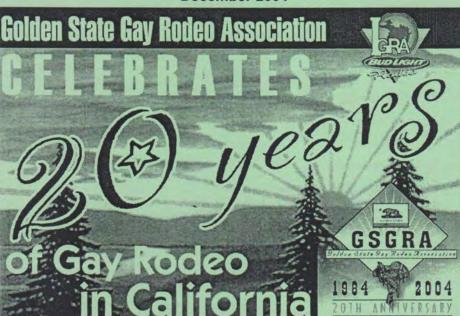
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IGRA Events - 2005

Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix	January 14 - 16
University	Dallas	February 18 – 20
Cowtown Rodeo	Fort Worth	March 4 – 6
T-Town Rodeo	Tulsa	April 8 – 10
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas	April 22 – 24
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock	April 29 - May 1
Rodeo Wichita	Wichita	May 13 – 15
Comstock Stampede	Reno	May 13 – 15
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City	May 27 – 29
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque	June 17 – 19
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis	July 1 – 3
Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo	Calgary	July 1 – 3
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver	July 8 – 10
Southern Spurs Rodeo	Atlanta	July 22 – 24
Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo	Detroit	July 29 – 31
LA Rodeo 2005	Los Angeles	August 5 – 7
San Francisco Bay Area	San Francisco	August 19 – 21
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago	August 26 – 28
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City	Sept 2 – 4
Atlantic Stampede 2005	Washington DC	Sept 9 – 11
San Diego Rodeo	San Diego	Sept 23 – 25
Space City Stampede	Houston	Sept 30 – Oct 2
21st Annual Convention	Calgary	October 20 – 23
International Dance Competition	Calgary	October 22
19 th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo	Dallas	November 11 – 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 11/26/2004.

IGRA can be reached at (303)595-IGRA or at www.igra.com where you can link to the web sites for most of the rodeos on the IGRA circuit.



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It's that time of year again (no, not tax time). It the beginning of the holiday Season. Please join your GLAC friends at our Holiday Party on December 4 at the Rawhide Bar. The Rawhide is located at 10937 Burbank Blvd. in North Hollywood.

We will be celebrating the season with food, fun and dancing sponsored by Bud Light and the Rawhide bar. There will be a \$5 beer bust and \$2 bottles of Bud Light. The festivities will begin after the December Chapter meeting.

Bring some non-perishable food items for a food drive for the Christ Chapel Food bank.

Swapmeet Success...

I want to say Thank You to everyone who donated items for the swap meet sale. It was a good day. The booth was full all day long. We had lots of clothes for sale and a few other items which we made some good money on. I would also like to say a great big Thank You to Mr. San Diego Gay Rodeo Ken Wells for helping me with the swap meet that day. Maybe we will do another one in the spring.

- Roz



Mr. San Diego Rodeo is here Somewhere!

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A GLAC CHRISTMAS EVE

It was the night before Christmas when all through the city of Los Angeles.

All the cowboys and cowgirls were out in the city of angels.
All dressed in their dancing clothes,

In hopes that Oil Can Harry's and the Rawhide would not be closed.

The wranglers were two stepping and shuffling; While Bob was in his corner and Christy serving up cowgirls. In addition, over at the Rawhide, Bill was filling up bottomless mug from behind the bar with Bud Light.

When out in the streets there arose such a clatter, Everyone ran from the bars to see what was the matter. Away to the doors they flew in a flash, While Mr. IGRA 1st runner up threw off his sash.

When, what to their wondering eyes should appear, But a pick up, powered by eighteen horses. Carrying Justin's and Stetson's from King's Western Wear, For all the cowboys and cowgirls.

With his hundred and ninety pound figure, he was so jolly; They all knew in a moment it must be the president of GLAC. As Robert's Rules of Order came, He whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now Eric! now, Michael! now, Mark and Corey!
On, Sue! on Paul! on, Greg and Joe!
To the LA Equestrian Center! to put on the top rodeo on the IGRA circuit,
Now dash away! dash away!
dash away all!"



