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

L.A. Rodeo
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San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 21-23, 2001

The Chute

July 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

IGRA Association: GSGRA

Attending as (check only one; if you have multiple roles, check the primary one)

Trustee: _____ Delegate: _____ Alternate: _____ Guest: _____

IGRA Executive Board officer: _____ IGRA Committee chair: _____ Other: _____

Fee enclosed: \$ _____

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GSGRA needs your help in making this the best convention it can be; as you know, events like these take the work of many, many volunteers. We'd be grateful if you'll find a few hours in your convention schedule to help us with one of the many tasks that need to be handled, from helping with registration to assisting in the office to selling tickets at the dance competition.

Will you be able to help by working a short volunteer shift? Yes: _____ No: _____

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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The Chute is the official newsletter of
The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

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2001

BAY AREA CHAPTER



RODEO RECAP

The dust has settled from our 10th Annual Rodeo and I would like to take this opportunity and thank all that worked so hard and with you in celebrating with us our 10th annual rodeo. Over the past several years I have watched from the sidelines and did what I could to help out. This year with the support of the executive board, it was my turn to step up to the plate to coordinate the Best Little Rodeo in town.

There are many folks I need to thank, and many more I need to bend over for, but the one group that always seems to get overlooked is our Volunteers. Each of you has worked so very hard in helping us put on this event. I thank you, the executive board thanks you, and our chapter thanks each and every one of you.

I have had a lot of growing pains over the past 10 months. Trying to figure out how to get this point with in budget and not pissing everyone off. But we did it.

Craig Rouse- Fairgrounds Director

Craig, thank you for teaching me 1/8 of what you know and how to get things done, keeping me focused on the outcome not just the journey

Mike Barela-Hotel Director

Michael, what can I say, you took all my abuse during this process, thank you for keeping me on track, I love you.

Douglas Graff-Entertainment Director

Doug, I say it to every and anyone who cares to listen, you bring tears to my eyes when you get up there and perform. Your courage amazes me, thank you

Gregg Harvey-Treasurer

Gregg-Thank you for keeping me on track and making sure I don't go hog wild and not going for broke

Jim McKenzie-Vendor Coordinator

Thank you, you made my life so much easier by taking the ball and running with it.

Ross Allen- Volunteer Coordinator

Mr. Allen, what can I say? You came in at the 9th inning and made all the pieces fit, thank you.

Greg Leon-Merchandising

Gregg- Thank you for your designs and helping put this all together.

Gentlemen, thank you for your support and helping put this event together.

Thanks to our sponsor, to our Buckle & Ribbon Sponsors, thank you, we are sure that our contestants with thank you personally.

Our Corporate Sponsors, thank you and we look forward to working with you again soon.

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To ever one who helped out, worked on played in and supported our Rodeo
Thank you

Bob Pulliam
VP Rodeo Operations
2001 Rodeo & Festival Coordinator

Rodeo Results

Congratulations to:

Patrick Burke – Bronc Riding – Buckle – Salt Lake
Patrick Burke – Steer Riding – Buckle – Salt Lake
Marci Garcia – Calf Roping on Foot – 5th Place – San Jose
Debbie Andrews – Calf Roping on Foot – 6th Place – San Jose
Marci Garcia – Chute Dogging – Buckle – San Jose
Debbie Andrews – Chute Dogging – 3rd Place – San Jose
Debby Freeman – Pole Bending – Buckle – San Jose
Marci Garcia – Pole Bending – 8th Place – San Jose
Jerry Anaya -Pole Bending – 3rd Place – San Jose
Debbie Andrews – Bronc Riding – 3rd Place – San Jose
Patrick Burke – Bronc Riding – Buckle – San Jose
Marci Garcia – Barrel Racing – 4th Place – San Jose
Debby Freeman – Barrel Racing – 5th Place – San Jose
Kristi Lee Eifert – Barrel Racing – 6th Place – San Jose
Jerry Anaya – Barrel Racing – 4th Place – San Jose
Julian Garza – Barrel Racing – 8th Place – San Jose
Debbie Andrews – Steer Riding – 2nd Place – San Jose
Patrick Burke – Steer Riding – 3rd Place – San Jose
Doug Graff – Steer Riding – 4th Place – San Jose

rate -- is \$75 (single or double); call (866) 468-9595 toll free for reservations.

