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For the year  2001

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

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Rodeo  
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San Diego Rodeo  
San Diego  
September 21-23, 2001

# The Chute

June 2001

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



# IGRA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

July 26-29, 2001 --The Westin Long Beach, 333 E. Ocean Blvd.

To make hotel reservations, call the hotel at 888 625-5144 and ask for the IGRA rate of \$99 per night.

GSGRA members who are not official delegates, alternates or committee chairs should register as a Guest. Convention registration again this year is \$60 if postmarked by July 10; the fee is \$80 afterward.

Please complete the following form and mail it, along with your check made out to "GSGRA," to: IGRA Convention c/o GSGRA; PO Box 2407; Long Beach, CA 90801-2407.

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If yes, is there a specific area in which you'd like to help, or a specific time you expect to be available.

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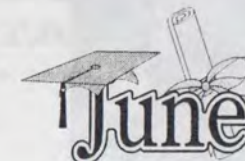
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# Bay Area News

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## EVENTS

-JUNE-

### 10, Sunday, San Jose Pride

Ready to march with the chapter at the San Jose Pride? How about riding your horse in the parade? We're gonna show them that the rodeo's coming to town! Sign up now to be in the contingent. Email [rodeojab@aol.com](mailto:rodeojab@aol.com) to sign up.

### 15, 16, 17, Friday-Sunday 2001 RODEO & FESTIVAL

#### Chapter Meetings

June 28, Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Hyatt  
July 19, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Hyatt  
August 18, Saturday, time/location  
tba - ANNUAL Meeting with election  
of new officers and By Law changes.

#### Rodeo Roundtable & Workdays

June 9, Saturday, Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m.



## Cowboy Talk

Howdy, Everyone!

I can sure feel the excitement in the air. We are just a couple of weeks away from our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BAC Rodeo. *Yee Haw!*

We had a little warm-up to our rodeo at our Cinco de Mayo Rodeo 101 Education Day – great instruction on roping and rough-stock events. It was a huge success and our best attended chapter event outside of rodeo. We added twelve new members, increasing membership by 20%. Completing the day was a terrific trail ride ending at Calero Reservoir.

Later that evening we continued the fun at the entertainment segment of our Royalty contest. We had a night full of dancing instruction and excellent entertainment by our new BAC Royalty. Congratulations to you,

**Deana, Ed, and Tiger Lily!**



We've done a lot of hard work to get to this point in our Rodeo production. A big "thanks" to everyone! There is still some work to be done and volunteers are needed for both days at the Rodeo and the dances in the evening. If you know anyone, member or not, who would like to volunteer please contact me at [gaucho10@ix.netcom.com](mailto:gaucho10@ix.netcom.com).

Your President, Tonio

## HAVE YOU HEARD-IT'S RODEO TIME IN THE BAY AREA.

Well, guess what – RODEO'S COMING, or should I say it's here. As we count down the Final days to rodeo, all the fundraisers, all the beating of sponsor doors the time has come for **THE BEST LITTLE RODEO IN CALIFORNIA – THE BAY AREA CHAPTER'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RODEO & FESTIVAL, JUNE 15, 16 & 17.**

With our up-coming Rodeo & Festival I am calling on our chapter members, supporters, and friends to lend us a hand and volunteer. We have all worked so very hard to put this together for you our Contestants, Guests and Members; I know that we can again count on you to lend a hand where needed. Click on our web site, [www.gsgra.org/bac](http://www.gsgra.org/bac), under "rodeo" and complete that Volunteer Form. Ross Allen, our Volunteer Coordinator, will contact you and work out a volunteer schedule that works not only for you but helps us put on our event.

The posters are hung, the 4ups are being sent, Officials invited, and the contestant's mailers are mailed. I was so excited on May 10 when I went to our P.O. Box and our first contestant entry form was there. I took a deep breath, opened slowly, and in a cracked voice I said "I guess we are having a Rodeo!" I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few folks: Craig Rouse – thanks for teaching me; Doug Graff – you make tears come to my eyes when I watch you sing; Michael Barela – always in my heart, by my side, and my life; and Gregg Arvey – who keeps me in the dough. Guys, thank you! Tonio, Jabby, Greg, Jim, Hugh, John, Melissa, Ross – we are almost there. Just watch us kick dust! Best to the Best!

