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The Official Newsletter
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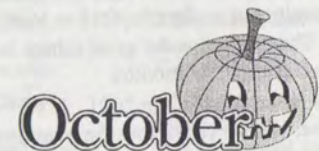
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Bay Area News



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Howdy! Well, this is honestly a letter I never expected to write. When I originally joined a few years back I promised myself that "this time" I wasn't going to get involved; I'd just enjoy the ride and volunteer here and there. Guess it's true—never say "never." So here I am trying to figure out what to say. I suppose I could talk about the need for volunteers at chapter events. I could mention how important it is that people attend chapter meetings. I think y'all already know that.

So, let's talk about where we're going. Last week the new executive board met in an all-day planning session. We had a lot of good, lively, discussion. Here's some things that you should be aware of. First, all of our chapter meetings have been scheduled through August 2002. You can find the dates either on the GSGRA calendar elsewhere in the Chute, or on our website. Second, we adopted a plan to have at least one major fun event, no work, no fund-raising, each quarter. Got any ideas? The first chapter event coming up is on Friday, November 2 for the Grand Nationals Rodeo at the Cow Palace. We're also in process of scheduling all of our other events, fund-raising, community outreach, dances, etc. We'll have an updated calendar available at the next chapter meeting.

You're going to see additional emphasis on Royalty and Dance this year. In May 2002 our chapter has the honor of hosting the State Convention. This means we'll also be hosting the state dance competition as well. Our Rodeo 2001 Royalty Team has been awesome, and their commitment to the chapter has been remarkable. They've got some great things in the works for the next few months.

We had a fantastic rodeo in 2001. It's hard to believe, but we're starting the planning now for Rodeo 2002. The amount of work and planning that these events take is almost

overwhelming. Is there room for you to participate in this process? Absolutely. How can you help? Join us at a fund-raiser. Join one of the committees. Yes, it'll take some of your time, but it's worth it. There's something to be said for joining together to help create something that makes a substantial impact in our community.

BAC Roundup

Finally, I would really welcome your input. It's your chapter. Please let the executive board hear from you. What do you want the chapter to do? What events do you like? What do you really dislike? If something in the past has kept you from participating more fully in the chapter, let us know what that is. I look forward to seeing each of you at one of our upcoming meetings or events.

Jabby

With our 2001 10th Annual Regional Rodeo in the record books, we start the process of getting ready for 2002. As your elected Vice President of Rodeo Operations I will be overseeing our rodeo production.

If any Chapter Member is interested in becoming the Rodeo Director or becoming a Committee Leader this year or wants to learn, please call me at (408) 378-6167 or contact me via e-mail through our web page.

During Each Rodeo Roundtable Meeting I will be teaching a different aspect of rodeo event production. We have been able to secure the Hyatt Hotel & the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds again, however we are going to evaluate different site locations, host hotels and the possibility of a date change.

Wishing everyone a safe up-coming rodeo season. Good Luck to all BAC members who are invited to compete in the IGRA Finals.

Craig Rouse,
BAC Vice President - Rodeo Operations

GSGRA DANCE COMPETITION WORKSHOP

The Bay Area Chapter is proud to welcome IGRA Division I Dance Champions, Lorry King and Gorge Aguilar, to town for the Sundance Stompede. On Sunday, October 14, they'll be holding a Dance Competition Workshop for all levels of dancers. The workshop will include an explanation of IGRA rules, as well as tips on choosing music, costumes and choreography. The GSGRA will hold a dance competition in conjunction with the annual state convention, which will be held in San Francisco in May, 2002. Make plans now to come to the Stompede and take part in the workshop and then grab that title at the state competition in May. Additional information on the Sundance Stompede, including Hoedown 2001, can be found on the web at www.stompede.com.

MORE FUN!

Volunteers are needed for the following events. It's a great way to meet people and have some fun! Please consider volunteering and respond to: BACNews@aol.com. Please include "volunteer" in the subject line.

Castro Street Fair
Sunday, October 7, San Francisco

This is a fund-raising event for BAC Rodeo 2002. Thank you for your support!

Sundance Stompede / Hoedown 2001
Sat. & Sun., Oct. 13 - 14, San Francisco.
Casino area, ticket takers, coat checkers, etc.

BAC Chapter Meeting
Saturday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.
Marlena's
488 Hayes Street, San Francisco

Park across the street.
Because of special logistical needs, please confirm your attendance, if at all possible, by October 10: e-mail chapter secretary, Allen Register, baycowboy@aol.com

BAC Night at the Grand Nationals Rodeo

Friday, November 2, 8:00 PM
Toby Keith Concert immediately following Bull Riding!!! San Francisco Cow Palace.
\$10 to \$15. Info and reservations: email Doug Graff, BAC Membership Chair, at dgraff01@home.

IGRA Finals BAC members confirmed invited

(Member, Event, Current ranking)
Jerry Anaya, Pole Bending #15, Flag Racing #20
Debbie Andrews, Steer Riding #14,
Chute Doggin #7, Calf Roping on Foot #16
Patrick Burke, Bull Riding #2, Bronc Riding #1,
Steer Riding #7
Debby Freeman, Mounted Break-away Roping #16,
Barrels #14, Calf Roping on Foot #20 (squeak!),
Pole Bending, #10, Flag Racing #8
Marci Garcia, Chute Doggin #14
Douglas Graff, Steer Riding #16
Franklin Little-Kingpiece, Bronc Riding #11
Nika Murray, Mounted Break-away Roping #7

Best of luck in Palm Springs!

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

David Watkins Memorial Fund

We congratulate all of our G.S.G.R.A. members that qualified and will be invited to the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo in Palm Springs, California this year. At the Annual Convention of Members in May 1999, the purpose and method of disbursement of the David Watkins Memorial Fund were amended to reflect the changing nature of our organization. Please review the following information and take note of the modifications to the fund.

The original purpose of the David Watkins Memorial Fund was to offer some limited support to contestants to help defray the expenses involved in competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. It is recognized that contestants in horse events incur expenses over and above those incurred by contestants in general with the result that G.S.G.R.A. was often under represented in these events. With this in mind, the fund was to focus on, but not be limited to this particular problem.

The fund consists of such moneys as may be donated to the fund from time to time. G.S.G.R.A. will hold such funds to be distributed by way of grants, solely to assist in defraying expenses incurred by contestants competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. Members of our G.S.G.R.A. Royalty are the primary contributors to this fund and we greatly appreciate their time and dedication to this endeavor.

In order to qualify to receive a grant from the fund, contestant must:

- 1) Have been a member of G.S.G.R.A., in good standing, from the date of the first rodeo in the current season (beginning November 1999) in which the contestant competed through the weekend of the Finals Rodeo.
- 2) Have earned all points for the current I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo as a declared member of G.S.G.R.A.
- 3) Compete in the Finals Rodeo.

Funds may be distributed by way of grants in two categories, general expenses and horse related expenses.

- a) In the general category, contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:
 - i) Hotel accommodation not to exceed the hotel basic rate for Friday through Sunday night, and only the actual share of room cost incurred.
 - ii) Travel from the home city to the Finals City and return; air fare not to exceed the least expensive advance reservation rate or fuel only if driving.
 - iii) Registration fees only for the events in which the contestant was qualified and invited.
- b) In addition to the above, the Horse contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:
 - i) Trailer an/or truck rental and fuel costs.

- ii) Lodging expenses in transit and horse boarding expenses (stable/pasture)

Qualified contestants may submit grant requests for approved expenses. Grant request must:

1. Be received no later than 45 days after the Finals Rodeo.
2. Detail the expenses incurred.
3. Attach receipts for all expenses to be considered.

Grants will be made proportionally. The amount available for grants in a category will be divided by the total of the qualified requests in that category. The result will be calculated to a percentage and applied to the amount requested.

To apply for a grant, please send a detailed accounting of all expenses incurred, receipts (or copies) for all expenses, and proof of participation in the Finals. This documentation shall be mailed no later than 7 December 2001, to:

Bill Chapman, Treasurer
GSGRA, Inc
P.O. Box 709
Long Beach, CA 90801-0709

If you have any questions contact G.S.G.R.A. Executive Board members or State Board of Directors. And, if you would like an e-mail acknowledgment of the receipt of your request and documentation, please include your e-mail address in your submission.

DID YOU GET YOURS? IGRA Finals Rodeo Invitation that is!!!

The invitations to the IGRA Finals Rodeo went out in the mail on Thursday September 27th, 2001 from Denver, Colorado. If you expect to get an invitation and you plan to accept, you must respond to the letter by the deadline, October 1st, 2001. For obvious reasons, the mail has not been good the past few weeks so if you are expecting an invitation and you don't get one, perhaps you should contact Patrick Terry at IGRA direct either at www.igra.com or (303) 832-IGRA. Remember, the rule is "NO RESPONSE is a NO answer.

I.G.R.A. FINALS RODEO
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

One Last Chance!!



Break out your cowbells, noisemakers, and tip buckets... L.A./Valley Pride is just around the corner! (In fact, if you're reading this on October 6th or 7th, it's TODAY... what are you doing at home on the couch with that bag of greasy potato chips?) For those of you who haven't been paying attention, our chapter will again be staffing all beverage booths on both Saturday and Sunday at the L.A. Valley Pride Festival. Again, we expect to have a heated competition to find out which beverage stand can bring home the most in TIPS. The Country Dance tent beer booth workers are out to repay a humiliating loss last year to the Disco Dance Tent booth crew. You can bet both sides will be prepared to do *whatever* it takes to beat the competition! Even if you're not on the volunteer schedule, you can still come out to join the fun and support GLAC in their efforts. The L.A./Valley Pride festival will be held October 6 & 7, 2001, at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. If you are interested in participating, contact **Sherry Le** at cowgrlup@earthlink.net to get on the volunteer list before it fills up.



GLAC Mourns the Loss of Longtime Member

Longtime GLAC Member Boyd Graham passed away on Friday, September 14, 2001, at the age of 76. He was the father of late GLAC member Jeff Graham and is survived by one other son, David, daughter-in-law Starrie and their kids. Boyd was a member of the GLAC for 3 years, very active with Loyol Order of the Moose, and became very active during pride.

ARTISTS FOUND!!

Several submissions have been received for the 2002 LA Rodeo publicity poster. We will be discussing these submissions as a chapter at the meeting on October 13, 2001 and voting on a final selection to be used in the upcoming publicity campaign. If you are interested in seeing the artwork or voting on the final selection, don't miss October's chapter meeting! In fact, we have so many important issues to discuss that the November meeting has been changed to a chapter meeting as well. *And don't forget that we need enough people in attendance at any chapter meeting to be able to officially vote on any issue.*



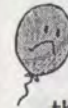
GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Second Chance for Pancakes...

Our first chapter breakfast at **The Porch Café** was such a hit that we will be doing it again in October! Approximately 15 GLAC Members showed up at **The Porch Café** for a pre-meeting breakfast on September 15, 2001. The food was fabulous, and the company was quite enjoyable. The encore presentation will be on October 13, 2001, at 8:00 a.m., so we'll have time to eat before the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center. Not only will it be conveniently located and a great time, but in addition, we get a discount on our food because the breakfast starts before 9:00 a.m. GLAC would like to send special thanks to **The Porch Café** for being such generous hosts last month. We are looking forward to another great breakfast on October 13th!



Goodbye to VP of Rodeo Ops Steve Creber...



Sadly for us, **Steve Creber** has taken a job transfer and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. Because of the move, he will no longer be able to take on the responsibilities that come with the VP of Rodeo Operations job for GLAC or his State Rep position. Thank you, Steve, for many years of dedicated service to GLAC and the L.A. Rodeo. Your energy and wisdom will be greatly missed!

Replacement VP of Rodeo Operations Needed!

