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The Official Newsletter
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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.

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June is a month full of Rodeos

Best Buck in the Bay

San Jose, California
 June 20th, 21st, & 22nd
 415-561-9228

Heartland Rodeo

Omaha, Nebraska
 June 27th, 28th, & 29th
 402-203-4680

Canadian Rockies International Rodeo

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Congratulations Silver & Gold Winners!

Those who competed in both the Big Horn Rodeo (April 4 & 5) and the LA Rodeo (April 12 & 13) were automatically entered into the first ever Great Western States Silver & Gold Rush Challenge, a joint venture between NGRA and GSGRA-GLAC. These contestants competed for their chance at cash and prizes totaling \$2,500. Below are the winners of the Great Western States Silver & Gold Rush Challenge.

- All Around Cowboy - Chuck B. (AGRA)
- All Around Cowgirl - Renita E. (NMGRA)
- Top Cowboy Rough Stock - Chuck B. (AGRA)
- Top Cowgirl Rough Stock - Mary M. (CGRA)
- Top Cowboy Speed - John B. (CGRA)
- Top Cowgirl Speed - Sheri R. (HGRA)
- Top Cowboy Roping - Chuck B. (AGRA)
- Top Cowgirl Roping - Bernice R. (UGRA)
- Top Cowboy Camp - Shawn S. (GSGRA)
- Top Cowgirl Camp - Renita E. (NMGRA)

Thanks to all of those who contributed in making the Great Western States Silver & Gold Rush Challenge a big success. A special thank you to our friends in NGRA for making this possible.

Announcing

Las Vegas & LA Rodeos
 Compete in both rodeos to qualify for your share of
\$2,500
 in Cash & Prizes

Other Rodeo Notes...

Congratulations to Cody for winning the 2003 GLAC President's Award for his hard work on the LA Rodeo preparations!!! And a special thanks to Lenore, Keith, Steve L., and Jay for getting last minute change for rodeo ticket booths... You saved the day!! :)

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Long Beach Pride Rocked!!!

As you all know by now, Sunday May 18th was the 20th Annual Long Beach Pride Parade. The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of GSGRA made yet another appearance in the parade. This year, GLAC was chosen to be the Official Color Guard. Our entry started with our parade banner being carried by Sue Downing and Lenore Mankoff. The banner was followed by three beautiful horses. It was wonderful to see the American Flag, California State flag, and the Gay Pride flag being waved by our Chapter members up on horse back. The horses were followed by 42 spirited GLAC Cowboys, Cowgirls, and their friends carrying the flags of the 50 United States. The crowd responded with cheers, whistles, and a lot of applause as we passed by.

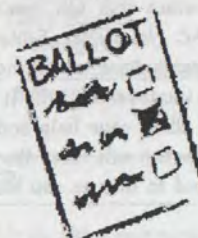
A big thank you goes out to all who participated in the 20th Anniversary Long Beach Pride Parade. I would like to extend an extra special thank you to Steve Miller for making all of the arrangements for the horses, and to Keith Arruda and Mark Jensen for doing a super job as the pooper scoopers behind the horses!

Also this year, the we were given the opportunity to raise funds for the Chapter by pouring beer from 4 - 10 PM at the festival. We were paid a work grant by Long Beach Pride of \$6.00 per hour per person that helped to pour beer. I would like to thank the 18 members and friends that helped in the booth. We were also paid for setting up and tearing down our decor around the country dance tent. So thank you to those who helped with the decor - Keith Arruda, Greg Garcia, Eric Zeigler, Larry Andrick, Bill Paige, Thomas Krugger, Lenore Mankoff, Sue Downing, and Paul Alvarez. Everyone did a great job and you all deserve a pat on the back!

Calling ALL MEMBERS!!!

GLAC's Annual Meeting of the Members, will be held on Saturday, June 7th, at The Center in Long Beach. On this date we will be electing the Chapter's Executive Board Members for the 2003-2004 coming year. All are encouraged to attend. Below is an updated list of those members who have accepted their Chapter Board nominations:

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| President
Larry Andrick | Administrative Vice President
Lenore Mankoff |
| Treasurer
Mark Jensen | Vice President of Rodeo Operations
Cody Boggio & Sue Downing |
| Secretary
Keith Arruda - Accepts | |



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Annual Meeting of the Members (Cont.)

