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2004

RODEO SCHEDULE

Road Runner Rodeo - Phoenix, AZ	Jan 16-18
IGRA University - St Louis MO	Feb 13-15
Cowtown Rodeo - Fort Worth, TX	Mar 5-7
Bighorn Rodeo - Las Vegas, NV	Apr 2-4
Rodeo in The Rock - Little Rock, AR	Apr 30-May 2
Comstock Stampede - Sparks, NV	May 14-16
Great Plains Rodeo-O.K.C., OK	May 28-30
Zia Regional Rodeo - Albuquerque, NM	June 18-20
North Star Rodeo - Minneapolis/St Paul, MN	July 2-4
Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo - Calgary Alb	July 2-4
Rocky Mountain Rodeo - Denver, Co	July 9-11
Greater Motown Intl Rodeo Part V - Detroit, MI	July 30-Aug 1
L.A. Rodeo - Los Angeles, CA	Aug 6-8
Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose, Ca	Aug 20-22
Windy City Rodeo - Chigago IL	Aug 27-29
Salt Lake City Rodeo - SLC, Ut	Aug 27-29
Show Me State Rodeo - Kansas City, Mo	Sept 3-5
Atlantic Stampede - Washington, DC	Sept 10-12
Capital City Rodeo - Austin, TX	Sept 10-12
Sooner State Rodeo - Tulsa, OK	Sept 17-19
San Diego Rodeo - San Diego, Ca	Sept 17-19
IGRA Finals Rodeo - Wichita, KS	Oct 14-17
20th IGRA Convention - Denver, CO	Nov 11-14
International Dance Competition - Denver, CO	Nov 13

All Information is believed to be accurate, however, we urge you to contact the local producing Association or I.G.R.A. to confirm all dates, times and locations before making any commitments. Our data source is IGRA as of 8/20/2003.



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

LA Rodeo is on the Move!

For years, we have worked hard to put on great rodeos, and for years, we have been worrying about the weather while we do it. This year's rodeo, while an outstanding event, suffered once again from an unfavorable weather forecast, and we lost a lot of money as a result. During rodeo weekend, many of us finally started saying, "Why do we do this to ourselves? We need to find a better rodeo date!"

Well, for those of you who haven't heard: We did it!

At IGRA convention last month, our request for a new date was approved, and I'm pleased to tell you that the 20th Anniversary L.A. Rodeo is scheduled for August 6th, 7th, and 8th of 2004!

This is a great development for our Chapter and our rodeo. This later date gives us better opportunities for promotion and sponsorships, and, I believe, will result in better attendance. It finally gives us a chance to have a "real" pool party before the rodeo, and almost guarantees that a large segment of our crowd will be able to "stand and model" in the sunshine.

Yes, it will be hot in August! We are looking at ways to use outdoor misters and maybe even air conditioning for the dance tent to make everyone comfortable. Many of our horse contestants said the heat would pose no problems for their animals...and let's not forget what hot weather will do for our beer sales!

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

LA on the Move continued



Your VP of Rodeo, Cody Boggio, is already hard at work laying the groundwork for next year's rodeo. I know that Cody looks forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

I hope that you are all as enthused about this as I am. We're going to have a GREAT 20th Anniversary event! Let's Rodeo!

--Larry



Congratulations to GLAC!

The August edition of "L.A. Magazine" published its annual "101 Best Things About L.A." and the number 17 event was...the L.A. RODEO!

In part, the magazine said, "We may not be Texas, but we still host our fair share of rodeos. Of the many that take place at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Griffith Park, we recommend the L.A. RODEO. It's a gay rodeo, a concept that originated in Reno in 1976 and rode the urban cowboy craze of the early 80s to mass popularity."



Recognition in a mainstream publication like this is GREAT news for us, and everyone who has ever participated in our rodeo deserves a big congratulations!

Way to go TEAM L.A.!

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)



Calling all Members...

Our new equipment manager is asking for our help. We need to inventory the equipment in the storage unit. Anyone willing to help — come on down. We will be there between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday September 20, 2003. The place to be is: El Dorado Park Self Storage
8150 E Wardlow Rd. Long Beach, CA 90808
(Wardlow and Los Alamitos) Park in Main Lot.
For questions contact Cody at (714) 895-1201.

