say so and I will keep them that way.

Until next month, Bob Pulliam
Pulliam101@aol.com, VP Rodeo Operations, BAC

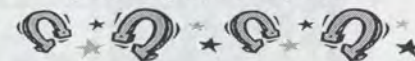
Congrats, Patrick Burke!

Steer Riding - 2nd Place - Phoenix

Member of the Month, Harry Miller!

Way to go Harry. You're always there, one of those that the chapter relies on time after time to make things work. The bowl-a-thon was awesome, and we owe all that to you.

Bay Area Chapter Celebrates its 10th Annual Rodeo & Festival June 15, 16 & 17, 2001



We are in full swing in the production of the best little Rodeo in California. Over the past several months we have seen the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds begin its renovation and are in the beginning stages of moving the existing arena to its new location at the Main Grandstands. The fairgrounds staff has advised us that the footings at the new arena site will be as good, if not better than last years. So horse folks look out, it should be a great ride.

Vendor Packets, Buckle, & Banner Packets have been mailed out. We are hoping for a great turnout from our Vendors this year. We were lucky to be included in the IGRA's Vendor space at the San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Expo adding to our possible Vendors. If you know any one who would like vendor space (profit & non-profit) please check out our web site www.gsgra.org/bac for vendor information and contracts.

To our future contestants at our Rodeo, if you have any special needs or wish to express any concerns or make any suggestions, please feel free to contact me at pulliam101@aol.com. I am always open to suggestions and your feedback.

We've been working hard on our Web site to keep it up to date with the latest, greatest news about our Rodeo. Check it out, our web folks, Jabby Lowe & Herb Smith have done a great job.

Our next Rodeo Roundtable will be on March 8 and March 22. If you are available, please feel free to stop by the San Jose Hyatt Hotel, sit a spell. We start around 7:15 PM. All are welcome to attend, bring a friend, and get involved.

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

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It appears that our illustrious President has gone missing this month. I'm sure he'll reappear once his approval ratings are published. In the meantime, I'll take this opportunity to introduce myself and mention a few things that may have missed inclusion in the newsletter. My name is James Gearity, and this is my second year as editor of this portion of the newsletter. This year, my assistant editor is Jeff Harper. If you have a submission for the newsletter, or have comments or concerns about the work that Jeff and I do, you can reach us at jimgear@yahoo.com. All submissions are reviewed, and may be edited without the approval of the author (this usually occurs simply due to space constraints). If time permits, Jeff and I will attempt to contact the author to explain any changes. Most often, this will occur after the fact.

At this time, we have a few members who will be keeping a regular column in the Chute. These people are: Miss Reva, Ron Call and Michelle Chagnon, our current reigning Miss, Mister, and Ms. GSGRA who are in charge of the Royalty Report, and Ron Call who is our Contestant Representative responsible for reporting on how well our members do at any and all rodeos.

By now you have probably heard about the Diamond Spur Casino Night. If you haven't, you haven't been paying attention at the meetings. If all goes as planned, this will be our biggest event ever (after the rodeo itself, of course). Miss Reva, Miss Tina Rhinestone and Ron Call are working very hard to make this event possible. If you've been waiting for the right moment/event to jumpstart your involvement in rodeo, this may be the event for you. Keep your eye on the Royalty Report and the Rodeo Happenings column over the next few months for more information on this phenomenal event.

-James



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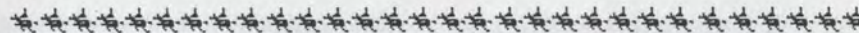
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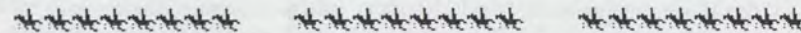


MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 10-11 GSGRA Board Meeting in LA—All are welcome to attend. Contact your State Representative if you would like more information (the 2000 State Reps and Alternates are: Dan Bradford, Joseph Berry, Robert Farley, and James Gearity).

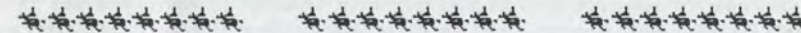
March 15 Last date for artwork for tri-fold, poster, and tickets. If you needed to change your existing blurb on the tri-fold, you had better make sure that Robert Farley has the information well before this date.

