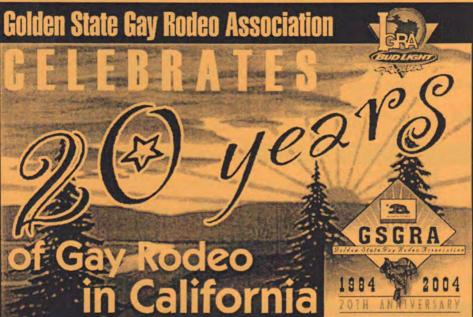
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### Where - What - When

#### August 2004

6-8 L.A. Rodeo

Los Angeles, CA

14 GLAC-Chapter Meeting (LA)

20-22 Bay Area Rodeo

San Jose, Ca

28 BAC Annual Meeting and Volunteer Barbeque

27-29 Windy City Rodeo

Chigago IL

27-29 Salt Lake City Rodeo

Salt Lake City, Ut

#### September 2004

3 - 5 Show Me State Rodeo Kansas City, MO

10 - 12 Atlantic Stampede

Washington, DC

17-19 San Diego Rodeo San Diego, Ca

24 - 26 Capital City Rodeo

Austin, TX

#### October 2004

14-17 IGRA Finals Rodeo Omaha, NE

#### November 2004

6-7 Palm Springs Pride

11-14 20th IGRA Convention

Denver, CO

13 International Dance Competition

Denver, CO

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#### California is all about Gay Rodeo in August

Dust of you cowboy boots (and your running shoes) we've got a lot of ground to cover this month

August 6-8, 2004 Los Angeles www.larodeo.com

August 20-22, 2004
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#### **GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

## LET'S RODEO!



Hey Cowboys and Cowgirls! Don't forget (as if you could or we'd let ya) the 20th LA Rodeo is August 7 & 8 at the LA Equestrian Center — 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506. Tickets are \$15.00 at the gate or \$12.00 pre-sale. There's gonna be lots of Rodeo action, food, dancing and all the Hot Cowboys and Cowgirls you could ever want. Come and enjoy the hot times at the LA Rodeo. Don't forget the Big Country & Western Dance Party Saturday night at the Burbank Airport Hilton from 8 pm 'til 1 am. Tickets are \$10.00. Come on down and dance till ya drop! Check out *LARodeo.com* for details.

#### The 1st Annual GLAC Royalty Pageant

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association is proud to announce the 1st Annual Royalty Pageant. Contestants will be competing for the titles of Mr./Miss/Ms. GLAC 2004. The pageant is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, August 5th & 6th, just prior to the L.A. Rodeo. Come and see the Public Presentations and Entertainment competitions Friday August 6th at the Burbank Airport Hilton. There will be a Step down Ceremony for Mr./ Miss/Ms. 2003 with the presentation of their commemorative buckles.

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#### **GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)**

### 2004-2005 CHAPTER BOARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The Annual Meeting of the Members for the Greater Los Angeles Chapter will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2004 (time and location to be announced). On this date we will be



electing the Executive Board Members for the 2004-2005 coming year.

Nominations are now open for President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Rodeo Operations, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations can be forwarded to GLAC's Nominations Chair, Keith Arruda, at <a href="mailto:nominations@larodeo.com">nominations@larodeo.com</a>. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting.

Eligibility requirements are:

- A GSGRA member in good standing Affiliated with the Chapter
- Have been a member in good standing of GLAC for at least year immediately prior to the date of the election.
- Commit to maintain membership in GLAC for the duration of the term of office.

Help GLAC continue to move forward, fulfilling its purpose and goals, and making rodeo and the country western lifestyle an enjoyable environment for

#### Thank You!

As May and June rolled through, so did the local Gay Pride Celebrations. GLAC had a strong presence at both the Long Beach and LA Pride festivals. We decorated the dance tents, we volunteered to pour beverages, and we had the honor of leading both parades as the Color Guard.

We raised approx. \$3,000 between to the two celebrations. None of this would have been possible with out the tremendous help of the volunteers that gave of their time to help promote GLAC to these communities. So, THANK YOU! to all of the hard working volunteers. You each deserve a big wet kiss!