Bob Pulliam, 2001 Rodeo Event Director

**IGRA Convention in Long Beach**  
Make plans now to attend **July 26-29**



Working hard at Convention San Diego

## Congrats to LA Rodeo Contestants

**Debbie Andrews:** 1st Place - Steer Riding.  
**Debby Freeman:** Pole Bending - 2nd Place,  
Barrel Racing - 2nd Place, Steer Deco -  
2nd Place, Wild Drag - 2nd Place,  
**ALL AROUND COWGIRL!**  
**Patrick Burke:** Bull Riding - 1st Place,  
Bronc Riding: 1st Place.

## New State Delegates

& Alternates for 2001/2002: Doug Graff,  
Jabby Lowe, Bob Pulliam, Mike Barela,  
Antonio Contreras, Gregg Harvey, and Allen  
Register.

## Bay Area Rodeo 2001 Royalty Announced

Mr. Bay Area Rodeo 2001 - Ed Morgan  
Ms. Bay Area Rodeo 2001 - Deana Dawn  
Miss Bay Area Rodeo 2001 - Tiger Lily

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All information is believed accurate at time of printing. All events and times subject to change





**Bay Area Chapter  
Rodeo 2001  
June 15, 16 & 17, 2001  
San Jose, California**



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**EVENT INFORMATION**



Event Name: 10th Annual GSGRA-Bay Area Chapter Rodeo & Festival  
Web Page: www.gsgra.org/bac  
Rodeo Hotline: 415-561-9228  
Price: \$15.00 at the gate/door  
Date: June 15, 16 & 17, 2001  
Location: Rodeo- Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Tully Road  
Parties- San Jose Airport Hyatt, 1st Street  
Headquarter Hotel: San Jose Airport Hyatt 888-975-1234 Ask for the \$85.00 Rodeo 2001 Rate  
Description: The Bay Area Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, a member of the International Gay Rodeo Association are proud to announce our 10th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo & Festival to be held on June 15, 16 & 17, 2001. We proudly celebrate the American Cultural Heritage and Lifestyle of Rodeo and the promotion of Country & Western Dancing, demonstrating the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Bay Area Lesbian and Gay Community.

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS  
(Please respect those contestants and spectators who do not wish to be photographed)

**Schedule Of Events**

Friday, June 15, 2001

**The Fun Begins**

Saturday, June 16, 2001

Santa Clara County Fairground, Main Grandstand  
Mandatory New Contestant Meeting 8AM  
Rodeo Slack Events 8:30 AM  
Rodeo & Vendor Expo 2001, Gate opens at 10AM  
Grand Entry and Parade

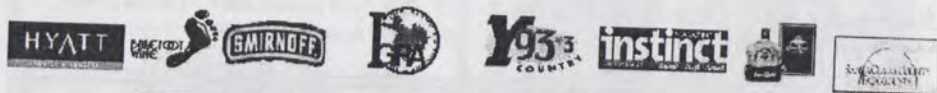
Sunday, June 17, 2001

Santa Clara County Fairground, Main Grandstand  
Rodeo Slack Events 8:30 AM  
Rodeo & Vendor Expo 2001, Gate opens at 10AM  
Grand Entry and Parade

San Jose Airport Hyatt  
Suits-N-Boots Poolside Party 3PM-7PM  
Contestant Registration 6PM-9PM  
Kick-off Dance Party - Mediterranean Center 9PM-2AM

San Jose Airport Hyatt  
Some Like It Hot Pool Party 3PM - 7PM  
The Buckin' Ball - Mediterranean 9PM - 2AM

San Jose Airport Hyatt  
Awards Ceremony and Happy Trails Show  
Mediterranean Center 9PM



Rodeo 101,  
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October 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001  
**Rodeo Hotline**  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

HOWDY....

First I want to thank the Greater San Diego Chapter for the OUTSTANDING job they did hosting the GSGRA State Convention. Also, CONGRATULATIONS to the new GSGRA Board! I think we have a great team to take GSGRA forward in a positive and productive manner. I want to congratulate our Chapter member, BIG AL WRIGHT on becoming the new GSGRA Trustee for IGRA. Al is one great guy and full of knowledge and experience that will be a very valuable asset for GSGRA in our relationship with IGRA. I thank each of our members that were able to attend Convention this year.