March 24-25 This will be the weekend that the office officially moves into the storage unit. If you have the time and the energy to help out, all volunteers will be welcome. If you are interested, and need more information, feel free to e-mail James Gearity at jimgear@yahoo.com.



OFFICE CLOSURE NEWS

Anyone interested in purchasing office equipment (i.e., desks, chairs, etc.), please leave a message at the rodeo office (619.298.4708). The office will be closed at the end of March 2001, anything left in the office at that time will be donated to a local thrift store. If you are in need of a desk, a bookshelf, a desk chair, or other types of office equipment, now is the time to shop.

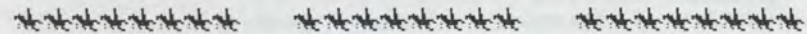


GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- March 6, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)
- March 20, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)
- April 3, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)
- April 17, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (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.



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GSGRA-GSDC ROYALTY REPORT

JUST FLEW IN FROM OMAHA AND BOY ARE MY ARMS TIRED...

Hello everyone out there in the Golden State, this is Miss Reva, your current reigning Miss GSGRA 2001, and this is my first column for The Chute. Hope you like it! Well my dears, Ron Call and myself have just returned from a very informative weekend in Omaha, Nebraska where we attended the 2nd IGRA University. GSGRA made a very nice turnout at the University where we attended courses in: Fund Raising, Merchandising, Public Relations, Judging of Rodeo Royalty Contests, and the Requirements and Fundamentals of Competing in the IGRA Royalty Competition. Also conducted over the weekend were a set of classes on planning and holding an IGRA sanctioned rodeo. Sunday evening, the close of IGRA University, following a sumptuous buffet dinner we completed a graduation ceremony and gathered for a class picture. I just love a good photo op!

My roommates, Scott Tickler (a.k.a. Victoria London, Miss IGRA 2001) and Stephan Zielinski (a.k.a. Ava Monet, 2nd Runner Up Miss IGRA 2001), came away inspired, brainstorming *til the wee hours of the morning Sunday. These girls are non-stop. I think I have some mighty big pumps to fill when it comes to Royalty!

Ron and I, as well as all the GSDC contingents who braved the cold for the duration of IGRA University (we kept looking for palm trees. Honey, palm trees are smart, they don't live in the snow.) would like to thank Craig Rouse for his foresight to envision IGRA University, Bud Light for their sponsorship of the event, the HGRA chapter for without their efforts the IGRA University would not have been the success it came to be, and all those who either participated in teaching as well as attending the IGRA University for making the weekend informative, memorable, and fun.

On Friday, February 11th, Ron Call and I helped out the Kicker*s Cloggers with their Valentine*s Day fund-raiser. Always a crowd favorite at Kicker*s, the event venue, the Cloggers were successful with their event, raising over \$350 to help defray some of the costs incurred by this performance dance troop. Robert Kojima introduced two of the groups newest members. I don't recall their names so I will just refer to them as Honey. Anyhow, the Cloggers are an especially talented group of performers that we are proud to have in our very own back yard. We wish them success in their every endeavor!

On Saturday, February 24th, Bill Paige and D*Shannon, Mr. and Miss Long Beach Gay Pride, respectively, hosted Country Showdown 2 a benefit for LA Rodeo and Long Beach Imperial Court. Michelle, Ron and I attended this event. I would have to say that we all had a good time.

At the time of this writing, Tina Rhinestone, Ron and myself were busy making budgets, planning themes, setting up possible committees and doing whatever we could to sell the Diamond Spur Casino Night to the GSDC Rodeo Roundtable. This event is slated to take place in conjunction with San Diego Rodeo 2001, Friday Night 21 September at the Mission Valley Marriot, in the Ballroom. We will still be needing plenty of volunteers to round out committees, act as committee chairs, sell tickets and help your Royalty Team ensure that his event is a success. You may reach me, Sy Iverson, a.k.a. Miss Reva, at 619.287.4106.