Bylaws Announcement:

The Bylaws chair, Greg Garcia, has announced that there will be a vote on a change to our bylaws at the September 13th meeting. We will be voting on a change to Article VI section 1—The date of the Annual Meeting of Members. If you wish to participate in any discussion, please plan to attend.



Larry G (1st Runner-up Mr. GSGRA), Celine (Miss GLAC) and Eric Z. (Mr. GLAC) at The Royal Reversal Ball at Hamburger Mary's Aug 9

A spin on our Royalty. Hamburger Mary's was the site of the "Royal Reversal Ball". The tables turned on our royalty as they helped raise money for the LA Rodeo on August 9th. Larry G. performed as Gloria Spussy, Celine showed up as Ron D. and Eric Z. showed his quick change talents in his rendition of "Barbie Girl." Thanks to you three brave souls. Due

to their efforts over \$400 dollars was raised for the LA Rodeo! Way to go!

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Mark your Calendars...

August 31, 2003, 3-8:00 PM
Rodeo Night at Fire Island
3325 E Anaheim (562) 597-0014
\$5 donation. 50/50 Raffle. \$1 Beers

September 6, 2003 2 - 6:00 PM
Line Dance Mania with DJ Rosa
At OZZ Supper Club
6231 Manchester Blvd
Buena Park CA (714) 522-1542

September 13, 2003, 10:00 AM
GLAC Chapter Meeting
The Center, Long Beach, CA

September 13, 2003, 8:00 PM
Country Night At Hamburger Mary's
740 E. Broadway, Long Beach
(562) 983-7001

September 14, 2003, 3:00 PM
S.D. Rodeo Kick-Off At Rawhide
10937 Burbank Blvd. N. Hollywood.
(818) 760-9798

September 19, 2003
Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's

Future Chapter Meetings
Oct. 4 (L.B.), Nov. 8 (L.A.),
Dec 7 (Sunday) (L.A.)



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SD SENTINEL

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

September 2, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm
September 9, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm
September 16, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm
September 23, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm
October 7, 2003—General Membership 7pm
October 21, 2003—Rodeo Wrap-Up 7pm

There will be NO General Membership meeting in September due to Rodeo preparations. Join us again on October 7th at 7pm for the next General Membership meeting.

WHAT?! SAN DIEGO RODEO FOR FREE??

That's right! San Diego Rodeo 2003 is fast approaching. Volunteer at least four hours of your time for any venue at the San Diego Rodeo, and you're eligible for entry into the event of your choice.

Come! Get a little dusty and break a sweat-and get involved with the 15th Annual San Diego Rodeo! It's volunteers like you that make San Diego the jewel of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association.

Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, security, arena crew, hotel, and coordination/ planning. Heck! You might even get to play "cocktail waitress" at Diamond Spur-our premiere gaming venue-or "cabana boy" on our own private beach this year! Can you think of a better way to meet people?

Our Volunteer Rewards are first rate-catered meals, clothing, and even a buckle or two are gonna be giveaways.

So, if you're interested, let us know by signing up on the Volunteer page of the San Diego Rodeo website, or by sending an email to volunteers@sandiegorodeo.com. Come find out why it really is all about "the dust and the mud, and the roar of the crowd!"

Carlos P. Madrid
Volunteer Coordinator, Rodeo 2003

A LETTER FROM OUR RODEO DIRECTOR

Howdy All!

Well, it's almost that time again. Rodeo weekend is fast approaching and preparations are in full swing. The finishing touches on the layouts for both the rodeo grounds and the hotel are in the final stages, the Program has been printed and plans for a week long round of rodeo kick-off parties are in the works. We will be having weekly Rodeo Roundtable Meetings starting Tuesday, September 2nd and a lot of last minute details will still need to be attended to.

Looking back at where we were this time last year, we seem to be way ahead of the game and everything is falling right into place as planned. Even with the challenges of a new host hotel and arenas being constructed on the racetrack at Del Mar, things are shaping up for one of our best rodeos ever! Very fitting for our 15th anniversary!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Rodeo Roundtable Committee for all of their hard work and planning up to this point, and to remind them that we are almost there and your efforts will soon be realized and appreciated by everyone. Thanks to the Executive Board for their help and support of the Roundtable Committee, and to all of the sponsors, volunteers and participants that have contributed to the events and planning leading up to rodeo weekend.

Things tend to get a little hectic and tiring as we enter into the last few weeks of preparations, but I can assure everyone, that if you hang in there, the payoff will be huge. After six years of helping produce our rodeos, I still get nervous, tired, stressed, etc., but I know that we will pull it off as always, and this year it will be better than ever!

Let's hunker down and help each other make the push to get the finishing touches and preparations in place and then let's rodeo like we've never done rodeo before! Thanks again to everyone who has helped to make this year's rodeo happen and be the success that I know it will be!

Ed Wallum
2003 VP Rodeo Ops

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Nominations will be open at the October General Membership Meeting for anyone interested in running for an Executive Board Position at our Annual Meeting Of Members to be held in November. We are also looking for someone interested in Chairing the Nominations Committee. If interested in chairing this committee, please contact any of the current Executive Board members.

SD RODEO DOCUMENTARY

A video team from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is producing a documentary video on the history of gay rodeo and the IGRA. The team recently completed filming events and some background of the IGRA in Denver during the Colorado Gay Rodeo.

Bill Ward is the producer and financier of the not-for-profit production. Where this product differs from many gay rodeo television productions of the past is that all of the original footage, transcripts, and of course, the final product will be donated to the IGRA and the Stonewall Library of Fort Lauderdale. These important documents of gay history will be available for current and future historians of gay rodeo and history.

The IGRA Documentary portion will record the history of the gay rodeo. The essence of this film is to capture the "story" of the gay rodeos from founding to present. On camera and oral interviews will include the founders, current and former competitors, sponsors and supporters. Their stories of logistical hurdles, emotional reactions, trials and successes will be recorded for current and future historians. The film will allow others to witness the courage and commitment made by the men and women of the gay rodeo circuit, and appreciate the millions of dollars contributed made to the gay and straight communities through their efforts.

The Rodeo Documentary will show that the rodeo is FUN! Though many thousands of gay men and women know that, many more millions do not. Camp events make everyone laugh. At the rodeo, food, beer, country/western dancing, and plenty of vendors create a truly carnival atmosphere. Evening activities include competitions in country/western dance, special performance teams, and a friendly and enjoyable environment for thousands of fans. The viewer will be treated to all aspects and uniqueness of the gay rodeos. Selected riders from each event will be interviewed and later filmed as they compete in their events. The spirit of these competitors and their own personal stories will be woven into the final product.

If you are interested in being in the film as an interviewee (for example, competitors, rodeo organizers, entertainers, and general audience), please contact Bill at WRWVIDEO@aol.com or 954-766-8811. If you are a videographer or photographer and would actually like to participate in the filming and recording, contact Bill...all help is welcome.



15TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO RODEO

September 25th through September 28th

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EDUCATION

I would like to thank the GSGRA board for approving my three year education plan. I would also like to thank Doug Graff, Greg Garcia, Judy Galloway and Kelly Gilliland for volunteering to help obtain the goals the education plan has set forth.

Anyone wanting to assist us in completing our education plan for the first year is more than welcome to send me your information and become part of this committee. If you do not want to be part of the committee any educational information you may want to supply would be greatly appreciated.

We have collected some training aids and Education material but, we are still looking for more donations of any kind: books, videos, lesson plans, gear and training paraphernalia.

Things learned from our seminar on sponsorship are: Contact the GSGRA sponsorship chair Jim Jennings aka JJ at jjnsd@pacbell.net for any assistance with sponsorship you may need. He will assist you in how to approach a likely sponsor, how to write contracts with these sponsors, how to get from them what you want and they also get from us what they need.

GSGRA encourages chapter to continue to conduct education at their level. We are required to maintain records of all education that is being conducted. Please fill out the attendance roster which you can find at <http://www.gsgra.org> education, training and ensure your state board rep gets it and brings it to the next state board meeting and gives it to James Garity the secretary of GSGRA.

More on Education in next month.

Roz Campbell
Education Chair
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MR. PREZ SPEEKS OUT

Howdy,

It's definitely been a big month for GSGRA. By now you've no doubt heard about the date changes for both the LA and SF rodeos in 2004. Starting next year, both rodeos will be held in August, which means they'll both be sunny and warm, perfect for a long weekend of outdoor fun. We're also working hard to bring activities back to Palm Springs, and with a little work, and a lot of dedicated work, we'll have an Education Day in either February or March.

