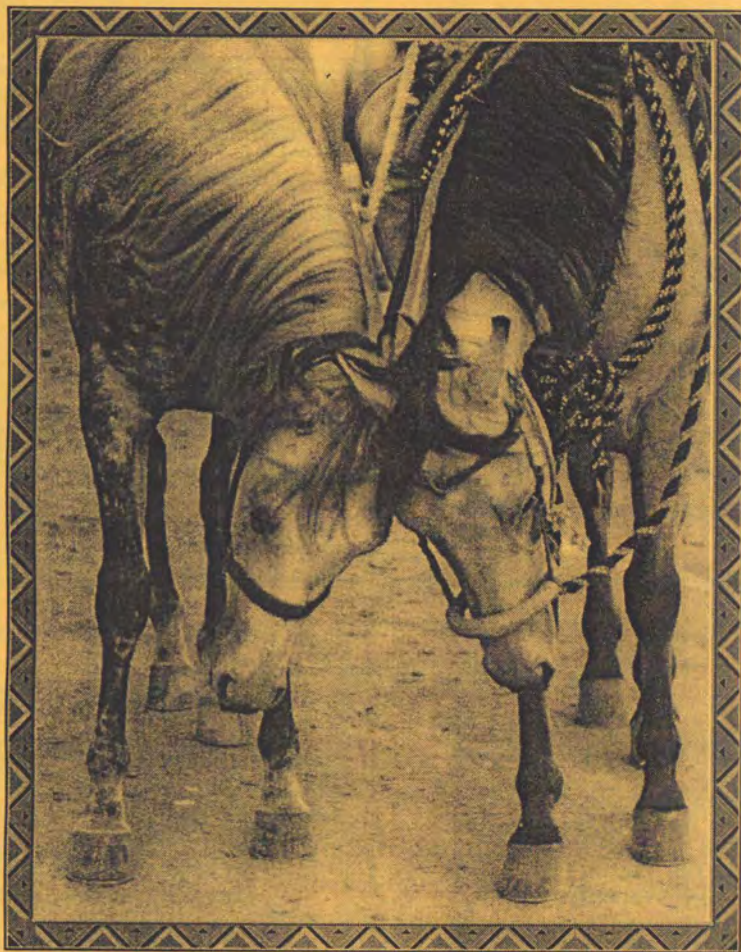


Team G.S.G.R.A.

Sunny Rose is not only a Champion in the arena she is also a Champion behind the lens. Below is Sunny's, prize winning picture (www.equusite.com) of the magnificent pair, Candy Man and Champion. We think they make a great looking pair and of course they prove the point that boys love to cuddle, even the four legged variety.



CANDY MAN AND CHAMPION

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

For the year 2003

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 19-21, 2003

Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose
June 20-22, 2003

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 11-13, 2003



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The Chute

January 2003

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

TIME TO THINK ABOUT NOMINATIONS

With the start of the new year, it's time to begin thinking about nominations for the upcoming GSGRA elections. Although the elections are not until the Annual State Membership Meeting on May 3-4, the nominations procedure gets under way now.

At the May election, we'll vote on the offices of GSGRA president, administrative vice president, vice president of rodeo operations, treasurer and secretary.

Nominees must have joined GSGRA prior to May 3, 2002, and must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of one continuous year prior to the election date.

To nominate a person for one of the offices, contact state nominations chair David Medzerian (medzerian@aol.com; 562 436-1810), or contact your chapter's nominations committee representative: Bay Area - Adrian Arteché, Greater L.A. - David, Greater Palm Springs - Sylvia Mower, Greater San Diego - J.J. Jennings. The committee will compile the list of those who accept nominations and publish the information in the April and May issues of the Chute. Additional nominations can also be made at the election meeting in May.

Nominations are due to the committee by March 15, in order to make the Chute publication deadlines.

Investors Corner

Advise for the few that still have anything to invest.

Just Think, If you had bought \$1000.00 worth of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00., with Enron, you would have \$16.50 of the original \$1,000.00. And with Worldcom, you would have less than \$5.00 left. However, if you had bought \$1,000.00 worth of Budweiser (the beer, not the stock) one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the 05 cent deposit, you would have \$107.00. Based on the above, our current

investment advice is to drink beer and recycle!!

Team G.S.G.R.A.

Start the New Year the way you intend to go on.....

Road Runner Regional Rodeo

Phoenix, Arizona

January 17-19, 2003

For more information: igr.com



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The best thing about the year 2003 is that it will be full of great Gay Rodeos and California will produce three of them.

Get involved.

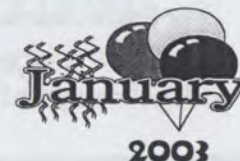
Make it happen.

Happy New Year

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, I know I had my fill of turkey. Wanted to let everyone know that we have a great fundraiser coming up February 15th, 2003 which will be hosted by Toucans. Look for the flyer in this issue. Would like to ask the members out there for their support and if anyone would like to volunteer to help us for this event. If interested please call me at 760-322-6224. It sure would be nice if we could get all the members to come and join us and have some fun.

Would like to welcome aboard our newest member to the chapter Kathy Batchelor. She is one heck of a horsewoman and brings lots of experience to the chapter.. Cowgirl Up!!!!!! Membership is starting to increase which we are very happy for.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.. Palm Springs chapter will also be hosting the GSGRA Convention the weekend of May 2, 2003. We are looking to have The Villas hosting this event, so everyone mark this date on their calendars and will have more information as soon as we get it.

Have a great month and stay safe. Hope to see ya'll at the February Fundraiser.

Sylvia Mower
President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 5, 2003 at 1:30PM.
Sylvia, Scott, and Ethan's Home
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Palm Springs

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FEBRUARY 15, 2003
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RODEO FOR THE YEAR 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 760-322-6224

TRAINING AND PRACTICE WORKSHOP

A Training & Practice Workshop for Rodeo Event Timers will be held on February 14, 2003 at Judy & Rosie's place, 1163 N. Calle Rolph, Palm Springs, CA. 92262. If interested please call 760-320-7387.

STAR OF THE MONTH

A Big "THANK YOU" goes out to Kay Kuykendal for "The Lark's" sponsorship of a GPSC member, Zale Harris for the recent San Diego Rodeo competition. "THE LARK" is a business member of GPSC, GSGRA who continually supports the Country/Western Heritage and Life Style and the Sport of Rodeo. Be sure to attend The Lark's Country/Western music and dance every Friday night.

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Greater Palm Spring Chapter

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I.G.R.A. RODEO SCHEDULE 2003

Capital City Rodeo
Austin, Texas
November 8-10, 2002

Road Runner Regional Rodeo
Phoenix, Arizona
January 17-19, 2003

Cowtown Rodeo
Fort Worth, Texas
March 28-30, 2003

Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 4-6, 2003

LA Rodeo
Los Angeles, California
April 11-13, 2003

Rodeo in the Rock
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 25-27, 2003

Great Plains Rodeo
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 23-25, 2003

Southern Spurs Rodeo
Atlanta, Georgia
May 30-June 1, 2003

Salt Lake City Rodeo
Salt Lake City, Utah
June 13-15, 2003

Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose, California
June 20-22, 2003

Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo
Calgary, Alberta
June 27-29, 2003

Heartland Rodeo
Omaha, Nebraska
June 27-29, 2003

North Star Regional Rodeo
Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota
July 4-6, 2003

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
Denver, Colorado
July 11-13, 2003

19th Annual I.G.R.A. Convention
Phoenix, Arizona
July 31-August 3, 2003

International Dance Competition
Phoenix, Arizona
August 2, 2003

Zia Regional Rodeo
Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 15-17, 2003

Windy City Rodeo
Chicago, Illinois
August 22-24, 2003

MGRA Show Me State Rodeo
Kansas City, Kansas
August 29-31, 2003

Atlantic Stampede 2003
Washington, DC
August 29-31, 2003

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego, California
September 19-21, 2003

17th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo
Tulsa, Oklahoma
October 24-26, 2003

The above is believed to be accurate,
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A Message from the President...

Hi again, everyone. After taking a couple of months off to give some other people some room to write here, I thought I'd jump back in.

By the time you get this, we'll have the holiday season behind us. I hope that everyone had a great time, and came through without too much holiday drama or extra weight!



Now that the new year has started, it's time for us to focus once again on the business ahead of us. The next few months are going to be very busy for GLAC, because in addition to our April rodeo, we'll also be hosting the February GSGRA State Board meeting, AND holding an educational event and barbecue the day after. Any one of these things would require a lot of planning, but having them happen within a two-month period is going to take a lot of serious effort.

And this is where everyone can help. We really need everyone to pitch in and contribute during the next several months to help make sure that we put on a great buckout in February and a great rodeo in April. We need folks to come to, and participate in, the chapter and rodeo meetings so that we can hear all the best ideas and make plans to act on them. And, it's time to work again on fundraising, sponsorships, buckles, publicity...all those things that help us to put on great events.

So, please mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings, and plan to attend! Take note that our January meeting has been planned for a Sunday (January 12th) with the hope that some of you who work on Saturdays will be able to attend. (The February meeting is planned for February 1st.)

Take care, and see you all soon! --Larry

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Sleigh Bells Sang!

(Author: Cody Boggio)



Sunday, December 15th, the LA Chapter had an official event. We went to support **Devon Deming** and the West Coast Singers at their winter season performance of "Sleigh Bells Sing"... and boy did they! It was a fantastic night. We felt it really set the mood for the holiday season. Congratulations to Devon and the West Coast Singers for their wonderful performance. I highly recommend attending the next performance that will be in March of this year.

L.A. RODEO GENERAL STORE

(Author: Cody Boggio)

Announcing the first ever LA Rodeo General Store. In an effort to get you noticed in our chapter and community we are opening the General Store. We know that many of you have very creative talents and hobbies. Why not donate some of your creations to the General Store to raise funds for the LA Rodeo and Chapter?

As you all know we have a merchandise booth at our rodeo. Well think of how great the booth will look when decorated with your handmade creations for sale. This year along with the Rodeo Shirts, Hats, Hat pins, etc. we would like to sell any of your donated items. Your items will be displayed in the booth with your name on them (if you want).

As a second part of this effort a "Web-Store" is being created so that these items can be purchased year round. We need your donations as soon as possible so that we can photograph the items and put them in the web-store. Our goal is to open the our web-doors in late February. Donations will be taken year round.

If you have any donations at this time please contact by email at:

generalstore@larodeo.com



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Mark your calendars!!!

Steve and Jay are having a Grub-Club Party at their house on Saturday, February 22, 2003, beginning at 6 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm. How the club works: the host plans the meal (please don't break your back or your wallet!) and the guests provide their own beverage. Many hosts plan to show videos, play music, make it a pool party, provided you have a pool, etc. In other words, IT'S A PARTY!! Like we need an excuse to have a party. So pack your beer, cocktails, whine, (not that whine the other wine) and come on over. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, February 16, so they have ample time to get things ready.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003
6031 Dudman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92845

Please R.S.V.P. to
www.events@larodeo.com



And Don't Forget...

If you are interested in being more involved in anything chapter or rodeo related, please don't miss our upcoming meetings:

SUNDAY, January 12th
11 AM Chapter* Meeting
Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride
1017 Obispo Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90804
(Obispo & 10th Street)



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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

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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.
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2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY 7, 2003—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7PM
JANUARY 21, 2003—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM
FEBRUARY 4, 2003—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM
FEBRUARY 18, 2003—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM

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SAN DIEGO 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE 2003 SAN DIEGO CHAPTER BOARD. WE ARE ALL PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE YOU AND ARE UP TO THE TASK OF PROVING THAT YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.

THE BOARD IS WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP ON A NUMBER OF KEY ITEMS IN THE COMING MONTHS: PLANS FOR OUR 2003 RODEO INCLUDING, SOME EXCITING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO OUR RODEO WEEKEND; EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RODEO EVENTS AND THE ACTUAL RODEO PRODUCTION; EXPANDED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; INCREASING OUR ASSOCIATION VISIBILITY THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, MEMBERSHIP DRIVES, AND FUNDRAISERS FOR CHARITY.