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#### **GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)**

Country Weds @ Club Ripples With DJ Rosa, 7 PM to 11 PM, No Cover \$2.00 Draft Beer, \$3.00 Domestic Bottled Beer (\$2.00 Domestic Bottled Beer with GSGRA ID)

#### Mark your Calendars... August 7 & 8, 2004 LA Rodeo, Admission \$15.00

Los Angeles Equestrian Center 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506

August 7, 2004, 8 pm to 1 AM **Big Country & Western Dance** Tickets \$10. See LARodeo.com for more. Burbank Airport Hilton. 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank CA

#### August 14, 2004, 10:00 AM **GLAC Chapter Meeting**

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

August 20, 2004, 9:00 PM Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's. 11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA (818)760-9749

#### **Future Chapter Meetings**

August 14 (Los Angeles) Sept 11 (Long Beach) October 2 (Long Beach)



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# **Bay Area News**

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#### **Letter From Your President**

I can't believe we're only a few weeks away from our 13th annual rodeo! Wow! It's just amazing how quickly time flies during times like these! I'd just like to take this time to give a few "thank you's" to a few special people who really worked hard over this past month. First of all, Doug Graff for your time and effort for our float for San Francisco Pride, I thought our presence at SFPride this year was just GREAT! We were able to go out there and strut our stuff, as well as being able to raise awareness within the community regarding our rodeo. I just hope that it all pays off with additional butts in the stands! I also have to give you a great big "THANK YOU" for our most recent "Private Shopping Night" down in Milpitas. It's amazing that the staff at Western Warehouse has always been so accepting and accommodating for our group. It was a great turn out, we all had fun, and hopefully we won't have to wait too long before our next outing!

Well, I'm going to keep this short and sweet. I just want to wish everyone a wonderful time as we head into the final stretch right before our rodeo. I'm excited about the new host hotel, the new change in venue, and all the other changes that are happening all around us. I can't wait till the rodeo rolls around, when we here at the Bay Area Chapter really get the chance to host all of our friends and show them what San Francisco hospitality is all about. See y'all at the rodeo!

Adrian Arteche **BAC President** 

#### **ANNUAL MEETING!!**

Saturday, August 28th 11:00 am

**Driscoll Ranch Annual Meeting/Rodeo Volunteer** Barbeque

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I'd like to remind everyone about our upcoming Annual Meeting. First of all, our meeting will take place on August 28th out at Driscoll Ranch, just one week after our rodeo. We're shooting for a 11:00 a.m. start time. We will be having our Annual Meeting, followed by a Volunteer barbeque immediately following the conclusion of our meeting.

I'd also like to remind everyone that we will be accepting nominations for all Chapter offices up through our Annual Meeting. If you would either like to run for a particular office, or nominate someone else who you feel would be a great candidate, please send your nominations to Frank Early at nominations. I hope many of you can make it to the meeting and barbeque. It should be a great time!



"So how am I supposed to put this thing on?

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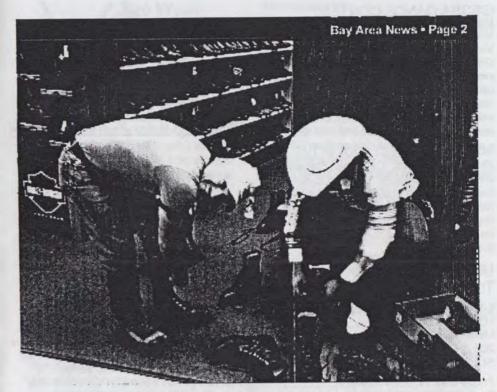
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"Do these shoes match my purse?"!



Miss GSGRA Anita Name and Miss BAC Trout being "fussy" at Western Warehouse!!

#### GSGRA DANCE CONTEST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help run the GSGRA Dance Contest, August 21, 4:30 - 7 pm, Palo Alto, CA. The volunteers will help with registration and assisting contestants and the contest. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact DrRJohnsonPhD@aol.com or call 310.487.6993.

NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!! In Modesto, California, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch. Since he did not have a weapon, King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellilllooooooo!)

