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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF G.S.G.R.A.  
MARCH 2004

Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

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## A NEW LOOK FOR OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The new GSGRA name badges we have been talking about for months are here. They are a rich blue foil, stamped with red and gold. The artwork matches our Team GSGRA shirts..... And they are beautiful.

For a limited time you can order one of these great, new badges, and the pendants to go with it, at a reduced introductory price. Place your order by June 30, 2004 and you will pay only **\$8.00 for name badges \$2.00 for each pendant** and your order will ship in time for you to be able to wear your rodeo pride at all three California Rodeos this summer.

For orders postmarked after June 30, 2004 the price will be \$10.00 for name badges and \$3.00 for pendants

An order form is available on our website, [gsgra.org](http://gsgra.org), or you can reach the membership committee by calling (562)498-3488 or by e-mail at [membership@gsgra.org](mailto:membership@gsgra.org)


GSGRA has selected the new 20th Anniversary logo that will be used to brand items for the 20th Anniversary Celebrations. Over 15 submissions were received and the committee presented the top 2 to the board of directors in February. The board selected the chosen logo which was created by GLAC's own Cody Bogio, who's artistic talents have also shown up on our new Team Shirts and soon to be new badges. Congratulations to Cody for winning the 20th Anniversary logo contest. Be watching shortly for hat pins, shirts and other merchandise to be branded with this new image.

It is now time to mark your calendars to be in the Long Beach area for April 30, May 1 and May 2, to kick off our celebration of 20 years of GSGRA. This initial event, surround the annual meeting of members of the GSGRA will be held in Los Angeles at that Burbank Airport Hilton. There will be the standard meeting events for the weekend, but in addition GLAC is putting together a 20th Anniversary dinner and dance. Be watching for more details to come by the next Chute, and if you want to help out be sure to contact Lenore or Mark with GLAC.



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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Barn Dance in West Hollywood!

Mark your calendars and get your dancing boots! The GSGRA-GLAC is having a Ho-Down! That's right! The Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association is planning for a great time to be had by all on March 13th! Every cowboy and cowgirl is invited to have a great time and maybe even learn a new dance or two! There will be great fun with dancing and good country tunes, as well as line dancing lessons from DJ Rick Dominguez. Here is a fantastic night out on the town, where you can mix and mingle with friends, old and new, and dance the night away.



This event is only \$5.00 at the door. There will be refreshments available. One of the benefits of this event is that it is being held in a 'non-bar' environment, so everyone is welcome and can feel comfortable. Bottled water and soft drinks will be available for only \$1.00 and snacks and munchies will be provided.

This event will take place in the Fiesta Hall of the Plummer Park Recreation Center in West Hollywood, on Saturday, March 13th, 2004 from 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Plummer Park is centrally located in West Hollywood, at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, halfway between Le Brea and Fairfax. It is easy to get to from just about anyplace. The Fiesta Hall can also be accessed from on North Vista Street.

Come on down and join us for a good, old fashioned country dance and a good time. Hope to see y'all there for a great night out.

### We Made It!



THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to raised the minimum required to bid for the rodeo. Through the hard work and generous donations of our members and supporters, we were approved by GSGRA to hold the 20th Anniversary of the LA Rodeo. Now the real work begins.

We will be holding rodeo meetings following the chapter meetings from now until the completion of Rodeo weekend. Please come to the chapter meetings to conduct the usual business, then stick around and help us plan the 20th Anniversary of the LA Rodeo. There is plenty to do for everyone and positions that still need to be filled. Come to our next meeting on March 6th and be a big part of the rodeo.

## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

### Election Time - Part II

At the March 6th chapter meeting we will be electing our Three State Board Representatives and the Two State Board Representative Alternates. Nominations can still be forwarded to GLAC's Nominations Chair, Keith Arruda, at [nominations@larodeo.com](mailto:nominations@larodeo.com). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting. Remember that a nominee must be a GLAC member in good standing and a member for at least one year prior to the date of the election. (See GLAC Bylaws Article VII, Section 3).

