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The International Gay Rodeo Association's 2005 Finals Rodeo! Join us for all the excitement at the Resistol Arena - home of the world famous Mesquite Championship Rodeo. The 2005 IGRA Finals Rodeo will be held November 10th thru 13th with performances Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm.

The best of the best from IGRA's year-long rodeo circuit will converge on Dallas to compete for the Bud Light Championship buckle in 13 exciting rodeo events.

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Mr. Prez Speaks.....

Howdy,

Wow. Summer's almost over and the rodeo season is quickly drawing to a close. I don't know about y'all, but I had a great time at both of our rodeos this year, and am already looking forward to all three of our rodeos next year! Next month we'll be presenting our rodeo calendar to the IGRA Convention for review and watching our GSGRA teammates bring home awards in Dance (I'm sorta planning ahead).

Before then though, we'll be having our final board meeting of 2005 over the Columbus Day Weekend in Palm Springs. I'm pretty darn excited about the party they've got planned for us down there, and I

want to urge Everyone to consider attending the meeting and the weekend's

festivities. If you can't make the meeting, please make sure that your board representatives know your feelings on the proposed IGRA rules and bylaws changes, on what you like and didn't like about our rodeos this year, and on what you'd like to see accomplished next year.

Also, nominations for next year's officers are currently being accepted by the Nominations Committee. You can reach them via your local chapter representative to the committee or by submitting a nomination via the website. It's also time to mark your calendars for the 2006 Dance & Royalty contests, which will take place in San Francisco at the January Annual Meeting. You can obtain entry forms from the GSGRA Administrative Vice President or from any chapter administrative vice president. It would be great to see contestants from all of the chapters... hmm - maybe that should be a contest in itself.....talk about claiming the Spirit Stick Award.

See y'all in a week or so in Palm Springs.

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YOSIMTE TRIP 2006 FOR LA RODEO PROPLE

We are planning this for the fall of 2006! FOR NOW this is for members of The Greater Los Angeles Rodeo Association ONLY- we expect interest to be high. It will be AFTER THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (2006), DONE MID-WEEK, and "off season" to save money and miss the peak season. Our "target dates" are near the end of the September 2006. Space is limited! This is a (horse) CAMPING trip! We will be EXPECTING all to RSVP by spring of 2006 (March-April). Any (Rodeo/CMSA) schedule conflicts will be resolved in favor of this trip-due to the travel logistics, park reservations, and the people who will need to plan for 1 week away from work.

While this is being done for members of GSGRA with

horses-OTHERS (MEMBERS FROM L.A.) ARE WELCOME! Hikers, bikers, and just people who want to enjoy the park are welcome. *Car pooling and doubling up will be encouraged- people MUST be able to GET ALONG with others!!* Each camper will be responsible for their needs, bringing the correct camping equipment and food. Each horse owner will be responsible for making sure their horse has the proper shoes, tack, vet checks (required by the park), as well as their own camping needs. Some extra space MAY BE available for those who have horses but no trailers. For example we have a 3 horse trailer and double cab truck-we can take one horse, and two passengers-you will need a tent and food. We will try and publish a "wish list" with contact names for people who want to double up! Each month we will send you an e mail for you to print out and use for your planning.

The exact cost has yet to be determined. We know what the fee to enter the park is, we know what the cost of horse boarding is (13.00 per day they feed, water, and muck stalls). Camping space fees, the cost of "wilderness permits" are expected to go up in 2006, so we are waiting. Also, FUEL is a concern-most have big trucks and big horse trailers and it is 350 miles from Los Angeles (one way) so start thinking about these items. Plus, you will need "bear safe" food containers for just about anything with a "smell" or odor (shampoos, ECT...)-this is required by the park. Some of these fees can be split by several people traveling together as a group. Camp sites are limited to 6 people per site, and vehicles are limited to 40 ft in length.

As it stands now, once we have an established (a base) list of 18 people we will publish the list and make "a group reservation"-this group will be done "first come first serve!" We can apply for a group camp ground, and wilderness permits once the snow melts and the park opens in either March, April, May-dependng on weather. We are limited to 15 horses and 15 riders in the park. Once we have the reservation you will get a notice from us as to the date of departure and expected date of return to the LA area. The first "cost" for us is the camp grounds. If you can not go then the next person on the wish list will replace you- if the next person it is a couple we will (try) NOT split up domestic partners. We will try and be flexible and count both as 1 person (even though you are really two). This is how we want to make our reservations-unless you make reservations independently and travel with us-which is welcomed.

Bikers and hikers will be responsible for what ever they intend to use-it is up to you! Free shuttle service is provided

by the park as are some maps of the various hiking trails are on line. You should be in reasonably good health and take what ever medication you will need for 1 week.

Horse owners MUST make sure your animals are "healthy", in shape, have a negative coggins test, are up to date on their shots (with supporting documentation), horses must have steel shoes, and horses must be well broke for trails. NO STUDS PERMITTED BY THE PARK SERVICE-ONLY MARES AND GELDINGS! If you want NPS web sites, more info on camping in Yosemite, and more information on this trip for 2006 (with up dates) PLEASE send us your name for our e mail list to the below

E-mail location. This is all subject to change at a moments notice as problems (often) develop-we are still in the planning phases so if you have ideas send them!

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Letter From Your President

By the time you guys read this, our rodeo should have just been over. I just want to take an early approach in thanking everyone for all of their hard work. I'm sure that Travis and team will have put on one hell of a rodeo. Hopefully next month we'll have all the results of the rodeo so that we can report back to the chapter on what a successful rodeo we put on!