Based on the news above, we will need to elect both a VP of Rodeo Operations and one additional State Board Alternate Representative at the chapter meeting on October 13, 2001. If you have any interest in leading a dedicated crew toward making L.A. Rodeo's return to the L.A. Equestrian Center the most fabulous rodeo on the 2002 circuit, or if you know of someone who you think would do a great job, please contact **Thom Brennan**, chair of the nominations committee, at TbnGrendel@aol.com before October's meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. In the meantime, **President Drew** will be holding several meetings on upcoming weeknights to start planning the 2002 L.A. Rodeo by committee. If you are interested in getting involved in this process on any level, please let Drew know ASAP. If you are interested in simply having a vote on who the replacements will be, don't forget to show up to the October Chapter Meeting at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center (details on Calendar). Please remember that you must be a member in good standing of GLAC in order to vote.



GLAC Girls Rock the House in SD

The following is a list of L.A. Women that brought home buckles from the Greater San Diego Rodeo on September 22 & 23, 2001: **Christy C.** for Calf Roping on Foot, **Terry M.** for Chute Dogging, **Sue L.** for Steer Riding (her first buckle!), **Bonnie B.** for Barrel Racing, **Belinda M.** for Pole Bending (she didn't even want to enter the event and almost didn't sign up), **Nicole P.** for Breakaway Roping, **Cyndi P.** for All Around Cowgirl in Camp Events, and **Bonnie B.** for All Around Cowgirl overall... WOW! **Darryl K.** also brought home the buckle for mens' Breakaway Roping, and **Drew O.** & **Phil L.** won the buckle for Goat Dressing. Congratulations to GLAC for a great showing in our sister city!

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2001

- OCT. 13 8 AM PRE-MEETING BREAKFAST
The Porch Cafe
2708 E. 4th Street
Long Beach, CA 90814
(562) 433-0118
- OCT. 13 10 AM GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Location TBA
- OCT. 19-21 2001 IGRA FINALS RODEO
Palm Springs, CA
- OCT. 31 Halloween!!!

NOVEMBER 2001

- NOV. 3 10 AM GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Location TBA
- NOV. 9-11 TEXAS RODEO
Dallas, TX

Future GLAC Meeting Dates

December 1, 2001
January 5, 2002
February 2, 2002
March 9, 2002
April 13, 2002
May 4, 2002
June 8, 2002



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential. G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member. Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Some G.S.G.R.A. events are held in locations with age restrictions that would exclude members under the age of 21. Members agree that they have a commitment to the goals of the Association as stated in the bylaws.

Individual.....\$40.00 Family.....\$75.00

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy,

Let me first begin by saying how PROUD I am to be an American that has the freedom to participate in Gay Rodeo with my fellow gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. I have just returned from a five-week road trip to four wonderful IGRA Rodeos, Albuquerque, Chicago, Kansas City and DC. Each of these rodeos escaped the challenges of weather related problems by days. The DC Rodeo escaped disaster by being completed just one day prior to our current disaster. I left the DC area the Monday prior to the attack. Having four days to listen to reports concerning the attack and the pain and suffering that was created by this horrible and unacceptable action, I pondered "what can I and what can WE do" to participate in relief to our gay and lesbian family in the DC and NYC area that have been affected by this intrusion into their lives. On Wednesday, September 12th, I sent a challenge to our Rodeo Director, Doug Belk, our Assistant Rodeo Director Al Wright, David Medzarian, our GSGRA President and Craig Rouse, IGRA President. The challenge was to look at our Finals 2001 budget, line by line, and see where cuts could be made that would not affect the true reason for the rodeo, so that our bottom line would increase in a positive way so that we could contribute financially to our "family" in need in the DC and NYC areas. I want us to look beyond our desire and need to produce a rodeo that is the VERY best, but to our responsibility as individuals and as an organization to participate in the recovery of our country during these very challenging days. One example I gave in my request was that of maybe a few less port a pots. Is it so bad or difficult to wait one more minute? That is only one area to review. Each of us needs to gear up for the challenge and not overly concern ourselves with what "some may think". I say we step up to a "bigger plate" and participate in the FREEDOM we all have as gay and lesbian cowboys and cowgirls. This along with consistent prayer will save that freedom, one that we all at times take for granted. I thank each of the Finals Rodeo team that carried on while I was on the road and look forward to digging in and moving forward with an even BIGGER result in mind.

