

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

For the year 2002

Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose
June 14-16, 2002

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 19-21, 2002



San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 20-22, 2002



The Chute

February 2002

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

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L.A. RODEO

April 19-21, 2002

A Blast



From the Past

We're Moving Back to the L.A. Equestrian Center



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L. A. Rodeo Information:
www.larodeo.com
Los Angeles Equestrian Center
430 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA
www.laequestriancenter.com

Host Hotel Information:
1-800-HIL TONS



THE BEST SHEET COMES FROM THE CHUTE

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I.G.R.A. UNIVERSITY

February 15-17 2002 St Louis, MO.

Mark your calendars, The I.G.R.A. University is the place to get answers to just about anything you ever wanted to know about producing rodeos. Of course it doesn't hurt that it's a lot of fun too!

For more info - Check out
www.igra.com

Don't Miss the 2002 LA Rodeo... back at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center for the first time in five years!

The Chute is the official newsletter of
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Calling All Entertainers & DJ's...

We are blasting toward the 2002 LA Rodeo and plan to put on a GREAT show for our friends and fans at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and the Burbank Airport Hilton! If you are an interested entertainer or DJ, have you received an entertainer packet for the 2002 LA Rodeo? Have you recently moved, or will you be a new entertainer at this year's rodeo? The terrific team of **Scott**

Hilderbrandt and **Scott Tickler** (a.k.a. Victoria London, Miss IGRA 20021) will be hosting this year's entertainment events. For more information about performing, playing or spinning at the 2002 LA Rodeo, please call Scott Hilderbrandt at (562) 495-4554 or e-mail him at LetsrodeoLB@aol.com. Additional information will also be available at www.LARodeo.com.



Fundraising & Events

A big thanks to Fundraising Chair **Bill Paige** for putting together the Christmas fundraiser at Fire Island (featuring the always-fabulous Victoria London) that raised \$450 for the chapter... AND for organizing the January event at Ozz that raised \$250 for the chapter... Way to go Bill! Thanks also to everyone who came out and enjoyed both events.

Bill will also be helping to organize a fundraising event for the Imperial Court on February 16, 2002. Festivities will begin at 8pm at Club 5211 (5211 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach). There will be a buffet dinner and a show (if you're interested in performing you can contact Bill at wepaige@aol.com or at (562) 961-3160). The Imperial Court was our Grand Marshal for our 2001 LA Rodeo. They have always been loyal supporters of GLAC, and we are proud to return the favor. Make it a date!



Just like last year, our fundraising and events chairfolks will be putting together a calendar of events for bar/club/community publicity and outreach during the crucial weeks before the rodeo. We will pass out flyers, give away free stuff, raise money for the chapter, promote our organization in our community and have a darn good time doing it all! Look for these special March & April calendars in future editions of The Chute, on the web at www.LARodeo.com, and in your e-mail box (if you haven't been receiving chapter e-mails, you can sign up for the mailing list on the web site or e-mail Admin. VP **Sherry Le** at cowgrlup@earthlink.net).

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2002

- FEB. 2**
10 AM
GLAC BOARD MEETING
The Gay & Lesbian Center
Long Beach, CA
- FEB. 16**
8 PM
Imperial Court Fundraiser
Club 5211
5211 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA

MARCH 2002

- MAR. 2**
10 AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
LA Equestrian Center
Burbank, CA
(Followed by Rodeo Meeting)
- MAR. 9**
10 AM
STATE BOARD MEETING
The Gay & Lesbian Center
Long Beach, CA

Future GLAC Meeting Dates

April 13, 2002 (CHAPTER)
May 4, 2002 (BOARD)
June 8, 2002 (MEMBERSHIP)



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Nominations for 2002-2003 Officers

Please send nominations for
officers to either of us:

Thanks – Jabby and James

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Rodeojab@aol.com Jimgear@yahoo.com

Phone: (925) 372 – 8096

Please submit nominations no later
than March 6, 2002. Nominees
must be active members in good
standing and as of election date must
have been a member for one year.



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SHARE THE WEALTH - INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN

GSGRA, Inc
Balance Sheet
 As of November 30, 2001

	Nov 30, 01
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	11,146.94
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	280.59
Memorial Accounts	815.49
Total Checking/Savings	12,243.02
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	1,950.00
Greater Palm Springs	27,400.77
Total Accounts Receivable	34,892.35
Total Current Assets	47,135.37
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	48,059.37
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	1,927.96
Net Income	2,252.66
Total Equity	48,059.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	48,059.37

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562-621-9121

Ron DeContreras

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Current
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GSGRA, Inc
Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
 March 2001 through February 2002

	Mar '01 - Feb 02	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Corp Sponsorships	0.00		
Dance Contest	350.00	900.00	-550.00
Donations	0.00	500.00	-500.00
IGRA Convention	17,258.13	14,500.00	2,758.13
Interest Income	385.98	450.00	-64.02
Membership Income	13,922.00	17,730.00	-3,808.00
Merchandise Sale	30.00	100.00	-70.00
State Convention	1,680.00	500.00	1,180.00
Uncategorized Income	50.00		
Total Income	33,676.11	34,680.00	-1,003.89
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	1,000.00	-200.00
Dance Contest Exp	339.23	600.00	-260.77
Education	1,170.00	2,000.00	-830.00
General Admin	3,044.74	5,800.00	-2,755.26
IGRA Convention Exp	16,686.55	11,500.00	5,186.55
IGRA Convention	1,805.00	1,980.00	-175.00
Membership	5,856.96	7,500.00	-1,643.04
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	1,316.40	1,000.00	316.40
Professional Fees	490.00	800.00	-310.00
State Convention Exp	1,111.82	1,200.00	-88.18
Taxes	1,306.00	1,200.00	106.00
Total Expense	33,926.70	34,680.00	-753.30
Net Ordinary Income	-250.59	0.00	-250.59
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
DWM Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Reserve Funds	2,503.25	1,500.00	1,003.25
Total Other Income	2,503.25	2,000.00	503.25
Other Expense			
DWMF Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	2,503.25	1,300.00	1,203.25
Net Income	2,252.66	1,300.00	952.66

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
PHONE #		
E-MAIL		
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		
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NAME		
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BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
E-MAIL		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		

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 G.S.G.R.A.
 Membership Committee
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Mama
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says*



**Invite
a friend
to join
Team G.S.G.R.A.**

Remember: It's not nice to fool Mama Membership

MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO COMPETE!!!!

If there ever was any doubt, let's put it to rest once and for all! Membership, in good standing, in an IGRA Member Association is required to compete in IGRA and/or GSGRA sanctioned rodeos and some other events. If a rodeo secretary is unable to verify current membership from lists provided by Associations or from membership cards carried by the member, the contestant will be required to join an Association in order to compete and any fees paid will not be refunded.

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS NOW YOURS

To avoid problems carry your membership card with you to all GSGRA and IGRA events and renew your membership as soon as you receive your renewal notice. If you do not know when your renewal is due check the top line of the address on any membership mail your receive including *The Chute*. Your membership expires at the end of the month shown on the top line. If you still have questions talk to your Chapter Membership Chair or contact the Membership Committee by e-mail at: membership@gsgra.org or by mail at: 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804.



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

Howdy!

We're well into the New Year now, already a month behind us. Does anyone else find that as hard to believe, or scary, as I do? Why does it seem time always appears to move faster and faster?

As I write this, I'm trying to get things together for the trip to Phoenix and I'm already looking forward to a great time. Hope that I get to see a lot of y'all there – it's always a great rodeo. Coming up shortly after Phoenix is the IGRA University. If you're interested in getting involved in rodeo production, you should seriously consider trying to attend. It's in St. Louis this year and I'm sure if you act fast, you can still enroll. Soon thereafter, the rodeo year will be in full swing with LA and Las Vegas rodeos kicking things off.

We've got lots of things coming up soon, starting of course with the Reno

weekend, which will have happened by the time you get this issue of the Chute. Hope you were on the bus! The next big event for us is the State convention in May, which will also include the State Dance Contest. It's also time for the Chapter Royalty Contest. Please consider helping out with some of these events, they will honestly be fun and we have plans for some great parties during the convention weekend.

BAC Roundup

Of course the big event of the year for our chapter is already fast approaching, Rodeo 2002. We're already signing up committee chairs and volunteers so please consider how you can help produce what's going to be our best rodeo ever.

I hope everyone covers in '02 and wish each of you the best in the coming year.

Jab

This Ole Hat

The life of a rodeo cowboy is not easy it's been said He can keep himself out of trouble if he only uses his head. One such story, many like it you can surely find shows you a cowboy's grit when he has to put it on the line.

It was a sunny day in Texas when this road sign caught my eye Offerin' me a cold beer, my throat was mighty dry. So I eased the truck on over off of highway 1110 and waltzed my cowboy butt into a place called "The Devil's Den".

I never really noticed all the cycles parked out back And it wasn't but a second before I was introduced to Psycho Mac. He looked a little upset with that scowl on his bearded face He didn't appreciate a cowboy to come awalkin' in their place.



Finish this poem—
<http://www.members.tripod.com/~ramblincowboy/cowboypoetry.html>

Best Buck in the Bay

SF Bay Area Rodeo 2002 Needs You!! Calling all Bay Area Chapter Members

Planning for the 11th Annual Bay Area Rodeo is well underway. There will be Pool Parties, Wild Dances, Incredible Entertainment in the new, expanded Entertainment Pavilion at the Hyatt, and the always-fabulous Rodeo events at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

The Fairgrounds is going to be especially exciting this year as we get to design our logistics on a clean sheet. You may remember the old Grandstands with those oh-so-pleasant rest rooms. Well, all that 1930's stuff is gone. Knocked down, dug up, and hauled away. Returning veteran rodeo producer, Craig Allen Rouse – Fairgrounds Festival Director, is looking for you creative types to help him layout where everything will go and help get it there. Send an e-mail directly to Craig at ropinride@aol.com if you want to be a part of the Rodeo Festival Planning Committee.

Our new Entertainment Council will be headed by Jim Hauck, former BAC President and outstanding event producer. Jim too is looking for folks with a flare to

help build on the existing entertainment options. His committee is filling fast, so if you're interested, let him know – jphauck@attbi.com.

Also, we still need a Volunteer Director, Vendor Coordinator, and oodles more folks to help on the Branding Council (Marketing, PR, Program, Advertising, and Outreach.)

I'm excited to be leading this year's effort to produce the best SF Bay Area Rodeo yet. With the returning veterans, and the eager folks already on board, I know we're well on our way...BUT, we still need more folks helping along the way. If you have any desire to help, know of a corporate sponsor connection, or have a skill that we can utilize, please let us know. Send an e-mail to me dgraff01@hotmail.com or leave a message on the hotline 415-561-9228.

There will be more updates as the Best Buck in the Bay Comes Your Way!
Douglas Graff
SF Bay Area Rodeo 2002, Event Director

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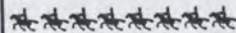
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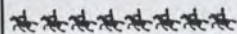
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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, another year is upon us and with this new year comes many new and exciting changes. First, I want to thank the new Executive Board for all the hard work that lies ahead and welcome the new Chapter and Rodeo Committee Chairs. Even though some of the positions have been assigned, there is still opportunity to help with various jobs both in Rodeo and the Chapter. If you have an interest in volunteering contact James Roth, VP Rodeo Ops or myself. I'm sure we can find a spot and put you to work!!

One of the changes this year is our new Host Hotel, The Radisson Mission Valley. If you haven't been by to see the facilities, swing by and take a look. A great pool location for sunning yourself while watching the pool party attendees and a new "bubble like" room for our nightly dances with a beautiful verandah-like patio for those "breather breaks" after dancing to your hearts content. This is but one of the new and exciting changes to happen this year. Stay tuned for more to come. And the best way to keep up on the latest happenings is to attend our monthly meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Twiggs Coffee House on Park Blvd. Meetings start at 7pm.