"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank You So ...

The fundraising committee would like to thank Darrin of Hamburger Mary's Long Beach, DJ Rosa and all the people who showed up and especially those people donated extra money (you know who you are) to make the spaghetti dinner a successful event.

We would also like to give a very big thank you to the Rawhide and their staff for hosting a 50/50 on November 14th for the LA Rodeo. Everyone had a good time and Mark was fabulous. Thanks again to Bill and his crew.

Come Help Plan the Fun!!!

Steve Miller, the Social Events Committee Chair invites y'all to come on board the Social Events Committee. They're going to plan a whole lot of fun for everyone. You can e-mail Steve at: SMILLER0745@yahoo.com.

501(c)3 Update

Mark and I would also like to thank Bryan, Michael and JT for committing to the 501 c 3 committee, we will be soon very hard at work and hopefully by this publication we will have something concrete to bring to the next chapter meeting.

HAPPY HANUKKAH!



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Did you Know about this?...

Hamburger Mary's, Long Beach-10% discount with GSGRA ID King's Western Wear, Studio city-10% discount with GSGRA ID Oil Can Harry's, Studio city -Free Fri. Admission with GSGRA ID Michael DeYonker: Rodeo VP@larodeo.com

Mark your Calendars... December 4, 2004, 10:00 AM **GLAC Chapter Meeting**

Rawhide, 10937 Burbank Blvd, N. Hollywood, 818-760-9798

December 4, 2004, 2 PM to 6 PM **GLAC Holiday Party**

Hosted by Bud Light& the Rawhide 10937 Burbank Blvd, N. Hollywood, 818-760-9798

October 15, 2004, 9:00 PM Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's. 11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA (818)760-9749

December 11, 6 PM to 10 PM Country Night @ Hamburger Mary's 740 E. Broadway, Long Beach (562) 983-7001

Future Chapter Meetings

December 4 (Los Angeles) January 8 (Long Beach) February 13 (Sunday, Long Beach)

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Howdy and Happy Holidays,

It's truly hard to believe that 2005 is almost over. I surely hope that everyone is having a safe and joyous holiday season. This is a great time to reflect on where we've been, what we've achieved, and where we're going.

Overall, we had a very good year; three well run, enjoyable rodeos, an awesome 20th year birthday party in Los Angeles, just about the best-ever dance contest in San Francisco, and a fun, knock your socks off, royalty contest in San Diego. On top of that, we had multiple teams in the IGRA Dance Competition this past month in Denver and we again brought home an IGRA Royalty Sash. We now have an awesome online eChute. It just doesn't get a whole lot better than that. But, it can, and we will.

We definitely had some challenges with our rodeos this past year, but none that we can't overcome. Yes, it's getting more expensive to host rodeos, so we've got to be more creative and look at how we can adapt. We need to change

can adapt. We need to cha some of our thought processes; we can't keep doing the same things the same way, unless we expect to get, and want, the same results.

Every one of our rodeos is viable,

with the right approach, the right leadership, and with the right measure of planning. This is truly the time for every member to be involved, to voice their opinions, and to help discuss and consider how we adapt with the changing times so that we remain relevant and continue to prosper and grow. I urge each of you to get involved today, now, with the planning for next year's rodeos. Without your input we won't achieve the possibilities that exist. There is a place for everyone in our family at the table.

