

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

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
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18-21 2001

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 21-23, 2001

The Chute

May 2001

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

GSGRA CONVENTION MAY 12-13

The GSGRA "Annual Meeting of Members" (convention) will take place May 12-13, 2001, at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. All GSGRA members are welcome.

TENTATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 11

San Diego Chapter fund-raiser at Kickers

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Convention session 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Marriott Mission Valley, with lunch served

GSGRA Dance Championships at Kickers, in the evening

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Convention session 10 a.m.-? at Marriott Mission Valley, with lunch served

New State Board of Directors meets briefly when convention ends

ELECTIONS:

The meeting will include the annual elections for President, Administrative Vice President, Vice President for Rodeo Operations, Secretary and Treasurer; each serves a one-year term beginning at the State Board meeting that follows convention. We also will be electing a new Trustee to IGRA to take office Nov. 1; the term is three years. Additionally, we will select our delegation to this year's IGRA convention

REPRESENTATION:

According to the GSGRA bylaws, each GSGRA chapter will receive a total number of votes based on the number of members they had as of the March membership report. Additionally, any unaffiliated members ("members at large") who attend the convention will be seated as a single

delegation, with its total number of votes being the number of unaffiliated members present.

REGISTRATION:

The registration price for convention again this year is \$35, postmarked by May 5, 2001

Lunch both days is included.

Please send your payment (checks made to "GSGRA") and registration form to:

GSGRA Convention,
4226 E. 15th St.,
Long Beach, CA 90804-3048.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHAPTER AFFILIATION: _____

Convention registration fee: \$35

**Bay Area Gay Rodeo
2001 Royalty Contest**

<p><i>Friday, May 4</i> Westernwear Competition @ Marlena's in SF 8 PM</p>	 <p><i>Saturday, May 5</i> Entertainment and Horsemanship Competition @ San Jose Airport Hyatt</p>
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Join the Bay Area Chapter of GSGRA as we crown our new Mr, Ms. and Miss Bay Area Gay Rodeo.

Then come get dirty with all of us at the 10th Annual Bay Area Rodeo in San Jose, June 15 - 17





For Royalty applications or rodeo info please visit us at www.gsgra.org/bac or call the Rodeo Hotline - 415-561-9228



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A WORD FROM OUR VP of Rodeo Ops

Hello everyone, this is just a little note from your VP of Rodeo Ops. I want to start by saying thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication to planning this year's event. I have seen tremendous hard work and a lot of pride going into the planning of this year's Rodeo. With this kind of dedication I know that this year's Rodeo will surpass those of years past.

For any of you that are still not on a committee and would like to help out in any way please contact Joseph or myself and let us know what your interests are.

There are several people that could use your help and we are always willing to teach anyone who is interested. By volunteering for a position today is planning for next year's event. In this organization as in others, people come and go. We need to continue to train our volunteers in the various aspects of Rodeo. For all of you that are involved it is important to take the time to train your co-coordinators because they are there to learn and are our future.

Another area of importance is all of the fund-raisers we must put on in order to raise the money for rodeo. I know that many of you have a lot on your plates but without the support of rodeo members the fund-raisers won't be successful. We need your support at these events even if it is just showing up to talk about this year's event. We have a new fund-raiser for this years Rodeo which is Diamond Spurs Casino Night. We can put all of the publications in the world out to advertise this event but the best way to make this successful is word of mouth. The posters and tri-folds will be going out to the various establishments and many people will be wondering what this event is all about. I ask all of you for your support in talking about this event and making it a success. Many people have put a lot of time and energy into making this event come alive and we owe it to them to explain how this event will work. For anyone who doesn't know about this event or how it will work please contact Tony AKA Tina Rhinestone or Sy AKA Miss Reva for more information.

In closing once again thank you for your hard work and dedication to this year's event. Without your support we could not hope to put this event on and make it a success.

Robert



GSGRA-GSDC ROYALTY REPORT

Hi Everyone, well I'm finally getting around to write this column. As most of you already know me, I am Michele from sunny San Diego, the current Ms. for the Golden State. I am not very good at writing these columns so please forgive me if it doesn't make any sense. Well, I have been very busy and out of the loop a little bit. Since November last year I've gotten a new job in January and I am loving it. I work for a travel company called Council Travel we mainly deal in student travel, my position is in the finance department in the Regional Office in Del Mar. And if anyone wants to know I am not an agent and I can't get you any good deals either. :) sorry! Okay enough about me.