The following individuals have been nominated for State Board Representatives:

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Greg G. - Declines     | Eric Z. - Accepts       |
| Sue D. - Declines      | Ruth H. - Accepts       |
| Lenore M. - Declines   | Larry A. - Accepts      |
| Keith A. - No Response | Javier M. - No Response |
| Mark J. - No Response  |                         |

Don't forget...also on March 6th we will be electing our State Spokesperson (a.k.a. Spokesmodel). Our State Spokesperson will be voice of the chapter at the State Convention in May. Nominations will be taken from the floor on the day of the election.

### Upcoming meetings:

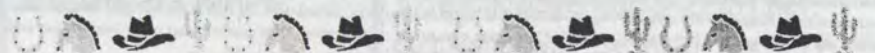
March 6th, 10AM, Plummer Park Community Center, Room 3, West Hollywood  
April 10th, 10AM, Plummer Park Community Center, Room 3, West Hollywood (7377 Santa Monica Blvd)

### L.A. RODEO MEETS L.A. LEATHER!

March 26th through 29th is "L.A. Leather Weekend 2004", and GLAC will be there!

The Los Angeles Leather Coalition will hold its annual "Mr. L.A. Leather" contest on Saturday, March 27th, and GLAC has agreed to staff the entrance of the event, where we'll be taking tickets and issuing wristbands. In exchange, LALC will provide us with a free booth space at their "Leather Streetfest" on Sunday the 28th at Sunset Junction in Silverlake.

The Contest will be at the El Rey theater at 5515 Wilshire Blvd, and we'll need to staff the door from about 7pm to 1am. If you'd like to volunteer to work at the door, contact Events committee chair Craig Dunham at "[leathermancraig@hotmail.com](mailto:leathermancraig@hotmail.com)" or leave a message on the GLAC hotline at 562-498-1675.



## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

### Dance Contest!

Slip on those cowboy & cowgirl boots and come join the party at Rawhide's "1st Annual Line Dance & Shadow Contest", sponsored by the LA Wranglers. Show off your line dance and shadow dance techniques to compete for a \$100 1st prize and \$50 2nd prize in both categories! To improve your chances of winning, you can learn the line dance "Chill Factor" on "Wednesday Line Dance Mania" nights throughout February, where DJ Rick will be teaching both the Shadow dance & line dances.

The event will be held during Rawhide's famous beer bust from 4pm to 9pm on Sunday, March 7th. Cover is \$5; all-you-want Beer & Soda bust is \$3.00. Registration for contest is \$1. Rawhide is at 10937 Burbank Blvd in North Hollywood, 1 block east of Vineland. See you there!

### Mark your Calendars...

**March 6, 2004, 10:00 AM**

#### GLAC Chapter Meeting

Plummer Park Community Center, Rm. 3  
7377 Santa Monica Blvd. W. Hollywood

**March 13, 2004, 5 to 9:00 PM**

#### Country Dance at Plummer Park

\$5.00 donation at the door

**March 19, 2004, 9:00 PM**

#### Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's.

11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA  
(818)760-9749

#### Future Chapter Meetings

March 6 (Los Angeles)

April 10 (Los Angeles)

May 8 (Long Beach)



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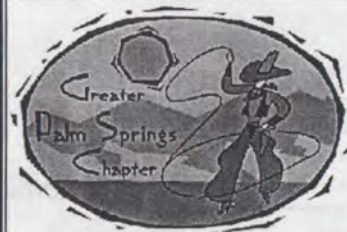
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### CHAPTER NEWS..... IN A FLASH!

Rosie, Jody, Elodie,  
Chase and Sylvia attend  
AGRA Rodeo.

Polly Kern welcomed to  
GPSC Board as VP of  
Administration.

Fundraiser at The Lark a  
success.

Rodeo Education Weekend  
planned.