In the month of March, Ron, Michelle, Armando and I are looking forward to traveling up and down the state and perhaps even out of state to assist the various associations with their events and fund-raisers. March 2,3, and 4 will bring us to San Diego Leather Fest where we will be presenting a check to Something Special Food Pantry at one of the leather events on behalf of GSDC, precedes raised from Rodeo 2000. We will be in Palm Springs to assist them with an IGRA Finals Rodeo Fund-raiser. We are considering a Las Vegas event, Wild and Woolly Wodeo Weekend March 10th, as well as IGRA Convention. So, as you see, we are busy with our local chapter, GSDC; the various State Chapters: IGRA; and even out of state Chapters. Until next

Golden State Gay Rodeo Association BAY AREA CHAPTER 2001 Rodeo & Festival Royalty Competition Criteria

The Bay Area Chapter (BAC) of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) proudly announces the Return of Rodeo Weekend Royalty. A Mr., Ms. and Miss Bay Area Rodeo 2001 will be selected based on the following criteria and will reign over the 2001 Bay Area Regional Rodeo.

Requirements:

- Application forms must be post marked by April 15, 2001
- Minimum \$100 Entry fee (to be included with entry form).
- Winning contestants must march in the San Jose Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, June 10, 2001.
- Winning contestants will be presented at Grand Entry on both Saturday and Sunday, June 16 & 17, at the Bay Area Regional Rodeo.
- Winning contestants will also assist in presentation of rodeo awards Sunday evening, June 17.

Judging Categories:

- Personal interview (50 points)
- Public presentation (25 points)
- Entertainment (25 points)
- Western Wear (25 points)
- Fundraising (5 points)
- Horsemanship (25 points) NOTE: Applicants may waive this requirement if they raise more than \$300 during the fund raising period. All funds raised in excess of \$150 will be donated to the charity of the applicant's choice.

Awards:

- Winning contestants (Mr, Ms, Miss) will each receive a 2001 rodeo belt buckle and sash. Additionally, the Miss contestant will also receive a crown.

Judging Specifics:

- Personal Interview and Horsemanship judging will take place during the May 5, 2001, Play Day.
- Entertainment competition will take place on the evening of May 5, 2001 at the San Jose Airport Hyatt.
- Public Presentation and Western Wear competition will take place on the evening of May 4, 2001, at Marlena's in San Francisco.
- Schedules with specific times and addresses will be distributed to all contestants by April 20, 2001
- Personal Interview, Western Wear, Public Presentation and Entertainment categories will have a minimum of 3 judges. The average score of all judges will be the score each contestant receives in that category. Scores from the various categories will then be totaled.
- The contestant in each Division (Mr, Ms, Miss) with the highest amount of fundraising will receive an additional 5 points to their total score.
- The contestant, in each Division, with the highest point total will win and be announced as (Mr, Ms, Miss) Bay Area Regional Rodeo during the dance on Saturday, May 5 at the San Jose Airport Hyatt.

It is hoped that the application fee will be earned via a fund-raiser(s) in the months prior to the rodeo. If you just want to write a check, that's fine too... If applicants choose to hold a fund-raiser, please include Bay Area Regional Rodeo information in the publicity of the event. To avoid conflicts, please contact the contest coordinator prior to scheduling fund-raisers.

To obtain an application form or to ask questions regarding this contest, please contact Doug Graff, Contestant Coordinator at dgraff01@home.com or at 408-261-3259.



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October 18th - 21st, 2001

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yippee Yi Ye! Congratulations Greater Palm Springs Chapter Members....THREE NEW MEMBERS at our last Monthly meeting. We look forward to the increased participation of Cowboys and Cowgirls throughout the Coachella Valley, San Bernardino County and Riverside County! The word is getting out the RODEO is returning to the VALLEY and people are excited. Our fundraiser at The Sweetwater Saloon was another great success and gave us exposure to a whole new group of people! Thank you JG for another great lineup of entertainers. By this printing our fundraiser at the Lark in San Bernardino will be completed and I am sure it will be another great success story for the Greater Palm Springs Chapter. Thanks to all the volunteer efforts of each Chapter member and the incredible support from our local bar owners and businesses. For the month of March we will be having a VERY SPECIAL Fundraiser at the new Blame It On Midnight Bar and Grill in Palm Springs. For those of you who have experienced the wonderful dining at Shame On The Moon in Rancho Mirage...you won't want to miss this event as the same owners have put this beauty together. The theme of our event is "WRHINESTONES and WRANGLERS " Wear Your Sunday Best...on Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 PM. Our SPECIAL Guest and MC will be Tamara Marks, VP of IGRA! We look forward to a grand evening full of fun and entertainment...and special prizes also!