Happy Trails,

Barry Hamm  
President



Our Palm Springs Rodeo Team did a great job in the first California Rodeo of the year. Nicole Phelps won TWO buckles - one in Barrels and one in Poles! Zale Harris, despite an injury, took First on Sunday and Fifth Overall in Wild Drag. In addition, in her first time competing in Flags, she took Fifth on Sunday. Dan Guevara took a Third on Saturday, a Fifth on Sunday and a Third Overall in Barrels and a Fourth on Saturday in Flags. It looks like our desert horses (and riders!) are the fastest around!

Lorry King  
Secretary

## NEWS FLASH!

A big congratulations to Frank Delgado for receiving the GSGRA President Award for his dedication to Board of Directors.

Congratulations are also in order for Lorry King. She was elected as an IGRA delegate for GSGRA.

Al Wright was elected as GSGRA Trustee. Congratulations Big Al!

Sad news. Mark Paul Lanham, a GPSC member, passed away on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Thanks you San Diego for hosting yet another great Rodeo event.

John Johnson  
Communications Director  
S.T.B. Director - IGRA Finals 2001

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## From The Rodeo Director

Well, in case you have not heard, a final site selection has been made for Finals 2001 Rodeo in Palm Springs. The site is the former sports complex project at the intersections of Crossley and Ramon Roads. The site is approximately fifteen acres, complete with city services; a palm tree lined entrance to the facility, parking for about 1200 automobiles, and, is fully fenced and secure. The site is four miles from the host hotel.

Al Wright, assistant Rodeo Director, is fully confident that this is the correct facility, both in terms of location and logistics. While the final design of the rodeo facility is not final, we have designated a separate; secure area for the Horse trailers including a separate entry with a secure checkpoint. It is important to stress that although the site has ample parking, city ordinances will not allow overnight camping on the facility, so be sure and make your hotel reservations.

Speaking of the hotel, there is a rumor that the Palm Springs Marquis is closing down. Well, actually it is not a rumor; it is a fact that like a lot of businesses in Palm Springs the Marquis will close down for two months this summer. This is a scheduled closing, with the primary purpose being contributing to the energy conservation efforts now in place through out the State. Other major hotels are closing floors and or entire wings during this period of low use as well.

Doug Belk  
Rodeo Director



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Howdy all. We have had another great month with membership. The Greater Palm Springs Chapter continues to draw new members from both Riverside and San Bernardino counties (the Inland Empire, the High Desert, the Morongo Basin, and the Coachella Valley). We hope to have even more members by this month's publication after our May 20th fundraiser at Ground Zero in Cathedral City where we will have had a membership drive.

GPSC is also well on the way to IGRA Finals 2001. As Volunteer Director, I encourage IGRA MEMBERS to start signing up for their preferred shifts. Please go to our state website and check

VOLUNTEERS to sign up or the RODEO FINALS link to sign up. Please encourage all your friends who may not be members to volunteer as well. Have friends visiting just for finals rodeo? Let's put them to work!!! We have been so fortunate to date to have so many people from all over the state and other associations come forward and express their desire to help GSGRA put on the best finals rodeo ever! We look forward to seeing everyone at the next State Board meeting in Palm Springs in July.

**Frank Delgado**  
Membership Chairperson  
Volunteer Director-IGRA Finals Rodeo 2001

# Chapter Meeting

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 P.M.

Byron and Buzz's  
Shadow Oak Ranch  
12739 Fremont Street  
Yucaipa

Directions: Get off at Yucaipa Blvd. Go east 5.5 miles, the street ends and on the right is a park. Turn right. Go about 1 mile past E St.

The Chapter will provide Hot Dogs and we're asking side dishes. For more information contact John at (760) 946-4641.

