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Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose  
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San Diego  
September 20-22, 2002

## The **Chute**

March 2002

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



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# Bay Area News



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Howdy,

It's hard to believe that it's March already. The seasons change and spring is in the air. Change. That's something I generally don't like. I'm very much a status quo oriented person. Change is tough. It means we have to adapt, and that can be challenging. We've gone through a lot of changes ourselves lately. That's what made this month's letter a tough one to write.

I think everyone knows we have a new Treasurer. As I'm writing this I don't know who that will be, but the change is that a valuable member of the BAC Executive Board for the last few years is no longer there. Sometimes we feel a need to make a change in our life, and that's what has transpired. Gregg is taking a break for a while. It's more than well deserved. He has certainly earned it. Nonetheless, it's a change, a huge one. I hate it, but, we adapt.

The same is true for other facets of our chapter. If you haven't been to a general membership meeting lately I'd like to tell you about one of our biggest changes. They're short! The longest we've gone is about an hour. Gone are the long discussions and debates. One of my goals has been to make the general meetings feel less like a giant millstone about our necks. I think we're getting

there. The majority of the work and discussion now takes place at a committee level and the general meetings are serving the purpose they should serve; informational updates to the general membership. I know all of us have plenty of work in our life, and to the extent possible our meetings, which are required by our bylaws, will be short and if not fun, at least tolerable.

Here's another change. The rodeo roundtable meetings are also just update/report meetings. Gone are the never-ending discussions and debates. The Rodeo Committee is making excellent use of information technology through an E-Group. Want to know what's going on and you can't make a meeting? Join the Group. It's all there.

Here's a change I'd really like to see; double the current attendance at the general meetings. Please consider being a part of that change. If it's been a while since you came to one, come on back and take a look. Even if you can't make the membership meetings, keep those emails and phone calls coming in. I really do appreciate the thoughts that some of you have shared with me.

*On to April and the rodeos!*

— Jab

## BAC Roundup

# Best Buck in the Bay

## Rodeo Planning Committee meets monthly BAC members help plan and eat too!

Spaghetti any one? Yes, that's it food bribery! The "Best Buck in the Bay" rodeo planning committee for the chapter has been holding our monthly status update meetings at my house in San Francisco for the last two months. Since traffic can be such a nightmare and so many of our committee members were running just to get here, we decided to have a little food at the beginning of each meeting. So hey, why not drop by, have a good meal and see what we're up to? Our next meeting is March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at my house: 1115 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

Seriously, we're moving right along with this year's rodeo planning. We had test tri-folds and posters at the Phoenix Rodeo and got some great feed back on their readability and layout. We've made some adjustments and are ready for Fort Worth.

This year we will be producing our own program, so if you have an interest or skill helping out, that committee would love to

have more help. Heck all of our committees would love some extra help.

The fairgrounds is going to be a blast this year. We have a clean slate with which to work. Craig Rouse and I walked it last weekend and had a blast doing "what if we put 'x' over there and then 'y' over here." So far nothing is in stone, so if you want to be a part of creating our own Western Village, now's the time to have at it.

All of our committees are hard at work, we've already sold buckles; Marty's back on board with some really fun decoration ideas for the ball room; we've secured an awesome Country DJ and I've received the Pucker Banners already. I wanted to put one up in our window, but that got vetoed by management.

Anyway, we're off to a great start. I'm confident we'll produce the

**"Best Buck in the Bay."**

Sincerely,  
Douglas Graff, 2002 Event Director

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



## Trustee Report

The IGRA Board met on January 18<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix and conducted routine business. One thing of note is that Bryn Geerdes presented a brochure on Animal issues and Safety for approval.

I requested Arena Fund money for the 2001 Finals and after much discussion we will be receiving \$8,470.82.

**Contestants:** After the Board meeting the Trustees met and routine business was conducted. There was some Rule interpretation made. The 1<sup>st</sup> clarified that contestants must get an okay to start an event from the Judge or Arena Director. What dose that mean to us contestants? Many of the events are self start so before you call for the gate or enter the Arena make sure you have an okay from a Judge or Arena Director. No okay is a disqualification.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> is to clear up where the Arena starts in horse events. The Arena Director most post and announce where the Arena starts. The runway may be part of the Arena so have your hat on when you inter. It's a Hat thing.

**\$600.00:** TGRA is offering a prize of \$600.00 for the Wild Drag Team wearing the most Outrageous Easter-theme outfits at the Cowtown Rodeo Fort Worth, TX March 29-31.

The next Board and Trustee meeting will be here in Los Angeles April 19, 2002 the time and place will be announced. I welcome you to attend and see your official's at work.

Convention and Dance competition is July 26-28 in Cleveland, OH.

I am sorry to say that I will not be able to attend the State Board meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>. I am out of the country form March 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please

call or email me before the 4<sup>th</sup> or after the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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From the Washington Post Style Invitation, in which it was postulated that English should have male and female nouns, and readers were asked to assign a gender to a noun of their choice and explain their reason.

The best submissions:

SWISS ARMY KNIFE-male, because even though it appears useful for a wide variety of work, it spends most of its time just opening bottles.

KIDNEYS-female, because they always go to the bathroom in pairs.

TIRE-male, because it goes bald and often is over inflated.

HOT AIR BALLOON: male, because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it... and, of course, there's the hot air part.

SPONGES-female, because they are soft and squeezable and retain water.

WEB PAGE-female, because it is always getting hit on.

SHOE-male, because it is usually unpolished, with its tongue hanging out.

COPIER-female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm up. Because it is an effective reproductive device when the right buttons are pushed. Because it can wreak havoc when the wrong buttons are pushed.

ZIPLOC BAGS-male, because they hold everything in, but you can always see right through them.

SUBWAY-male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

HOURGLASS-female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMER-male, because it hasn't evolved much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.

REMOTE CONTROL-female...Ha! You thought I'd say male. But consider, it gives man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.

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## WHAT CONVENTION???

Oh Yes, IGRA Convention!!

At this point in time, there does not seem to be a great deal of interest from our GSGRA membership to attend the IGRA Convention as an elected delegate. Jabby Lowe from the Bay Area Chapter has accepted a delegate nomination in the Bylaws category. No one else has accepted a nomination.

Nominations are still being accepted by the committee Chapter Representatives:

Bay Area: Tiger Lily  
Greater LA: Thom Brennan  
Greater Palm Springs: John Johnson  
Greater San Diego: J.J. Jennings

Nominations may also be submitted to Roger Bergmann by email at: canyontvl@aol.com or regular mail at: 1705 Caffrey Lane, West Covina, CA 91791

The categories of experience that candidates may be nominated for are: Bylaws; Contestant/Rodeo Rules; Dance/Royalty; and Rodeo Production. Prior to the election, nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the March 9th GSGRA Board of Directors meeting which will be held at the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center. Nominations must be accepted in writing or in person at the meeting.

GSGRA is allowed six voting delegates and five alternates at the IGRA Convention which will be held July 26 - 28 in Cleveland, Ohio. As a minimum, it is very important that we have at least six voting delegates at the convention. I hope that other members are already considering the possibility of running for one of the delegate positions, and that if not elected, they will still consider making the trip to the IGRA Convention.

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## Line Dances Announced

May 11th is the date of the GSGRA Dance Contest in San Francisco. We will be having our first Line Dance Contest. The Line Dances for this year are Walk the Line, MMM Bop and Down and Dirty. There will be two divisions, Beginner and Advanced. Yes, you must dance all three dances. There will also be a couples contest in which all couples will dance a Two-step, Waltz and Freestyle. If you have any questions or would like a contestant packet, please contact Ken Valdez at kendance@cs.com or at 619 299-7813.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

Greetings!

If you have not heard already, I am the new Chapter President. On behalf of the Chapter and myself, I would like to thank Barry Hamm for all of the dedication and hard work he has given this Chapter. We wish you well always and look forward to visiting and working with you in the future.

I would like to thank all of the GSGRA Members that continue to provide support to our Chapter. The last few weeks have been a wild ride for all us, but I thank David, Judy, Rosie, Ed, Lee, Tim, Mike, Scott, Sylvia, Bill, Wayne and all those that I am forgetting for being such kind, caring and wonderful people.

I am spending every free second, along with Lee Self our Vice President of Administration, Judy Galloway our new Vice President of Rodeo Operations, Ed Thompson our new Treasurer and Tim Grimes our new Secretary, reviewing records to understand where we are and how we got here. As soon as I know exactly where our Chapter is financially or any new information, I will immediately inform our membership. This process has been slow, but I feel that we will have most of the answers within the next few weeks.

It appears that these financial problems are a result of the losses we incurred hosting the 2001 IGRA Finals Rodeo. Contrary to a couple of rumors I have been dealing with the last couple of weeks; it does not appear at this time that any wrongdoing has taken place with the Chapter finances. Based on the records the Board has reviewed it appears that we spent more for the rodeo than we made resulting in our debt. If you have questions regarding Chapter matters, please let me know. It is important that you know the truth rather than someone else's misinterpretation or self-created version.

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(THE REST OF IT!)

It is the Board's hopes that we overcome this expediently and move on to more important things - like RODEO. The new Board of Directors will continue to do everything we can to insure our future is intact and we overcome this setback.

Due to this financial situation, it is apparent that we will not be having a Rodeo in Palm Springs in November 2002. However, I do encourage all the GPSC members to join me in providing support to our Sister Chapters by volunteering at their rodeos. It is the least we can do after all the support they have given us.

The Board's first priority is to get our still outstanding debts paid. In order to accomplish this, we will need the continued support and help from ALL of our Chapter members.

With the help of members like Scott Pulatie and Sylvia Mower, the Chapter's new Fundraiser Co-Chairs, we hope to

have profitable benefits in the near future to raise the money needed to secure our future. I am sure you're wondering what you as a member of GPSC can do to help. First, we need donations - donations - donations. I know between all the members we have, that some of you have access to stuff that can be raffled. Just let me know what you have and bring it to our next membership meeting or fundraiser. I will be happy to come and pick it up. Keep in mind that we will accept cash donations too. Second, your attendance at these events to help would be wonderful.

I would also like to thank Rosie Sierra for assuming the position of Education Chair and Zale Harris for assuming to position of Communications and Public Relations Chair. About the only thing that has not changed is I am still the editor for the newsletter - anyone interested?

**John Johnson**  
GPSC President

## Chapter Meetings

<p>Sunday, March 10, 2:30 PM Desert Palms Inn 67-580 Hwy 111 (Behind Target) Cathedral City</p>	<p>Sunday, April 14, 2:30 PM The Lark 917 Inland Center Drive San Bernardino</p>
<p>Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM Oscar's 440 N El Cielo Rd Palm Springs</p>	<p>The Board of Directors will meet at 2:00 PM on each of these dates.</p>



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## Hi, I'm Judy - Membership Wrangler for GPSC

If you know someone that has a pair of boots in their closet, ask them if they would like to join the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Team.

The essence of membership is not just being a Wild Bronc Rider, but also being an important part of the infrastructure that makes that possible.

Call me to find a position on the Team. Let me know if you move, change your e-mail address, or phone number. I will take care of all of those things. (760) 320-7387.

Judy Galloway, Membership Chair



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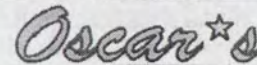
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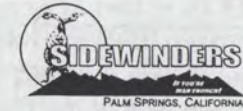


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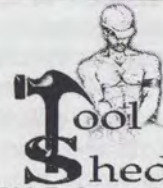


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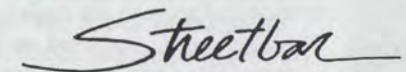
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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### LA Rodeo 2002 "Bud Light" Added Prize Money --

*\$1,200.00 IN ADDITIONAL PRIZE MONEY FOR THE L.A. RODEO HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO SPONSOR "BUD LIGHT"!!*

The Bud Light money will be awarded as follows:

	Women	Men
<b>All Around Champions:</b>		\$150
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2nd Runner-Up		\$80
3rd Runner-Up		\$60
4th Runner-Up	\$40	\$40
<b>All Around Speed Events:</b>	\$75	\$75
<b>All Around Rough Stock Events:</b>	\$75	\$75
	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>



**Thanks Bud Light!!!**

### 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](mailto:LetsrodeoLB@aol.com). Additional information will also be available at [www.LARodeo.com](http://www.LARodeo.com).



## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

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### Fundraising & Events

The GSGRA State Board Meeting will take place at the Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center on March 9, 2002. Be sure to come out to The Porch Café to enjoy breakfast with the Board on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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](mailto:cowgrlup@earthlink.net)).

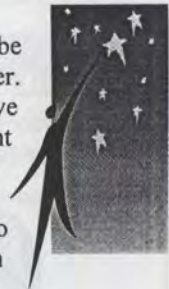
### Upcoming Meetings Not to Miss...

The next GLAC chapter meeting will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2002 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank. If you are interested in keeping up with all of the hard work and fun that goes along with running a successful IGRA rodeo chapter, don't miss it. As usual, the chapter meeting will be followed by a rodeo meeting. All rodeo chairpersons should plan on attending as this is the second to last meeting before the 2002 LA Rodeo, to be held April 19-2, 2002 at the LA Equestrian Center.

As mentioned above, the GSGRA State Board will be in town on March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to get a feel for how our state's organization is run, or just hang out with your GSGRA brothers and sisters, this is the perfect opportunity (and don't forget breakfast at The Porch Café).

The chapter will elect its three State Board Representatives and two Alternate State Board Representatives at the April Chapter meeting to be held at 10 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank. Nominations can be forwarded to GLAC Nominations Chairperson, **Thom Brennan**, at [TbnGrendel@aol.com](mailto:TbnGrendel@aol.com) or Chapter President, **Drew Oberbeck** at [drew\\_oberbeck@hotmail.com](mailto:drew_oberbeck@hotmail.com). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting.

Finally, don't forget GLAC's Annual Membership Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2002, at the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center. It is at this very important meeting that we will elect the chapter's executive board members (President, Administrative Vice President, Vice President of Rodeo Operations, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the 2002-2003 year. If you have ever dreamed about holding one of these prestigious titles, this is your chance to shine! Again, nominations should be forwarded to **Thom** or **Drew**, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting.



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# CALENDAR

## MARCH 2002

**MAR. 2** 10 AM **GLAC CHAPTER MEETING**  
Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
Burbank, CA  
(Followed by Rodeo Meeting)

**MAR. 9** 10 AM **STATE BOARD MEETING**  
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center  
Long Beach, CA

**MAR. 29-31** **COWTOWN RODEO**  
Fort Worth, TX

## APRIL 2002

**APR. 5-7** **BIGHORN RODEO**  
Las Vegas, NV

**APR. 13** 10 AM **GLAC CHAPTER MEETING**  
Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
Burbank, CA  
(Followed by Rodeo Meeting)

**APR. 19-21** **2002 LA RODEO**  
Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
Burbank, CA

**APR. 26-28** **RODEO IN THE ROCK**  
Little Rock, AK

## Future GLAC Meeting Dates

May 4, 2002 (BOARD)  
June 8, 2002 (MEMBERSHIP)



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# WHAT-WHERE-WHEN

## March 2002

2 LA - Membership Meeting  
2 **Imperial Court Coronation**  
**San Jose**  
5 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm  
6 BA-Rodeo Planning Committee  
9 State Board Meeting-Host GLAC  
10 PS - Chapter Meeting  
Desert Palms Inn 4pm  
10 **BAC Bowl-A-Thon**  
17 St Patricks 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 **Pheoniz 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**

## May 2002 Continued

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**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

## 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**  
16 Father's Day  
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  
6 **London-England Pride**  
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**

Want your event listed in What Where and  
When? We do!

Keep us informed and we will keep all our  
members informed.

E-mail your suggestions and events to us at:  
[membership@gsgra.org](mailto:membership@gsgra.org)

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Revenue vs Expenses & Budget Comparison  
March 2001 thru February 2002

	Mar '01 Feb 02	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Corporate Sponsorships	0.00		
Dance Contest	350.00	900.00	-550.00
Donations	0.00	500.00	-500.00
IGRA Annual Convention	17,258.13	14,500.00	2,758.13
Interest Income	399.35	450.00	-50.65
Membership Income	15,602.00	17,730.00	-2,128.00
Merchandise Sale	30.00	100.00	-70.00
State Convention	1,680.00	500.00	1,180.00
Uncategorized Income	50.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35,369.48</b>	<b>34,680.00</b>	<b>689.48</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
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	3,573.48	5,800.00	-2,226.52
IGRA Annual Convention	16,686.55	11,500.00	5,186.55
IGRA Convention	1,725.00	1,980.00	-255.00
Membership	6,560.45	7,500.00	-939.55
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	1,111.82	1,200.00	-88.18
Taxes	1,306.00	1,200.00	106.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>35,078.93</b>	<b>34,680.00</b>	<b>398.93</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>290.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>290.55</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Reserve Funds	2,503.25	1,500.00	1,003.25
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,503.25</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>503.25</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>-700.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>2,503.25</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>1,203.25</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,793.80</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>1,493.80</b>


**Balance Sheet**  
**As of January 31, 2002**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	1,648.72
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	1,432.91
Memorial Accounts	815.49
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>3,897.12</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	4,341.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	1,950.00
Greater Palm Springs	37,487.81
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>43,779.39</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>47,676.51</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>924.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>48,600.51</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	1,927.96
Net Income	2,793.80
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>48,600.51</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>48,600.51</b>

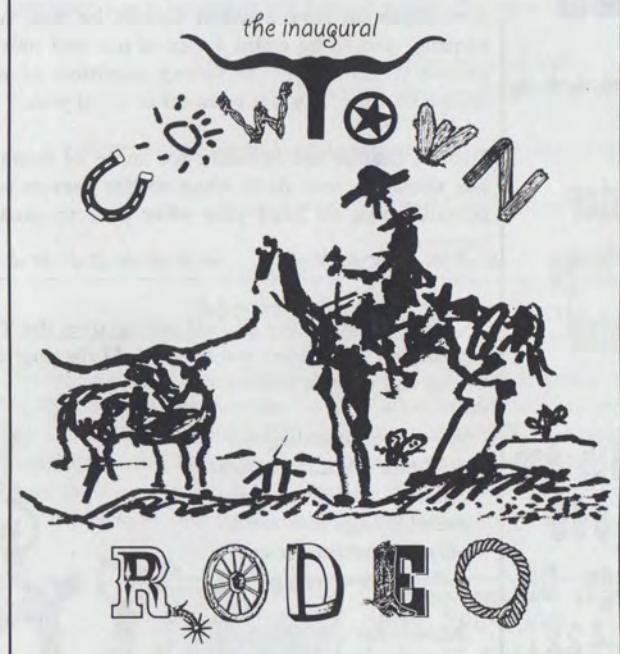


**Proposed Budget  
March 2002 thru February 2003**

	<u>Mar '02 - Feb 03</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dance Contest	350.00
Donations	100.00
IGRA Annual Convention	0.00
Interest Income	250.00
Membership Income	15,000.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00
State Convention	1,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,200.00</b>
Expense	
Buckle Sponsorships	600.00
Dance Contest Expenses	350.00
Education	1,000.00
General Administrative	4,085.00
IGRA Annual Convention Expense	0.00
IGRA Convention	1,500.00
Membership	6,065.00
Merchandise	0.00
Mr Ms Miss	1,000.00
Professional Fees	800.00
State Convention Expenses	1,000.00
Taxes	800.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>17,200.00</b>
Net Ordinary Income	0.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
David Watkins Memorial Fund	500.00
Reserve Funds	1,500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Other Expense	
DWMF Contestant Expenses	700.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>700.00</b>
Net Other Income	1,300.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>

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**March 29-31, 2002**  
Easter Weekend



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# RODEO 2002

## A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

Well, we're off. The new rodeo year has begun with a vengeance, and this year is new in more ways that one can count. We have a very new, untried Board (other than Joseph), a new host hotel, many new members, and lots of new ideas on how a rodeo should be run. All in all it is turning out to be quite a mix of old and new working together to continue the strong tradition of rodeo in San Diego County. My hat goes off to all of you.

I think thanks are in order for some of these people who are showing true dedication to the reason why so many people work so hard year after year to make this event happen.