I'd also like to let everyone know that the Bay Area Chapter will NOT be working a beerbooth at Folsom Street Fair this year. For some unforeseen reason, we were not chosen this year to man one of the

booths. I hope this news isn't too disappointing to you guys, but it's something that was pretty much of a shock to all of us. Since Folsom is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, we might have to get creative in the fundraising department.

Well, next month's Chute should have some exciting news about the success of our rodeo. Stay tuned!

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

CHAPTER MEETING!!

October's Chapter meeting has been cancelled. The next chapter meeting will be towards the beginning of November. Details to follow!



Jason, Doug, Adrian & Gregg at the rodeo kickoff party!!



Adrian, Miss Trout, Bunny and Sean at Marlena's rodeo kickoff party!!



Miss Trout looking FABULOUS at the rodeo kickoff party at Marlena's!!

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All information is believed accurate at time of printing. All events and times subject to change.

The San Diego Chapter meets the First Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Twigg's coffeehouse and October will be an exciting meeting. There is a tremendous amount of work being done and there is still a lot ahead of us in the planning for 2006 Rodeo. You are strongly encouraged to attend and get involved, we welcome input from all members as decisions to dates, locations and events are made. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Well it is all said and done, The L.A. and The Bay Area Rodeos... I hope Y'all had the time of your lives at the events. I know The San Diego Chapter members that I saw at each Rodeo were up and running with all the festivities. The San Diego Chapter would like to just say "A JOB WELL DONE" and we hope your Rodeos were a complete success. Just got back from the Bay Area Rodeo and it was a blast... Had a great time. Thanks for the fun and hope to see you at our Rodeo (dates pending) But it will be unforgettable... we promise!!! This will go in the chute before Mr.GSGRA Steve Wollert's Katrina Fundraiser but we all wish him a great big bag of Cash-Ola for the event. Thanks once more for all the fun at the Rodeos. Miss Tina Rhinestone and The San Diego Chapter Members

Back in March the San Diego Chapter made a donation of \$2000 to the Hillcrest Youth Center from the Proceeds of a silent auction at the 2004 Royalty Pageant and the 2004 Boots and Briefs auction. The Youth Center acknowledged the donation with a letter signed by Shawn Ingram, Director of Development.

Lewis Sanders is handling nominations for officers for 2006. Tony Nicholson has accepted the nomination for Vice President of administration and Roberto Romero has accepted for the Secretary's position. If you have interest in any positions, please see any of our current officers or you may contact the Nominations Chairperson - Lewis Sanders - via email at voicerodeo@aol.com or via telephone at 619-922-3412.

GSGRA Revenue Vs Expenses

	<u>Mar - Dec 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	112.50	350.00	-237.50
Donations	0.00	440.00	-440.00
Merchandise Sale	1,005.00		
5210 · Membership dues - individu	7,210.00	14,000.00	-6,790.00
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term	19.63		
Total Income	8,347.13	14,790.00	-6,442.87
Expense			
Branding and Comm	800.00	950.00	-150.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Education	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
General Administrative	1,631.05	3,700.00	-2,068.95
Growth & Development	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Membership	1,566.72	2,790.00	-1,223.28
Merchandise	1,000.00	250.00	750.00
Mr Ms Miss	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Professional Fees	695.00	2,000.00	-1,305.00
State Convention Expenses	180.99	1,000.00	-819.01
Taxes	996.59	800.00	196.59
Total Expense	6,870.35	14,790.00	-7,919.65
Net Ordinary Income	1,476.78	0.00	1,476.78
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	177.00	1,500.00	-1,323.00
Reserve Funds	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Other Income	177.00	2,000.00	-1,823.00
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	177.00	1,300.00	-1,123.00
Net Income	1,653.78	1,300.00	353.78

Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2005

	<u>Aug 31, 05</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Cash in bank - operating	13,108.39
1070 · Reserve Fund	9,160.36
1071 · Memorial Funds	1,858.95
Total Checking/Savings	24,127.70
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts receivables	4,765.58
1115 · Doubtful accounts allowance	23,358.94
Total Accounts Receivable	28,124.52
Other Current Assets	
1450 · Prepaid expenses	164.00
Total Other Current Assets	164.00
Total Current Assets	52,416.22
Fixed Assets	
1745 · Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	924.00
Total Fixed Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	53,340.22
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	44,210.51
3010 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	7,475.93
Net Income	1,653.78
Total Equity	53,340.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	53,340.22

Where - What - When

October 2005

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| 2 | GLAC Chapter Meeting |
| 4 | GSDC Membership Mtg |
| 18 | GSDC Chapter Dinner |
| 20-23 | 21st Annual Convention
Calgary ALB |
| 22 | International Dance Competition
Calgary ALB |

November 2005

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| 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

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| 4 | GLAC Chapter Meeting |
| 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@gsga.org.



An old cowboy sat down at the bar and ordered a drink. As he sat sipping his drink, a young woman sat down next to him. She turned to the cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?"

He replied, "Well, I've spent my whole life, breaking colts, working cows, going to rodeos, fixing fences, pulling calves, bailing hay, doctoring calves, cleaning my barn, fixing flats, working on tractors, and feeding my dogs, so I guess I am a cowboy."

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women. When I shower, I think about women. When I watch TV, I think about women. I even think about women when I eat. It seems that everything makes me think about women."

The two sat sipping in silence.

A little while later, a man sat down on the other side of the old cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?"

He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian."