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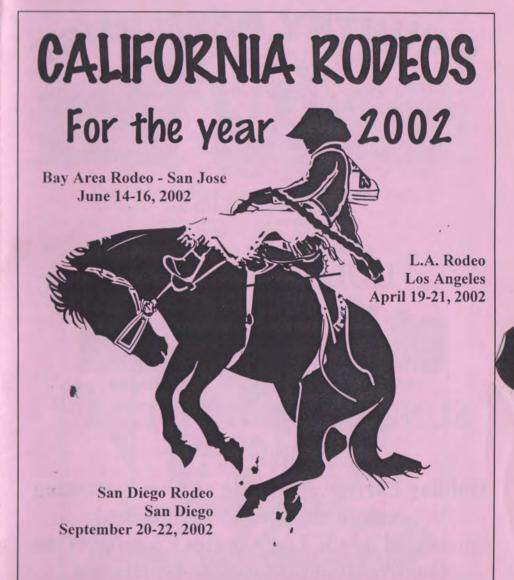
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER



Holiday Party Is Just Around the Corner!!

(In fact, you should have RSVP'd by November 25th.) Don't forget... the Annual GLAC Holiday Party will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2001 at Fire Island in Long Beach. The party will be a potluck. The chapter will provide the main dish, and everyone should

arrive with enough of their favorite side dish in hand to feed eight of their friends. Come ready to celebrate, and plan to stay for the Beer Bust FUNdraiser after

party. If you need more information, call Carl Barbee at (562) 491-5277 or Bill Paige at (562) 961-3160 or e-mail Carl at Carl.Barbee@verizon.net. (Also, don't forget to thank Carl and Bill for their hard work in organizing

the festivities.... Thanks guys!)



GLAC Represents in Texas!

GLAC members Bob B., Thom B., Bill C., Christy C., Devon D., Greg G., Mitch G., Kevin K., Patrick K., Sherry L., Belinda M., David M., Craig M., Kevin M., Warren S., and Todd T. showed up in Dallas on November 10-11 to have some Texas-sized fun. Although the crew brought home truckloads of ribbons, the one and only GLAC buckle was won by our new buckle-monkey Greg G. Greg received his very first buckle for being the "Amateur Champion" of the Dallas Rodeo. This buckle is given to one male and one female who have never won a buckle on the IGRA circuit and who score the most overall points for the weekend. "Greasemonkey" made us proud with outstanding performances in

Chute Dogging, Steer Decorating, and the Wild Drag Race, winning the buckle through 'a work and talent. In addition, our own Kevin K. w: the First Runner-Up for Amateur Champion, scoring big points in Calf Roping on Foot and Chute Dogging. Good work boys! Thanks to all of the Californians who made the trip to Dallas Rodeo and spread a little sunshine in the Lone Star State!



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

A Moment of Silence...

Rodeo friend and Faultline manager Bill Hobson passed away peacefully on Oct. 21, 2001. As a founding member of the Faultline partnership, Bill worked primarily in the office maintaining the financial records of the business. More importantly, Bill had a cheerful and sweet disposition that put a very friendly face on the bar. Thank you, Bill for your years of support of the LA Rodeo and the many LA Rodeo buckles you have sponsored in the name of the Faultline. You will be missed. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may make a memorial contribution to: Being Alive, 621 N. San Vincente Blvd., L.A., CA 90069.

Call for Photos

We are looking for photos of GLAC members to be featured in the 2002 LA Rodeo Program. Photos may be of competition, staff, volunteers, parties or just plain fun! All tasteful photos will be considered for selection, and those that are of a high enough quality for reproducing and best represent the spirit of the LA Rodeo will be chosen. Please e-mail photos in .gif, tiff, .jpeg, or .bmp format to me at dmdeming@yahoo.com. If you don't have access to electronic versions of your great photos, you can e-mail me to arrange mailing details or phone me at (805) 559-1513. Please make sure I have photos in my hands by January 15, 2002. All original photos will be returned to their owners as soon as possible.

A Message from the Administrative VP...

I am sorry to say that due to job restraints I feel I must step down from Admin. VP. I have been transferred to a new group, am with a new manager, and have been working twice as much -- including lots of weekends, as I am sure Drew has told you. Thanks for your patience with me missing so many meetings, but I hope you can understand.

Thanks, Tracy

Thank you Tracy for all of your hard work and dedication to the Chapter over the years! We know that Rodeo holds a special place in your heart, and that you will continue to be involved as time permits. In the meantime, we will all miss you!