Ron and Sy and others from the San Diego chapter have been great and really patient with me. They all been on my butt to write this page and I am finally doing it. Hope you all like it...Well, its time to mention some activities and fundraisers coming up soon.

1st We have in June, A fundraiser for Larry G. who is running for Mr. GSGRA for 2002. This fundraiser will take place in Valley Center on June 9th at 1pm you can contact Larry at 619-922-4559 it will be lots of fun you can lay by the pool work on that tan sing some Karaoke or even go horseback riding, there will also be a BBQ and a raffle.

2nd Tony Nicholson and Robert Farley are having a 4th of July party this will be a fundraiser also with plenty of food and drinks. Thank you to Joseph Berry who got the keg donated from BudLight, there will also be a raffle drawing too. For more information you can call Tony at 619-516-1054.

3rd Well, I want to say congratulations LA for another great rodeo, and congratulations to all contestants that took home those ribbons, buckles and all that money. And as always a special thank you to DeShannon and Victoria, you both always make the show special, and we love you.

4th As everyone knows Royalty this year is hosting Casino Night on Friday night of San Diego rodeo, this is coming along great. We have lots of committee chairs and people sitting and taking up responsibility to do their part. Thank you all for making this happen when rodeo gets here. Should be a fun night. Our beneficiaries are great and they are doing their best to help us and we are helping them. The beneficiaries are Being Alive and The Imperial Court of San Diego. Thank you Noel Guanzon for co-chairing the donations-giveaways committee I am sure she will do a great job. And there will be fabulous prizes. We are still looking for volunteers for this event so if you are interested you may email Jim Gearity his email address is jimgear@yahoo.com. We also are looking for table sponsors @ \$350/pop. In return they receive Signage at the event, mention in the program, name announcement at awards ceremony, above all the good feeling that comes from helping someone else.

GSGRA-GSDC Website is coming along. Everyone is doing a bang up job: Joseph Berry, Robert Farley, James Gearity...We hope to see the website up and running very soon.

Okay, I am tired now of writing so I am going to close with some sentimental wishes to all...I hope you like my words...Love you all and see you at the rodeos.

Ms.GSGRA 2001 aka Michele Chagnon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 11**—GSGRA Royalty Fundraiser at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's
- May 12**—GSGRA State Dance Contest at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's
- May 13**—Baton Rouge Roundrobin Softball Tournament—Morley Field
- June 2**—Membership Drive Pool Party 3pm,
- June 9**—Tan Your Hide (see below)

FUNDRAISER/MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

TAN YOUR HIDE, Summer Party Fund-Raiser for SD Chapter of G.S.G.R.A.. A packed day of Pool, Games, Food, Drink, Karaoke, and Riding Arena and Ranch. B.Y.O.H.* Saturday, June 9th, 2001, 2 PM to 11 PM. (*You are welcome at the ranch even if you do not Bring Your Own Horse.) A donation will get you in and help Mr. G.S.G.R.A. 2002 Candidate Larry G raise money for the G.S.G.R.A.-G.S.D.C. Miatta Ranch, 29239 Cobb Lane, Valley Center 92082. For more info, email LarryG2002@usa.net or call 619-922-4559.

On June 2nd, the membership committee is hosting a New Member Recruitment Pool/Garden Party from 3-8pm at 4541 Alice St. BYOB. Food will be provided. For more information call James at 619.582.3949

GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

- Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the San Diego Chapter.
- May 1, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)
 - May 11-13—GSGRA State Convention (Marriott Hotel)
 - May 15, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)
 - June 5, 2001—General Membership 7pm
 - June 19, 2001— Rodeo Roundtable 7pm

PHIL BALDWIN AWARD

At the next General Membership Meeting, held on May 1st, nominations will be accepted for this year's Phil Baldwin Award. As many of you may remember, Phil was very active, not only with Rodeo, but with many other agencies to help those in need. In his memory, this award is presented each year to someone in our community who is carrying on this tradition of helping others while also promoting rodeo. Voting will take place at the General Membership Meeting in June.



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

LA Rodeo Rocks!