GPSC Office Nomination  
Sheet for member's to  
complete and return.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Ya'll,

It was Phoenix rodeo or bust for 5 chapter members, Rosie, Jody, Elodie, Chase and myself. The steer got the best of Rosie and me. Jody looked real good for his first time at barrels. Chase competed in steer deco. Elodie competed in both rough stock and horse events. Four rowels to AGRA for a great rodeo and a wonderful time.

I would like to welcome Polly Kern to the chapter board as an interim VP of Admin. She will oversee 3 committees as VP Admin (fundraising, dance, and royalty). I would like to thank her for taking care of all the arrangements for the state-board meeting we had February 7<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great state-board meeting and a big thank you goes out to the 2004 royalty team for a great fundraiser they put on at sidewinders. We had a great time and look forward to the next one.

Election time is upon us. All members please fill out the officer nomination sheet and get it back to us as soon as possible, or you can email your nominations to Judy Galloway at [judegalloway@worldnet.att.net](mailto:judegalloway@worldnet.att.net). The elections will be held April 17, 2004 at 2:00pm at the following location:

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 10th of each month. All published materials, including the chapter logo, "LA Rodeo" logo and posters, newsletter, "LARODEO.COM" and website contents are Copyright © 1999 GSGRA-L.A., a California non-profit corporation. Any use without prior permission is a violation of copyright law

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611 South Palm Canyon Dr. Suite A  
Palm Springs, Ca. 760-327-2313

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Fundraiser update - our last fundraiser was held at The Lark in San Bernardino. We would like to thank all the staff and Kay the owner for supporting us.

Everyone put on your calendar for the rodeo education weekend that will be held in Thermal California the weekend of April 24 and 25, 2004 at the Tri-Valley Ranch. Please read the flyer for all the information of the events, hotel, etc. Hope to see everyone there; it will be a great time.

The chapter would like to thank Jabby Lowe the president of GSGRA for buying the meat platters for the state-board meeting. Cowboy up!!!!!!

Everyone please have a safe month and will see you in April.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Mower  
President

## GSGRA - GPSC OFFICER NOMINATION SHEET

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Location of Election: 2:00 PM, 17 April 2004  
Desert Pride Center  
611 South Palm Canyon Dr.  
Suite A  
Palm Springs, Ca.  
760-327-2313

Write Your Nominations for the GSGRA-GPSC Annual Election of Officers Below:

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President - Administration \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President - Rodeo Operations \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

State Representative (1) \_\_\_\_\_

State Representative (2) \_\_\_\_\_

State Representative (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate State Representative (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate State Representative (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your nominations and return them to me at [judegalloway@att.net](mailto:judegalloway@att.net) or by US Mail at 1163 North Calle Rolph, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Thank you,  
Judy Galloway  
Nominating Committee Chair

From the Desk of  
Mr. Prez.....

Howdy,

It's spring and things have really sprung. Make sure you read through the Chute completely, because you need to mark your calendars for a lot of upcoming events. The Education Committee and the Palm Springs Chapter are hosting a Gymkhana in late April. The annual meeting of members is at the beginning of May in Los Angeles. That's not to mention the rodeo right next door in Las Vegas.

The board met in Palm Springs this past month and approved a budget for this coming year, rodeo bids for both Los Angeles and San Diego, and, a special commemorative logo to be used throughout our 20th Anniversary Year.

I'll keep it short, because there's a lot of other news that needs to get into the Chute this month, but, I do have one question that I'd like everyone to think about and give feedback on, either through chapter representatives or directly to one of the officers. One of the issues discussed at the board meeting was the cost to produce some of the state events, such as the royalty pageant and the state dance contest. One suggestion made was to fix the location from year-to-year so that the event could be better planned. How do you feel on this subject? Should these events rotate around the state as we have historically done, or should they be fixed in one location? There are lots of pros and cons on this, so please let me hear your thoughts.

Keep your eyes and ears tuned on more news for all the upcoming events.

See you at the rodeo.

Jabby

## LAS VEGAS..... ENOUGH SAID!!!

It's that time again! Time to saddle up, break open your piggy banks and scoop up all your loose change, and head over the mountains to Las Vegas for BigHorn Rodeo 2004, April 2-4! We have a great new Host Hotel – The Tuscany Hotel and Casino -- which is an All-Suite Hotel featuring 600 sq. ft. Mini-Suites in a beautiful setting, including two pools and a large Jacuzzi. The Tuscany is located on Flamingo Road, near the Las Vegas Strip.

The Hotel features a full casino and great dining choices. Each Mini-suite includes a coffee maker, refrigerator, hair dryer,

iron, ironing board, separate tub and shower, and microwave, and some include a sofa bed.

Enjoy a ballroom with a 2,000 sq. ft. dance floor and the best DJs in the West, including California's own DJ Rosa. A separate room features Miss Kitty's Wild West Saloon, showcasing hot entertainment from all over the country.

Special discounted rate: \$92. per night for double occupancy. \$10. per night additional charge per person per night for triple and quad occupancy. Mention BigHorn to qualify. Special rate honored from March 29, 2004 to April 6, 2004, so take a vacation, stay and play awhile! Visit [www.tuscanylasvegas.com](http://www.tuscanylasvegas.com) for more information and to take a virtual tour of this beautiful resort, or call (877) TUSCAN 1 OR (877) 887-2261.

APRIL 2 - 4, 2004

Visit our website at [bighornrodeo.com](http://bighornrodeo.com) for more information on the Rodeo.



## Greetings from the Royalty Team

We have been working hard to strengthen the pride of GSGRA in all the chapters. At the February board meeting in Palm Springs the team revived the GSGRA Spirit Stick. The spirit stick for this quarter was awarded to the Bay Area Chapter for putting on such a terrific pageant when we stepped up in November. Another award that the team put together was the Grand Entry Participation Award. This award recognizes the chapter that has the most members participating in the foot parade at rodeos. For their participation in the Phoenix rodeo, the Royalty Team recognized and presented the award to the Greater San Diego Chapter. Congratulations to these two chapters on their awards and hard work.

The criteria that the team will be looking at to determine the winners of each of these awards is posted on the Yahoo Group under the Royalty folder. All chapters are encouraged to take a look at these criteria, as the awards will be presented quarterly at the board meetings. If you have any questions about each of the programs you can contact the team via the GSGRA website at [www.gsgra.org](http://www.gsgra.org).

After the board meeting the Royalty Team hosted a fundraiser for the David Watkins Memorial Fund. Both the GSGRA members present as well as the Palm Springs community loved the event! The event was held at Sidewinders Bar in Palm Springs and a big thank you to Mike and his staff for all their support and help in putting the event together. The team would also like to thank all of the performers who entertained us that night. We are looking forward to working with the Education Committee to

put together another fun event on Saturday night after the Gymkhana in April.

In other goings on, members of the team recently returned from IGRA University in St. Louis, MO. It was a weekend filled with fun and learning. The team learned valuable tools to prepare for their IGRA Royalty Competition coming up in October as well as other valuable information for hosting fundraisers, dealing with the media, and on sensitivity training. Mr. IGRA 2004 – Eric Hanson, from right here in the Golden State, gave us a very informative seminar on marketing. The GSGRA Royalty Team will take all the information that we brought back from University and put it to use here within our Association.

As a team we will be walking with GSGRA at the San Francisco Imperial Court Coronation the weekend of February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to

be involved in such a grand event that we hope will help strengthen the ties between the Imperial Court and GSGRA.

Until next month...we will be keeping our eyes open to see if one of the other three chapters can wrangle the spirit stick from the BAC. So keep the spirit of GSGRA alive in all you do, cause you never know who's watching!

Your 2004 GSGRA Royalty Team.