Nominations can be forwarded to GLAC's Nominations Chair, Keith Arruda, at nominations@larodeo.com. To accept your nomination you must submit a written confirmation of acceptance in advance or be present at the meeting where the election is to take place. Remember that a nominee must be a member in good standing and a member for at least one year prior to the date of the election. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting.

Come meet other GLAC members and get involved. See you there!

Annual New Board Bon Fire



No...we will not be setting fire to the new board!!!

On Saturday, June 7th the newly elected Executive Board of GLAC will be hosting this annual bon fire, and would like to invite all of you to join them at Seal Beach for a BBQ and bon fire.

The board will provide the meat for this event only. The Chapter members (you) are asked to bring a side dish for everyone to share. Don't forget to bring your own beverage, a blanket, a chair, and maybe some marshmallows to roast. The time and location at the beach will be sent our via email to the chapter and will be announced at the June 7th Annual meeting of the members.



Finally, since this will most likely be my last installation as the GLAC Newsletter Editor, I wanted to say thank you for three great years of letting me say whatever I wanted and reading whatever I said! It has been a great run, and I appreciate all of your help and patience along the way... I know my successor will meet the task with great success. Please be as kind to him as you have been to me!

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)



Mark your Calendars...

June 7, 2003, 10:00 AM
GLAC Annual Meeting of the
Members
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center
Long Beach, CA

June 7, 2003, 6:30 PM
Annual Beach Bonfire
Bolsa Chica State Beach

June 28 2003, 6:30 PM
FUNdraiser at Piston's
Long Beach

Future Chapter Meetings
Saturday, July 12 (L.A.)*
Saturday, Aug 9 (L.A.)*
Saturday, Sept. 13 (Long Beach)

* LOCATION: Plummer Park
Recreation Center Room 4.
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.,
West Hollywood, 90046.
TIME: 11:00am.

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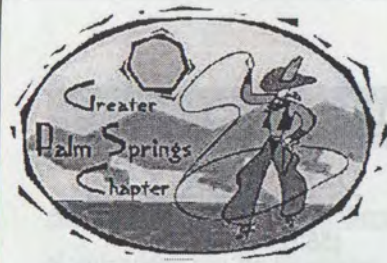
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Ya'll

Wanted to let everyone know that the State Convention was a blast, and we all had a great time. For our lunch we had a picnic in the park with lots of food and great people to share it with. After meeting all day we headed over to Ground Zero for the State Dance Contest. We had 3 couples competing, 1 couple came from Texas, a couple from Bay area and our own couple from Palm Springs. All of the couples will be represented at the IGRA convention in August; way to go couples COWBOY UP! And let me not forget to mention that our own Rosie Sierra took 3rd place in the Tush Push Contest... R-O-S-I-E.... Go Rosie, COWGIRL UP!!!!

I would like to put out a big THANK-YOU to Jack Cartwright and Johnnie Yarbrough for coming up early that week and doing all the cooking and preparing for everything, if it wasn't for them don't know how we would have made it. Also a big Thank-You to Rick Johnson for putting together and making all the arrangements for the dance contest; this was a lot of work. And to Luigi who is the owner of Ground Zero for hosting the Dance Contest and working with the Chapter.

We would like to welcome our newest members to the chapter, Jacque Johnson and Hallie Robinson from Idaho, and Jack Cartwright from Mira Loma, he is a returning member. Welcome Aboard!!!!!!

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Also would like to invite anyone interested in running for Mr., Miss., or Ms. GPSC. If you are interested please contact me and I will get you all the information that you need. We would like to have a Royalty Team for Palm Springs.

We are off to a great start on our plans for bringing back "Hot Rodeo". Judy is hard at work with all the plans for putting it together. We had a meeting with Desert Palms and are looking closely at the grounds behind them to set up for the rodeo. Will keep you informed as everything progresses.

Would like to thank the San Diego chapter for their donation to the chapter, as we were able to pay off 2 more of our debts, THANK YOU...

Hope everyone is well and were looking forward to seeing everyone soon... Take care and will have more news next month.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Mower
President

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

June 1 @ 2:00 pm

**Toucan's
Palm Springs**

Bay Area News



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Letter From Your President

Okay Cowboys and Cowgirls, we're in the final stretch before our rodeo, and things are starting to get hectic! Doug and company have been working like crazy to make sure that everything comes together for yet another memorable weekend! There are a couple of things that I'd like to mention.

First, I know that Jelly is still in need of volunteers at all venues throughout the weekend. If you can help out at all, the efforts would be greatly appreciated. And remember, you can volunteer online via the chapter website!

Secondly, I'd like to remind everyone to book your rooms at the host hotel! In case you didn't hear—the rate for rodeo weekend has been dropped to \$79/night! I hope this makes it affordable for all of you to come out and spend the weekend. Now it's time to make your reservations before our block is filled.

On the Chapter level, things are starting to heat up again. As everyone knows, June has always been the most hectic of all months. The San Jose Pride parade, our rodeo kick-off parties, our rodeo weekend, and the San Francisco Pride parade are all back to back weekends. Of course it's all a whole lot of fun and I hope we have a strong showing at all of these events.

I have to also congratulate Doug on a

GREAT turnout for the Private Shopping Night at Western Warehouse. Anyone who was there will tell you what a fantastic time it was! I don't think Western Warehouse knew what hit them! I'm sure they can't wait to have us back again.

I'd also like to thank everyone for such a great turnout at our Annual Convention in Palm Springs. Congratulations go out to Jabby and John for being re-elected to their positions as State President and State Vice President. We are proud of you! It was one of the best meetings I have ever attended, and I'm extremely excited about the coming year for GSGRA!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the host hotel and at the rodeo grounds. LET'S RODEO!!

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

Next Chapter Meeting
Wed, June 18th
San Jose Airport Hyatt
1740 North First Street, San Jose
7:00 pm

Best Buck in the Bay is Almost Here!

Our rodeo is so close I can almost taste it! Let me give you a run down of some of the awesome things you'll see at our rodeo this year. Some are new and some are tried and true.

The Driscoll Ranches is new and gorgeous. We have received a variance from IGRA for our arena width, 96', but the ranch is working feverishly to give us 24 more feet. For those who are really concerned with that width, please send me an email and I'll keep you posted on the progress.

In case you're not familiar with the location of the Driscoll Ranches, it is about 6 miles from the ocean, so expect a little morning fog/haze... I prefer to call it air conditioning J. At any rate, bring a jacket until it burns off at 10 am.

We'll be hosting the bar at the rodeo and I've already been quoted in the local press saying, "No more \$6 beers!" We're working very closely with our sponsors to bring you all a fun, responsible event at the rodeo grounds as well as the Hyatt.

Speaking of the Hyatt. We have all the great events you've come to know and love. The hotel is back on board with all our standard parties as well as the cheap poolside Bud Lights. No need to pack a cooler at these prices.

As we head into the home stretch, I really want the state to know how hard this year's production team has worked. Through all of our trials with the rodeo grounds and venue changes, they were rock solid. Our branding is stronger than ever, our visibility in the community is paying off by reciprocity galore, we've hit

all of our revenue targets to date, and we're still having fun.

So I guess all that's left is to pack your bag, load your ponies, lock the doors, and head to the Best Buck in the Bay—we'll leave our light on for you!

Douglas Graff
and the Production Team
Best Buck in the Bay 2003



Four Mr. GSGRA's: Ed, Sammy, Eric, & Doug at Sacramento Coronation

Western Warehouse

in Milpitas

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RODEO WARM-UP PARTIES

Be sure not to miss these great parties planned for early June to get things kicked-off and excite our community about the Best Buck in the Bay.

June 1st

The Eagle Tavern, SF
3-6 pm

June 6th

Daddy's, SF
9:00 pm

June 13th

Marlena's, SF
9:00 pm

June 19th

The Bench & Bar, Oakland
8:00 pm



Adrian Poses with Western Warehouse employee Stan on Shopping Night



Anita Name & Miss Trout Model for Us

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From the desk of The Prez

Howdy,

Welcome to the "New Year" for GSGRA. For starters, I'd like to thank the members at the convention for electing me as President. I truly view this as an honor and a privilege and look forward to another year of serving you. I also want to congratulate the other members of the Executive Committee for their election. It looks like we've got a great group of folks on the Executive Committee this year and I'm looking forward to an exciting year.

Huge thanks to our family members in Palm Springs for hosting the annual meeting and taking such good care of us. Several people commented that they had a great time and a lot of fun and that's in large part because

of how smoothly everything worked. It's always challenging to change locations in the middle of the day, but it all went off without a hitch, and the park was a blast. Next time, I think we'll build in some entertainment for lunch in the sun....maybe some competitions. Frisbee, golf anyone?

The quarterly meetings for this coming year will be hosted, in turn, by San Diego (August), Bay Area (November), Palm Springs (February) and Los Angeles (May). Next year's convention promises to be truly exciting given all the planning that David is doing. I'd mark my calendar now to plan to be there for our big 20th Anniversary Birthday Party.

As you've probably heard, there were some significant changes to our structure, bylaws, and standing rules, adopted at the convention in Palm Springs. One of the biggest changes is the creation of a Rodeo Clubs. We have amended the bylaws to allow for these "mini-chapters" to be formed so that our members living in areas that are not fully

serviced by existing chapters can easily band together and make a visible statement in their local community. Clubs must have at least 5 members and will not produce/host rodeo events. However, they can engage in many other activities and I believe will allow GSGRA to better serve our diverse membership. If you would like to know more about the club structure/idea please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

One of our other big changes is the consolidation of our communication channels into one committee, the newly formed Branding & Communications Committee. It is important that an organization of our size and geographic reach have a clearly identified and easily recognized "feel" to both our members and the greater public. By ensuring that our various communication channels are coordinated in their work we

should be better able to accomplish this. If you have an interest or desire to play a role in devel-

oping this new committee please let me know. We will need several people involved to make this effort work and this is a great opportunity to play a significant role in shaping the growth of our association.

Similarly, we have several other committees that are looking for new members and chairs. The previously organized Archival Committee will have a full year ahead as they prepare for the celebrations next May. It is essential that each chapter and our nonaffiliated members participate in this committee so that we can capture our history and tell our story.

I also believe we should develop a branded line of merchandise that can be sold to nonmembers. I would like to see one merchandise line available to our membership, but a different line available to the public. This could be a very exciting area to work in during this coming year and I'd like to hear from you if you're interested in helping develop this idea.

Administratively, I am working with the other members of the Executive Committee

**Team
G.S.G.R.A.**

to develop action plans which will be presented to the board at the August meeting. It is my intent that we have a clear road map of our goals for this coming year with benchmarks along the way.

As you can see, there's a lot on the table, and your help is needed to make it work. You don't need to be a chapter officer, a chapter committee chair, or even a member of a chapter; you just need to be interested. If you're ready to help build a new and stronger GSGRA we're ready for you. This is a year where you can truly make a difference.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the rodeos and other events during the coming year. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, comments, or feedback.

See you at the Rodeo

Jabby

Team G.S.G.R.A.

Trustee Report

Congratulations to the LA Rodeo production team for producing a successful fun and safe event. The Great Western States Silver & Gold Rush challenge was great idea and wow what a success.

A Big Thank You to Roz C for her hard work on getting all the banners needed and getting them put up. The checklist Trustee found all the banners in place and reported to IGRA that all the sponsors' banners were up and the placement was excellent. I would like to thank Christy C for the use of her ATV and Charlie C for his drag. No not CJ in a dress but the Arena drag used in the horse Arena to groom the ground.

And a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers.

I.G.R.A. The next IGRA Board and Trustee meeting will be held in Little Rock, AR April 25, 2003. Check the GSGRA Members yahoo groups under Files/Administrative/IGRA Trustee for my report and updates.

IGRA Convention Mark your calendars

and make plans to attend the IGRA convention in Phoenix AZ. July 31-August 3, 2003.

