

WHAT-WHERE-WHEN

May 2002

- 4 LA - Membership Meeting
- 5 PS-Membership Meeting 2:30pm
- 7 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 8 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 9 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 10-12 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
- 13 LA - Membership Meeting 10am
- 16 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 18-19 **Long Beach Pride**
- 18 **BAC Gymkhana**
- 21 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 22 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 24-26 **Great Plains Regional Rodeo**
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 27 Memorial Day
- 29 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 31-2 **Southern Spurs Rodeo**
Atlanta, Georgia
- 31-2 **Salt Lake City Rodeo**
Salt Lake City, Utah

June 2002

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- 5 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 8 LA - Membership Meeting
- 9 PS-Membership Meeting 2:30pm
- 9-10 **San Jose Pride**
- 10 **Santa Rosa Pride**
- 12 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 14 Flag Day
- 14-16 **Best Buck In The Bay**
Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose, California

For G&L events in California
check out www.capriderg.org

June 2002 (continued)

- 16 Father's Day
- 18 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 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**
- 17-21 **Lazy Bear Weekend**
Russian River
- 25-28 **18TH IGRA Convention**
Cleveland, Ohio
- 27 **APLA Summer Party at**
Universal Studios - L.A.
- 26-28 **San Diego Pride**

August 2002

- 9-11 **Zia Regional Rodeo**
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 18 BAC-Annual Meeting and
Officer Elections
- 23-25 **Windy City Rodeo**
Chicago, Illinois
- 30-1 **Show Me State Rodeo**
Kansas City, Missouri

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:
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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

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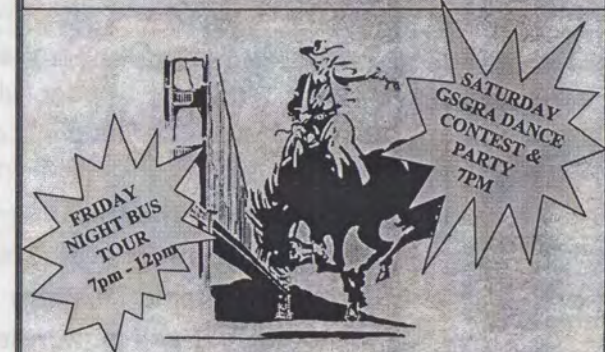
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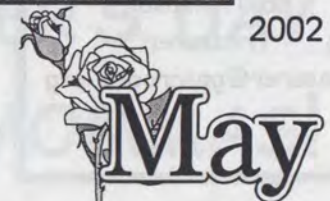
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President's Report

I am pleased to announce a new board of directors has been selected for our chapter. The new board is Sylvia Mower - VP Admin, Judy Galloway - VP Rodeo, Rusty Hooper - Secretary, Ed Thompson - Treasurer and of course me. We also have a new group of State Board Reps; they are Judy Galloway, Zale Harris, Sylvia Mower, Scott Pulatie and Lorry King.

A BIG THANK YOU to The Lark in San Bernardino for hosting our April Fundraiser. Special thanks to Brian Van De Mark for emceeing the event, JG Avilla, Sylvia Mower, Church Lady and Scott Pulatie for their wonderful performances and everyone that help out at the event.

I apologize to those of you that worked so hard as volunteers at finals and didn't receive a t-shirt. This also is extended to contestants. I will be working with Judy to find a solution. In the mean time, if you didn't receive a t-shirt call Judy or send one of us an email.

Congratulations to LA for producing another great rodeo.

John Johnson
President

T-Shirt Vender Debt Fundraiser

I just found out at the Las Vegas Rodeo from some friends that I had recruited to do volunteer work at our produced IGRA Finals Rodeo 2001 did not get their Volunteer Gift T-Shirts. I also just found out that the T-Shirt Vender has not been paid...yet. I still want to make good on our promise, but first I must find a way to get them paid in order to place an order for those volunteers to receive their T-Shirt. This means I will be planning a special fund raising event to benefit payment of this debt and place a special order for those hard working Volunteers still waiting for their promised T-Shirt gift. If any one wants to help me with the fund raising planning or just has any ideas or would like to make a donation to the cause, please call me at (760) 320-7387