This past weekend we had a very good meeting in San Diego, and I stayed up later than I have in a long time (thanks guys) (G). One of the outcomes of the meeting is that most of the committees have developed a one to three year action plan detailing their priorities and time tables. These

action plans are available on the GSGRA Members Yahoo E-Group website, or you can get a copy from any of

the executive officers or committee chairs. If you'd like to get involved with one, or more, of the committees, please let me know. There are lots of things in the offing.

Our next board meeting will be in November in San Francisco. This will also be when our state royalty contest will be held. Information on the contest is available from John, or any of your local board representatives or chapter presidents. Information will also be available on the website.

We had an awesome delegation for the IGRA convention. Everyone was really engaged and it truly felt like we were there as a team. I think we were one of the most cohesive groups there, and from where I was sitting it sure looked like everyone had a great time. Every time I attend an IGRA convention I am so recharged with our place, and purpose, in the community, and a renewed sense of family.

See ya at the rodeo

Jabby

Trustee Report IGRA Convention

I.G.R.A. moves to a calendar year

January 1 thru December 31.

18th Annual I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo

Omaha October 14-17, 2004

20th Annual I.G.R.A. Convention

Denver November 11-14, 2004

19th Annual I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo

Taxes 2005

21st Annual I.G.R.A. Convention

Calgary, AB 2005

Election of Officers (VP & Treasurer)

Congratulation to Mitch Gill – HSRA, Vice President and David Hill – CGRA, Treasurer.

Finals 2003

October 24-26, 2003

The Finals

committee

reports that

Finals 2003 in

Tulsa, OKC, is on

track. Arena Director is Kim Dawson.

Chute Coordinator is Jay Beck. The Judges are: Thom Sloan, Rick Jones, Jorge Ramirez, and Amy Griffin.

Sponsors It was reported to the Trustees that we need to do a better job of getting the IGRA sponsors out there with more advertising and promotion of them and there products. This is very important to the growth and success of IGRA and GSGRA. Please, if there is anything I can help with let me know.

Rodeo Rules and Bylaws and Standing Rules

There were many changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules to change the calendar year. Some changes to Rodeo Rules nothing big. As soon as I get the final version from IGRA I will post them on the GSGRA website.

Education It was suggested that IGRA do more education and play days. IGRA has an education fund and would like to see some division education and training days. The education should be both for contestants as well for Arena and Cute volunteers. GSGRA should work with other asso-

ciation in division 1 to make this happen with a grant from IGRA. We should move on this quickly.

Thank you Thank you to all the Delegates and members of G.S.G.R.A. for there time and hard work at convention. GSGRA had a large group there and it showed.

San Diego Variance Approved San Diego variance and diagram are posted on the GSGRA website.

Al Wright

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Another Perspective

The 2003 IGRA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, was my first time attending an IGRA Convention. It was quite an honor to be serving as a delegate to the convention on behalf of GSGRA.

My overall impression of the event are WOW! I was impressed at

the professionalism, the courtesy and the team work taken to make this a successful event.

I was a member of the Bylaws committee and we spent a better portion of the first day of convention reviewing proposed bylaws changes. Although there was nothing earth shattering, it was a learning experience. The majority of items to be changed in the bylaws revolved around stripping out specific date references and changing them to time frames. This was all being done in anticipation of a change of the operating year of IGRA. The bylaws committee reviewed all proposed bylaws (approximately 30 proposals) and approved about 1/3 of them. The one proposal on building a hall of fame was approved as an idea, but thrown to committee to be developed and to have the rules built out with a bit more thought and with some strong feedback from the bylaws committee. The calendar year changes were approved which opened up the rodeo year calendar for more summer events, while moving convention to the end of the year for 2004.

Throughout the convention I was impressed at the communications, the sharing of informa-

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on and the overall plans IGRA has. We are an organization, clearly going to need to focus on growth. Statistics showing that we're declining, aging, and getting hurt more. I personally feel that the age statistic could also be seen as a positive, in that there is a potential for more disposable income. Additionally, IGRA member associations need to get on top of sponsorship and compliance. All organizations are not doing the outstanding job required if we want to retain our corporate level sponsors.