WE LOOK TO EACH OF YOU TO HELP US ATTAIN OUR GOALS BY ACTIVELY GETTING INVOLVED. THE RODEO ASSOCIATION IS NOT A GROUP OF 12 PEOPLE WHO GET TOGETHER A FEW TIMES A YEAR. IT IS AN ORGANIZATION OF 80+ PEOPLE LOCALLY.. PLUS GSGRA MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE STATE... WHO WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE GET INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES ALL YEAR LONG AND SHOW THE UNITY AND CAMARADERIE OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND PROMOTE THE SPORT OF RODEO.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING MEMBERS OF GSGRA. WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO SAN DIEGO CHAPTER OF GSGRA... SO COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE AND LETS HAVE FUN AND RODEO!

LEWIS SANDERS
VP OF ADMINISTRATION
2003 SD RODEO

SUPER BOWL PARTY!

JANUARY 26, 2003
1:00 P.M.



PATTI'S FRONT OFFICE

6156 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92120
(JUST TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF HOME DEPOT)

GAME STARTS AT 3:00 P.M.

COME EARLY TO BEAT THE TRAFFIC GOING TO THE STADIUM AND TO ENJOY SNACKS, POOL, DARTS, AND DRINK SPECIALS

ANYONE WISHING TO HELP PLAN THE EVENT OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER DAVID N. AT 619.280.4358 / IHHC2000@YAHOO.COM OR JAMES G. AT 619.807.1215 / JIMGEAR@YAHOO.COM



SAN DIEGO 2003

Bay Area News



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Letter From the President

By the time you read this, the majority of the Holiday events will have come and gone. Hopefully each and every one of you had a wonderful Holiday Season! For those of you that missed our December chapter meeting, you missed a wonderful potluck dinner as well as a great gathering of members! Again, thank you Jabby and Jack for the use of your new home in Oakland. I can't wait till summer comes along so we can take advantage of that great backyard!

I'm also extremely excited to announce that Deana Dawn and Sofonda Boyz have been named as Co-Chairs of our Community Outreach Committee. Since our two official outreach groups are the Imperial Court of San Francisco and The Sundance Saloon Association, Deana and Sofonda will

be great chapter representatives as they have prior experience with both of these great organizations. And don't forget, the second Sunday of each month is BAC night at the Sundance Saloon. Hopefully we will see quite a few of you on January 12th, 2003.

Doug Graff has started his rodeo committee meetings and it's great to see that the rodeo process has already begun. Can't wait till June 2003! Watch for lots of details including pictures of the new rodeo grounds will be posted on the chapter website soon.

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

Next Chapter Meeting

Be Sure Not to Miss It!

Thursday, January 23rd

Marlena's
488 Hayes Street, SF
7:00 pm

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SUNDANCE SALOON CHAPTER NIGHT

The Bay Area Chapter will be having a Chapter Night at the Sundance Saloon on the 2nd Sunday of Every Month!

Come at 6:00 pm for country dance lessons, stay all night for open dancing. Wear your Team GSGRA, BAC, or rodeo attire, and meet many other chapter members and friends.

Sundance Saloon
January 12th
550 Barnveld, San Francisco
6:00-11:00 p.m.

www.sundancesaloon.org

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In each category
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Contestants must compete in both the Big Horn Rodeo and the LA Rodeo in order to qualify for the Silver & Gold Rush Challenge.

Points will be awarded in accordance with the IGRA point system. The contestants official IGRA points awarded at each rodeo will be carried over as the official Silver & Gold Rush Challenge award points.

Contestants must compete in 3 of the 4 categories at each rodeo in order to qualify for the Silver & Gold Rush All Around Cowboy or Cowgirl award. The categories for this award are Rough Stock, Roping, Speed, and Camp.

Contestants must compete in at least one event in a category at each rodeo in order to qualify for that category's Silver & Gold Rush Top Cowboy or Cowgirl award.

Any un-awarded prize money will be distributed equally between the remaining categories. All ties will split cash award.

Visit the Big Horn Rodeo website at
www.bighornrodeo.com or
The LA Rodeo website at www.larodeo.com