Judy Galloway
Membership Chair

Chapter Meetings

Sunday, May 5th
2:30 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 9th
2:30 - 4:00 PM

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(Behind Target)
Cathedral City
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SWAP MEET

MAY 5TH

Noon - 5 PM

Desert Palms Inn

67-580 Highway 111

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Cathedral City

(760) 324-3000

POOL PARTY

JULY 6TH

MORE DETAILS IN NEXT MONTHS ISSUE AND ON OUR WEBSITE

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Cathedral City

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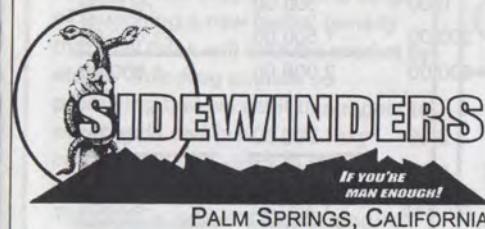
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G.S.G.R.A. Inc.
Revenue Vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
March 2002 - February 2003

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Donations	0.00	100.00	-100.00
IGRA Annual Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	3.87	250.00	-246.13
Membership Income	1,784.00	15,000.00	-13,216.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Convention	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Income	1,787.87	17,200.00	-15,412.13
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	600.00	600.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Education	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
General Administrative	169.39	4,085.00	-3,915.61
IGRA Annual Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00
IGRA Convention	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Membership	264.56	6,065.00	-5,800.44
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mr Ms Miss	101.75	1,000.00	-898.25
Professional Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
State Convention	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Taxes	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Expense	1,135.70	17,200.00	-16,064.30
Net Ordinary Income	652.17	0.00	652.17
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Reserve Funds	500.00	1,500.00	-1,000.00
Total Other Income	500.00	2,000.00	-1,500.00
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	500.00	1,300.00	-800.00
Net Income	1,152.17	1,300.00	-147.83

G.S.G.R.A. Inc.
Balance Sheet as of
March 31, 2002

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Acct	4,258.28
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	895.46
Memorial Accounts	815.49
Total Checking/Savings	5,969.23
Accounts Receivable	
Due From BAC	4,341.58
Due From GLAC	1,950.00
Due From GPSC	37,683.75
Total Accts Receivable	43,975.33
Total Current Assets	49,944.56
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	50,868.56
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	5,546.36
Net Income	1,443.45
Total Equity	50,868.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
AND EQUITY	50,868.56

We generally are not inclined to pass on un-proven financial advice. But yesterday, we heard from a drug rep for Glaxo that they are on the verge of launching a new herbal remedy that they think will take the market by storm. This drug sounds so promising that we want to suggest to our friends and family that they consider buying stock in the company!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The drug is called "Gingko Viagra," and its function is to help you remember what the **** you are doing.



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Way To Go, Kristi Lee!

Winning the Buckle in Bronc Riding at the L.A. Rodeo — your first ride ever!

Howdy!

Things are definitely getting busy around here. By the time you read this the state convention, which we're hosting will be right on top of us. The chapter royalty contest is kicking off this month and, of course, all eyes are on the Rodeo which will be here real fast. All this activity means there's lots to do, so please support the chapter and lend a hand, or two.

By now you've probably read or heard some of the other big news items. One of the biggest things is that we've established our own website. This is not in any way a rejection of the long-standing support, long-standing excellent and outstanding support I should say, that the state has provided us at their website. I don't think we could have asked for a better webmaster over the last few years. The reason for the change is purely a market-based decision. It's just a whole lot easier to tell folks to look for us on the web at www.bayarearodeo.com than it is to throw in an acronym, an org and a slash before ever uttering anything about the bay area. It's just a branding thing.

Speaking of the website, how do you like the new look? How about that slogan? Pretty catchy, don't ya think. Check back early and often, there's more and more stuff coming to the website all the time.

