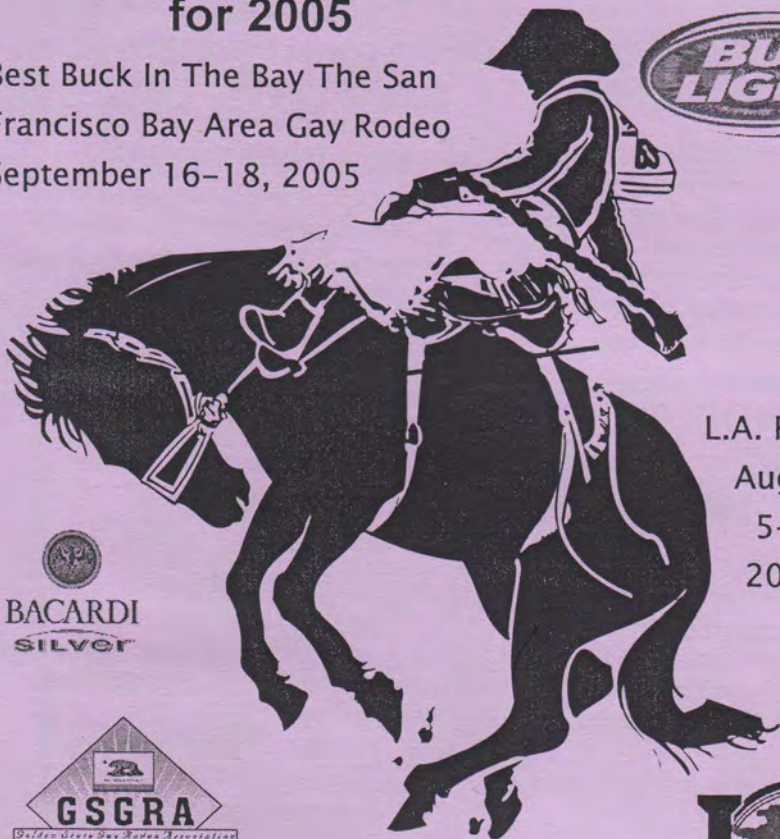


CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2005

Best Buck In The Bay The San
Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo
September 16-18, 2005



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The Chute

September 2005

The Official Newsletter
of G.S.G.R.A.

From the desk of MR PREZ..

Howdy,

First of all, huge congrats to the LA Chapter for hosting such a fun rodeo. Everyone I talked to had a great time. It was obvious that all the hard work paid off. Now, on to San Francisco!

The next board meeting is over Columbus Day Weekend in Palm Springs. I know the chapter's planning a fun filled weekend, so make plans now to come spend a long weekend in the sun and spend some quality time with everyone.

By next month's Chute we'll have opened the nomination process for Next year's officers.

Please put on your thinking caps for nominations.

The annual meeting will be in San Francisco in January, and this will also be the 2005 royalty and dance contests. It should be a huge party so put it on your calendar now.

We'll be working on our rodeo bids at the October meeting that we'll in turn submit to the IGRA Convention and Board in October. To help us with that process I'm going to be posting a short survey to the E-Group. If you have some feedback, that will only be shared on an aggregate basis, so, in other words, it's anonymous, please drop me a note.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the Best Buck in the Bay.

See ya at the rodeo,

Jabby

And From Our Trusted Trustee.....

Congratulations to GLAC on a very smoothly run rodeo. We passed the Corporate Compliance Checklist with flying colors and received only one minor fine on the Rodeo Check list.

Thanks to Mike and Tracey and their team for a job well done. You made my job as Trustee pretty easy.

I'll have a more substantial update for you after the next IGRA Board of Directors meeting at the Chicago Rodeo.

As always, if you have questions, cares or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Douglas Graff Trustee to IGRA
dgraff01@sbcglobal.net

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

LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES NEEDS EXPERIENCED EQUINE VOLUNTEERS

Los Angeles Animal Services is looking for volunteers to take part in their Emergency Equine Response Team (EERT). They need experienced equine volunteers to assist with horses when needed in emergency situations (fires, earthquakes, etc.) If you have experience with horses and are interested in serving your city in its times of emergency need, please contact Heidi Huebner, Director of Volunteers for more information:
e-mail HHuebner@ani.lacity.org
or call (213)485-1135.



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Greater Palm Springs Chapter
NEWSLETTER

September 2005

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NEXT GPSC GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2 PM, SUNDAY

September 12, 2005

SIDEWINDERS

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Mike Spencer has stepped down as Chapter President due to Sidewinders I and Sidewinders Ranch obligations. Mike will remain on the Board working on Publicity and Fundraising.

Replacing Mike is Frank Delgado as voted in by the board 3-0 on Sunday 7/10/05. Frank comes with a wealth of knowledge from New Mexico and his tenure with GPSC.

We all welcome Frank to his new position.

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President's Message

Greetings y'all.

I want to start by saying how excited I am to be President of the Greater Palm Springs Chapter. We have experienced wonderful growth in membership and it shows. Our last meeting had at least 18 members present. The two previous months had a wonderful turn out as well.

I am also able to say that a couple of committees have met and have made some very good progress to achieve some of our goals. We definitely need to revise the bylaws and standing rules, and the Bylaws Committee will be ready to present corrections and revisions at our next chapter meeting. The Fundraising Committee has met and we have begun to formulate a plan to get some new fundraisers on the calendar. We have begun dialogues with The Barracks, Toucans Tiki Lounge, and Heaven to hold some functions for the rodeo association and some local charities. We have also started dialogues with several other non-profit groups in the desert to partner in fundraising and in making Hot Rodeo 2007 a reality.

We are excited about having a real float of some kind in this year's Pride parade and I want to remind all members that we need your help in doing so. I am personally asking each and every one of you to contact me, or

anyone on the board, to let us know what areas you would like to get involved in. Fundraising is the foremost area we need you help in, however, we have other areas that need your support (i.e. Newsletter, Website, Education, Rodeo Production, etc.) and I ask you to please get involved.

Our chapter will be hosting the next quarterly State Board meeting October 8th and 9th at The Villa Resort in Cat City. I am asking all members to please be there on Friday evening for the Welcome Party from 7-9 pm to meet the other members of GSGRA from the other chapters. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar! We will be planning an event for Saturday evening and need your help in planning this too. For those members that might wish to stay at The Villa for the weekend, we have negotiated a special rate of \$109 per night, Friday or Saturday, with the third night only \$50.00, Thursday or Sunday!

Last I want to congratulate the Greater Los Angeles Chapter for putting on a fabulous rodeo last month. I know I sure had a good time. We'll see you all at the Bay Area Chapter's Best Buck In The Bay!

Frank Delgado

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The members who competed in L.A. were: Jody Cap, Elodie Huttner, Randy Funderburk, Cynthia Mifkovic, and Rosie Sierra.

Jody won Men's Steer Riding Buckle. Elodie won Women's Bareback Bronc Buckle.

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The bus trip to San Diego was a success. The trip resulted in a net profit of over \$300. We are now looking into other trips for the future.

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One of our Members "J.G. Avila", who performs at our fund-raising events has entered in a The Colgate Country Showdown vocal competition. Joe says "There is a vocal competition (equivalent to Nashville Star and American Idol) called The Colgate Country Showdown of which you have to compete thru 3 levels before you get on the National show. Out of 5 radio stations in Nevada, Arizona and California I have been accepted into to two of those competitions.

JG won the last competition and will now move on to the next competition in Sedona, AZ.

August 9th at 7PM Eastern Time, J.G. sang the National Anthem for the Kansas City Royals in Kansas City, MO.

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Jody Cap, VP of Rodeo

Will be teaching Rodeo School in October. The tentative date is October 9th. The class will be divided into four categories (Camp, Roping, Horse & Rough Stock). Watch the newsletter for more information.

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If you are missing your name badge or you did not receive one when you first joined, send an email to Bobby Jordan at H2HummerBear@yahoo.com.

When attending any meetings please be sure to wear you name badge.

We are ordering in "Pendants" for your name badge that specifies "Greater Palm Springs Chapter". In the past you had to order these through the State. We will carry some in stock for purchase, eliminating the order time delay. The price is \$5.00. Contact Bobby Jordan.

Did you know you can get a copy of our bylaws? Contact Mike Warren if you would like a copy at MikeW8497@yahoo.com

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Did you know you can subscribe to the GPSC email list on Yahoo? You must be a current member. Go to http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/GSGRA_GPSC/

You can also subscribe to the GSGRA email list. Again you must be a current member. Go to <http://www.GSGRA.org> Click on "Admin" then go down to join mailing list.

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The GPSC will be setting up our "HOTLINE" phone number. From here you will be able to hear up to the minutes information about upcoming meetings and events and be able to leave voicemail for the Board. The new number is 760/328-2019

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Jabby Lowe, the GSGRA President was in town for our board meeting on 7/10. He gave us a lot of ideas and congratulated everyone for their tremendous work and effort of the Board and the Chapter Members.

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We are in the discussion stages of teaming efforts with other local organizations for fundraising. Monies raised at fundraisers would be split between the charity and GPSC. If you have a certain charity you would like to nominate, contact Bobby Jordan.

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Daryl Sweetwater, our Director of Hospitality and a championship professional dancer from years back is teaching Ballroom Dance Competition for the upcoming Gay Olympics. If you would like more information or would like to attend contact Daryl at

DarylSweetwater@aol.com.