Happy Trails,
Barry Hamm - President

FINALS RODEO UPDATE

I would like to first express my heartfelt sadness and grief for those families affected by the recent attack on the United States. I believe that this is a great time for each of us to reflect on the luxury of being Gay in America. Yes, this is a luxury and now is the time to forget those "issues" we have with society and celebrate the freedom that we have.

By the time this issue is published we in Palm Springs will have had the first of three critical Rodeo Round Table meetings. The Rodeo is on track, on budget, and the rodeo will be a great event. Yes, we are really expecting over 7000 people to attend. There will be no admission fee to attend the Rodeo Grounds events, however we will have volunteers at the gate asking for donations. We believe that this approach will enable anyone that wants to attend to be here, regardless of his or her financial situation. There will be charges to attend all of the events at the Palm Springs Marquis hotel.

I encourage each of you to pre-purchase your event tickets by going online at www.igracountystore.com. Not only will the advance sales save you money; it will save you time and hassle at the event.

The Payouts at the rodeo will be done according to all IGRA rules. There will be a wild drag contest that will pay \$300.00 each day for the best wild drag team. ALL members of the team

must be in costume to qualify. This should be really fun if everyone in GSGRA shows up and helps.

J.G. Avila has put together a full weekend of fun and entertainment, including a La Cage aux Cowgirls drag review, which will be produced by a Las Vegas Producer of shows! In addition to shows and entertainment by our past and present royalty, we will have Country Western dancing each night at the hotel.

A great weekend is shaping up. I hope produce this event for the IGRA. Volunteers are still being recruited, for each volunteer that we have we can reduce paid overhead and therefore give more to IGRA and our charities.

Doug Belk
Vice President Rodeo Operations
IGRA Finals 2001

Monthly Chapter Meeting

Sunday, October 7th
Rodeo Round Table - 2:00 PM
Executive Board - 3:45 PM
Chapter Meeting - 4:00 PM

Desert Palms Inn

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(Behind Target)
Cathedral City
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FINAL'S HOTEL UPDATE

The Palm Spring's Marquis Hotel is selling out and plans are still merging into play for an incredible weekend at the hotel. The room rates are for up to four persons per room for Wednesday through Monday nights. I know it's hard enough to make reservations for travel without headache and the last thing needed is poor customer service. I have made all attempts on a weekly basis to put out fires concerning Finals Accommodations and still have many more to go, so if anyone wants to help by volunteering at the hotel, log on www.gpscrodeo.org and send us an email (attention HOTEL ADMIN).

The weekend is packed with THREE venues Friday, Saturday and Awards Party Sunday. Hats off to GPSC members for selling their souls.... For the weekend☺

But keep in mind we start this BANG on Wednesday and end with hangover Mimosas on Monday morning. We will have current maps and info available upon check-in and a list of events in and around the hotel during registration.

Keep in mind there will be a \$5 per car parking fee at the hotel lot and remember it is in Downtown Palm Springs and there will be ample parking around the corner (SPA Casino and Resort) or Arenas road. Registration in the Lounge (lobby level), CW Dance in the Downstairs Ballroom, Rodeo Diva's upstairs, and Royalty at the pool. Rooms will sell out soon so call today 1-800-223-1050. I looking forward to seeing all my friends from all over the World in Palm Springs and pray for the victims of our families on the East Coast.

Darrin Land

Hotel Director - IGRA Finals 2001



RODEO UPDATE

What would we do without Elodie? She is our Champion, going to every Rodeo across the country. There have been three Rodeos since our last report and Elodie Huttner won ribbons at all three!

In Chicago, she won a first on Saturday in Broncs, a 4th Overall in Chute Dogging, and was named 4th place All-Around Cowgirl!

In Kansas City, Elodie won a 3rd Overall ribbon in Wild Drag and ribbon in Wild Drag and in DC, a 2nd Overall ribbon in Broncs and a 3rd Overall in Wild Drag.