Have you signed up for the chapter E-Group on yahoo yet? You probably received an email invitation from me to join (see -not everything's

spam) (G). If you didn't receive it, or accidentally deleted it, drop me a note and we'll get you added to the group. By checking on the E-Group site you can review chapter meeting minutes, chapter financial reports, committee reports, executive board action items, and a whole host of other interesting things. You can also post messages for the entire chapter to review and respond to. It's a very easy way for everyone to fully participate in the chapter life whether or not they are local. It's also a great way to stay connected in these times when it seems like there's never enough free time.

There's a big change in the rodeo schedule this year. For the first time in a while we're having a kickoff party on Thursday night.

This year's big event will be at the Bench & Bar in Oakland on Thursday, June 13.

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it.

Don't miss the dance on Saturday night of the convention and don't forget to come to the chapter meeting on the 9th. This is going to be a great month - check the website, hotline and look for those BACNEWS updates because there's a bunch of great stuff happening. Get ready for San Jose and San Francisco Prides in June. We're planning to march in San Jose again this year (Calling all horses!) and we're returning to the San Francisco Pride with our royalty team holding court.

Till next month, Jabby

Oh yeah,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
to our friends at the
SUNDANCE SALOON!

Rodeo Kick-Off Party
Thursday, June 13
at the Bench and Bar

MAY MEETING
Thursday, May 9, 7:00
Elect Chapter Reps to GSGRA
Marlena's in SF★488 Hayes Street

It's All in the Branding

By now you may have heard, the GSGRA Bay Area Chapter has a new web address—bayarearodeo.com. Why the change? As Jabby already mentioned in this month's Chute, it's all about marketing. The goal is to have our site become a tremendous resource for informing others about gay rodeo and the activities of our chapter. By branding the site with a memorable name, we give ourselves a better opportunity of achieving this. So, the next time you're chatting with someone about the "Best Buck in the Bay", be sure to tell them, "check us out online at

"bayarearodeo.com!"

Speaking of branding, we've been working hard to create a wide array of promotional materials for the "Best Buck in the Bay". If you've been to recent rodeos in Ft. Worth, Las Vegas, or Los Angeles, you've probably seen evidence of our efforts. Now with the big event quickly approaching, we want to get the word out anywhere and everywhere. Do you

know a venue that could use some flyers or postcards? Would you be interested in mailing some brochures off to some friends or other groups with which you're involved? We've made all the materials available on our website so you can do so. Please don't hesitate to download the files and print them off to heart's content!

"Best Buck in the Bay" t-shirts are coming your way. Interested in wearing one of our cool new t-shirts promoting our rodeo and the chapter? Thanks to the creative volunteers helping plan this year's event, I think we've got some killer designs—these should be hot sellers. Of course, we'll have plenty of shirts for sale at the rodeo in June, but we plan to make them available to you ahead of time. Watch the website for more details on pre-ordering shirts and look for them at upcoming events. I promise you, they'll be shirts you'll be wearing with pride!

—Eric Hanson, Communications Chair

DANCING, DANCING, DANCING!

Are you taking advantage of all the country-dancing opportunities available to you in the Bay Area? Here's a list of venues to check out. And when you're there, be sure tell everyone you talk to about the **"Best Buck in the Bay!"**

Sundance Saloon—SF
Sundays from 6:00 - 11:00 pm.
<http://www.sundancesaloon.org>

Bench and Bar—Oakland
Thursdays from 7:30 pm.
<http://www.bench-and-bar.com>

Club 1220—Walnut Creek
Tuesdays starting at 8:00 pm
AND every other Saturday
(May 11 & May 25)
<http://www.club1220.com>

Western Warehouse

in Milpitas
offers a
10% discount
when you present your
GSGRA membership card

Western Wear & Tac
Winner's Circle
in Antioch—18th and A

10% discount
with your GSGRA card. Have problems,
tell Sue, "Jim sent me."

The Best Buck in the Bay...

...is quickly approaching and this may well be the last chance I have to talk to all of you via the Chute. So first off, a huge thank you to all the committee heads and members of your respective committees. You all are doing an awesome job and I'm so proud to be affiliated with each of you.

Our host hotel looks like a carbon copy of the last couple of years. Plenty of dancing on a huge dance floor with a great sound system. An Entertainment Pavilion where we will have some of the best entertainment on the IGRA circuit. The always festive pool parties with a couple of fantastic surprises in the works there. And most importantly a rodeo and festival area managed by the best California has to offer.