Rodeo Roundtable will meet at 3:00 and the Board will meet at 3:45

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, June 15<sup>TH</sup>**

*San Jose Airport Hyatt*  
 3PM-Suits-N-Boots Pool Party  
 6PM-8PM Contestant Registration  
 8PM-Kick-Off Dance Party

**Saturday, June 16<sup>TH</sup>**

*Santa Clara County Fairgrounds*  
 8AM-New Contestant Meeting  
 8:30AM-Stack Rodeo Events  
 10AM-Rodeo & Vendor Expo Open  
 Noon-Grand Entry & Parade

*San Jose Airport Hyatt*  
 3PM-Sama Like It Hot Pool Party  
 8PM-The Buckin' Ball

**Sunday, June 17<sup>TH</sup>**

*Santa Clara County Fairgrounds*  
 8:30AM-Stack Rodeo Events  
 10AM-Rodeo & Vendor Expo Open  
 Noon-Grand Entry & Parade

*San Jose Airport Hyatt*  
 8PM-Awards Ceremony and  
 Happy Trails Show & Dance

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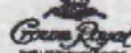
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# GSGRA

## Convention Report

New officers, IGRA delegates and a decision on the definition of GSGRA's territory were the main topics at the May 12-13 GSGRA Convention (a.k.a. "Annual Meeting of Members") in San Diego. All four of the GSGRA chapters were well-represented at the meeting, which was productive and a lot of fun, too.

Of great interest was a request by the former Capital Crossroads chapter, which has said it wishes to become a separate IGRA member association. IGRA rules allow only one IGRA association in any given territory; since GSGRA's defined territory is the State of California, GSGRA's approval would be needed for the Capital Crossroads group to apply for membership in IGRA.

At the start of the Convention, a letter was received from the Capital Crossroads group asking GSGRA to begin talks on defining what areas of our state GSGRA would agree to give up to the Capital Crossroads group. After a thorough discussion of the potential pros and cons of such a move, the Convention concluded it could not agree to the request and reiterated that GSGRA's defined territory is the State of California, inclusive.

Otherwise, the primary issue on the agenda were elections. With Certificates of Appreciation and applause, the convention expressed its thanks to the 2000-01 officers who chose not to seek re-election: Administrative Vice President Sammy Van Galder, Vice President of Rodeo Operations Nancy Novak and Secretary Ken Valdez. The newly elected officers:

- President, David Medzerian.
- Administrative Vice President, Mitch Gill.
- VP of Rodeo Operations, Thom Brennan.
- Secretary, Joseph Berry.
- Treasurer, Bill Chapman.

Roger Bergmann will continue on the Executive Board, as his position of Counselor is for life.

A new Trustee to IGRA was also selected: Al Wright will begin his three-year

term of office when David Medzerian's current term as Trustee expires Oct. 31.

The group also selected this year's delegation to the IGRA convention July 26-29 in Long Beach. GSGRA rules provide that the president and the trustee are automatic delegates; because David will hold both jobs when the convention occurs, the convention selected trustee-elect Al Wright to serve as a delegate. The remaining four delegates and the categories in which they were elected:

- Michael DeYonker, bylaws.
- Lorry King, royalty/dance.
- Bob Pulliam, rodeo production.
- Drew Oberbeck, contestants/rodeo rules.

Elected as alternates, who will fill in as needed throughout the four-day convention, are Sy Iverson, Joseph Berry, Jabby Lowe, Michele Chagnon and Steve Creber, with John Carrillo and Tony Nicholson as backups in case one of the alternates unexpectedly cannot attend.

Remember that all GSGRA members are welcome to attend convention; just because you are not a delegate or alternate doesn't mean you can't attend committee meetings and the convention session and do your part to contribute to IGRA -- plus, it's a lot of fun and a great learning experience. The convention registration form is in this issue of The Chute.

Finally, the schedule of GSGRA meetings was set for the next year:

- July 21 in Palm Springs
- Nov. 17 in San Diego (including GSGRA Royalty Competition)
- Feb. 16, 2002, in Los Angeles (possibly including buckout or play on Sunday)
- May 11-12, 2002, in the Bay Area (convention, including GSGRA Dance Competition).

## TAN YOUR HIDE

SUMMER PARTY FUND-RAISER  
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### A day of Sun and Fun...

A packed day of pool, games, BBQ, horses and karaoke hosted by Mr. G.S.G.R.A. 2002 candidate, Larry Gilbert, and Miss G.S.G.R.A. 2002 candidate, Tina Rhinestone, DeShannon, Ophelia, Miss G.S.G.R.A. 2001 Reva.....

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## AND THE WINNERS ARE

On May 12, during GSGRA's Convention Weekend, GSGRA held its own Dance Competition. It was a very exciting and entertaining dance contest. There was a couples dance contest and a line dance contest. The 1st Place winners in the Couples Dance Contest were in Division II were Tony Nicholson and Ken Valdez, in Division III were Todd Gross and Larry Gilbert, in Division IV were Bill Paige and Lenore Mankoff. The couples are now eligible to compete in the IGRA Dance Finals in Long Beach, California on July 28, 2001.