## Trustee Report

### Logos and Ads=\$\$\$\$

### Sponsor Compliance Issues

The motion made and approved at the Tulsa, OK Oct 24, 2003 BOD meeting was that for the 2004 Rodeo Season, I.G.R.A. will pay to the hosting association 50% of the International Sponsorship monies in advance of the rodeo, and the remaining 50% will be paid to the host-

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ing association after **full compliance** is verified by the I.G.R.A. Board of Directors at their next board meeting. The BOD reviewed the Phoenix rodeo and found that there was not full compliance. The Phoenix rodeo **will not** be getting the other half of the sponsor money \$3375.00.

Rodeo production teams! Please make sure that your printed material is in compliance. Logos must be on everything and the Bud Light and Bacardi Silver ads in the program must be from AB corporate not the local distributor. For American Airlines there is an order form to get the ad. For Instinct you must request the ad form them. Do not wait until the last minute once you know the ad size in your program order the ad. If you have any trouble or need help please contact me.

**Rodeo Schedule Update**  
Capital City Rodeo Austin, TX  
September 10-12,  
2004 Date change.  
The new date September 24-26, 2004

#### **IGRA University**

The IGRA University was a great success the most students ever. GSGRA was represented well with Trustee, Exec board members, Royalty and GSGRA members. Thank you all for your attendance and hard work.

**University update of IGRA Rodeo Resources CD.** The 2004 Rodeo Resources CD has been updated Thom Brennan has the CD and will be getting copies out to you.

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## *From Here (but not There) to Eternity.*

(Or, Does This Torture Never End???) A story of treachery and betrayal, from the ramblings of the GSGRA President

The day started innocently enough. It was Sunday morning, we had successfully wrapped up the quarterly board meeting on Saturday afternoon and the GSGRA Royalty had produced an extremely well received Saturday night fundraiser at Sidewinders. (Mental note, this is a great place to gather when in town!)

Anyway, I had breakfast with several members from both the BAC and the GSDC and then I headed to the airport to turn in my rental car. Less than thirty minutes later I found myself imprisoned in the backseat of a giant pickup racing through town towards the freeway. My captors identified themselves as a radical splinter

group of the BAC and evidently planned to hold me for ransom. As

we sped through town I saw a car filled with GSDC members. Surely they would rescue me! Sadly, my frantic waves for attention as we raced by their car seemed to have been interpreted as either friendly goodbye waves, or an invitation to speed-race to the freeway. I watched in vain as the jeep disappeared in a cloud of dust as we pulled over to a gas station.

Alone, I managed to open my cell phone and punch redial for the last person that had called me. I saw that it was the GLAC president and was sure that I would soon be saved. Unfortunately, he must have been otherwise engaged, it was after all

now about 11:30 on Sunday morning (perhaps he had not yet returned to his hotel room from Saturday night's festivities), so I left him a brief message, pleading for help. Sadly, I would find that there would be no rescue from this quarter as he never returned my call.

Back on the road I was subjected to various forms of mental and emotional duress as my captors sang ABBA songs with accompanied strange hand and body movements. Another unwatched moment and I managed to place a second call for help; surely the VP of Rodeo Ops would negotiate for my release. Sadly, he failed to answer, or ever return my call. More miles, more songs, and another chance to make a call, this time to the Treasurer, but no, voicemail was again my fate.

Darkness began to fall and the ABBA songs had given way to unrelenting mental torture, an unending stream of meaningless

phrases, "we were there, but now we're here, there we were, but there we'll be, we're here now, but will soon be there." It seemed like it would never stop. After what seemed like the 100th stop at a McDonalds, my guards found my cell phone and soon began to use it, calling various members of the board, committee chairs, and chapter officers. To my horror, most of the calls demanding ransom were either unanswered, or met with derision. The cloud of conspiracy began to darken when I learned that the VP of Administration had offered to pay my abductors to keep me so that he could seize control of the Association. The Secretary simply laughed and none of the chapter presidents came to my aid. My last hope appeared to be Mr. GSGRA, but alas, he refused to meet their demands.