We have the opportunity this year to start from a blank canvas at the fairgrounds. We'll

be switching the logistics around to be more hospitable to our guests while keeping the same commitment to safety and comfort for our contestants and our animals. Speaking of animal safety, if anyone knows of a vet that would be willing to help us, we sure would appreciate the lead.

Please make sure to get your hotel reservations in early. It makes our relationship with the hotel much stronger if we show a full block 6 weeks out. Don't delay, do it today!

Thanks again to all who have helped with time, money, or words of encouragement. They all mean the world to us here in the Bay Area as we prepare to give you all, "The Best Buck in the Bay".

See you soon,
Douglas Graff—Rodeo Director

GSGRA ROYALTY REPORT-May 2002

Howdy members of the GSGRA! Rodeo season is here and we're thrilled to be representing our organization at these excellent events.

The Royalty Team attended the *Bighorn Rodeo in Las Vegas* on April 5, 6 & 7. **Ms. GSGRA Deana Dawn** and **Mr. GSGRA 2nd Runner Up Larry G** gave excellent performances on the entertainment stages. **Mr. GSGRA Brian van de Mark** was on the go competing in the arena events. Thank you to the **NGRA** for a fun weekend Las Vegas style.

The **L.A. Rodeo** was the first California rodeo for the 2002 GSGRA Royalty Team. It certainly was a **BLAST From the Past!** CONGRATULATIONS to all of the volunteers that worked so hard to produce a fantastic rodeo! We all had a wonderful time entertaining, competing and making new friends. Thank you to the **Greater Los Angeles Chapter** for making your Royalty feel welcome and proud to be a part of the GSGRA!

Ms. GSGRA Deana Dawn had a successful birthday fundraiser for the **David Watkins Memorial Fund** on April 13 at Marlana's in San Francisco. **Empress XXV Marlana** was the Grand Marshall for the 2001 Bay Area Rodeo and has continued to be a generous supporter of the Bay Area Chapter. Deana would like to say a special thank you to Marlana and all of her friends that shared their creative talents on the stage. A heartfelt thanks goes out to **Mr. IGRA 1999 Doug Graff** for being a terrific host at the *Best Little Hoe-Down in Hayes Valley!*

The **Bay Area Chapter** will be having a rodeo fundraiser hosted by Deana Dawn and **Miss GSGRA Tiger Lily** at the **Bench & Bar** in Oakland on **Thursday, May 23**. You're invited to an entertaining night of country dancing, fabulous entertainment and desirable raffle prizes. The **Bench & Bar** is also home to the Oakland

Taqueria serving a traditional menu with delicious food that's made from scratch daily. For details, go to their Web site: <http://www.bench-and-bar.com>

We hope to see you all in San Francisco for **GSGRA State Board Meeting and Convention** on May 10, 11 and 12. The Bay Area Chapter is excited to be hosting the convention and has several fun social events planned with the Royalty Team. The host hotel is the Ramada Plaza International and is giving a special rate to GSGRA members. Don't miss the Bay Water Bus Tour on Friday night or the post party at the **Sundance Saloon** on Sunday afternoon!

Our next California rodeo is the **San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rodeo & Festival** on **June 14-16** in San Jose. Plans are well under way to make **The Best Buck in the Bay** a rodeo to remember! Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to be part of this working party. Sign up and rodeo details are on the Chapter's newly revamped Web site: <http://www.gsgra.org/bac>

Best regards, The Reigning GSGRA Royalty Team
Contact information is available on the G.S.G.R.A. Web site: <http://www.gsgra.org>

The Alabama Hunters

A couple of Alabama hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911.

He gasps to the operator, "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it easy. I can help. First, lets make sure he's dead."

There is a silence and then a shot is heard.

The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says, "OK, now what?"

Thursday, May 23

Rodeo Fundraiser

Bench and Bar—Oakland

7:30 dance lessons ★ 9:00
open dancing

Entertainment & Fun

B&B has fantastic dinners all night—Come from work, have dinner

Dance the night away!