At the time of submission, the 2001 LA Rodeo was days away. We feel it's safe to say that it was an absolutely FABULOUS time for all. We can never do enough thanking to let our sponsors, volunteers, contestants, entertainers, and fans know just how much they were appreciated. Without each and every one of you involved, this rodeo could not have happened. As members of GLAC and GSGRA, it is important that each of you continue to HEAVILY patronize our sponsors and let them know just how much their continued involvement with our organization is appreciated. The list that follows was available at the time of printing. Please continue to thank the following:

Major Sponsors – Jim Beam, Bud Light, Instinct Magazine, United Airlines, HbarB, Wet, gaywired.com, PlanetOut.com, Galpin Ford, and RodeoNaked.com

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Advertisers – Frontiers Magazine, L.A. Shanti, The Rawhide Bar, Fire Island, Todd Tramp's Body Sculpting, KPL Select Mortgage Inc., Bloomin' Squares, Sunwolf Farms, dapTV

Congrats to New GLAC State Board Reps!

At the GLAC Chapter Meeting on April 7, 2000, three new State Board Representatives and two alternates were chosen. The three new reps. are **Steve Creber**, **Thom Brennan**, and **Phil Lucier**. Steve and Thom are both returning representatives, and Phil served as an alternate last year. This year's alternates are **Bill Paige** and **Charlie Colella**. These individuals will represent GLAC at GSGRA State Board Meetings. They have the responsibilities of attending all of the State Board Meetings and of placing the votes for GLAC on statewide issues. In addition, a Chapter Spokesperson (a.k.a. Spokesmodel) was chosen to be the voice of GLAC at the State Board Meetings. Congratulations to **Thom Brennan** who was elected GLAC Spokesmodel for the upcoming year... and good luck! As this is a position that was held by Kevin Weeks for many years, you have big shoes to fill. This year's representatives will begin their terms at the end of the State Convention in May. All others are welcome to attend the State Convention as well.

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Continued)

~ MORE Meetings NOT to MISS! ~

Board Meeting at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 5, 2001 and The Annual Meeting of the Chapter Membership at 10:00 AM, Saturday June 9, 2001, both at the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center. And don't forget that everyone is welcome at the GSGRA State Convention to be held in San Diego at the Mission Valley Marriott the weekend of **May 12 & 13, 2001**. For more information, contact the Greater San Diego Chapter



And the Nominees Are...

The following nominations have been received for the Executive Board of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of GSGRA. The elections will be held at the annual meeting of the membership on **June 9, 2001** at the Center in Long Beach. In addition to the nominations below, **additional nominations may be taken from the floor during the meeting**. Indication that a nominee has "no response" to their nomination means they did not have an opportunity to respond prior to the deadline for publication in the Chute.

PRESIDENT:

Drew Oberbeck – Accept
Sherry Le – Decline
Phil Lucier – Decline

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT:

Sherry Le - Accept
Phil Lucier - Decline
Mitch Gil - Accept
Connie Risch - Decline
Roz Campbell - No Response

TREASURER:

Mark Jensen – Accept

V.P. OF RODEO OPS:

Paul Thompson - No Response
Tracy Keiper - Decline
CJ Colella - Accept
Roz Campbell - No Response
Steve Creber – Accept

SECRETARY:

Lenore Mankoff -- No Response
Devon Deming – Accept
Cyndi Pais – Decline



To the BEACH!!!

Once again, GLAC will be leading off the Long Beach Gay Pride Parade carrying the flags of the 50 United States. We had a great time last year dancing down the parade route and spinning in unison. Don't miss out on this year's fun! The parade will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2001. Meet at the parade line-up area one hour before parade time or contact David Medzerian at davidm@link.freedom.com.

Belinda Merritt would like to wish Christy Cotton, her wife of 8 years, congratulations on their wedding anniversary... "Live, Laugh, Love... I love you!"

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CALENDAR

MAY 2001

MAY 5
10 AM
GLAC BOARD MEETING
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center
2017 E. 4TH Street
Long Beach, CA 91342

MAY 16
Christy & Belinda's 8th Wedding Anniversary... Congratulations!