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The Best Buck in the Bay just got cheaper!!

Hey rodeo fans! If you like great rodeo action and HOT, HOT, HOT - FREE, FREE, FREE pool parties with CHEAP, CHEAP, CHEAP Beer. Your weekend at the Best Buck in the Bay is about to become even more fantastic.

Through some incredible negotiations, the Best Buck in the Bay promotion team was able to reduce the weekend room rate at our host hotel, the San Jose Airport Hyatt, to ONLY \$79.00 a night! The Hyatt is the location of our always festive pool parties,

steamy night time dances, sizzling Entertainment Pavilion and rodeo registration. For the complete run down of events and schedules please visit our website at www.bayarearodeo.com

This new rate is only guaranteed while our room block is open, so please make your reservations today. Call the Hyatt at 800-233-1234, ask for the Rodeo Rate and get "Booked" for the Best Buck in the Bay!

Douglas Graff, Event Director
The Best Buck in the Bay

MARK YOUR CALDARS

Please reserve the following dates for G.S.G.R.A. Board of Director meetings and other fun stuff.

- August 16, 2003 - San Diego
- November 15, 2003 - Bay Area (Including the State Royalty Competition)
- February 7, 2004 - GPSC
- April/May 2004 State Convention - Los Angeles (date TBA)

G.S.G.R.A. Dance Contest 2003

On May 3, 2003, at Ground Zero in Cathedral City, GSGRA held its Country Western Dance Competition. In the couples Division II - Intermediate Division the First Place couple was Bill Glover and Dennis Jennings. In couples Division III - Beginner Division, the First Place couple was Mike Mc Kinney and Tony New. In couples Division IV-First Time the First Place couple was Jim Hauck and Aaron Lindsey. In the Line Category in Division II - Intermediate, First Place went to Bill Glover and Division I - Beginner First Place went to Dennis Jennings. The above mentioned couples are now eligible to compete in the IGRA Dance Finals in Phoenix, AZ on August 2, 2003.

That night, there was also a Honky Tonk Two-step, Waltz and Tush Push Contest.

In Two-step First place went to Bill Glover and Dennis Jennings, and Second place went to Jim Hauck and Aaron Lindsey. In Waltz First place went to Bill Glover and Dennis Jennings, and Second place went to Jim Hauck and Aaron Lindsey. In Tush Push, First place went to Bill Glover, Second place went to Kevin Leggett and Third Place went to Rosie Sierra. Congratulations to all Dancers.

Kenny Valdez
Dance Contest Chair

***** WANTED - WANTED - WANTED

There are several opportunities for you to be involved in state-wide committee work. We are currently organizing the committees for this year and need both members and chairs. If you would like to play a truly significant role in launching some new ideas and revamping some of our existing procedures, now's your chance! The Branding & Communications Committee is an opportunity to help create a focused branded image for GSGRA. Addi-

tionally, it will be responsible for developing a plan to launch an electronic newsletter. The Merchandise Committee has some very interesting work in store for it this year. We need to make real progress in establishing our archives as we prepare for the 20th Anniversary Celebration next year. Those are just a few of the areas where you can make a real difference in GSGRA. Pick a spot and jump in! If you are interested in participating in any of the committees this year please contact a board member or get in touch with the State President, Jabby Lowe, at Rodeo-jab@aol.com"

***** IGRA CONVENTION 2003

The IGRA Annual Convention will be held in Phoenix on August 1st - 3rd. IGRA Bylaws permit each Member Association that produces a sanctioned rodeo to be represented by six Delegates and five Alternates. GSGRA

Bylaws stipulate that two of our delegates will be the current State President, Jabby Lowe, and the current Trustee to IGRA, Al Wright. At the GSGRA Annual Convention held in Palm Springs May 3rd, the following members were elected to the other four delegate positions: Jim Hauck (BAC), Greg Garcia (GLAC), Doug Graff (BAC), and John Carillo (BAC). Alternate Delegates will be: Rick Johnson (GPSC), Drew Oberbeck (GLAC), Ken Valdez (GSDC), Sylvia Mower (GPSC), and James Gearity (GSDC). All members of GSGRA are invited to attend the IGRA Convention to participate in the Friday Committee meetings, and GSGRA discussions regarding issues that may come to the Convention floor. Also, remember that on Thursday there are seminars to learn more about the process of becoming a Certified Official for the rodeos. If you are interested in being one of the Certified rodeo personnel, please check for details on the IGRA website: www.igra.com, or Contact one of your State or Chapter officers for information.