New Admin. VP Sought



A brand new Administrative Vice President will be elected at the GLAC Chapter Meeting to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 1, 2001 in the Conference Room at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center (see address in GLAC Calendar). Please send your nominations to Thom B. at TbnGrendel@aol.com. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the day of the meeting. If you've been itchin' to get more involved in the Chapter, now's the time to scratch!

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2001

DEC. 1 10 AM

GLAC CHAPTER MEETING Los Angeles Equestrian Center Conference Room

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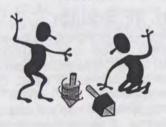
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November 2002

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy,

I would first like to say THANK YOU for the incredible support from ALL of the GSGRA TEAM! I would also like to extend an apology for failing in some of my responsibilities regarding our RODEO. We are proud of most of the results of the Rodeo and walk away learning many lessons from our FIRST Rodeo for GSGRA. We look forward to growing and learning so that we can be an even greater contributor to the GSGRA TEAM. I welcome any and all input regarding the issues that were discussed at the State Board Meeting. I encourage your input and recommendations and ideas.

We are dedicating ourselves, as a TEAM, to raising funds as soon as possible, so that we can continue in achieving our goals as a Chapter. Our Fund Raiser on November 18th netted us approximately \$1000!

On Saturday, December 1st, we will have a Fund Raiser at Dakota Clothing Co. We will be watching the Parade of Lights Christmas Parade as it goes down Palm Canyon Drive. We will be serving cocktails and snacks and will have a raffle and live entertainment from 5:00 pm until the end of the parade. We will be requesting a donation of \$10 per person to attend. Please join us for FUN in Palm Springs!

We also want to wish each of our GSGRA family members a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Happy Trails, Barry Hamm, President

Monthly Chapter Meeting Sunday, December 9th - 2:00 PM

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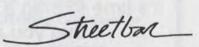
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By David Medzerian

The finances of the Finals Rodeo were the main issue at the Nov. 17 meeting of the GSGRA State Board of Directors. As you probably have heard, some contestants had their Palm Springs chapter checks from Finals returned by their banks. The GSGRA state organization has been acting swiftly to resolve these check problems as we have learned of them.

At the quarterly meeting, the State Board approved a loan to the Palm Springs Chapter of up to \$28,000 from the state Reserve Fund to cover the rodeo's losses. Some of that money had already been paid out to cover some contestants' checks; the remainder will be used for remaining money owed. Bill Chapman, the GSGRA Treasurer, will oversee the loan and work with the Palm Springs Chapter to quickly resolve the financial problems. Additionally, Thom Brennan, the GSGRA Rodeo VP, has been asked to look into our Finals bid and planning process and help determine what the chapter and State Board could have done better so we won't have a similar situation happen again; he will report back to the board at its next meeting.

While we are still putting together the facts, it seems that two flawed decisions contributed to the problem. The first was budgeting for a \$25,000 sponsorship offer that was never put in writing; in the days leading up to Finals, it became clear that the sponsorship was not going to come through. The second was the decision not to charge admission at the gate; while that strategy worked well for Palm Springs Pride, it did not translate over to the Finals Rodeo.

(A special thank-you to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter, which came forward and made an unexpected \$5,000 payment of the chapter's outstanding GSGRA loan to help the state through this situation.
The early payment -- as well as GLAC and the Bay Area Chapter's regular payments of their outstanding loans from the Reserve Fund -- is definitely appreciated.)

While most of the meeting focused on the Finals Rodeo, some other items of interest were discussed:

- -- The IGRA Convention in Long Beach left GSGRA with a surplus of about \$2,500.
- -- GSGRA soon will be accepting credit card payments for your membership renewals; stay tuned for details.
- -- The GSGRA web site, www.gsgra.org, now has a Jobs/Services area. If you're looking for employment or have a job to fill, take a look at this new feature on the web site.
- -- The schedule of GSGRA state meetings has been adjusted slightly. The GSGRA Executive Board has scheduled a special meeting to update the Finals situation; the meeting, which we are trying to make available by teleconference for those who can't attend in person will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, in Orange County (look for the exact location in the January edition of the Chute). And the next quarterly meeting of the State Board has been moved to March 9 to avoid conflicts with some other events; that March meeting will be hosted by the L.A. Chapter.

Finally, congratulations to our 2002 GSGRA Royalty Team, selected during competition on Nov. 17:

- -- Miss GSGRA Tiger Lily (Bay Area Chapter)
- -- Ms. GSGRA Deana Dawn (BAC)
- -- Mr. GSGRA Brian V. (Greater San Diego Chapter)
- -- First runner-up Ed M. (BAC)
- -- Second runner-up Larry G. (GSDC)
 All of the contestants did a great job in a very tough contest, and the five will make a terrific team representing

GSGRA throughout the IGRA circuit. A special thank you to our 2001 royalty members who stepped down at the contest, Miss GSGRA 2001 Reva and Ms. GSGRA 2001 Michele Chagnon, as well as the other members of the 2001 team, Mr. GSGRA 2001 Ron Call and Runner-up Armando Reyna. And finally, our gratitude to our GSGRA Administrative VP Mitch Gill, aka DeShannon, for putting together a great - and challenging -- competition.

Finally, thanks once again to the Greater San Diego Chapter for hosting the November meeting and the royalty contest as well.

I hope you all have a terrific holiday season.

Trustee Report

I would like to thank David Medzerian for his years of hard work as our Trustee. As I begin my term as Trustee, I want to thank you for your support and assure you that I well do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of serving on the IGRA Board. I well do my best to be the eyes, ears and yes the voice of the GSGRA at the IGRA Board. To do that I well need input so please feel free to contact me. I have an open door policy and you can call upon me with any of your cares, concerns, needs or wants. I am also the voice of IGRA to the members of GSGRA and in the months to come I well keep you informed of IGRA wants, concerns and needs.

It is a great honor for me to represent GSGRA as your new Trustee. Contact Info: Home 323-644-7206 Cell 213-400-4423 and Email acw@earthlink.net

Thank You Al Wright G.S.G.R.A. Trustee

I.G.R.A. CONVENTION DELEGATES ELECTION

Roger Bergmann has been appointed as the Nominations Committee Chair for the selection and election of GSGRA delegates to the IGRA Annual Convention, which will be held the last weekend of July 2002 in Cleveland. Ohio. During December each Chapter President will inform Roger who will be their Chapter representative on the Nominations Committee. The Committee Representatives should not be persons considering nomination and selection as an IGRA Convention Delegate. A candidate for an IGRA delegate position must be a member in good standing at the time of nomination and commit to maintaining membership until after the IGRA Convention. Candidates should have experience in at least one of the areas and may be nominated in more than one of the following nomination categories:

- Bylaws
- Rodeo Production Team
- Dance/Royalty
- · Contestant/Rodeo Rules

Eligible individuals who have accepted their nominations prior to February 14, 2002 will have their names published in the March issue of "The Chute". Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to the voting which will take place at the March 9th GSGRA Board of Directors meeting. Nominations from the floor must be accepted in person or in writing at the meeting. The January, February, and March issues of "The Chute" will contain additional articles on the nomination and selection process, and the duties of the elected delegates. Roger is moving during the month of December, but for more information he can be reached at: (909) 596-4594 through December 12th, or by email at: canyontrvl@aol.com



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San Diego's New Board

The San Diego Chapter would like to welcome is new board members for the 2002 Rodeo Year:

President - Joseph Berry
Vice President Administration - Jim Jennings
V.P. Rodeo Operations - James Roth
Secretary - CJ Jasgur
Treasurer - Korey Harris

Congratulations to John Del Proprost for winning his first buckle ever. He won for Bareback Bronc Riding at the Dallas rodeo. Way to go John.

Anyone interested in chairing a position under Rodeo Operations, please contact James Roth at j747r@aol.com

Anyone interested in chairing a position under General Chapter, please contact Joseph Berry at josephsdrodeo@netzero.net

Rodeo 2002 host hotel has been set, it will be the Raddison Mission Valley. Come one down to San Diego and join us for Rodeo 2002.

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Rodeo!

This weekend (Nov 17) the State Board of Directors will approve (thinking ahead) Doug Graff as our Rodeo Event Coordinator along with our budget.

We have not had any Rodeo meetings (awaiting approval by GSGRA,) so I have nothing to report along those lines. However, several members of the BAC were invited to Finals last month and it's good to know that we have some of the best of the best within our chapter and GSGRA. Congratulations to all of the Roundup buckle and ribbon winners.

I can't wait to get started helping with production of our rodeo. If you want to help out, just call the hotline and volunteer. New Rodeo rulebooks have been mailed to "current" contestants. If you need one, please let me know. 2002 IGRA has a new Corporate Sponsor: DeKyper Pucker. Bud Light continues to be our Grand Sponsor along with Instinct Magazine as our Official Men's Magazine. LA is our next GSGRA rodeo and Phoenix is the next IGRA rodeo-I hope to see a lot of you there.