Finally, two new associations were inducted into IGRA (Smokey Mountain and Red River). A discussion was had about making sure that all member associations have the words "Gay Rodeo Association: which was defeated - despite talks about how that appears to be sending us back to the closet.

GSGRA is obviously a healthy organization in the IGRA - however we have some room to grow as well. First and foremost, GSGRA needs to refresh the image it presents. Looking around the convention we have done a great job of marketing our rodeos (especially the Best Buck in the Bay) as it was hard to not see at least a half dozen people wearing GSGRA rodeo shirts at any given time. However, from a more corporate level presence, we have one of the oldest looking badges in the crowd and can use a refresh on that level, similar to what we did with the Team shirts.

I want to thank the membership of GSGRA for allowing me to represent the organization at convention, and look forward to having that opportunity again for 2004 in Denver and 2005 in Calgary.

Jim Hauck

GSGRA-Bay Area Chapter
2003 IGRA Convention Delegate

American Airlines Travel Discounts
To use the American Airlines program and get 5%-10% off call 800-433-1790 and give the new Star Number S16294 and the rodeo you are going to. On all other travel on American Airlines use the Business Extraa Corporate ID Number 538389. Please pass this number on to friends and family to use, as IGRA will benefit.

When the money man speaks, everyone listens.....

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	Jul 31, 03		
Checking/Savings			
1010 · Cash in bank - operating	9,065.40		
1070 · Reserve Fund	9,805.25		
1071 · Memorial Funds	1,564.22		
Total Checking/Savings	20,434.87		
Accounts Receivable			
1110 · Accounts receivables	3,265.58		
1115 · Doubtful accts allowance	31,358.94		
Total Accounts Receivable	34,624.52		
Other Current Assets			
1450 · Prepaid expenses	720.00		
Total Other Current Assets	720.00		
Total Current Assets	55,779.39		
Fixed Assets			
1745 · Accum deprec-,equip	924.00		
Total Fixed Assets	924.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	94,536.39		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	44,118.48		
3010 · Retained earnings	12,543.85		
Net Income	41.06		
Total Equity	56,703.39		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	56,703.39		

Revenue and Expenses

Income/Expense	Mar-Jul	Budget	\$Over
Income			
Dance Contest	220.00	350.00	-130.00
Donations	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Merchandise	30.00		
State Conv	0.00	1500.00	-1500.00
Membership	8315.00	12000.00	-3685.00
5310 · Interest	40.39	0.00	40.39
Total Income	8605.39	13950.00	-5344.61
Expense			
Buckle Spons	200.00		
Dance Contest	533.40	350.00	183.40
Education	-100.00		
General Admin	2549.75	5292.50	-2742.75
Membership	2753.17	6065.00	-3311.83
Merchandise	300.00	0.00	300.00
Mr Ms Miss	358.01		
State Conv	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Taxes	820.00	800.00	20.00
Total Expense	7414.33	13507.50	-6093.17
Net Ord Income	1191.06	442.50	748.56
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
DWM Fund	250.00	250.00	0.00
Reserve Funds	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Total Other Inc	250.00	1250.00	-1000.00
Other Expense			
DWM Fund	1400.00		
Total Other Exp	1400.00		
Net Other Inc	-1150.00	1250.00	-2400.00
Net Income	41.06	1692.50	-1651.44

Bay Area News



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Letter From Your President

I wanted to start off this letter with a great big THANK YOU to all of those who showed up at our Annual Meeting of members at the Blue Muse. I thought it was a great turnout, and it was wonderful seeing quite a few new faces around the tables. For those of you who don't know, the new Executive Board was elected for 2003-2004. Those positions are as follows: Adrian Arteche-President, Jim Hauck-VP Admin, Travis Gardner-VP Rodeo Ops, Chris Caufield-Treasurer and Aaron Lindsey-Secretary. I'd like to personally thank everyone for giving me the charter to steer this chapter for the following year. I think this new board will be quite effective, and I'm extremely excited in being able to work with them over the next 12 months. I'd also like to congratulate Travis Gardner for being named "Member of the Year". Travis has worked extremely hard throughout the entire year and was well deserving of this honor. Now like they say when they sash new royalt..."Get to Work!"

rodeo, keep an eye out for details regarding our participation at this year's Folsom Street Fair that same weekend.