Only San Diego is left before Finals. Several of our other GPSC competitors will be in attendance and I'm sure, will bring home to the desert more ribbons and buckles. Good luck to Team GPSC!!

Lorry King, Secretary

Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Business Members

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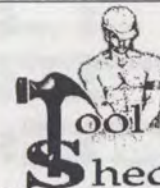
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Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2001

		\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
Current Assets		\$	\$	\$
Checking/Savings		\$	\$	\$
General Operating Accounts	7,015.86	\$	\$	\$
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	26,898.27	\$	\$	\$
Memorial Accounts	814.99	\$	\$	\$
Total Checking/Savings	<u>34,729.12</u>	\$	\$	\$
Accounts Receivable		\$	\$	\$
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58	\$	\$	\$
Due From Greater Los Angeles	7,350.00	\$	\$	\$
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>12,891.58</u>	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Assets	<u>47,620.70</u>	\$	\$	\$
Other Assets		\$	\$	\$
Depreciable Assets	924.00	\$	\$	\$
Total Other Assets	<u>924.00</u>	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>48,544.70</u></u>	\$	\$	\$
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75	\$	\$	\$
Retained Earnings	1,927.96	\$	\$	\$
Net Income	2,737.99	\$	\$	\$
Total Equity	<u>48,544.70</u>	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>48,544.70</u>	\$	\$	\$

Revenue & Expench July-August 2001

Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
IGRA Annual Convention	15,830.00	\$	\$	\$
Interest Income	77.37	\$	\$	\$
Membership Income	2,956.00	\$	\$	\$
Total Income	<u>18,863.37</u>	\$	\$	\$
Expense				
Education	0.00	\$	\$	\$
General Administrative	664.27	\$	\$	\$
IGRA Annual Convention Expense	12,857.66	\$	\$	\$
IGRA Convention	1,485.00	\$	\$	\$
Membership	652.60	\$	\$	\$
Mr Ms Miss	685.52	\$	\$	\$
Professional Fees	490.00	\$	\$	\$
Total Expense	<u>16,835.05</u>	\$	\$	\$
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,028.32</u>	\$	\$	\$
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Reserve Funds	500.00	\$	\$	\$
Total Other Income	<u>500.00</u>	\$	\$	\$
Net Other Income	<u>500.00</u>	\$	\$	\$
Net Income	<u><u>2,528.32</u></u>	\$	\$	\$

Revenue & Expench & Budget Comparison

	Mar 2001 thru Feb 2002	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	350.00	900.00	-550.00
Donations	0.00	500.00	-500.00
IGRA Annual Convention	15,830.00	14,500.00	1,330.00
Interest Income	286.32	450.00	-163.68
Membership Income	10,714.00	17,730.00	-7,016.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00	100.00	-100.00
State Convention	1,680.00	500.00	1,180.00
Total Income	<u>28,860.32</u>	<u>34,680.00</u>	<u>-5,819.68</u>
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	1,000.00	-200.00
Dance Contest Expenses	339.23	600.00	-260.77
Education	1,170.00	2,000.00	-830.00
General Administrative	2,062.85	5,800.00	-3,737.15
IGRA Annual Convention Expense	13,643.06	11,500.00	2,143.06
IGRA Convention	2,085.00	1,980.00	105.00
Membership	4,319.22	7,500.00	-3,180.78
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	798.40	1,000.00	-201.60
Professional Fees	490.00	800.00	-310.00
State Convention Expenses	1,111.82	1,200.00	-88.18
Taxes	1,306.00	1,200.00	106.00
Total Expense	<u>28,125.58</u>	<u>34,680.00</u>	<u>-6,554.42</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>734.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>734.74</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Reserve Funds	2,003.25	1,500.00	503.25
Total Other Income	<u>2,003.25</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3.25</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	<u>2,003.25</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>703.25</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,737.99</u></u>	<u><u>1,300.00</u></u>	<u><u>1,437.99</u></u>