MAY 19-20
LONG BEACH GAY PRIDE

MAY 25-27
GREAT PLAINS RODEO
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

JUNE 2001

JUNE 1-3
SOUTHERN SPURS RODEO
Atlanta, Georgia

UGRA RODEO and Wild West Festival
Salt Lake City, Utah

JUNE 9
GLAC ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center
2017 E. 4TH Street
Long Beach, CA 91342

JUNE 15-17
BAY AREA REGIONAL RODEO
San Jose, California

JUNE 29- JULY 1
HEARTLAND RODEO
Omaha, Nebraska

CANADIAN ROCKIES INT'L RODEO
Calgary, Alberta, Canada



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GSGRA DANCE CONTEST

On May 12, 2001 GSGRA will be holding its 11th Annual Couples Country Western Dance Competition. The contest will be held at Kickers/Hamburger Mary's in San Diego. The contest will begin at 08:00 pm. Each couple will dance a two-step, waltz and freestyle. Couples winning 1st Place Overall in their division, can represent GSGRA at the IGRA Dance Finals in Long Beach in July 2001.

We will also be holding GSGRA' 1st Line Dance Contest. The line dances that will be used in competition will be Walk the Line and Um Pah. All contestants will be required to do dance the dance two times through with no variations and then finish the song with any variations, as long the direction of the dance remains the same. Since this is our first Line Dance Contest there will be no divisions.

For further information, please contact Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813.

Time to say goodbye:

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of a good friend and long time member of GSGRA. Jeff Graham-Hilderbrandt lost his battle with a rare form of hereditary cancer on Thursday April 19, 2001. After years of being in pain his last days were thankfully pain free. Jeff's life partner, Scott Hilderbrandt-Graham, his father, Boyd Graham and his mother-in-law, Ruth Hilderbrandt are all members of the Los Angeles Chapter so you can bet Jeff will be at the LA Rodeo in the hearts of many.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jeffrey B. Graham-Hilderbrandt on May 6, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Chapel, 3935 East 10th Street, Long Beach. In lieu of flowers, please bring a toy or make a donation in Jeff's name to "The Sister of Charities" for the children's ward at St. Mary's Hospital, Long Beach. A reception will follow the Celebration.

-----Always a Princess, never a Queen-----

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

EVENTS

-MAY-

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

-JUNE-

- 2, Saturday
Club 1220 Fundraiser
- 10, Sunday
San Jose Pride
- 15, 16, 17, Friday-Sunday
2001 RODEO & FESTIVAL
- 23, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.
Chapter Meeting & Barbeque, location to be announced

Chapter Meetings

- May 10, Thursday (7:15 - Hyatt)
- June 23, Saturday (BBQ!)
- July 22, Sunday (tentative)

Rodeo Roundtable Meetings

- All at 7:00 PM at the San Jose Airport Hyatt
- May 3, Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- May 17, Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- May 31, Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- June 9, Saturday - 10:00 AM - Fairgrounds

Cowboy Talk

Once a month I have the privilege to say something to all of you BAC members. For the most part, this space has been used to thank members or inform you of upcoming events. This time I'd like to plant a thought seed.

Soon we will be hosting our 10th annual rodeo. After that it will be time to nominate members for any vacant positions on the executive board. Last August I accepted the position of President of this chapter. Since taking on the position of President I have been overwhelmed with the new friendships and experiences I have been able to have. This has truly been a life-changing experience for me.

It is at this time that I would like to encourage any and all of you to consider becoming more involved with this great organization. If running for office is too much then consider taking a support position like community outreach, education, or fundraising. Whatever your time allows we could use your help, input, and direction.

Your president, Tonio

FUND-RAISERS

Thanks to everyone for helping out at our three most recent fund-raisers - Club 1220, Eagle Tavern, and Renegades. A special thanks for Allen and Clint at the Eagle and Patrick at Renegades. Join us at some of our upcoming fund-raisers - Club 1220 and the Eagle Tavern.

RODEO'S COMIN' TO TOWN

It will be warm. The rains will have stopped. Gays & Lesbians will be everywhere at the fairgrounds buying crafts at the vendor booths and dancing at our fairground stage. You will wonder where all these folks were the rest of the year. You'll think you're at a Gay Pride Event. Wrong- you are at the Bay Area Gay Rodeo. We may be approaching June, the month everyone associates with Gay Pride, but on **June 15, 16, & 17** another tradition to the Bay Area, the **10th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo & Festival** will be at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and at our Host Hotel, the San Jose Airport Hyatt.