One last bit of information. This next year for GSGRA happens to be our 20th Anniversary. There are many plans being made so we can celebrate our 20 year mark in style. I hope each and every one of you participates in many of the events being planned since I truly believe this is a landmark year. I'm excited about the events, rodeos, and play days leading up to our big celebration in May down in Long Beach. The next big event happening in our neck of the woods will be in November, when we host the State Board meeting along with the GSGRA Royalty contest. It will be Eric Hanson's step-down, so I hope to see many of you there supporting him when he gives up his sash as Mr. GSGRA!

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

We also are coming from a very successful State Board meeting which took place in San Diego. San Diego is making final preparations for their rodeo which should be a fun time for all of you planning to attend. For those of you not going to their

Next Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, September 8th
7:00 pm
Marlena's
488 Hayes Street, San Francisco

Dore Alley Fundraiser: A Great Success!

On Sunday, July 27th the Bay Area Chapter hosted a beer booth the "Up Your Alley" Street Fair in San Francisco. The sun was shining bright that day, bringing out thousands of thirsty fairgoers.

Thanks to the many volunteers who turned out to help pour beer, serve sodas, and collect money. It was because of your hard work that we were able to raise over \$1,300 in tips alone for the chapter. In addition to the tip money, we'll be receiving a check at some point in the future for our share of the beverage sales. We don't have final numbers yet, but rest assured—we poured a whole lot of drinks that day! All in all, this was a very successful fundraiser for the chapter... and as anyone who was there will tell you...a lot of fun!



Upcoming Chapter Events

Following are some of the many upcoming events for the Bay Area Chapter. For more information, visit our website at www.bayarearodeo.com.

Twisted Country

Hosted by Mr. GSGRA 2003, Eric Hanson
September 18th, 8 pm, Marlena's, San Francisco
All proceeds will benefit IGRA

Folsom Street Fair

Fundraiser for the Bay Area Chapter
September 28th, San Francisco

Grand Nationals Rodeo Member Night

Rodeo Arena Show & Phil Vasser Concert
October 24th, Cow Palace, San Francisco

Shopping! Shopping! Shopping!

Support the following Bay Area merchants and receive a
10% Discount
when you present your GSGRA membership card.

Western Warehouse
Milpitas

Winner's Circle
Western Wear
Antioch

Rhinestone Cowboy
Pleasant Hill

Duke & Rosie's
Monterey

We're Just Getting Warmed Up

It's been two years now since I was first asked to be your Communications Chair. Since that time, we've seen a lot of progress with the chapter's online destination—www.bayarearodeo.com.

There was the initial redesign and continuing refinements that earned us the 2002 IGRA Website of the Year award. Then there was the launching of our online store where we've sold lots of merchandise and rodeo tickets. And this past rodeo season, we saw a phenomenal increase in visitors to our site. But don't think we're stopping there. No, we're just getting warmed up.

There are a lot of great things in store including interactive photo galleries, historical content from our archives, and online forms for next year's rodeo. What else would you like to see? If you've got some ideas for the committee as we plan out improvements for the new year, just let me know!

Eric Hanson, Communications Chair

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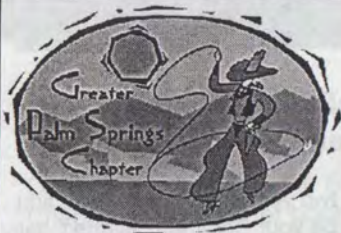
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IGRA LEATHER JACKETS
RAFFLE WILL BE
SEPT. 20, 2003. IF
INTERESTED IN TICKETS,
CALL THE RODEO
HOTLINE.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2003
7:00PM
LOCATION TO BE
DETERMINED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hey ya'll,

We had a great time at our meeting on Friday at the lark. It was one of the most attended meetings of the year and would like to thank all of you that attended, and especially the ones that volunteered to help us on the committee chairs. We still have opening so if any of you are interested please contact one of the board members.

A big thank-you goes out to San Diego for hosting a great state board meeting and luncheon. We learned a lot of great things from the different committee's and want to put our new knowledge to work.

Don't forget about our fundraiser with the barracks on sept.20, 2003, we need contestants for the Mr./Ms. Leather Cowboy/Cowgirl contest. Look for the advertisement on how to sign up. We are going to have a great time that night.