Team G.S.G.R.A.

SD SENTINEL

Howdy Ya'll!

Well, it is getting closer...fast! The 15th Annual San Diego Rodeo scheduled for September 25 - 28. And preparations are starting to move into high gear.

I first want to start with a big thanks to all of the members who have stepped forward to volunteer their time to participate either by chairing a committee or by sitting on a committee or committees. Without your dedication and time, we would not be able to produce our rodeo. I especially want to thank the members of the chapter fundraising committee for their incredible work in successfully creating two running fundraisers that have kept us financially ahead of the game for this year's rodeo. The "Best @\$\$ in Denim Contest" and the "Hole-Downs" have been very popular and growing! If you haven't been to one of these events yet, please do so. They are fun, fun, fun and allowing the chapter to not only raise needed funds, but also allowing us to interact with the community and meet new friends.

Our tri-folds are being distributed, t-shirts are being sold, new members are being recruited, the host hotel is filling up and the momentum is increasing as the rodeo draws nearer. The posters and tickets will be ready for distribution at the beginning of June. And ad sales for the Program are in high gear as we near the July 1st deadline for Program production. The chapter will be voting on our Grand Marshall and who our charitable benefactor will be at the June membership meeting. Excitement is definitely in the air and evident at the monthly meetings.

As usual though, we are still in need of volunteers to help us fill critical positions and help staff the committees and events. If you haven't been to a rodeo meeting in a while, please think of attending, or if you know of someone who hasn't been in a while, invite him or her to join you. This year's meetings have been shorter than the historical norm and are energetic and motivating. If you would like a chance to make a difference, then consider participating in producing this year's rodeo!

This is our 15th Anniversary and we are hoping to make it special. A fabulous new host hotel, new ideas, new members, new friends; along with veteran members and old friends should all make this year special and successful.

Let's rodeo!

Ed Wallum
VP Rodeo Operations

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SEPTEMBER 25TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29TH

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15th Annual San Diego Rodeo



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Please be sure to mention **San Diego Rodeo**

Hotel Address: 1551 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

STATE BOARD MEETING

The San Diego Chapter will be the hosts of the next State Board Meeting. The meeting will be held the weekend of August 16th. For you San Diego members who have never be to a State Board Meeting, now's your chance to see how decisions at the State level are reached without having to leave town. For those of you from out of town, now is your chance to come and experience our new Host Hotel, the Shelter Pointe Hotel and Marina. All meetings will be held at the hotel. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly, at (800)-566-2524 or you can make reservations on-line at reservations@shelterpointe.com.

Be sure to mention that you are attending the August meeting of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association to get the \$129 Rodeo rate.

LIVERDANCE II-ATTACK OF THE PRONE

Okay, so it's a bad pun, but for those of you who attended LiverDance last year, you know that most of the participants ended the night prone...flat on their backs...dead to the world. Those of you



who remember LiverDance know this is true! Well, it's time to dust off that old liver and bring it out for another wild and wonderful time. The bus will be stocked up and ready to roll on Friday, June 13th. We'll once again begin and end at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's, with a wide variety of bars in between. Jell-O shooters will be available during the

ride, and Pucker shots will be available at the bars. For more information contact Scott at 909.265.8204 or on-line at caloanman@aol.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the Greater San Diego Chapter of GSGRA.

June 3, 2003—General Membership 7pm
June 17, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm
July 1, 2003—General Membership 7pm
July 15, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm

All Meetings will be held at Twigg's CoffeeShop

BY-LAW CHANGES

At our July 1st General Membership meeting, we will be reviewing and ratifying all by-law changes made at the last State Convention. If you would like to review these changes before the meeting, contact Lewis at voicerodeo@aol.com.

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