This is truly an event for everyone, and the group putting on the Rodeo this year have taken extra effort to make sure it is a good time to be had by all. Come on down and treat yourself to a great time and lots of fun in the sun.

Bob Pulliam, VP Rodeo Operations

Rodeo Sponsorship

To sponsor buckles, ribbons or banners please contact Michael Barela at mikegsga@aol.com.

Thoughts from the "Other" VP

Our rodeo "year" is quickly coming to a close. We've had some great fun with a lot of super events this year. There's still a few preliminaries to go of course before the "Big Event." Join us for the fund-raisers that are still to come, don't forget our Play Day and the Rodeo Royalty Contest on the 4th & 5th. Mark your calendars now for our chapter meeting on Saturday, June 23rd, it's gonna be a special one. More details to come, but I can say that it involves the countryside and BBQ, so make sure you've got a big "hole" on your calendar for this event to fill during the day.

Lastly, as this "year" winds down it'll soon be time to elect officers and appoint committee chairs. Be thinking about what you want from the chapter next year, and what you're will to give to get it.

-Jab

Need a Hotel for Rodeo 2001?

Check out our host hotel, the San Jose Airport Hyatt. Rodeo room rate is \$85 (\$95 for triple) and we've even got suites for \$150. You can make reservations at (888) 975-1234 or on their direct line at (408) 993-1234. If you have questions our hotel director can be reached at MikeGSGRA@aol.com. If you have difficulty with your reservation you can reach our hotel contact, Loretta Cheung, at (408) 793-3912 or e-mail her at LorettaC@hyattsanjose.com.

Important Rodeo Updates

Check the website for details

- ♦ There is extra prize money for some events.
- ♦ Buy Buddypasses ONLY on Friday night. Please be aware of governing restrictions.
- ♦ Registration will start at 6:00 PM promptly, and end at 9:00 PM Friday night. Please see website for additional registration information.

Rodeo Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for: ♦ Rodeo arena & fairground set up, ♦ Arena & Chute crew's, ♦ Security, ♦ Fairgrounds & hotel, ♦ Pool party, ♦ Contestant registration, ♦ Ticket sales, ♦ Guest relations, etc. Volunteer Coordinator: Harry Miller email: RSVPNET@msn.com or fill out the form on our website www.gsga.org/bac

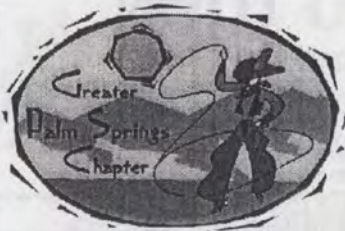
Member of the Month

James Briones, formerly of Portland, Oregon, has been a BAC member since last year. He has entertained with a song at a fund-raiser at Norma Jean's in Castroville. We also thank James for formatting the BAC Chute newsletter since November, 2000.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HOWDY....

Another GREAT month for the GREATER PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER! Several new members and one new business member. WELCOME to THE LARK in San Bernardino!!! We also had a great meeting and fundraiser there this month, our FIRST Rodeo Round Table for Finals 2001 and Election of Officers! A GREAT time was had by all!

By the time this is published we will have had an additional Fundraiser sponsored by the PALM SPRINGS BEARS at the TOOL SHED (A GPSC Business Member).

Today the owner of the new PALATE Restaurant, Mike Davis, stopped by the IGRA Country Store to introduce himself and offer his facility for a Fundraiser. He is also wanting to host a COUNTRY BEER BUST / DANCE every SUNDAY starting around the end of May ...BENEFITING THE GREATER PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER! If you are in town, stop by PALATE, located at 621 North Palm Canyon.

This past weekends White Party Event offered another great opportunity to promote the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Palm Springs! Several publications mentioned the event in their White Party issue. We also were able to speak to numerous out of town guest as they shopped the IGRA Country Store over the weekend.

We look forward to "hosting" the GREATEST IGRA FINALS of all time! We need all of the HELP we can get and we are depending on our fellow GSGRA Chapters for that expertise and assistance. If you want to volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Chairman, Frank Delgado, at paco1264@aol.com. We look forward to the entire GSGRA "FAMILY" being a part of this spectacular event in the city of Palm Springs.