Chapter Royalty Contest

Contest kicks off in May and concludes at the Rodeo.

Deadline for applications is mid-May. If you are interested in being next year's Mr., Ms., or Miss. BAC here's your chance! Check the website for

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Congratulations from the President...

Congratulations! You did it! The 18th Annual L.A. Rodeo was a huge success! It truly was a "BLAST FROM THE PAST"! Attendance was up both days at the rodeo and the Saturday night dance. Simply put, the L.A. Rodeo was the place to be on April 20th & 21st! A great big THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, volunteers, officials and contestants who made the L.A. Rodeo a reality. Complements flowed freely on all aspects of the L.A. Rodeo and Festival. The comment of "Thank You, I had a great time!" was heard over and over again. The following are a few of the email quotes, which I have received so far:



- "What an outstanding rodeo! Thank you for all that you have done, and congratulations on being back at the Equestrian Center and putting on one heck of a rodeo! Thank you!"

- "I sent one of my employees and his lover to this weekend's event; he certainly had a nice time. Congratulations!"

- "Please pass my thoughts on to those responsible for the LA Rodeo. I was truly honored to be a part of such an amazing celebration of the Western Lifestyle and Rodeo Spirit! No team but TEAM LA could have done such a classy job, and being at the Equestrian Center was truly special! Thanks to all those who helped out with contestants, registration, volunteers, announcing, vendors, entertainment, dance, hotel, safety, hospitality, the two arenas, tickets, sound, the program, grand entry and all those categories that happen that we don't say thank you to nearly enough! Team LA should be very proud of the positive impact you had on so many lives! Cheers, Brian van de Mark, Mr. GSGRA 2002"

- "You did an incredible job. Thank you for one of the best rodeos LA has seen. I had a spectacular rodeo."

- "a quick "thank you" to everyone who came and supported this weekend's L.A. Rodeo -- and a great congratulations to the L.A. chapter for a terrific weekend."

- "My partner and I just moved to LA. Attended the rodeo this last weekend and thought you folks did a great job putting it on. Thank you!"

Thank you, GLAC!
President Drew

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

More Congratulations!!!

To G.L.A.C.'s new State Board Representatives Phil Lucier, Larry Andrick, and Lenore Mankoff, and to our new Alternate State Board Representatives Bob Buenfil and Bill Paige. We know you will do a great job representing our chapter at the state level. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our organization!

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! Nominations can be forwarded to GLAC Nominations Chairperson, **Thom Brennan**, at TbnGrendel@aol.com or Chapter President, **Drew Oberbeck** at drew_oberbeck@hotmail.com. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting.



Other notes...

For those of you interested in attending the GSGRA State Convention, please reserve May 10-12, 2002, on your calendars and refer to the State's pages in this newsletter. Remember that the new state executive board will be elected at this event. In addition, any changes to the state's standing rules or bylaws may be discussed and/or voted on at Convention. If you are interested in statewide activities, this is the place to be... and I have heard whispers wild times in the works for the weekend...

We will also be carrying the flags of the 50 states in the Long Beach Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, May 19, 2002, and pouring beer at the Country Western Stage both days of the Los Angeles Pride Festival (Christopher Street West). For details on either of these events, please contact Mark Jensen at rodeomark@earthlink.net or check the website at www.larodeo.com.

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CALENDAR

MAY 2002

- MAY 4 10 AM GLAC BOARD MEETING
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center
- MAY 19 10 AM LONG BEACH PRIDE PARADE
Long Beach, CA
- MAY 24-26 GREAT PLAINS RODEO
Oklahoma City, OK

JUNE 2002

- MAY 31-JUNE 2 SOUTHERN SPURS RODEO
Atlanta, GA
- MAY 31-JUNE 2 UGRA RODEO 2002
Salt Lake City, UT
- JUNE 8 10 AM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center
- JUNE 14-16 BAY AREA REGIONAL RODEO
San Jose, CA
- JUNE 22-23 LA PRIDE (CSW)
West Hollywood, CA
- JUNE 28-30 HEARTLAND RODEO
Omaha, NB
- JUNE 28-30 CANADIAN ROCKIES INTERNATIONAL RODEO
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Future GLAC Meeting Dates

To Be Decided



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2002 MEETING SCHEDULE

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER.