Our hosts, the Palm Springs Chapter, will be kicking off the weekend with a pool party on Friday afternoon, July 20, from 4-8 p.m. There will be snacks, hot dogs and a bar; what more do we need for a good time?]

The meeting gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 21. Agenda highlights include IGRA convention July 26-29 and planning for the IGRA Finals Rodeo this October. See you there!

LAS VEGAS RODEO RETURNS

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is working to return to the IGRA calendar in 2002. To avoid conflicts with other events (including the giant NASCAR race that caused them huge problems in the past), the Big Horn Rodeo in Las Vegas is now scheduled for April 5-7, 2002. Mark your calendars!

Black Boxes

The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with the US auto makers for the past five years, whereby the auto makers were installing black boxes in four-wheel drive pickup trucks in an effort to determine, in fatal accidents, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash.

They were surprised to find in 45 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of fatal crashes were, "Oh, Damn!"

Only the states of Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, and Texas were different, where over 89.3 percent of the final words were "Here, ...hold my beer and watch this."

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What's up with Sacramento?

Many people are confused what's going on with the former Capital Crossroads chapter. Here are some answers to common questions:

Q. What happened to the Capital Crossroads chapter?

A. GSGRA and the Capital Crossroads group severed their ties in March. The Capital Crossroads group voted to proceed independent of GSGRA and is now doing business under its corporate name, the Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association (CCGRA).

Q. I was a Capital Crossroads chapter member, but now there's no chapter.

Am I still a GSGRA member?

A. YES! When the Capital Crossroads group ceased to be a chapter of GSGRA, all of its members automatically became GSGRA "members at large" -- members of GSGRA but not affiliated with any chapter. (Technically, none of us is a member of any chapter: We're all members of GSGRA, and merely affiliated with a specific chapter if we wish.)

Q. How can I become part of another GSGRA chapter?

A. To switch chapters or to change from "member at large," put it in writing, sign it, and get it to the GSGRA state membership chair or to the membership chair of the chapter you want to join. You can use the form below if you like.

Q. Is the Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association (CCGRA) a part of the International Gay Rodeo Association?

A. No, it has no ties to either IGRA or GSGRA.

Q. How does this affect rodeos?

A. To compete in any IGRA-sanctioned rodeo (like San Jose, San Diego, L.A. or Phoenix), a contestant needs to be a member of one of the IGRA Associations, such as GSGRA. Membership in CCGRA is not adequate to compete in an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo.

Q. What's up with the Sacramento rodeo in August?

A. We understand CCGRA is proceeding with the Sierra Stampede, but the event will not be an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo because CCGRA is not part of IGRA or GSGRA. The organizers of the event will not be bound by any of IGRA's rules and regulations, and contestants will not earn points toward the IGRA Finals Rodeo.

Q. I was a Capital Crossroads chapter member. Am I now a member of the Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association?

A. You'll have to check with them. We heard that that all GSGRA members who had been affiliated with the Capital Crossroads Chapter were automatically made members of CCGRA but do not know for sure.

Q. Could CCGRA eventually become a part of IGRA?

A. That's their intent, but it seems impossible under IGRA rules.

CHANGE OF CHAPTER

Please change my chapter affiliation as indicated:

NEW AFFILIATION

- Bay Area Chapter
- Greater Los Angeles Chapter
- Greater Palm Springs Chapter
- Greater San Diego Chapter
- "Member at large" (unaffiliated)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Signature: _____

SEND TO: GSGRA Membership Chair
4226 E. 15th St.
Long Beach, CA 90804-3048

NOTE: Under normal circumstances, GSGRA members can change their chapter affiliation once a year. However, a change made because a chapter leaves GSGRA is not counted.

Revenue vs Expences May 2001

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dance Contest	225.00
Interest Income	20.47
Membership Income	1,076.00
State Convention	1,645.00
Total Income	2,966.47
Expense	
Buckle Sponsorships	600.00
Dance Contest Expenses	339.13
Education	1,000.00
General Administrative	159.92
Membership	1,420.60
Mr Ms Miss	112.88
State Convention Expenses	1,111.82
Taxes	1,286.00
Total Expense	6,030.35
Net Ordinary Income	-3,063.88
Other Income/Expense	
Reserve Funds	500.00
Total Other Income	500.00
Net Other Income	500.00
Net Income	-2,563.88

ASSETS

Current Assets	
General Operating Accounts	6,120.03
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	22,194.36
Memorial Accounts	1,018.37
Total Checking/Savings	29,332.76
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58
Due From GLA	7,550.00
Total Accounts Receivable	13,091.58
Total Current Assets	42,424.34
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	43,348.34
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Kevin Weeks Memorial	200.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	200.00
Total Current Liabilities	200.00
Total Liabilities	200.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	1,927.96
Net Income	-2,658.37
Total Equity	43,148.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	43,348.34

Revenue v Expences v Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar 01-Feb 02	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Dance Contest	350.00	900.00	-550.00
Donations	0.00	500.00	-500.00
IGRA Annual Convention	0.00	14,500.00	-14,500.00
Interest Income	163.73	450.00	-286.27
Membership Income	3,042.00	17,730.00	-14,688.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00	100.00	-100.00
State Convention	1,645.00	500.00	1,145.00
Total Income	5,200.73	34,680.00	-29,479.27
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	1,000.00	-200.00
Dance Contest Expenses	339.13	600.00	-260.87
Education	1,170.00	2,000.00	-830.00
General Administrative	1,208.75	5,800.00	-4,591.25
IGRA Annual Convention Expense	0.00	12,700.00	-12,700.00
IGRA Convention	0.00	1,980.00	-1,980.00
Membership	3,916.62	7,500.00	-3,583.38
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	112.88	1,000.00	-887.12
Professional Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
State Convention Expenses	1,111.82		
Taxes	1,306.00	1,200.00	106.00
Total Expense	9,965.20	34,680.00	-24,714.80
Net Ordinary Income	-4,764.47	0.00	-4,764.47
Other Income/Expense			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Reserve Funds	1,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00
Total Other Income	1,000.00	2,000.00	-1,000.00
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	1,000.00	1,300.00	-300.00
Net Income	-3,764.47	1,300.00	-5,064.47

30% Referral Fee

(Offer expires on April 30, 2001)

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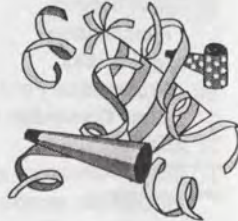
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Congratulations New Board!!!

Okay, so that should have said "Congratulations Newly ELECTED Board", since all of the names you will see below have become staples in the history of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter and the LA Rodeo. It is a great tribute to our chapter and our rodeo that the fabulous tried and true keep coming back. Your Board Members for 2001-2002 are...

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| President | Drew Oberbeck |
| Admin. V.P. | Tracy Keiper |
| V.P. of Rodeo Ops. | Steve Creber |
| Treasurer | Mark Jensen |
| Secretary | Lenore Mankoff |



In addition, since the irreplaceable **Thom Brennan** was elected to the State Board as State VP of Rodeo Operations at the GSGRA Convention in May and **Bill Paige** became a full-fledged State Board Representative, a new alternate State Board Representative had to be elected. Congratulations to the newly elected alternate, **Bob Buenfil!**

What's that? You said YOU want to be more involved? Not to worry! There are still plenty of positions left to be filled, including opportunities to join standing committees or ad-hoc committees for the chapter or for the rodeo. For more information, just come on down to the next chapter meeting at 10 AM on Saturday, July 10th at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, site of the 2002 LA Rodeo. We'll see you there!