#### I.G.R.A. Board of Directors and Trustees Meetings for 2004

Friday Feb 13, 2004. 1:00 p.m. I.G.R.A. University Millennium Hotel 200 S 4 St St Louis MO 63102

Friday May 14, 2004 1:00 p.m. Comstock Stampede Sands Regency Hotel 345 N Arlington Ave Reno NV 89501

Friday Jul 30, 2004 9:00 a.m. Greater Motown Intl Rodeo Wayne County Fairgrounds 10871 Quirk Rd Belleville MI 48111

Thursday Nov 11, 2004 1:00 p.m. Annual Convention Holiday Inn Denver Downtown 1450 Glenarm Ave Denver CO 80202-5024



#### THE GRAND FINALE:

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, California, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 ft. Bayliner to perform. It wouldn't get on a plane at all, and it was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marine, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out drive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. NOW REMEMBER THIS IS TRUE.... Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.



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and family to use, as IGRA will benefit.

## The Wear and Care of a Cowboy Hat

How to Put a Cowboy Hat Down When you take off your cowboy hat, always place it crown down (upside down). This step is vital to aid in keeping the brim shape. When placing your hat down remember to place it on a clean area. Otherwise, the brim can begin to straighten and that will ruin the look of the hat.

Alternatively, you can hang the hat on a hat stand or coat rack, provided the crown is supported and there are no obstacles pressing down on the brim. If the hat is not going to be worn for a reasonable period, it is best to have it supported by the inside of the crown, rather than have it resting upside down on the crown.

The latter approach can easily damage the felt on the top of the hat.

If you are putting down a wet hat, ensure that the crown supports it and the brim does not touch any surface. Otherwise, once the hat dries, it is likely a mark will be left on it.

#### Cowboy Hat Etiquette

Do not interfere with anyone else's cowboy hat. A hat is a prized, personal possession, and should be treated with respect.

Whenever you enter a building, you should remove your hat. If it is an informal event, you may put the hat back on again, however it should be left off if it is a formal event.

When sitting down at a table, you should remove your hat when you eat, provided there is somewhere safe to place it. If you are sitting down at a counter for a meal however, it is acceptable to retain your hat on. It is appropriate to take your hat off outdoors when:

a) when you are being introduced or

saying good-bye

- b) to greet someone you know in the street c) when talking, particularly to drag queens
- d) when the national anthem is being played
- e) at a funeral or near a funeral procession Tipping your hat is done by barely lifting it off your head (By the crown of a soft hand or by the brim of a stiff hat). It is appropriate to tip your head when:
- a) when walking with a friend who passes a drag queen only your friend knows
- b) any time a drag queen who is a stranger thanks you for some service
- c) anytime you excuse yourself to a drag queen
- d) when you ask a drag queen for directions
  e) anytime a stranger shows a courtesy to a drag queen you are with
  You should always take your hat off indoors, except under the following conditions:
  - a) in public buildings, e.g. railway station or post office
  - b) in entrance halls and entrances to hotels or of-

fice buildings

c) in elevators of public buildings or offices

#### Trustee report

Association are doing must better with sponsor compliance. There have been some problems getting needed ad's and banners from sponsors but that getting better. In Detroit the Trustees are going to tweak the Sponsor Compliance Check list but nothing big, just a clean up.

Denver is moving forward with its IGRA Convention plans for November 11-14, 2004. I spoke with Ken Pool and he said the Host Hotel has more gold leaf than any one person would want. Delegates will be selected at the next GSGRA BOD meeting.

An update from Omaha is that the IGRA Finals October 14-17, 2004 is on track and looking good.

Thank You Al Wright

## SD SENTINEL

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

August 3, 2004—General Membership Mtg 7pm August 17, 2004—Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm August 24, 2004—Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm August 31, 2004—Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm September 7, 2004 General Membership Mtg 7pm

All Meetings will be held at Twigg's CoffeeShop

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

It hard to believe we are just about half way thru summer and that there are less than sixty days until the San Diego Rodeo. The Chapter has been working very hard to get ready for Rodeo. We have been out in the community promoting the San Diego Rodeo. In the last three months, we have had three Best A\$\$ contests, two car washes, a spaghetti dinner, a dinner at Chevv's, a trail ride, a Bar Crawl, and entry in San Pride Parade and Sponsorship the Country Western Dance Tent at San Diego Pride. It has been a lot of work. but the silver lining is have learned the true meaning of teamwork. We learned that it is nearly impossible to be involved in every activity and that's OK.. We have learned to give 100% to the activities we attend. We have learned the value of planning, execution, and setting up repeatable processes. We have learned the art of good communication. The rewards of the last few months are the great friendships we have developed. Friendships we will carry with us the rest of our lives. I am very excited about our Rodeo in September. I am very proud of every member of the Chapter and how well we have learned to work with one another, so lets continue to have fun and put on a memorable and the BEST San Diego Rodeo yet.