Judy has been working really hard on our education training manuals that are put out every month via e-mail and postal mailing. We have gotten some responses to that and would love more. There are great rewards for completing the whole course. So put your pens in hand or point your cursor and get those tests into Judy. Thank-you Judy, for all your hard and dedicated work.

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We are hoping to get chapter members to sign up for Pridefest Parade. Thanks to Los Angeles chapter we will have the flags from all 50 states to carry that day. We desperately need volunteers to make this happen and extend an invitation to all the others chapters to come represent GSGRA. If you are interested please get hold of me at 760-320-7387 as soon as possible.

A big congratulation goes out to Rosie Sierra who came back from New Mexico with two 5th place ribbons for wild drag. Her team consisted of David Wesman (Mr. IGRA 2003), Jackson, and of course our Rosie. Way to go team... Cowboy/cowgirl up!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and will see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,
Sylvia mower
President

THE BARRACKS & GREATER PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER

WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE MR./MS LEATHER
COWBOY/COWGIRL CONTEST.

SEPTEMBER 20,2003
10:00PM – 12:30AM

THE BARRACKS
67-625 E. PALM CANYON DR.
CATHEDRAL CITY, CA
(BEHIND AM/PM)

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
RAFFLES, AND DRINK SPECIALS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CONTESTANT PLEASE
CONTACT.

SYLVIA MOWER 760-320-7387
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WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

September 2003

- 2 Rodeo Roundtable - 7pm (SD)
- 9 Rodeo Roundtable - 7pm (SD)
- 12-28 *L.A. County Fair*
- 13 GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am
- 13 *Country at Hamburger Marys(LA)*
- 16 Rodeo Roundtable - 7pm (SD)
- 16 *Rodeo KO at The Rawhide (LA)*
- 18 *Twisted Coutry@ Marlena's(BA)*
- 19 *Rodeo Night at Oil Can's (LA)*
- 20 *Mr/MsLeather Cowboy/girl (PS)*
- 20 *Council of Grand Dukes
& Duchesses San Francisco, CA*
- 23 Rodeo Roundtable - 7pm (SD)
- 25-28 *15th Annual San Diego Rodeo*
- 26-28 *Poway Original Coors Rodeo
Poway, CA*
- 26-28 *S.B. Sheriff's PRCA Rodeo
San Bernardino, CA*
- 27-28 *Barstow Rodeo Stampede
Barstow, CA*
- 28 *Folsom Street Fair (SD)*

October 2003

- 3-4 *Banning Stagecoach Days*
- 3-4 *Kern County Fair Rodeo
Bakersfield, CA*
- 4 *GLAC-Chapter Meeting-10am*
- 4 *San Dimas Western Days Rodeo*
- 4 *Royal Court de Santa Monica*
- 7 *Chapter Membership Meeting 7pm (SD)*
- 10-11 *Santa Barbara Pride*
- 10-12 *NIRA Lassen College
Susanville, CA*
- 11-12 *Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo*
- 12 *4th Annual Family Day Barbecue
Paddock Riding Club*
- 12 *LA/Valley Pride, CA*
- 21 *Rodeo Wrap-up Meeting 7pm (SD)*
- 24 *Grand National Member Night (BA)*
- 24-2 *27th Grand National Rodeo
San Francisco, CA*
- 31 *Halloween*

November 2003

- 1-2 *Palm Springs Pride*
- 8 *Owl Empire of Stanislaus County
Modesto, California*
- 8 *GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am
LA (Location TBA)*
- 29 *The Imperial Court of L.A. and
Hollywood, California*
- 15-16 *NIRA West Coast Regional Rodeo
San Luis Obispo, CA*
- 2-9 *Pro Bull Riders Finials
Las Vegas, NV*
- 27 *Thanksgiving*

December 2003

- 5-14 *National Finals Rodeo
Las Vegas, NV*
- 7 *GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am*
- 25 *Christmas Day*

Want your event listed in What Where and When?

We want to list any event of interest to our members and we would like to include your event so send us the info and you're in. Keep us informed and we will pass your info on to everyone. E-mail your suggestions and events to us at membership@gsgra.org.

Sept 25-28, 2003
15th Annual
San Diego Rodeo

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ARE YOU READY?