Can't get enough of the fun?

You had SO much fun at the Annual Beach Bonfire Party at Bolsa Chica that you're itching for another chapter event? You're in luck! How about dinner and a movie at Universal City Walk? Since the July 7th meeting will be in Burbank (at the LA Equestrian Center), the chapter events committee thought it would be the perfect time to have some

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fun at Universal City Walk. We will be meeting in front of the movie theatre at City Walk at 2 PM. Then, we can grab dinner, see a movie, and have some fun together. Don't miss another great opportunity to spend some time with your rodeo family!



In case you missed it, here is a great shot from the gaggle of gay rodeo fun on Bolsa Chica Beach...



More FUN to Watch Out for...

Both the Fundraising Committee and our possible Royalty contestants will be very busy in the next few months. Most of these dates are tentative, so make sure that you keep your e-mail address up to date with President Drew, and watch your future issues of the Chute for more info. The Fundraising Committee has lined up a BBQ on July 15th at the Rawhide Bar in North Hollywood with the infamous Hussy & Ho as our extravagant hosts. Also, look for a BBQ on August 25th at the Silver Fox in Long Beach and September 15th at Roosterfish in Venice. Rumor has it, that the LA Chapter will be posting at least three contestants for the State Royalty Competition in San Diego in November. Look for a possible Car Wash and BBQ in August and other events to help them out along the way. This year, all of the GSGRA Royalty representatives are from the San Diego Chapter. As much as we love ALL of them, LA needs to prove that we can have at LEAST as much fun as San Diego can! It looks like this year's royalty race is going to be a great one, so don't forget to share the love and support all of our GLAC stars!



CARE TO CARRY A FLAG? A pride parade is being added to this year's L.A./Valley Pride. The event will be held October 6-7, 2001, with the parade on Saturday. The organizers have asked if the chapter would be interested in carrying the Flags of the 50 States. (They must have seen the Long Beach Pride Parade!) If you're interested in carrying a flag or in coordinating the event, please e-mail **David Medzerian** at davidm@link.freedom.com as soon as possible.

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CALENDAR

JULY 2001

- JULY 7**
10 AM
GLAC BOARD MEETING
Los Angeles Equestrian Center
480 Riverside Drive
Burbank, CA 91506
(323) 840-9063
- JULY 13-15**
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RODEO
Denver, Colorado
- JULY 15**
BBQ FUNdraiser w/ H&H
The Rawhide Bar
10937 Burbank Blvd.
N. Hollywood, CA
(818) 760-9798
- JULY 21**
GSGRA STATE BOARD MEETING
Palm Springs, CA
- JULY 25-29**
17th ANNUAL IGRA CONVENTION
The Westin Long Beach
333 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, California 90802

AUGUST 2001

- AUG. 4**
10 AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Los Angeles Equestrian Center
(See info above.)
- AUG. 10-12**
ZIA REGIONAL RODEO
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- AUG. 24-26**
WINDY CITY RODEO
Chicago, Illinois
- AUG. 25**
BBQ FUNdraiser??
Silver Fox Bar, Long Beach



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HOWDY....

Yippee Ii Aye!!!! What a THRILL I experienced at the OGRA Rodeo this past month. I had my first experience as a CONTESTANT! With the encouragement and "expertise" of Big Al Wright, I competed in Goat Dressing for the VERY FIRST TIME! Al was great ...he trained me well. We DQ on Saturday due to the underwear falling off (which were size 36 and the goats were a 28)...but I didn't file a complaint! On Sunday we did place...NUMBER 22! I look forward to many more attempts in the arena. I feel a little more legitimate as a GSGRA President, now that I have been a competitor in our sport. Watch out cowboys and cowgirls - here I come! Thanks to all who were in OKC that cheered me on!

We had another great fundraiser this month at Ground Zero! Raised over \$700. The Palm Springs Bears and Leather of the Desert hosted the event!

We look forward to hosting the GSGRA State Board Meeting this month. Details are in this Chute! We look forward to having all of you in Palm Springs. You will have a chance to also view the GSGRA Arena site at Ramon and Crossley in Palm Springs.

Our membership continues to grow and the excitement for FINALS 2001 in Palm Springs is growing every week. We have received many calls from all over the World on the Rodeo Hot line regarding this event. We are sending out a worldwide press release to over 200 Gay and Lesbian publications each month regarding updates concerning FINALS 2001!

Look forward to seeing you all at a rodeo soon!

Happy Trails,

Barry Hamm, President

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Rodeo Update

Finals 2001 is well under way. We are building a very nice facility in the heart of Palm Springs. There will be plenty of room for everyone to fully enjoy the beauty of the desert views, with nice autumn weather.

The rodeo fans will enter the grounds and be greeted by a wonderful dance and entertainment area surrounded by Food, Beverage and product vendors. Continuing through the walkway to the "family" fun area sponsored by local non-profit charities and the Rodeo Arena.

The arena surface will be dirt on concrete. There will be approximately 4 inches of hard packed dirt, then about 8 inches of loose, tilled dirt on top. For those of you that have concerns about where the arena is set, I would like to remind you that most indoor arenas are concrete floors and the rodeo arena is set on top of the concrete.

Finals in Little Rock (Barton Coliseum) were, and the arena at Wichita (Kansas Coliseum) will be the same.

The official's ballots were due to be postmarked no later than July 1, 2001. Any ballots received without a postmark prior to that date will be rejected unopened. If you have not sent in your ballot do so today. Al Wright and myself will open and review the ballots and contact the selected officials. When the officials are selected, we will make an announcement as to who will be accepting the positions.

Special Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help out. If you want to volunteer, you can sign up online at www.gpsc rodeo.org, or contact Frank Delgado at 909-241-8636.

Doug Belk
IGRA Finals 2001
Rodeo Director

Educational Findings

Let's Go For A Walk!

Please ALWAYS lead your horse properly at your right-hand side. So many experienced horsepeople walk along casually holding the end of the rope, letting the horse lag behind them or wander along. Many accidents happen this way when a horse in such a situation is startled and jumps into the human. It is also very inconsiderate around others, because the horse can easily bother other horses when the handler isn't paying attention. It doesn't matter who you are; you are setting an example for others by your good or bad habits.

How Many Fingers Am I Holding Up?

The hand feeding of horses is a popular past time of amateurs, but something you'll rarely see done by professionals. Horses are mouthy by nature, since their sense of touch, smell and taste all help them to categorize objects, making them constantly wanting to place their mouth on things. Hand feeding treats teaches horses to put their mouth on you and leads to a lack of respect from the horse. A submissive horse in the herd would never consider placing his mouth on the dominant herd leader. Horses are prone to nip and bite already, by hand feeding them treats, we only encourage this behavior. More than one individual has lost a finger this way. Your horses will be just as happy to eat his treats from a bucket; he will enjoy them just as much and it will not lead to rude and dangerous behavior.

How's It Hangin'?

Western saddles are great for many things and one of the things we love the most about them is the horn. It is so handy for hanging your bridle on or hanging on to when your horse goes south on you. And isn't it handy to hook the stirrup over the horn while you fiddle with the cinch? But PLEASE don't leave the stirrup hooked on the horn while the saddle is sitting on the saddle rack. As saddles break in, the stirrups leathers twist and bend to the shape of the rider's leg, making it easier to keep the foot in the stirrup and giving support to the rider's leg. When you leave the stirrup hooked on the horn while it is in the rack, the leather will twist the wrong way and the short flap that covers the stirrup will curl up and be uncomfortable. Make sure when saddles of any kind are placed on the rack that all the leather is straight and hanging down [but not on the floor - a subject for the next Chute issue.