KEN VALDEZ



#### ROYALTY CONTEST

This years Royalty Pageant for The Greater San Diego Chapter will be held at the beautiful Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. The pageant will be on September 11th at 8pm. There will be special entertainment and dancing thru out the night. Our Mr. San Diego Rodeo, Scott and Ms. San Diego Rodeo, Christy will be doing their step down performance. The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of our 2004 Royalty Team. There is still time to be a part of the 2004 San Diego Royalty Team. If interested in running, please contact Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813.

#### **VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS PARTY**

Circle August 14th on your calendar. We will be having Volunteer/
Membership Appreciation Party at the Hole on August 14, from
3pm to 6pm. Come eat, drink and dance. Yes, we will put the
dance floor down at the Hole. Bring you pictures of past events
and share them with the group. The Board of the San Diego
Chapter will put on their aprons and do all the cooking. We will be
serving up free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs plus all the fixings. So
come and relax, and spend Saturday Afternoon with us.



#### ROYALTY REPORT

It was with a mixture of both happiness and great sadness that I attended the North Star Rodeo in Hugo, MN, this last weekend. By now most of you know of the death of one of IGRA's trustees, Bobbi St. George, in an automobile accident on her way to Rodeo. On behalf of the entire GSGRA (as well as the San Diego chapter) I signed the sympathy card extending our deepest condolences as well as making a donation for the belt buckle she was to sponsor. The Missouri contingent did an outstanding job of continuing on in her absence. But the show must go on, and the host association outdid themselves in friendliness! From before I arrived in the twin cities, the NSGRA royalty insisted that I was invited to all of their events. Of COURSE I was delighted!! From the Meet & Greet and Trikkx bar in St. Paul to a very warm introduction at Grand Entry (and QUITE a plug for the San Diego rodeo as well!!) NSGRA staff treated me like family every moment I was there...which means they've raised the bar for the rest of us in how to treat our guests! Many, many thanks again!! And now, for an update on happenings in San Diego, my Ms. San Diego Rodeo, Christy Brown: Huh? Wha....? Oh, hi!!!! We did very well on the spaghetti dinner fundraiser (\$590.00!!) on June 30 and we're gearing up for San Diego Pride on 7/31-8/1. We still need people to help carry the state flags in the parade. The July "Best @\$ \$ in Denim" contest will be at the "Country Village" at Pride on Saturday evening. Hope to see all y'all there!

#### FROM VP RODEO OPS

Howdy ya'll!

Wow, how the year has just flown by! Looking at the calendar, I am amazed that this year's rodeo is less than two months away. I am happy to report that everything is on track as the activity starts to notch its way up level by level leading up to the event.

As every year has its unique challenges to face, this one has been no exception and I am sure that others will surface as the event gets closer. We have always been able to meet these challenges head on and have been able to produce successful rodeo weekends despite them. I bring this up to remind people that we have been there before and as you discover challenges under your area of responsibility, don't forget about the veteran members who can help you succeed.

As things get more hectic, frustrations will surface, tempers may flare, despair may try to set in, but as the rodeo competitors say "Cowboy Up!" With a little team effort and hard work, things will work out just great and we can all be proud of the job we've done.

We have lots of new faces who have taken on responsibilities unfamiliar to them and they are bringing great energy to their positions. Everyone is doing a great job and the team work that has been demonstrated so far is to be commended. Personal thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point.

I am always so proud of the accomplishments our organization is able to pull off year after year. We have a great team and I look forward to working with each and every one of you for years to come. Thanks for making my job easier.

Please contact me with any questions, issues, concerns, etc. I am here to help in any way I can. Thanks again for all of the hard work and dedication.

Let's Rodeo! ED WALLUM

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