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A WORD FROM THE STAFF

The San Diego Chapter of GSGRA would like to express a very special thank you to all of the coordinators, volunteers, board members, committee members, participants and spectators of our 13th consecutive rodeo. It takes many people to put on this event; none of it would be possible without you. A great big yee-haw goes out to each and every one of you. For the members that have not been to a membership meeting or a roundtable meeting this year I would like to ask "why"? I know we all are busy. Let us know if there is one night of the month that is good for you. Our Membership is about 85 or so, but only 20-25 people show up. Thank you to all the people who show up. Elections will be held November, this is the time, *your time*, to vote on the Board of Directors. The Board serves at the pleasure of the membership. *YOU!* I would like to invite *ALL* members to come to a meeting and voice concerns to the Board. I know after rodeo we all are tried and elections is the last thing we want to think about. Well, we should think about it *now*. Get involved, be a part of the San Diego Chapter. We are so much more than just a rodeo. We are a CHAPTER of people who enjoy the western life. There is a lot of talk about who is going to do what next year. Now is the time to come forward and see what YOU can do.

Thanks go to all the chapter members and volunteers who put together one of the best rodeos in the INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION.

Jim Jennings
Rodeo Director

GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER RODEO

Nominations for the 2002 board are now being accepted. It is time to start thinking about how you would like to get involved. The San Diego Chapter is a great group of hard working people who come from all walks of the San Diego Community. Call us at (619) 298—4708 to volunteer.

**Have any ideas about how we can improve?
Give is a call at (619) 298 – 4708.**

The San Diego Chapter is looking to fill the following Committee Chairs: Newsletter, System Support, Event and Activities and Member Discount. Contact Joseph if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.

Diamond Spurs Casino Night Ticket Sales



Thank you to all of you those who helped with this inaugural event. A special thanks to Tony and Sy, for working so hard to make this such a successful gathering.

SAN DIEGO RODEO VOLUNTEERS

We want you!! It is time to start planning our 2002 calendar. Come to a meeting, share your wonderful ideas and get involved.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

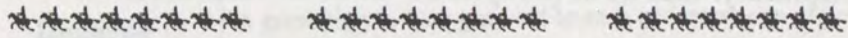
GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

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

October 2, 2001—General Membership

October 16, 2001—Rodeo Wrap up meeting 7pm

Come join us!!!



The San Diego Chapter would like recognize everyone for their bravery and courage during the September 11, 2001 tragedy. Our hearts go out to all the victims. United we stand!!



WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

October 2001		January 2002	
6-7	LA/Valley Pride Los Angeles	5	LA - Membership Meeting
7	Castro Street Fair (BAC Booth) San Francisco	18-20	Road Runner Regional Rodeo Phoenix, Az
7	GPSC - Membership Meeting	24	BAC - Membership Meeting 7pm
13-14	Sundance Stompede-Hoedown San Francisco		
13	BAC - Membership Meeting 4pm	2	LA - Membership Meeting
13	LA - Membership Meeting Pre Meeting Breakfast at The Porch Café in Long Beach	23	Imperial Court Coronation San Francisco
18-21	IGRA Finals Rodeo Palm Springs	28	BAC-Membership Meeting 7:30pm
31	Halloween' Everywhere		
November 2001		March 2002	
2	Grand Nations Rodeo Night Out Cow Palace, San Francisco	9	LA - Membership Meeting
3	LA - Membership Meeting	2	Imperial Court Coronation San Jose
9-11	Texas Gay Rodeo Dallas, TX	10	BAC Bowl-A-Thon
15	BAC - Membership Meeting 7pm		
16-17	GSGRA Royalty Competition San Diego		
December 2001		April 2002	
1	LA - Membership Meeting	11	BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
		13	LA - Membership Meeting
		May 2002	
		4	LA - Membership Meeting
		16	BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
		18	BAC Gymkhana

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What Where and When is a new feature for *The Chute* designed to bring all calendar information for all four of our Chapters together for convenience. We would like to include your event so send us the info and you're in. We would also like to include the major Gay Community events throughout California so keep us informed and we will pass your info on to everyone. E-mail your suggestions and events to us at membership@gsgra.org.

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