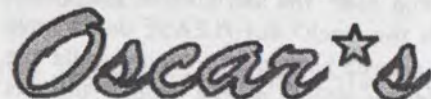
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**Monthly
Chapter Meeting
Sunday, June 22nd**

Rodeo Round Table - 3:00 PM
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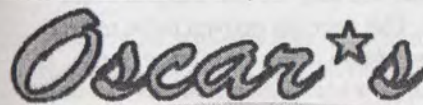
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RODEO NEWS

Last season's winning cowgirl, Elodie Huttner, is on her way to another great year. She took 2nd overall in Oklahoma City in both Steer Riding and Chute Dogging and 4th on Sunday in Salt Lake City in Steer Riding. Then she took home two buckles - one in Bareback Broncs and one in Chute Dogging! This was her first "Two Buckle Rodeo"! San Jose saw her adding to her total for the season with a 4th on Saturday in Flags. Go Elodie! Dan Guevara also did well in Flags, winning a 3rd on Sunday. Our new Contestant Sponsorship Committee Chair Zale Harris brought home a 1st on Saturday in Wild Drag. One of our newer members, having transferred to our Chapter now that she is living in San Bernardino County, is Debbie "Psycho Woman" Andrews. She did well, as always, winning a 3rd on Saturday in Chute Dogging and a 2nd on Sunday in Steers. Welcome, Debbie, we can always use your brand of enthusiasm!

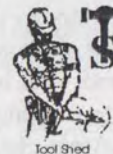
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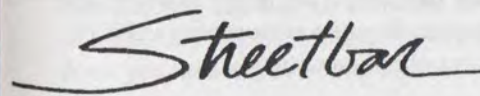
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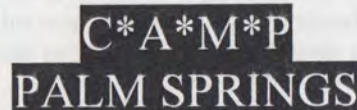
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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to start this message by thanking the Members of the San Diego Chapter for all your hard work in making this year a great success, not only for the Chapter itself, but for Rodeo as well. This year has proven to be not without challenges, such as no office to call our home. But with your help, support and patience, we have managed to transition with little to no major problems or issues. Again, the Executive Board thanks you. Your continued support is greatly needed and appreciated.

It's from our community that we find our strength. This year, our chapter, you, has concentrated not only on producing a rodeo, but also in increasing membership involvement at various functions. I am happy to report that visibility of our Chapter Members is increasing and is being noticed in and out of our community.

Big Congrats to Larry Gilbert with "Tan Your Hide". The fundraiser, which was held, to benefit GSGRA and help Larry fulfill one of his commitments as Mr. GSGRA candidate 2001, was a great success. Attended by 60 plus members and non-members the day was full of "Fun in the Sun". Thank you to those who **Drove** and **Drove** and Drove to support us!!

In closing, if you find yourself with a little Free time on your hands and want to get involved in one of the most enjoyable organizations around I feel, just ask anyone of us and we will be happy to oblige.

Joseph Berry
President
GSGRA-SDC



"Ridem' Cowboy!!!"

GSGRA ROYALTY REPORT

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE?

By the time you read this, I hope to have caught up on my sleep, cleaned up the debris and continued on my journey on the Road to Royalty.

Michele and I traveled to San Jose for the Bay Area Rodeo. We had a blast. In tow were Tina Rhinestone, Candidate for Miss GSGRA 2002; and Larry Gilbert, Candidate for Mr. GSGRA 2002. Also in attendance were Joseph Berry, James Gearity and various other members of the San Diego Chapter who took to the arena for competition. A hearty congratulation goes out to all participants, but especially to Steve Creber who took a ribbon in chute dogging for the first time in his rodeo career. Larry, Tina and I had a terrific time meeting the Bay Area Royalty who are contenders as well for GSGRA Mr, Miss and Ms; Ed Morgan, Tiger Lilly and Deana Dawn, respectively. Bay Area, you have a great group representing you!