I do want to take a moment to express our sympathy to Dan Guevara in the loss of his Mother. We have you in our prayers Dan and are here for all you may need.

Until next month....wishing all of the great GSGRA TEAM the VERY BEST from the Greater Palm Springs Chapter!

Happy Trails,

Barry Hamm, President

GPSC RODEO TEAM NEWS

Our March Chapter Meeting will be on the 18th - 4 PM at The Lark. The Lark is located at 917 Inland Center Drive in San Bernardino. The Lark is San Bernardino's favorite gay country bar and a big supporter of the Greater Palm Springs Rodeo Chapter. For all of you San Bernardino County folks who have been driving to Palm Springs - this is a meeting place with you in mind.

Mark your calendars now for the April 8th Meeting. This will be our Annual Election Meeting and we will combine the Business Meeting with a fun Barbecue. Details will be in the April 2001 Chute.

The GPSC Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominations, Barry Hamm - for President, Lee Self - for VP Administration, Doug Belk - for VP Rodeo, Lorry King - Secretary, Chuck Marx - Treasurer and Lorry King, Frank Delgado and JG Avila for State Board Representatives. Further nominations will be taken from the floor.

Lorry King, Secretary

G.P.S.C. FUNDRAISERS A BIG SUCCESS!

A great time was had by all that attended our last two fundraisers in January and February. A big thank you goes out to the *Sweetwater Saloon* in Palm Springs for hosting our January 20th fundraiser. That Saturday night over \$1,200.00 was raised with the help of: Diane Ure (a.k.a. Celine Dion), Digital Soldiers, JG Avila, Scott Allen, Tina Rhinestone, and Tommy the UK Cowboy. Chapter President, Barry Hamm was auctioned off to perform in drag. Which was a very memorable performance.

Then in February, *The Lark* in San Bernardino hosted a Sunday afternoon event, which raised over \$2,000.00 with auctions, dancing, entertainment, and raffles. We had a fabulous turnout of membership and supporters and gained more new members from the Inland Empire. On hand to entertain the crowd were Diane Ure (a.k.a. Celine Dion), Digital Soldiers, JG Avila, Layne Sanden, and Scott Allen. We especially like to thank the Rainbow Boys for all their help during the auctions. The Great Outdoors-Inland Empire Chapter and the Gay & Lesbian Center of the Inland Empire were also there in force to give their support. Thank You GO-IE & GLCIE! A huge Thank You to Bruce, the manager of The Lark for all the fabulous items and gift certificates, which made this event such a great success. We will see everyone this month at *Blame It On Midnight* in Palm Springs for our next fundraiser.

Frank Delgado, Membership Chair

An Evening of "Wranglers N'Wrinestones"
-Black Tie Optional-

March 25th, 9 - 11 P.M.

Blame It On Midnight Bar/Restaurant

777 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
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(760) 323-1200

MASTER OF CEREMONIES & SPECIAL GUEST

Tamara Marks, Vice President of IGRA

ENTERTAINMENT

Diane Ure (a.k.a. Celine Dion), Tommy The UK Cowboy,
Digital Soldiers, Miss GSGRA 2001 - Reva (a.k.a. Sye),
Mr. GSGRA 2001 - Ron Call and The Fabulous Mr. JG Avila

Raffles, Dancing, Entertainment and More!

Monthly Chapter Meetings

Sunday, March 11th
4:00 PM

The Lark
917 Inland Center Drive
San Bernardino
760-884-8770

Sunday, April 8th

Annual Election Meeting
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Barbecue
Location & Time to be announce!

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