In the Line dance contest there were two dances Line Dance A which was Walk The Line, and Line Dance B, which was Om Bop. The winners in Line Dance A were 1st Place - Josh Anguiano, 2nd Place - Joel Mendoza, 3rd Place - Gerry Figueria, 4th Place Evelyn Martinez, 5th Place Devon Deming-Le. The winners in Line Dance B were 1st Place - Josh Anguiano, 2nd Place - Bill Paige, 3rd Place - Gerry Figueria, 4th Place Joel Mendoza, 5th Place Evelyn Martinez.

The next Dance Contest in California, will be held at the Greater San Diego Gay Rodeo. The Contest will be held on September 22, 2001. There will be a couples dance contest and line dance contest, for information please contact Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813.

## The Cowboy Spirit Awards

(New this year at the L.A. Rodeo)

The L.A. Rodeo was a wonderful weekend, thank you!!

As people converged from around the country, Los Angeles and the Rawhide Bar played host to Rodeo, dance and the Spirit of the Country Western Lifestyle. It was the first time in 3 years that the weather was cooperative, and the Rodeo never looked and felt better.

I would like to give a special thanks to our 5 judges, who remain anonymous and to all of the contestants that took the time to partake in the first annual "Cowboy Spirit Awards." On Sunday night, I was more than proud to acknowledge *Ms. Sunnie Rose* for her uncompromising love and support of others and for carrying the Cowboy Spirit. Sunnie took home the Circle Y Team Saddle and custom hat from Kings Western Wear.

Additional thanks to Alan at Circle F and Norbert from black Sheep Leather for their sponsorship support and special thanks to Clint Cooper whose vision made this all possible.

Please stop by and say hello as Roy and I celebrate our 5 year anniversary this month and check out the return to Country Fridays with a beer & soda bust from 8-12.

A big hug to all from Stevan and the gang at the Rawhide.



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# RODEO 2001

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## A WORD FROM OUR SD Pride Chair

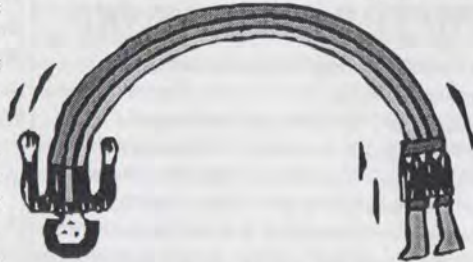
Howdy All,

The sun is out in San Diego which means one of two things... time to pack away the winter wear and pullout those shorts from the bottom drawer or time to start thinking about your summer plans for SAN DIEGO LESBIAN and GAY PRIDE 2001 WEEKEND JULY 28 - 29. This year is no exception to the work that the San Diego Gay Rodeo Association contributes to this festive weekend. So there are many.... and I do mean MANY opportunities for you to volunteer to help out. First off we have the 27th Annual Pride Parade on Saturday, July 28 with the theme "Rainbow Mile". Every year we are asked to carry the flags of the 50 United States at the beginning of the parade. We have been asked to do this again, which

means we will be needed at least 50 people to help carry a flag. The parade starts at 12 noon, but we are asking

volunteers who want to carry a flag to be lined up at 10:30 am. More details will be provided when you sign-up. We also have the Country Tent and saloon to coordinate at the Pride Festival. Again we will be looking for volunteers to help set up the props and displays that we have give it that real country feel. This will be happening the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to Pride weekend. And of course we will need help tearing it all down after the weekend is over. But in the between times... you can enjoy the entertainment and dancing that will be happening under the tent. For many of you this is a time honored where you get involved and show your support for the Rodeo Association. For others this may be your first year with us and I want to encourage you to get involved, the more the merrier... It really is a lot of fun! So you want to help... GREAT! You can contact me, Brian Willess at [sdgotbear@aol.com](mailto:sdgotbear@aol.com) or Kelly Gilliland at [kggill@home.com](mailto:kggill@home.com) to sign up and we'll give you the details.