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Our GPSC dance class, taught by Ken Smith, has been postponed. Watch for further details and rescheduling into 2006 for the IRGA Dance Competition.

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Did you know you can advertise here? Submit a business card to Mike Warren for inclusion. There is no charge but your advertisement must offer some benefit or discount to our chapter members. For further information contact Mike Warren at MikeW8497@yahoo.com



Letter From Your President

IT'S RODEO TIME!! I can't believe that our rodeo is only a few weeks away! WOW! Where has the time flown? All I know is that everyone is excited, anxious (not to be confused with nervousness of course), and can't wait for our rodeo weekend to roll around! I hope many of you will be able to attend, as well as take part in the bar crawls, parties, and other festivities around the rodeo. I know that our rodeo will be a huge success, and that fun will be had by all.

For those of you who missed the Annual Meeting at Golden Gate Park, you missed a really good time! I'd like to thank everyone who showed up for the event. And Travis, thanks for bringing the barbeque!! And lord knows we wouldn't have had a bar without Miss Graff working in the background. I guess the most

important part of the meeting was the election of the new Board of Directors for the Bay Area Chapter for 2006!! I'd like to congratulate your new board: Eric Hanson as President, Doug Graff as VP Admin, Brad Bruner as VP Rodeo Ops, Doug Havrilka as Secretary, and Chris Caufield as Treasurer. For those of you who weren't there, due to a bi-law change, the new board will assume their roles and responsibilities starting on January 1, 2006. Good luck to the new board!

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

CHAPTER MEETING!!

Friday, September 23, 2005

Doug Graff's House

1115 Divisadero #1, San Francisco



Clint, Mike, Adrian and Patrick at the Eagle Beerbust!!



The gang at the Eagle Beerbust!!



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A Great Team Effort!

The GSGRA-GLAC Board, Ron and I would like to Thank everyone who helped us with fundraising for the 2005 rodeo season. It was great to get all the help that we had and without everyone's hard work, we would not have reached our goal and may not have had a rodeo. I would like to pass onto you what the Greater Los Angeles Chapter board has said about this fundraising committee.

The LA Rodeo is officially over. This is in no small part due to the fundraising committee's hard work. It may be seen by some people that, as a chapter, we do not recognize the time and energy spent by its members to bring our Rodeo to light. We do. We are just not always very good at expressing ourselves.

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Golden State Rodeo Association would like to take this time to thank all of you for your hard work that has enabled us to make a successful rodeo for 2005. Your relentless pursuit of our goal for the seed money is a tribute to your dedication to the LA Rodeo. It is safe to say that without all of your efforts, there would not have been a rodeo in LA this year.

Again, thank you for your work and a job very well done.

Sincerely yours,
President and VP Rodeo Operations
GSGRA-GLAC

Special Thanks for all who helped us meet our goals.

Erin Leavey
Shawn Smith
Bob Tomaseni
Paul Too
Tracy Keiper
Darrin of Hamburger Mary's
DJ Rick
Johnny and Jack
Ralph Thompson
Bob Benfield
Cindy Mifkovic

David Smith
Steve Miller
Bill Page
Bill Powell
DJ Rosa
Ryan Jason-Henne
Don Kendrick
Jim Tomasulo
Bryan Bennet
Belinda Merritte
Edwina Williams

Larry Andrick
Mike Averit
Pepe Lozada
Mark Jensen
Corey Shaw
George Washington
Betsy Herron
Javier Matamoros
Liz Garcia
Sunnie Rose
Joe Olney

Please forgive me if we have forgotten anyone.

Thank you very much we could not have done it without each and every one of you,

Ron and Roz
Fundraising Co-Chairs

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Support our Silent Auction Contributors

I want to send out a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the silent auction weather it was donating, working or buying. The following is a list shows how the auction went Saturday Night we made \$1353.00 and Sunday we made \$866.00 for a total of \$2219.00.

The following businesses and Individuals generously contributed to this successful event. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Edwina W. and Sophie S.
Boot Barn
Palm Springs Bear
Joe O.
Best Buy
Big Horn Rodeo
Starbucks
Wet
Sue L.

Christopher Street West
Greater Palm Springs Chapter
Johnny and Jack
Cindy Mifkovic
Linens and Things
Melinda M of Smooth Run
TitanMen.com
Will H.
Roz C.

Your Attention Please!

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association announces the Annual Meeting of Members to be held Sunday, October 2, 2005 at Plummer Park in West Hollywood. Nominations are now open for the 2006 GLAC Board of Directors. You may submit your nomination at nominations@larodeo.com. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the day of the meeting.

A Special Thanks



Thank you to everyone that made this year's LA Rodeo so Fantastic! We could not have done it without you!

Thanks to all the volunteers, the staff, the contestants and the Spectators! It was a pleasure working with all of you. I hope to See you all at next year's LA Rodeo.