Just as it was beginning to appear that my fate was sealed and I would be forever trapped in a wildly swerving vehicle speeding through the dark night along I-5, taffeta streaming from the radio antenna, and a wig and crown wearing mannequin head glaring down at me, the Treasurer negotiated my release with a payment of funds to the David Watkins Memorial Fund. I was free! Mentally drained and emotionally exhausted I stumbled to the safety of my house.

The precedent has been set.....beware  
**Growth & Development Committee**

The GSGRA Board of Directors has approved the new name badge design and production. The new name badges represent the beginning of a new era for GSGRA as we update and refresh our image. As an organization we have been moving towards the concept of TEAM GSGRA and this new name badge is a reflection of that concept. The background of the badge is dark blue plastic, engraving is white, the red and yellow areas are red and gold metallic foil hot stamped into the face of the badge. The enclosed brochure is an artwork sample and includes an order form detailing special limited time pricing or visit the web site ([www.gsgra.org](http://www.gsgra.org)) to see a sample of the badge

and obtain the order form. As an organization we are proud of this new name badge and are excited that our

members will wear the new name badge with pride.

As a celebration of 20 years of GSGRA the Growth & Development Committee obtained approval for an All Around awards program for contestants that compete in all three GSGRA rodeos. Look for the advertisement in this edition of The Chute for all the details and eligibility requirements. The committee is still working out the details for a similar award program aimed at our volunteers. If you would like to help in the drafting of this program please contact the Growth & Development Committee Chair, Eric Ziegler by email at [MrGSGRA2004@aol.com](mailto:MrGSGRA2004@aol.com).

Tell all your friends out there about this new program and let's make the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GSGRA a record year for contestant and volunteer participation.

**Team**

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#### **American Airlines Travel Discounts**

To use the American Airlines program and get 5%-10% off call 800-433-1790 and give the 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.

# Bay Area News



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## Letter From Your President

Well a lot has happened since the last time I wrote to the chapter. First of all, IGRA University has come and gone, and quite a bit happened out in St. Louis. I was excited to hear that GSGRA had such a huge group representing the Golden State. I would also like to congratulate Eric Hanson for being named the new Director of Marketing for IGRA. I'm looking forward to reaping the rewards of having so many Bay Area Chapter members learn so much at IGRA University.

I'd next like to thank Doug Graff for doing one HELL of a job at our Eagle Beer Bust during IBR weekend!! The bus tour turned out to be quite an experience, but the beer bust on Sunday turned out to be quite a huge success. Despite the rain, the chapter was able to generate quite a bit of money. Again, a great big THANK YOU goes out to everyone that helped to

volunteer and make that weekend quite unforgettable.

The last thing I'd like to mention is something that happened at our most recent State Board meeting. The Bay Area Chapter was awarded the coveted "Spirit Stick" by our current State Royalty Team. We beat out all the other chapters due to our recent "Private Shopping Night", and we made sure that the other chapters were jealous of this prize. I just hope that the Spirit Stick can stay in the Bay Area for quite a while!

**Adrian Arteche**  
BAC President

*Next Chapter Meeting*

**Tuesday, March 9th**  
**7:30 pm**

**Marlena's**  
**488 Hayes Street, San Francisco**

*Don't Miss It!*



# SD SENTINEL

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

- March 2, 2-004—General Membership Mtg 7pm
- March 16, 2-004—Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm
- April 6, 2-004—General Membership Mtg 7pm
- April 20, 2004—Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm

All Meetings will be held at Twigg's CoffeeShop



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## 2004 CHAPTER CHAIR POSITIONS

I am pleased to announce the following people have accepted chairs for the year 2004:

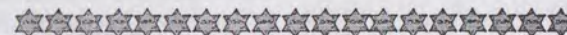
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| Archives - Christy B.            | Bylaws - Kelly G.               |
| Chapter Fundraising - Anthony O. | Donations - Omar P.             |
| Education - Steve W.             | Events & Activities - Joseph S. |
| Finance - Dan B. and JJ          | Membership - David N.           |
| Merchandise - Roberto R.         | Royalty - Scott G.              |
| System Support Services - Ed W.  |                                 |

We still are looking for people to fill the following positions:

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| Community Outreach   | Newsletter     |
| Membership Discount  | Pride Festival |
| Mobility & Logistics | Sponsorship    |

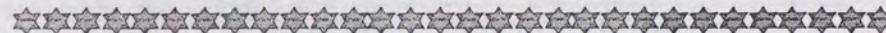
If any one is interested in these positions, please contact either myself or any board member.