-Brian Willess



## GSGRA ROYALTY REPORT

Well, it's time to get busy. Many rodeos and events are planned for the summer. Hope to see all of you at most of these events! Congratulations to the Bay Area Chapter's own Royalty. Ed, Tiger Lily, and Deana did a great job! We know you will have a busy and fun year ahead of you.

At the State Convention, lots of business was at hand, as well as great times! Congratulations to the new board!

The next state rodeo will be the Bay Area Rodeo held in San Jose/Santa Clara but before we get ready for the Bay Area, lets support a great Rodeo in Salt Lake City the first weekend of June!

Some upcoming events are San Diego's own Larry Gilbert's fundraiser on June 9th. Larry is raising money for his bid for Mr. GSGRA 2002. Let's get out there and support him. Tony Nicholson, aka Tina Rhinestone, is running for Miss GSGRA 2002. Tina will be holding a fundraiser with a 4th of July theme, on July 7th! Look for more details and flyers coming soon about both of these great events.

Finally, make your plans for the San Diego Rodeo in September. This year's Friday night will be incredible as we present the Diamond Spur Casino night. This fundraiser will benefit Being Alive and the Harvey Milk/Tom Homan Scholarship Fund.

Looking forward to a great summer!

Your 2001 GSGRA Royalty Team!

## STATE CONVENTION

A lot of great work was done this past weekend at the GSGRA State Convention, held in our own beautiful San Diego. Congratulations to our new GSGRA Executive Board: David Medzerian (Pres), Mitch Gill (Ex. VP), Thom Brennan (VP Rodeo), Bill Chapman (Treas), Joseph Berry (Sec), and to Al Wright, our new Trustee. Here's to a fun and productive rodeo year! Also elected at this convention were our delegates to the IGRA Convention that will be held in Long Beach, July 27-29. Our 2001 delegates are: Michael de Yonker (by-laws), Lorry King (dance/royalty), Bill Pulliam (Rodeo Pro), Drew Oberbeck (Contestant), with Sy Iverson, Joseph Berry, Michele Chagnon, Jabby Lowe, and Steve Creber all elected as alternates. Our State Board Meeting schedule is as follows: July 21—Palm Springs, November 17th—San Diego, February 23rd—Los Angeles, and the next State Convention will be held on May 11-12 in the Bay Area. Congratulations to our new 2002 GSGRA Board of Directors. Go Rodeo!!



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## FUNDRAISERS

### JUNE 30th MEMBERSHIP POOL/GARDEN PARTY

The membership committee is hosting a new member recruitment pool/garden party June 30th, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM. All current members are urged to attend and invite and or bring potential new members along. Lots of fun in the sun or shade! BYOB, BYOS (Suit.) Food will be provided. The event will take place at 4541 Alice St., San Diego, located between 58th and 59th St., 1/2 block off of El Cajon Blvd. For further info please call (619) 582-3949. Remember the most effective means of recruiting new member is you!

### FUN WITH JELLO

Coming to a Jello Mold near you sometime in June!! **Leather, Lace & Jello.** Come see our own Miss Reva as she attempts to dominate Mr. Gay Leather SD, 2 falls out of 3. More details to follow.

### DRAG IN THE FOURTH WITH FIREWORKS

Join us as Miss Tina Rhinestone brings in the 4th on July 7th, with all you can drink frozen margaritas and beer, along with a scrumptious selection of foods, all for a small donation toward Miss Tina's run for Miss GSGRA 2002. For more info, call Tina at 619.516.1054.

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## Diamond Spurs Casino Night Ticket Sales



Tickets are now available for the Diamond Spurs Casino Night fundraiser on Friday night, September 21, 2001 which will be held at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel. The cost is \$10 per person and includes admission to the Friday night dance.

It will be an 1800's style western casino. Harkening a bygone era, imagine the fun and excitement you'll have at blackjack, poker, craps and roulette tables all the while increasing your chance at winning the evening's grand prize.

Beneficiaries include the Harvey Milk/Tom Homman Scholarship Fund, Being Alive, and GSGRA-GSDC.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or volunteering to sell tickets, please contact Ed Wallum, Diamond Spurs Ticket Sales Chairman, either by phone: 619-280-4358 or email: [ewallum@home.com](mailto:ewallum@home.com)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### ELECTION OF NEW 2ND ALTERNATE STATE REP. JULY 3, 2001

Due to a vacancy in our State Representative delegation, there will be an election of a new 2nd Alternate State Rep at the July 2 general membership meeting. If you would like to run for this position please contact the chapter President or Secretary. Nominations will also be taken at the June membership meeting and from the floor prior to the election on July 3.

### BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

The following amendment of the Chapter By-laws is being submitted for adoption at a special meeting to be held on July 3, 2001, 8:15 PM at Twigg's Coffee and Tea.

#### Add Article XIX: CHAPTER NAME, LOGO, ACRONYM

SECTION 1. No member, individual or corporation shall use the chapter name, logo, or acronym, for any purpose, business or otherwise, unless authorized to do so by the Board. Violation of this article may result in suspension from the chapter, prosecution to the full extent of the law or any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.

James A. Roth

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## GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- June 5, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twigg's Coffeehouse)
- June 19, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (held at Twigg's Coffeehouse)
- July 3, 2001—General Membership 7pm
- July 14, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm

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## PHIL BALDWIN AWARD

At the next General Membership Meeting, held on June 5th, votes will be cast 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.

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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Where were YOU???



Thanks to all of the fabulous folks in the above photo, GSGRA saw a record number of participants in this year's Long Beach Pride Parade contingent with almost 50 people marching the two-mile route! Thanks to everyone who showed up and had a great time doing the "twister," and a special thanks to those who showed up from as far away as San Diego and Phoenix. Thanks also to the fabulous **Victoria London, Miss IGRA 2001**, and the unforgettable **Miss Reva, Miss GSGRA 2001**, for bringing up the rear with a royal flair (so to speak)... This event has become one of the best of our rodeo year. If you missed it this year, I know you won't miss it next year!

### *The annual Meeting of the Members is here!*

If you only attend one meeting all year long, this is the one not to miss! We will be voting on our chapter officers for the 2001-2002 rodeo year (nominations listed on the next page), and discussing preliminary plans for next year's rodeo. This important meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center.

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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Continued)

### One last time...

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

#### **SECRETARY:**

Lenore Mankoff - Accept  
Devon Deming - Accept  
Cyndi Pais - Decline

#### **V.P. OF RODEO OPS:**

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

### *Annual Beach Bonfire Party June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001*

And later that day... following the Annual Meeting of the Members, make plans to join the gang at Bolsa Chica State Beach at 5:00 pm for our traditional Beach Bonfire Party (...this one draws a crowd)! Our trusty 2000-2001 President and Vice President will be providing the meat and the buns (yes, in that order...) and other potluck items will be offered as well. Bring anything special you may want to eat or drink (yup, no alcohol allowed on any State Beach...). You may also want to bring a chair or blanket, warm clothes for after the sun goes down, someone to snuggle up with, and firewood to contribute to the bonfire, if you have it. A follow-up e-mail will go out to the chapter list with more details. If you are not on the e-mail list, contact Admin. VP **Sherry Le** at [cowgrlup@earthlink.net](mailto:cowgrlup@earthlink.net) and she will be happy to add you. Directions to the beach are listed below. If you need additional information, contact one of our fabulous Events Chairwomen, **Connie Risch** or **Sue Downing** (see info in contact list on next page).

**Directions:** Bolsa Chica State Beach is off of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), between Warner and Golden West Avenues. Exit the 405 Fwy. at Golden West Ave. and head south toward the beach. Turn right on PCH, and the beach entrance is approximately one mile down on the left-hand side. Beach Parking costs \$6.00 per car (so carpool). Drive past the ranger booths, turn left and follow the beach around until you get to lifeguard tower 17 or 18. Look for the cowpoke party on the beach.



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# CALENDAR

## JUNE 2001

- JUNE 1-3** SOUTHERN SPURS RODEO  
Atlanta, Georgia
- UGRA RODEO and Wild West Festival  
Salt Lake City, Utah
- JUNE 9** 10 AM GLAC ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center  
2017 E. 4<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Long Beach, CA 91342
- JUNE 9** 5 PM ANNUAL BEACH BONFIRE PARTY AT BOLSA CHICA STATE BEACH  
(Directions on previous page.)
- 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

## JULY 2001

- JULY 7** 10 AM GLAC BOARD MEETING  
Location TBA
- JULY 13-15** ROCKY MOUNTAIN RODEO  
Denver, Colorado
- JULY 25-29** 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IGRA CONVENTION  
The Westin Long Beach  
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