Prior to that week, I took a trip to San Jose to help the chapter up there promote their Rodeo during the San Jose Pride Parade and Festival. It was also another opportunity to visit with Ed, Tiger and Deana after have been involved in their local Royalty contest. Miss Reva made a whole bunch of new friends. I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the Bay Area Chapter for making me feel so welcome, especially Doug Graff who worked his magic to make sure I was well taken care of! It is my pleasure to help out my sister chapters up and down the state!

Long Beach Pride was a blast! I was honored to have Victoria London, Miss IGRA 2001 ask me to ride in her Jeep! I gotta tell ya, the girl can smell a photo-op a mile away! I nearly had whiplash trying to keep up with the paparazzi!

Coming up we have my dear friend, Tina Rhinestone's fund-raiser for the GSGRA Royalty competition. Surely to be a blast, I hope to see many of you there! Too, congratulations to Larry Gilbert for the overwhelming success he had with his fund-raiser.

And finally, at the time of this writing, it is the eve of Leather, Lace and Jell-o. Need I say more?

Miss Reva

GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER RODEO

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to book your rooms and buy your weekend passes to the GSGRA-San Diego Chapter Rodeo 2001. The rodeo will take place September 21-24. The rodeo events will once again be held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (I-5 at Via De La Valle), and the host hotel will be Marriott Mission Valley. Here is all the information you'll need for a phenomenally wild time:

Marriott Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, 1.800.842.5329
Mention GSGRA to receive the following room rates:
\$119/double, \$129/triple, \$139/quad

Weekend packages are available. This will include:
Thursday Night Dance/Boots and Briefs at the Marriott
Friday Pool Party and Dance/Diamond Spur Casino Night at the Marriott
Saturday Rodeo at Del Mar and Dance at the Marriott
Sunday Rodeo at Del Mar and Awards/Dance at the Marriott
Cost is \$40 if you order/buy before July 31st, after July 31st the cost is \$57

Tickets can be ordered off of our website: www.sandiegorodeo.com or you can buy them at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's, 308 University Ave, 619.491.0400, Rainbow Road, 141 University Ave, 619.296.8222, or at Obelisk, 1029 University Ave., 619.297.4171.

Hope to see you there!!!

CONTESTANT REP REPORT

Oklahoma City

I was the only San Diego Member there...but there were several GSGRAs there (for a change!)

Steer Decorating: Jason Hott (GSGRA) and I (Ted Caldwell, GSGRA) finished 5th for the weekend....

Wild Drag: Jason Hott, Myself and Julie Williams (OGRA) placed third on Sunday.

Goat Dressing: Me and Jason placed 5th on Sunday.

Big yahoo, to Sammy VanGalder (GSGRA) who buckled in Steer Riding....

As far as dirt...WELL, I won't say any names...but, there was a certain States "President and Trustee" whose evil twin was seen on Friday at the Cabana - shirtless and buying everyone rounds of Jell-o shooters.

Funny thing is, he scratched on his first event the next morning....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the San Diego Chapter.
July 3, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twigg's Coffeeshouse)
July 17, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (held at Twigg's Coffeeshouse)
August 7, 2001—General Membership 7pm
August 21, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm

GSGRA MEETING SCHEDULE

July 21-23 State Board Meeting, hosted by Greater Palm Springs Chapter
Hotel: Caliente Tropics Resort at 411 E. Palm Canyon Drive
(866) 468-9595, \$75 (single or double)

IGRA MEETING SCHEDULE

July 26-29 IGRA Convention, hosted by GSGRA
Hotel: The Westin Long Beach, 333 E. Ocean Blvd.
(888) 625-5144, \$99 per night
Registration: \$60 before July 10, \$80 after (registration form available in the June issue of the Chute)

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