Cory—for stepping up and taking over the Treasurer's position. He's done quite a job of bringing us up to date with the newest software.

Sy—for continuing to dedicate his time to fund raising and entertainment, things that are so very important for any rodeo organization.

Brian—for not only being an outstanding Mr. GSGRA 2002, but for helping the San Diego chapter put on fund raiser after fundraiser, and he still finds time to compete!

Dan—for, once again, taking over the under appreciated role as Volunteer Coordinator. Way to go Dan!

There are many more people who are working hard, both locally and at the State level, who are deserving of our thanks, too many to mention all at once. As space and time permit, I will try to mention more of these hard workers, and thank them individually for their contribution to San Diego Rodeo, GSGRA and to IGRA. We can't do it without you!



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## New Host Hotel For Rodeo 2002

Not to beat a dead horse or anything, but misinformation has been the bane of gay rodeos since their inception. So, once again, the GSGRA-GSDC 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!

## Membership Discounts

I'm happy to announce that we have recruited a new business to be a part of the GSGRA membership discount family. Carlos Salgado is a hair stylist at the Hillcrest Hair Salon. He is offering a 20% discount to all GSGRA members. Call to make an appointment today. Please be sure to bring your current GSGRA membership card to claim the discount. A full list of current membership discount participants will be available in next months issue of the Chute, or on-line at yahogroups.



Appointments  
(619) 296-4890  
Carlos R. Salgado  
Personal Hair Stylist  
Hillcrest  
Hair Salon  
3778 Fourth Ave  
San Diego, CA 92103

## Henry's B'day Party and Beer Bust

Join the GSGRA-GSDC as we help Henry welcome a new year. On March 7th, from 7pm to 10pm, there will be a beer bust at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's to help Henry celebrate his birthday in style. The beer bust is a fundraiser for GSGRA-GSDC, so I hope to see everyone there. Let's help Henry have a birthday he'll never forget (or is that never remember?). Either way, a good time will be had by all.



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### GSGRA-GSDC Meeting Schedule

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the San Diego Chapter.  
March 5, 2002 – General Membership 7pm  
March 19, 2002 — Rodeo Roundtable 7pm  
April 2, 2002—General Membership 7pm  
April 16, 2002—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm

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### Congratulations Mr. GSGRA 2002

It looks like more congratulations and thank yous go out to Brian van de Mark for taking over when no one else would. Brian graciously agreed to take over the San Diego Pride Country Village after the GSGRA-GSDC decided that it could not put on the event this year. Thank you Brian, and thank you San Diego Pride for helping Brian with this overwhelming event.

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### Open Positions

I have just recently found out that the Merchandise Chair position is open and would like to fill it ASAP. Some of the duties include, helping coordinate the design for the T-shirts, etc., help find a provider for the merchandise, order and keep track of rodeo merchandise, and make the merchandise available at rodeo chapter events and rodeo weekend.

This position could work with one or two chairs or an organized chair with good assistants.

If you might be interested in this position, you can contact me via e-mail, phone (619) 582-3949 or talk to me about it at the rodeo roundtable Tuesday night. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

James Roth, VP Rodeo Ops

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### State Board Rep Nominations

Nominations for State Board Representatives will take place at 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. The next State Board Meeting will take place in Long Beach on March 9th. All interested members are invited to attend. Feel free to contact James (jimgear@yahoo.com) or Dan (brada1@netzero.com) for more information.

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**April 19-21, 2002**

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L.A. Rodeo Information:  
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Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
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401 Normandie Drive, Burbank, CA  
[www.laequestriancenter.com](http://www.laequestriancenter.com)

Host Hotel Information:  
1-800-HIL TONS





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**Saturday**  
**March 9, 2002**

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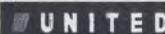
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*You better  
do what  
Mama  
Membership  
says*



**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 you 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](mailto:membership@gsgra.org) or by mail at: 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804.



# 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER L.A. <input type="checkbox"/> BAY AREA <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER SAN DIEGO <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER PALM SPRINGS <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE		
FAMILY MEMBER		<b>MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:</b>  G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee 4226 East 15th St. Long Beach, Ca 90804
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