See ya at the RODEOS!

Happy Trails,

Barry Hamm, President



That's Entertainment

Hello all,

As you know, finals is not until October of this year but before you know it, it will be upon us.

One of the things that plays an important part in the success of a rodeo, let alone finals, is entertainment. As entertainment director it is my goal to produce the finest and most enjoyable for all those involved whether you are a spectator or performer. So, for anyone interested in being an entertainer or perhaps being involved behind the scenes, I would love to hear from you!

We will have several venues in which you can play a part. To find out more about being an entertainer at finals please contact me at jgascowboy@YAHOO.COM or you can call me at 760-323-3149.

Sincerely,

J.G. Avila

Director of Entertainment
G.P.S.C. Fundraiser Chair

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Rodeo Finals 2001

Volunteers Needed

Contact:

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The Cents of Things

WE'RE NOT THERE YET! We're working real hard at it though! What? With a "fundraiser-a-month", and a whole bunch of good 'ol party-goers, some very generous philanthropists that jump in from time to time, and a handful of super, bar-owners and managers, we're "helping ourselves" to not only reach forward to our hosting IGRA FINALS, in October in Palm Springs, but internally, building a "contestant sponsorship" fund, to assist our chapter contestants to get to 'and from' rodeos.

That was kind of "wordy", but I wanted to make sure that I got all of the pertinent stuff in there.

And while we're making "pertinent remarks", there's just a whole bunch of people, both in the Greater Palm Springs Chapter, and all around us that I, personally want to thank for all of their diligence and hard work to make our events the success they have been, and ARE! but you know, I just realized that if I start listing names, It's gonna take up another 2 or 3 full pages of the CHUTE! And, The heavier it is, the more it costs to print and mail. (I don't know that for a fact, but I would think that would be the case). In any event WE know who we are. YOU know who YOU are! Lets just "keep on, keepin on" doing what we do best! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!!

I don't know if this is going to make it out in time, but Lets all go, as many as we can to support LA's Rodeo, next weekend, April 27-29.

As our chapter Pres would say: "Happy Trails".

Chuck Marx
Treasurer
(the "koffer-keeper")

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Other Stuff

Greetings Cowboys and Cowgirls:

I have been given the honor to serve as the Sponsor, Trophy and Banner (STB) Director for I.G.R.A. Rodeo Final 2001. If you have had this honor in the past or are interested in helping me, please let me know.

It's amazing how many people and business owners I meet that have never heard of gay rodeo. Let me introduce you to a new word! FUN-RAISER. It's when a group of Cowboy and Cowgirls go out and have FUN to RAISE gay rodeo awareness. Thanks to a wonderful group of Chapter Friends, we have become experts in this area. We'll be happy to

come to your area to participate and help you have your own "FUN-RAISER" event.

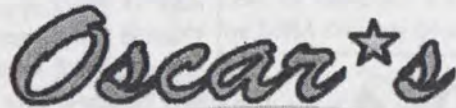
I also Chair the Rodeo Team Sponsorship program. I'm happy to report that we were able to help nine contestants with sponsorship money for the L.A. Rodeo. We sincerely thank Al Wright (at all fundraisers), The Lark, Blame It On Midnight, Sweatwater Saloon and many others for their generous support.

Until we meet again -

J. D. Johnson
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S.T.B. Director

Chapter Meeting

Sunday, May 6th



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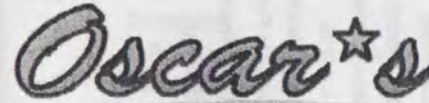
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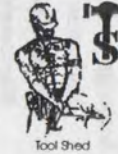
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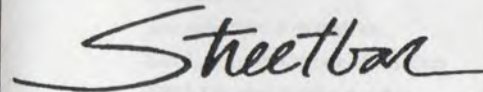
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 Sunday - Beer Bust - 4 to 8 PM

GSGRA Inc Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2001

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	9,713.99
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	21,410.78
Memorial Accounts	1,014.49
Total Checking/Savings	<u>32,139.26</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	7,750.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>13,291.58</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>45,430.84</u>
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	<u>924.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>46,354.84</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	3,040.87
Net Income	-564.78
Total Equity	<u>46,354.84</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>46,354.84</u>

Profit Loss as of March 31, 2001

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dance Contest	125.00
Interest Income	56.43
Membership Income	1,966.00
Total Income	<u>2,147.43</u>
Expense	
Education	170.00
General Administrative	665.02
Membership	947.19
Taxes	20.00
Total Expense	<u>1,802.21</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>345.22</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Kevin Weeks Memorial	-1,410.00
Reserve Funds	500.00
Total Other Income	<u>-910.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-910.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-564.78</u></u>

Revenue vs Expense and Budget

	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	125.00	900.00	-775.00
Donations	0.00	500.00	-500.00
IGRA Annual Convention	0.00	13,000.00	-13,000.00
Interest Income	56.43	450.00	-393.57
Membership Income	1,966.00	18,000.00	-16,034.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00	100.00	-100.00
State Convention	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Income	<u>2,147.43</u>	<u>33,450.00</u>	<u>-31,302.57</u>
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	200.00	1,000.00	-800.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Education	170.00	2,000.00	-1,830.00
General Administrative	753.07	5,800.00	-5,046.93
IGRA Annual Convention Exp	0.00	12,700.00	-12,700.00
IGRA Convention	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Membership	1,447.19	7,500.00	-6,052.81
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Professional Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Taxes	20.00	1,200.00	-1,180.00
Total Expense	<u>2,590.26</u>	<u>33,450.00</u>	<u>-30,859.74</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-442.83	0.00	-442.83
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Kevin Weeks Memorial	-1,410.00		
Reserve Funds	500.00	1,500.00	-1,000.00
Total Other Income	<u>-910.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-2,910.00</u>
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>-700.00</u>
Net Other Income	-910.00	1,300.00	-2,210.00
Net Income	<u><u>-1,352.83</u></u>	<u><u>1,300.00</u></u>	<u><u>-2,652.83</u></u>

I.G.R.A. CONVENTION DELEGATES

GSGRA Delegates to the IGRA Convention will be elected at the GSGRA Annual Convention which will be held in San Diego on May 12-13. Elected Delegates and Alternates must be present at IGRA Convention on July 27-29 from start to finish of convention business. Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the GSGRA Convention, but be aware that nominees must be present to accept their nomination or have an acceptance submitted in writing to: Roger Bergmann at 206 West Grove Street, #4, Pomona, CA 91767, or email at: canyontrvl@aol.com

The following individuals have been nominated to represent GSGRA as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the IGRA Convention in the category listed:

BYLAWS

Michael de Yonker – Accepts
James Roth – Accepts
Mark Jensen – No Response
Joe Olney – Declines

RODEO PRODUCTION

Steve Creber – Accepts
Thom Sloan – Accepts
Bob Pulliam – Accepts
Tracy Kieper – No Response

DANCE / ROYALTY RULES

Sy Iverson – Accepts
Doug Graff – Accepts
Sammy van Galder – No Response
Mitch Gil – No Response
John Carrillo – No Response
Amy Griffin - Declines

CONTESTANTS / RODEO

Drew Oberbeck – Accepts
Steve Creber – Accepts
Thom Sloan – Accepts
Sherry Le – No Response
C.J. Colella – No Response
Sammy van Galder – No Response
Phil Lucier – Declines

ALTERNATES (2 will be elected)

Michelle Chagnon - Accepts
Jabby Lowe – Accepts
Michael Barela – Accepts
Gregg Harvey – Accepts
Adrian Arteche – No Response

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Elections for GSGRA Officers and Trustee will be held on May 12 at the Annual Meeting of Members.

The following people have been nominated:

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Steve Creber
Michael De Yonker
Doug Graff
David Medzarian
Robert Kojima

V.P. of Administration

Michael De Yonker
Mitch Gill
Doug Graff
Nancy Novak
Ken Valdez
Sammy Van Galder

V.P. of Rodeo Operations

Steve Creber
Nancy Novak
Sammy Van Galder

Secretary

Joseph Berry
Lorry King
Ken Valdez

Treasurer

Thom Brennan
Bill Chapman

Trustee

Steve Creber
Michael De Yonker
Doug Graff
Robert Kojima
Nancy Novak
Sammy Van Galder
Al Wright

Nominations will also be taken from the floor on May 12. If you have any questions or wish to nominate someone please contact your local Chapter President or Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813.

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