In addition to rodeo growth, we need to grow in other ways. GSGRA has helped lead the charge for changing the dance competition rules, first by advocating the inclusion of line dance as a contest category. If you were in Denver you saw the fruits of these efforts as line dancers, both individually and as teams, took the floor, to loud applause. To say that our team line dance champions from California, the LA Wranglers, stormed the floor and held everyone's attention is an understatement. They were simply awesome and helped elevate the evening to a new high. Now, we need to do the same thing with the team dance competition. I have asked some of our dance folks to develop rules for adding a new dance category that is more relaxed and less attached to ballroom type dance rules. The goal is that this new category will be in place for our GSGRA Dance Contest in May at our annual convention in San Diego. Subsequently, I hope that we can demonstrate the value of this addition to IGRA and work for inclusion of this in the IGRA Dance Competition in 2006. None of this is meant to diminish the value and contributions of

the current categories and the contestants who enjoy these competitions. The goal is to find ways to expand the competitions, reaching more people, and making our dance contests more inviting to everyone in our family.

We have some other big changes that you will be receiving information on shortly. First, the board has approved a new and simpler process for the eChute. Each member will receive a letter providing you with the user id and password for accessing the eChute throughout 2005. The eChute will always be available by the 5th of each month, so mark your calendars to check it out. The substitution of the eChute for the Chute publication will result in substantial savings to GSGRA, which in turn makes more funds available for other uses. A second change is an annual "clean-up" letter to each member that will improve our records and allow for better distribution of information to the membership.

Early in 2005 I will be providing proposed changes for the timing of both our annual convention and the royalty contest. My reason for proposing these changes is to both bring our annual meeting into sync with our new fiscal year (which occurs this month as we shift from a Feb/Mar calendar to a Dec/Jan calendar) and also to reduce the financial and planning burden on our chapters. Again, if we can reduce our overhead we can allocate our funds in more productive ways. A by-product of these changes is that, if

adopted, it would lessen our calendar clutter in November and also open up the spring (late April/early May) for expansion of GSGRA activities into this sea-

son. Please review these proposed changes and participate in the discussions leading up to the annual convention in May.

I look forward to the achievements that we will have in 2005, and I am confident that we can face and overcome the challenges that we encounter on our journey. We ARE relevant and this year our goal should be to find our collective voice so that everyone in the community agrees.

Happy Holidays to All. Jabby

David Watkins Memorial Fund

We congratulate all of our G.S.G.R.A. members that qualified and will be invited to the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo in Omaha, Nebraska this year. At the Annual Convention of Members in May 1999, the purpose and method of disbursement of the David Watkins Memorial Fund were amended to reflect the changing nature of our organization. Please review the following information and take note of the modifications to the fund.

The original purpose of the David Watkins Memorial Fund was to offer some limited support to contestants to help defray the expenses involved in competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. It is recognized that contestants in horse events incur expenses over and above those incurred by contestants in general with the result that G.S.G.R.A. was often under represented in these events. With this in mind, the fund was to focus on, but not be limited to this particular problem.

The fund consists of such moneys as may be donated to the fund from time to time. G.S.G.R.A. will hold such funds to be distributed by way of grants, solely to assist in defraying expenses incurred by contestants competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. Members of our G.S.G.R.A. Royalty are the primary contributors to this fund and we greatly appreciate their time and dedication to this endeavor.

To qualify to receive a grant from the fund, contestant must:

1) Have been a member of G.S.G.R.A., in good standing, from the date of the first rodeo in the current season (beginning November 1999) in which the contestant competed through the weekend of the Finals Rodeo.

2) Have earned all points for the current I.G.R.A. Finals Ro-

deo as a declared member of G.S.G.R.A. 3) Compete in the Finals Rodeo.

Funds may be distributed by way of grants in two categories, general expenses and horse related expenses. In the general category, contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:

 a) Hotel accommodation not to exceed the hotel basic rate for Friday through Sunday night, and only the actual share of room cost incurred.

 b) Travel from the home city to the Finals City and return; air fare not to exceed the least expensive advance reservation rate or fuel only if driving.

c) Registration fees only for the events in which the contestant was qualified and invited

In addition to the above, the Horse contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:

a) Trailer an/or truck rental and fuel costs.

b) Lodging expenses in transit and horse boarding expenses (stable/pasture)

 c) Qualified contestants may submit grant requests for approved expenses. Grant request must:

a) Be received no later than 45 days after the Finals Rodeo.

b) Detail the expenses incurred.

c) Attach receipts for all expenses to be considered.