Thanks Again,
Tracy Keiper
Rodeo Director
LA Rodeo 2005

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Did you Know about this?...

Choices, Long Beach-
10% discount with GSGRA ID
King's Western Wear, Studio city-
10% discount with GSGRA ID
Oil Can Harry's, Studio City
No Cover With ID, Thursdays

Mark your Calendars...

September 3 2005 2:30 to 5:30
Rodeo Wrap up Meeting
E-mail VP Rodeo Ops for details
RodeoVP@LARodeo.com

September 10, 2005, 2:00PM to 6:00 PM
Line Dace Mania at Choices
Line Dance Lessons, \$10.00 Cover
740 E. Broadway, Long Beach
(562) 983-7001

September 10, 2005, 6:00PM to 10:00 PM
Country Night, Choices
740 E. Broadway, Long Beach
(562) 983-7001

September 11, 2005 3 PM to 10 PM
Rodeo Night at Rawhide Bar
10937 Burbank Blvd, N. Hollywood
(818) 760-9798

September 10 2005 10:00 AM- Saturday
GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach Location TBD

Future Chapter Meetings
September 10 - Long Beach
October 2, 2005 - Los Angeles
Annual Meeting of Members
November 19—Los Angeles
December 4 - Los Angeles

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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 6 , General Membership Mtg 7 pm
October 4, General Membership Mtg 7pm

All Meetings are held at Twigg's CoffeeShop
COME EARLY AND MINGLE!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for officers

Next year is going to be an exciting period for the San Diego Chapter and we are looking for energetic go-getters to help lead and guide our chapter to success in 2006.

Nominations for chapter officers will be open at the September and October meetings, with elections being held at the November membership meeting. If you have interest in any Chapter positions, please see any of the current officers or you may contact the nominations chairperson, Lewis Sanders, via e-mail at voicerodeo@aol.com or call 619-922-3412

San Diego NO RODEO BBQ and Beach Party

Okay, so you know we are not going to have a Rodeo this year... right? But that doesn't mean we can't still have a fun party to celebrate our accomplishments in the past and to kick off our planning for the best rodeo ever in 2006. On Saturday September 10th we will have a play day and bbq at the beach on Fiesta Island in Mission Bay. Lewis Sanders will have his RV out there with flags flying so high you can find us. Any and all RVs are more than welcome, the more RVs the more bathrooms we have. We will have BBQ, Country Music, some "rodeo events" in the sand, and as the sun sets, a big bonfire to sit around and have fun talking to our friends. The burgers and weenies have been generously donated. Rumor has it there is

Some Pucker that there is supposed to be there... and I think there will probably be a pretty good supply of Bud Light (the official IGRA, GSGRA and GSDC sponsor). Bring your chair, bathing suits and be prepared for an afternoon of fun.

We will be on the on the beach of the bay, so you can swim, relax, sunbathe, go for walks... and of course, if you have a dog, bring him/her along... the dog walk is just down the way from where we will be (as long as your dog is friendly and plays well with other dogs). We will also have some rodeo contests... so make sure you come prepared to compete in our "Mini-Beach-Rodeo".

We will be on the beach around 3 pm... and should be there 'till after sunset for a while with the bonfire.

For questions, offers to help, or anything else, you may contact Lewis Sanders at voicerodeo@aol.com or 619-922-3412.

Where - What - When

September 2005

- 3 LA Rodeo Wrap up Meeting
- 2-4 MGRA Show Me State Rodeo
Kansas City KS
- 6 GSDC Membership Mtg
- 10 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 10 Line Dance Mania and Country Night
at Choises - Long Beach
- 11 Rodeo Night at The Rawhide- North
Hollywood
- 9-11 Atlantic Stampede 2005
Washington DC
- 9-11 Country Western Weekend
Kickers/Hamberger Mary's- SD
- 12 Palm Springs Chapter Meeting
- 16-18 San Francisco Bay Area Rodeo
La Honda - CA
- 20 GSDC - Committee Meeting
- 23 BAC Chapter Meeting
- 30-2 Space City Stampede
Houston TX

October 2005

- 2 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 4 GSDC Membership Mtg
- 8-9 GSGRA State Board of Directors
Meeting - Palm Springs
- 18 GSDC Chapter Dinner
- 20-23 21st Annual Convention
Calgary ALB
- 22 International Dance Competition
Calgary ALB

November 2005

- 1 GSDC Membership Mtg
- 11-13 19th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo
Dallas TX
- 15 GSDC - Committee Meeting
- 19 GLAC Chapter Annual Meeting of
Members - Los Angeles

December 2005

- 4 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 6 GSDC Membership Mtg
- 20 GSDC - Committee Meeting

Want your event listed in What Where and When?

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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 in The Chute the e-Chute and on our website. E-mail your suggestions and events to us at news@gsgra.org.



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