One of the ways we as a Chapter stay viable in the community is through FUNDRAISING. Please remember without these funds we would not be able to operate throughout the year, or even host a Rodeo Event. So I ask you now as an Association, please support as many fundraising events as time allows you to do, for there is strength in numbers. I would like to close this message by thanking all of you for allowing me to represent the San Diego Gay Rodeo Association, Greater San Diego Chapter, for another year.

Joseph Berry
President GSGRA-GSDC

State Board Rep Nominations

Nominations for State Board Representatives will take place on the General Membership Meeting held on March 5th. If you, or someone you know, is interested, be sure to speak up in March. Elections will be held at the April 2nd meeting.

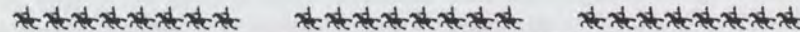
New Host Hotel For Rodeo 2002

I know it seems as if we've all just finished with San Diego Rodeo 2001, but it's time to start thinking about attending San Diego Rodeo 2002! The Rodeo will be held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, September 19th thru the 22nd. This year, we are proud to announce a new venue for our little ol' rodeo. Our new host hotel for 2002 will be:

Radisson Hotel San Diego Mission Valley
1433 Camino Del Rio South
619.260.0111

Mention San Diego Gay Rodeo to receive the correct room rates

Hope to see you there! Let's Rodeo!



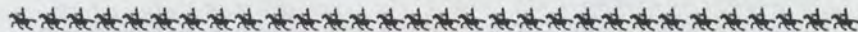
Chili Cook-Off Goes Off Without a Burp

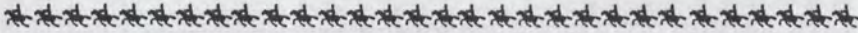
The Second Annual San Diego Chapter Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday, January 12, 2002 at The Hole. Seven people entered their chili and 23 came to taste those fabulous creations. After sampling all the chilies (some two or three times) and enjoying the fresh, home-made corn muffins, everyone voted by casting their ballot for the one they thought was the best. Also, Charles had his Deluxe Oatmeal, Cranberry, White Chocolate-chip cookies for sale.

Congratulations to JOHN for winning the Grand Prize of Dinner for Two at the Marriott. And to JAMES as runner-up. Charles would like to thank all of you who made and shared your wonderful chili and to everyone that came to taste the chili! Also, a big thank you to Deb and her staff at The Hole for letting us be there. And a special thanks from the Chapter to Charles for making it all happen.

Black Veil Party February 23, 2002

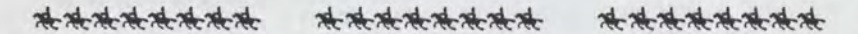
Join us in a Toast and Roast of Miss GSGRA 2001, Sy Iverson (aka, Miss Reva) to celebrate his 40th birthday. Sy has been a long time supporter of the GSGRA, and especially of the Greater San Diego Chapter, and was honored last year as the reigning Miss GSGRA. Sy was also the co-sponsor of Diamond Spur Casino Night last year, and made the inaugural year extremely successful. Sy has graciously agreed to allow us this TOAST and ROAST as a fundraiser for the GSGRA-GSDC. We will have a \$50.00 TOAST and a \$25.00 ROAST suggested contribution. The theme is BLACK VEIL, so please contact Brian van de Mark at 619 253 4611 to obtain a swatch of black tool to make your hat (and if you need suggestions, Lord knows he has a few on "accessorizing"!). The event will be held at 4459 Ohio Street in North Park, San Diego 92116 beginning at 7pm. Dessert will be served.





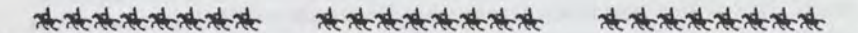
GSGRA-GSDC Meeting Schedule

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the San Diego Chapter.
 February 5, 2002 — General Membership 7pm
 February 19, 2002 — Rodeo Roundtable 7pm
 March 5, 2002 — General Membership 7pm
 March 19, 2002 — Rodeo Roundtable 7pm



Congratulations Mr. GSGRA 2002

A hearty congratulations goes out to our current Mr. GSGRA, Brian Van de Mark, on receiving the Bud Light Athlete of the Year award. An in-depth article concerning the award and Brian was circulated in the Gay and Lesbian Times earlier this month. A fundraiser/presentation of the award is planned for sometime in the coming months. Stayed tuned for the exact dates.