Grants will be made proportionally. The amount available for grants in a category will be divided by the total of the qualified requests in that category. The result will be calculated to a percentage and applied to the amount requested.

To apply for a grant, please send a detailed accounting of all expenses incurred, receipts (or copies) for all expenses, and proof of participation in the Finals. This documentation shall be mailed no later than 7 December 2004. to:

Bill Chapman, Treasurer GSGRA, Inc 4564 Falcon Ave Long Beach, CA 90807

If you have any questions contact G.S.G.R.A. Executive Board members or State Board of Directors. And, if you would like an e-mail acknowledgment of the receipt of your request and documentation, please include your e-mail address in your submission.

Trustee Report

NEW People At IGRA

New IGRA President - Brian Helander – AGRA and Secretary - Larry Lindstrom – CGRA. Congratulation to them both.

New Rules for 2005

New Rodeo Rules adopted at convention can be found on the IGRA Yahoo Groups under the file name: RRproposals2004 Accepted Final 11-13-04.doc

Rodeo Schedule Update

The new Rodeo Schedule will be in your contestant mailing January 1, 2005. IGRA rodeo bid process did not far very will. New President Brian Helander has put together an ad hoc committee to study the best way to go about the bid process. One of the longest committee meeting at the convention was the Rodeo Growth & Development. The committee struggled with to many rodeos' to close together. At the end of many hours little was accomplished to change the 2005 Rodeo Schedule.

IGRA University

The IGRA University will be at the American Airlines Training & Conference Center, DFW Airport

Texas. February 18th – 20th 2005.

Mark your
Calendars.

NEW Rule Books

The new IGRA Rule Books 2005 are to be in the contestant mailing January 1, 2005

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Balance Sheet

As of October 2004

As of October 2004	
ASSETS	Oct 31, 04
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Cash in bank - operating	11,271.74
1070 · Reserve Fund	6,562.47
1071 · Memorial Funds	2,625.67
Total Checking/Savings	20,459.88
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts receivables	6,365.58
1115 · Doubtful accounts allowance	27,358.94
Total Accounts Receivable	33,724.52
Total Current Assets	54,184.40
Fixed Assets	
1745 · Accum deprec- furn, fix, equip	924.00
Total Fixed Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	55,108.40
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	44,128.51
3010 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	6,180.31
Net Income	4,799.58
Total Equity	55,108.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	55,108.40

Where - What - When

December 2004

- 4 GLAC-Chapter Meeting (LA)
- 4 GLAC-Holiday Party The Rawhide - Burbank
- 11 Country Night at Hamburger Mary's - Long Beach
- 17 Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's Studio City
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 Kicker's New Years Eve Bash San Diego

January 2005

- 8 Country Night at Hamburger Mary's - Long Beach
- 9 Best Butt Contest Rawhide - Burbank
- 14-16 Road Runner Regional Rodeo
 Phoeniz AZ



GSGRA INC Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison

	Mar '04 - Feb 05	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	290.00	350.00	-60.00
Donations	395.00	100.00	295.00
Merchandise Sale	465.00	4,500.00	-4,035.00
State Convention	0.00	8,300.00	-8,300.00
5210 · Membership dues	13,236.00	16,800.00	-3,564.00
5310 · Interest-savings	17.44	0.00	17.44
Total Income	14,403.44	30,050.00	-15,646.56
Expense			
Branding and Comm	717.25	600.00	117.25
Dance Contest Expenses	722.71	500.00	222.71
Education	575.10	2,500.00	-1,924.90
General Administrative	2,057.74	2,685.00	-627.26
Growth & Development	1,491.50	975.00	516.50
Membership	2,448.83	9,910.00	-7,461.17
Merchandise	0.00	3,050.00	-3,050.00
Mr Ms Miss	145.00	1,400.00	-1,255.00
Professional Fees	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
State Convention Expenses	965.73	6,576.00	-5,610.27
Taxes	800.00	800.00	0.00
Total Expense	9,923.86	30,996.00	-21,072.14
Net Ordinary Income	4,479.58	-946.00	5,425.58
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	320.00	500.00	-180.00
Reserve Funds	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total Other Income	320.00	2,000.00	-1,680.00
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	320.00	1,300.00	-980.00
Net Income	4,799.58	354.00	4,445.58

may 2005 bring you everything you could possibly wish for . . . and then some.