MAY 7, 2002—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7PM
MAY 21, 2002—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM
JUNE 4, 2002—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7PM
JUNE 18, 2002—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT TWIGG'S COFFEESHOP



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INTEREST WANTED—REDUX

AS EDITOR OF THE GSGRA-GSDC PORTION OF THE CHUTE, I AM ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INTERESTING ARTICLES AND ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN EACH ADDITION. JUST BECAUSE I AM THE EDITOR, DOES NOT MEAN THAT I NEED TO BE THE WRITER OF EACH AND EVERY ITEM THAT APPEARS IN THIS SECTION. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THE CHUTE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. YOU CAN E-MAIL ME THE WRITE-UP AND I WILL PASTE IT INTO POSITION, OR YOU CAN HANDWRITE WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO INCLUDE AND I WILL TYPE IT UP FOR YOU. ALSO, I AM LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT EDITOR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU CAN CONTACT ME AT JIM-GEAR@YAHOO.COM. KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLISHER 2000 IS HELPFUL, BUT NOT NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN.

THANK YOU.

YOUR EDITOR,
JAMES GEARTY

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DIAMOND SPUR AT SAN DIEGO RODEO



DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OF DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAN DIEGO RODEO LAST YEAR, WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER OF GSGRA WILL BE HOSTING THIS NIGHT OF GAMING ENTERTAINMENT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT THE MISSION VALLEY RADISSON.

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS, UNDERWRITING AND PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ACTIVELY BEING SOUGHT.



WIN A WEEKEND AT THE SAN DIEGO RODEO HOST HOTEL

YOU AND A GROUP OF YOUR FRIENDS CAN WIN A TWO NIGHTS STAY AT THE MISSION VALLEY RADISSON, THE SD RODEO HOST HOTEL, SIMPLY BY SELLING 400 TICKETS TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT. INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE WILL BE DINNER FOR TWO AT THE HOTEL ON THAT FRIDAY NIGHT AND ENTRY FOR TWO TO DIAMOND SPUR.

YOUR ORGANIZATION MIGHT EVEN WANT TO TAKE ON THE TASK OF SELLING THESE TICKETS IN ORDER WIN THE ROOM AND USE IT AS A 'HOSPITALITY SUITE' OVER THE COURSE OF THE SAN DIEGO RODEO WEEKEND.

OF COURSE THERE ARE OTHER INCENTIVES AS WELL SUCH AS WEEKEND PASSES, \$25.00 IN SCRIPT AND ENTRY TO DIAMOND SPUR BASED ON VARIOUS TICKET SALES.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SY IVERSON @ 619.287.4106 OR DESGNAGOGO@AOL.COM

CONTESTANT ROUND-UP

1ST ANNUAL COWTOWN RODEO FT WORTH, TX

BILL COSTELLO & BRIAN VAN DE MARK PLACED 8TH FOR THE WEEKEND IN GOAT DRESSING

THE TEAM OF BRIAN VAN DE MARK, ELODIE HUTTNER & BILL CHAPMAN PLACED 5TH IN WILD DRAG ON SUNDAY

6TH ANNUAL BIGHORN RODEO LAS VEGAS, NV

KIRK CARTER, RANDY FUNDERBURK, DAVID RENIER & LARRY ROSE WERE ALL IN THE MONEY PLACING WELL IN MANY EVENTS, WITH DAVID RENIER WINNING ALL AROUND COWBOY AND KIRK CARTER PLACING 5TH FOR ALL AROUND COWBOY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO COMPETED!

INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNDRAISER

DAVID NEISINGER & ED WALLUM WILL BE HOSTING A INDEPENDENCE DAY COOKOUT & FUNDRAISER AT THEIR KENSINGTON HOME ON SATURDAY, JULY 6TH FROM 4 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

FOOD, BEER & MARGARITAS WILL BE PROVIDED
MINIMUM \$10 DONATION /PERSON

A HUGE TURNOUT IS EXPECTED!
IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP, PLEASE CALL DAVE OR ED : 619.280.4358