Vice President of Rodeo Operations, Craig

2333333333 Howdy

It's been a busy month. We had a great turnout for the Grand National Rodeo Chapter Night Out on November 2. If you didn't get your tickets in time for that outing, make sure you get tickets for the chapter outing to Reno in the first quarter. It's sure to be a blast.

On October 25 the Executive Board confirmed Doug Graff as the Rodeo Director for 2002. Now it's time to pick all the various coordinators. If you're interested, please let Doug know as soon as possible.

The State Board Meeting was held on November 17. As you probably know,

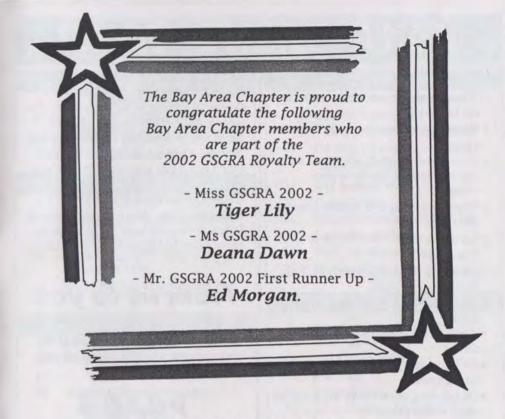
the state faces some difficult financial challenges, but I'm confident that

together we can meet them.

Also on the 17th the Bay Area Chapter Rodeo 2001 Royalty brought home some impressive titles. Ed is first runner up for Mr. GSGRA 2002, Deane is the new Ms GSGRA 2002, and Tiger Lily is Miss GSGRA 2002. Please join me in congratulating them and wish them all the best in the coming year. I know they'll do a great job and I'm sure I can speak for everyone in the chapter when I say that the Bay Area Chapter stands ready to support in 2002.

Finally, because Doug is going to be very busy serving as our Rodeo Director, we believe it best to have someone else assume the role of the Membership Chair. If you are interested in being the new chair, or would like to serve on one of our various committees, please let me know.

All the best, and Happy Holidays to everyone! Iab



Chapter Meeting

Earlier information indicating that we will not be having a meeting in December was incorrect. We have scheduled one after all. Hope you can make it!

> Saturday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. Marlena's

> > (Hayes Street, San Francisco)

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If a dog were your teacher, you would learn stuff like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- And finally, never trust anyone until you sniff their butt.

(Editors note: Chelsea, thank you for being my buddy, I wish I were as good at all these as you are.)

Dance Contest Comes To San Francisco

It's time to Dust off your boots cuz the GSGRA Country Western Dance Contest is coming to San Francisco. The contest will be held on May 11, 2002. There will be a couples contest with four different divisions and for the first time ever a line dance contest. The 1st Place winners will be eligible to represent GSGRA at the IGRA Dance Finals in Cleveland, Ohio. More information will follow in the next issue of the Chute or contact Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813.

From us to you

No matter if your holiday is Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa. Or none of the above or even all of the above, we have but two wishes for you......

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WHAT-WHERE-WHEN

December 2001

- 1 LA Membership Meeting
- 2 LA-Annual Holiday Party Fire Island, Long Beach 10am
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2002

- 5 LA Membership Meeting
- 18-20 Road Runner Regional Rodeo Phoenix. Az
- 12 Exec. Committee Meeting 10am Location TBA
- 24 BAC Membership Meeting 7pm

February 2002

- 2 LA Membership Meeting
- 2 Ground Hog Day
- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 23 Imperial Court Coronation San Francisco
- 28 BAC-Membership Meeting 7:30pm

March 2002

- 9 LA Membership Meeting
- 2 Imperial Court Coronation San Jose
- 9 State Board Meeting-Host GLAC
- 10 BAC Bowl-A-Thon
- 17 St Patricks Day

April 2002

- 7 Start Daylight Savings Time
- 11 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 12-13 Pheoniz AZ Pride
 - 13 LA Membership Meeting
- 22 Earth Day

May 2002

- 4 LA Membership Meeting
- 11-12 GSGRA State Convention
 Hosted by Bay Area Chapter
 - GSGRA C&W Dance Contest
 San Francisco
- 10-11 Las Vegas Pride
- 12 Mother's Day
- 16 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 18-19 Long Beach Pride
- 18 BAC Gymkhana
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2002

- 8 LA Membership Meeting
- 9-10 San Jose Pride
- 10 Sata Rosa Pride
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 22 BAC-Membership Meeting and Volunteer Party
- 22-23 CSW-Pride Parade & Festival
 Los Angeles

July 2002

- Independence Day
- London-England Pride
- BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 3 San Bernardino Pride
- 26-28 San Diego Pride

August 2002

18 BAC-Annual Meeting and Officer Election

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