SD SENTINEL

Mark your calendars for the next meetings of the Greater San Diego Chapter .

December 7, 2004 - Membership Meeting at 7pm

There was no scheduled Roundtable for December at press time.

YahooGroups notifications will be sent out in case an extra meeting is called.



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ELECTIONS

Welcome to the 2005 Board

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Roberto Romero

Treasurer

Ken Wells

Secretary

Christy Brown

Elections for VP Rodeo Operations will take place Jan 4th, 2005 at the Membership Meeting, candidates need to contact Ken Valdez or other Board members. Now is also the time to consider the different chapter and state committee chairs that need to be filled. Anyone interested submit your area of interest to Ken Valdez.



STATE ROYALTY

State royalty pageant was held on Saturday Nov. 6 at the Handlery, very well organized by John Carrillo and Doug Graff as MC. Congratulations to Miss Trout, she is now your Miss GSGRA and our own Steve Wollert Mr. GSGRA. Present were past Royalty and many members of GSGRA.

Bay Area News

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Letter From Your President

Well here we are at the beginning of the holiday season! It was nice to see that November was such an exciting month for the Bay Area Chapter. First of all, thank you Frank Early for coordinating yet another wildly successful night at the Grand National Rodeo at the Cow Palace. For those of you that went, I hope you had a wonderful time. And before I forget.....REBA ROCKS!!

That same weekend also had us traveling down to San Diego for our quarterly State Board meeting. San Diego also hosted the annual state royalty competition. It was extremely exciting to see that our own Bay Area gem Miss Trout brought back the Miss GSGRA title back home to the Bay Area! You Go Girl!! You did a fabulous job, and I know you're going to kick some major ass when you compete for the IGRA title! I'd also like to thank Aaron Lindsey (aka Miss Anita Name) for a GREAT year representing not only GSGRA, but also the Bay Area. We were all proud of you and the

wonderful job you did as Miss GSGRA 2004.

Trout and Travis, you did an awesome job at the toy drive at Marlena's. It was wonderful to see Momma there in support of your efforts. I know that Camp Sunburst is fully appreciative of everything that you've done for them. They truly are a wonderful charity.

I'd like to take one last minute of your time to wish each and every one of you a great holiday season! Hope Santa brings you everything on your list (yes, even you Travis). HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Adrian Arteche BAC President

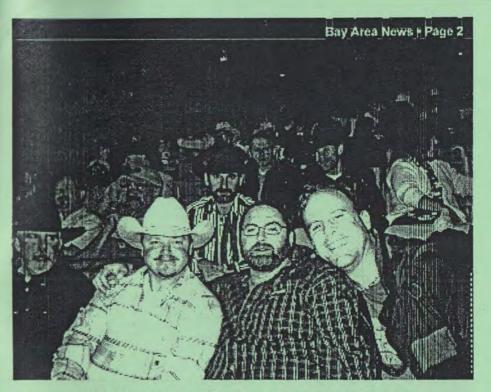
CHAPTER MEETING!!

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

Marlena's

488 Hayes, San Francisco

7:30 p.m.



Looks like a bunch of trouble makers at the Grand Nationals to me!!



A bunch of Shop-a-holics at the Grand Nationals!



Our own Miss Bay Area Rodeo Miss Trout newly crowned and sashed as Miss GSGRA 2005!! Congrats Trout and Steve!!

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