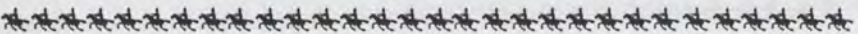
Donations

Now that our books have finally been closed on Rodeo 2001, and our new treasurer has had time to familiarize himself with our accounting system, our donations committee has come forward with the awards for our 2001 beneficiaries. Three organizations were named prior to Rodeo 2001 to receive a portion of the profits from different Rodeo weekend events. The Imperial Court of San Diego and Being Alive were beneficiaries of the Friday evening Diamond Spur Casino Night. Being Alive was also named as the beneficiary for Thursday evening's Boots and Briefs Contest. Our final beneficiary for the Rodeo weekend was The Tijuana Gay and Lesbian Center. Checks will be distributed to each organization over the next few months. Times and locations to be announced. A very large Thank You goes out to each of these organizations for the volunteers they provided for our Rodeo. Your help was greatly appreciated.



Open Positions

As the old year turns over into the new, so do our old coordinators turn over their positions to the new. If you've always wanted to try your hand at putting on a rodeo, now is the time. We have many coordinator and assistant coordinator positions still open. Show up at a General Membership Meeting or a Roundtable Meeting and see what's going on. We're always interested in a new point of view. Training is available, so don't worry about a lack of experience.



Royalty Report

Happy 2002! Your new royalty team is looking forward to a dazzling year representing the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association. We are already off to a running start and here's what we've been up to:

On December 1st, Mr. G.S.G.R.A. **Brian van De Mark**, Miss G.S.G.R.A. **Tiger Lily** and Ms. G.S.G.R.A. **Deana Dawn** walked on behalf of the G.S.G.R.A. at the Imperial Court of the Desert Empire's Coronation in Las Vegas, Nevada. We received a wonderful reception from the Imperials as ambassadors for the G.S.G.R.A.

On December 22, Deana Dawn hosted a San Francisco 49ers Christmas party during the game against the Eagles. Deana and the Gold Lush Cheerleaders performed a rousing routine at half time. The party was a fundraiser for the Positive Resource Center of San Francisco and successfully raised \$1,234.

On Christmas Eve, the first runner-up to Mr. G.S.G.R.A., **Ed Morgan**, and Ms. G.S.G.R.A. Deana Dawn entertained with holiday flair at the Mr. Drummer Christmas party at the Edge in San Francisco. This was a benefit show for the Positive Resource Center.

Brian van De Mark has been busy fundraising in the San Diego area and has raised \$1,000 for charity. We are proud to announce that Brian was recently honored for his involvement in the rodeo by being named **Bud Light's San Diego Athlete of the Year** for 2001!

We've also got some exciting events coming up in 2002...

On February 2nd and 3rd, Deana Dawn will be escorting the Bay Area Chapter on a charter bus trip to Reno. This should truly be a fun outing, so come along if you're feeling lucky in the new year. Details are on the chapter's Web site:

<http://www.gsgra.org/bac>

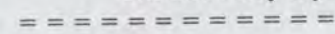
February 23rd is San Francisco Imperial Court's Coronation. We will all be in attendance to represent the G.S.G.R.A. as part of our year's goal for community outreach to other organizations. Please join us in making a strong presence at this dramatic event entitled "A Winter's Dream." For more information, go to the International Court System Web site: <http://www.impcourt.org>

As the reigning G.S.G.R.A. royalty team, we are anxiously anticipating attending all of the California rodeos. The **Los Angeles Rodeo** is our next stop in the state on April 19th, 20th and 21st.

If you're wondering how to contact the royalty team to perform or participate at an event, or with any questions, you can find a link to our e-mail addresses on the G.S.G.R.A. Web site: <http://www.gsgra.org>

Best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and prosperous new year!

The 2002 Royalty Team



Check your calendars.....

The State Board of Directors meeting, to be hosted by the L.A. Chapter, will take place on Saturday, March 9, GSGRA at The

Center in Long Beach (that's the Gay and Lesbian Center on Fourth Street, as opposed to the Jewish Community Center). G.L.A.C is also is planning a dance clinic and fund-raiser party for that evening. As this is a regular quarterly meeting rather than the State Convention, it is scheduled for one day only. Call to order will be at 10 a.m. sharp.

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DANCE....

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It's only a few months away. The GSGRA Dance Contest will be held May 11, 2002 in San Francisco. The contest will take place in the Ramada Hotel Saturday evening. There will a Couples Contest and a Line Dance Contest. In the Couples Contest Division IV, III and II will be a Classic format, while Division I will be a Showcase format. All couples will be required to dance a Two-Step, Waltz and Free- Style Dance. The Line Dance Contest will have a Beginner and Intermediate Divisions. All line dancers must dance all three dances. The music for the Showcase Division and the line dances for the Line Dance Contest will be released 60 days prior to the contest. This information will be posted in the March edition of *The Chute*. If you have any

questions or would like an contestant packet, please contact Ken Valdez at kendance@cs.com or 619 299-7813.

Trustee Report

I am passing this on from Craig that ALL required Corporate Sponsor Logo's are available from the IGRA Web Page. (Home page, scroll down to Logo icon bar).

Don't forget that Bud Light should be identified as the Grand Sponsor of our rodeos.

I will be attending the Trustee meeting in Phoenix January 18, 2002 and asking for the Arena Fund money for finals. I will be updating you all on the out come and other information I receive at the Trustee's meeting in next months Chute.

Al Wright GSGRA-Trustee
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SELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR I.G.R.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

February 1st is 37 days from the election of delegates to represent GSGRA at the IGRA Annual Convention. The election will take place at the GSGRA State Board of Directors meeting which will be held at the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center beginning at 10:00 AM on

March 9th. Al Wright, GSGRA Trustee on the IGRA Board of Directors, and the GSGRA State President to be elected at the GSGRA Annual Convention will be automatic Delegates to represent GSGRA. Each Chapter of GSGRA has a representative on the Nominations Committee:

Bay Area - Tiger Lily
Greater LA - Thom Brennan
Greater Palm Springs - Barry Hamm
Greater San Diego - Dan Bradford

These individuals will be contacting GSGRA members to see if they are interested in being nominated for a delegate position. If you would like to nominate someone, including yourself, please contact your chapter representative. To be nominated you must be a member in good standing and commit to maintain your membership in good standing until after the IGRA Convention. To best represent GSGRA at the IGRA Convention we are looking for individuals with knowledge and/or experience in one of the following areas: Rodeo Production Team; By-Laws; Contestant/ Rodeo Rules; and Dance/ Royalty.

Members can be nominated in more than one category of expertise, but if elected their name will be withdrawn from the other categories.

After an individual has been elected to represent each of the four categories, all of the other nominated individuals will be considered for election as one of two Alternate Delegate positions. If an elected Delegate is unable to attend the IGRA Convention, the Runners-Up will be

contacted by order of votes until the Delegate position can be filled.

Nominations in advance of the Board meeting must be accepted in writing. Members may also be nominated from the floor during the meeting, as long as there is an acceptance from the nominee.

In past years, the GSGRA Board of Directors has approved a budget to help our Delegates with IGRA

Convention expenses. At this time, it appears unlikely that any money will be available for this purpose. It is important that GSGRA is well represented at the IGRA Convention and it is my hope that qualified individuals will be able to accept nomination knowing they may need to cover all of their expenses. The IGRA Convention will be held in Cleveland Ohio July 25th - 28th. Delegates are expected to attend Committee meetings beginning at 8:00 am on Friday July 26th, and both days of Convention on Saturday and Sunday.

Names of all members accepting nomination prior to February 15th will be published in the March issue of "The Chute." If you have any questions, please contact your Chapter representative listed above, or Roger Bergmann, Committee Chairperson at: (626) 919-2282 or email at: canyontrvl@aol.com



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy,

Happy 2002 to all!

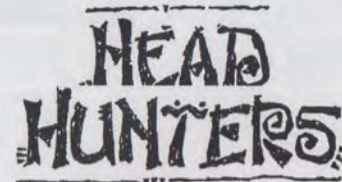
Changes are taking place in the Chapter! Our new Vice President of Rodeo Operations is John Johnson. John is also our Rodeo Director for our November 2002 Rodeo! Our new Treasurer is Ed Thompson. I want to thank each of these gentlemen for assuming these positions during a "difficult" period for the Greater Palm Springs Chapter. I also want to thank Richard Seminole for assuming the "Interim Treasurer" position after the resignation of Chuck Marx. Also, a HUGE thank you to Doug Belk for an exceptional job as Vice President of Rodeo Operations and Rodeo Director for IGRA Finals 2001, the Greater Palm Springs FIRST rodeo!

Even though our Rodeo was not profitable for our Chapter or the State organization, the other successes gained by having the Rodeo certainly supercede that issue.

I also want to thank the Greater Palm Springs TEAM for hanging in there during this difficult period. As our Chapter continues to grow in membership, we will also mature in our abilities. Thanks to each and every one of the GSGRA TEAM for helping us through these difficult days.

Happy Trails,
Barry Hamm, President

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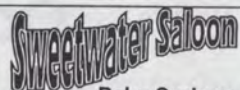
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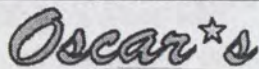
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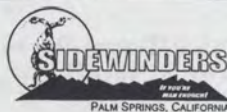


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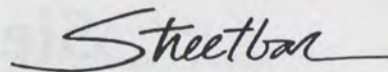
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LET'S RODEO

WHAT-WHERE-WHEN

February 2002

- 2 LA - Membership Meeting
- 2 Ground Hog Day
- 5 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 10 PS - Chapter Meeting
Desert Palms Inn 4pm
- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 15-17 **IGRA University**
St Louis, MO
- 19 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 23 **Imperial Court Coronation**
San Francisco
- 23 **Sylverson Roast & Toast Fundraiser**
- 28 BAC-Membership Meeting 7:30pm

March 2002

- 2 LA - Membership Meeting
- 2 **Imperial Court Coronation**
San Jose
- 5 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 9 State Board Meeting-Host GLAC
- 10 PS - Chapter Meeting
Desert Palms Inn 4pm
- 10 **BAC Bowl-A-Thon**
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 19 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 29-31 **Cowtown Rodeo**
Fort Worth, Texas

April 2002

- 2 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 5-7 **Bighorn Rodeo**
Las Vegas, NV
- 7 Start Daylight Savings Time
- 11 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 12-13 **Phoenix AZ Pride**
- 13 LA - Membership Meeting
- 16 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 19-21 **L.A. Rodeo**
Los Angeles, California
- 22 Earth Day
- 26-28 **Rodeo in the Rock**
Little Rock, Arkansas

May 2002

- 4 LA - Membership Meeting
- 11-12 **GSGRA State Convention**
Hosted by Bay Area Chapter
- 11 **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**
- 24-26 **Great Plains Regional Rodeo**
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 27 Memorial Day
- 31-2 **Southern Spurs Rodeo**
Atlanta, Georgia
- 31-2 **Salt Lake City Rodeo**

June 2002

- 8 LA - Membership Meeting
- 9-10 **San Jose Pride**
- 10 **Santa Rosa Pride**
- 14 Flag Day
- 14-16 **Bay Area Rodeo**
San Jose, California
- 22 BAC-Membership Meeting and
Volunteer Party
- 22-23 **CSW-Pride Parade & Festival**
Los Angeles
- 28-30 **Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo**
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 22-23 **Heartland Rodeo**
Omaha, Nebraska

July 2002

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 12-14 **Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo**
Denver, Colorado
- 13 **San Bernardino Pride**
- 25-28 **18TH IGRA Convention**
Cleveland, Ohio
- 26-28 **San Diego Pride**