Ken Valdez  
2004 President



## ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, at the General Membership meeting we will be holding elections for two Chapter Representatives and two Alternates to the State Board. To be eligible you must be actively affiliated with the Chapter for a period of at least one-year immediately prior to the election. New representatives will be seated on Sunday, May 2 at the State Board meeting in Los Angeles. If you are interested in running please contact any Board Member



## BEST A\$\$ IN DENIM CONTEST

On January 30, we held our finals for Best A\$\$ in Denim 2003 at Kickers. There was a great turnout. Top honors went to Todd E., 1st runner-up was Scott G., 2nd runner-up was Roberto R. and 3rd runner-up was Itai L. It was a great way to start off the year. We will be having our next Best A\$\$ in Denim Contest on March 26 9:30 pm at Kickers. Congratulations to Anthony O. our fundraising chair for a great job.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!  
Todd G. Neil H. James R.

## CONTESTANT CORNER

The San Diego Chapter was well represented during the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix. With a team of six contestants, including two brand new recruits, San Diego members brought home several Top Eight finishes! A special Honorable Mention goes to new contestant Joseph S. with a 12<sup>th</sup> place finish in Goat Dressing on Sunday. Off to a great start for the 2004 season, Individual Top Eight results were:

Saturday:

Kirk C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chute Dogging, 5<sup>th</sup> Flag Race, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Roping, 4<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race and 8<sup>th</sup> Goat Dressing  
 Randy F. 5<sup>th</sup> Calf Roping On Foot, 5<sup>th</sup> Barrel Racing, 5<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race  
 David R. 1<sup>st</sup> Breakaway Roping, 5<sup>th</sup> Pole Bending, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Roping, 4<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race and 8<sup>th</sup> Goat Dressing  
 Steve W. 5<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race

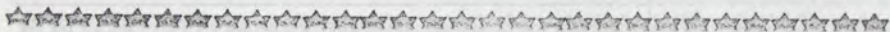
Sunday:

Kirk C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Calf Roping On Foot, 1<sup>st</sup> Breakaway Roping, 6<sup>th</sup> Barrel Race, 1<sup>st</sup> Pole Bending, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Roping, 5<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag, 4<sup>th</sup> Goat Dressing  
 Randy F. 7<sup>th</sup> Barrel Racing, 4<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race  
 James G. 6<sup>th</sup> Calf Roping On Foot (First Time Contestant!)  
 David R. 2<sup>nd</sup> Calf Roping On Foot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakaway Roping, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Roping, 5<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race, 4<sup>th</sup> Goat Dressing  
 Steve W. 4<sup>th</sup> Wild Drag Race

Overall:

Kirk C. 8<sup>th</sup> Pole Bending, 4<sup>th</sup> Flag Race, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Roping, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wild Drag Race, 4<sup>th</sup> Goat Dressing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall ALL AROUND COWBOY  
 Randy F. 4<sup>th</sup> Barrel Racing, 7<sup>th</sup> Pole Bending, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wild Drag Race  
 David R. 1<sup>st</sup> Breakaway Roping, 8<sup>th</sup> Barrel Racing, 4<sup>th</sup> Pole Bending, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Roping, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wild Drag Race, 4<sup>th</sup> Goat Dressing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall ALL AROUND COWBOY  
 Steve W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wild Drag Race

The individual points for all of the San Diego Contestants helped Team GSGRA win top honors for the weekend - finishing in first place among all associations represented. Not bad for one of the biggest rodeos on the IGRA circuit! Way to go Team San Diego!!!



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