

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2006

Best Buck In The Bay The San
Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo
September 28-30, 2006



L.A. Rodeo
August
4-6
2006

San Diego Rodeo
April 28-30, 2006



The Chute

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IGRA RODEO SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix, Arizona
January 13 - 15

IGRA University
Location To Be Announced
February 17 - 19

Cowtown Rodeo
Fort Worth, Texas
March 3 - 5

Sunshine Stampede
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
April 7 - 9

Rodeo In The Rock
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 28 - 30

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego, California
April 28 - 30

Gateway Regional Rodeo
St. Louis, Missouri
May 5 - 7

Heartland Rodeo
Omaha, Nebraska
May 19 - 21

Great Plains Rodeo
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 26 - 28

North Star Regional Rodeo
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
June 30 - July 2

Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo
Rodeo Calgary, Alberta
June 30 - July 2

Rocky Mountain Rodeo
Denver, Colorado
July 7 - 9

Alamo City Rodeo
San Antonio, Texas
August 4 - 6

LA Rodeo
Los Angeles, California
August 4 - 6

Zia Regional Rodeo
Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 18 - 20

Windy City Rodeo
Chicago, Illinois
August 25 - 27

Show Me State Rodeo
Kansas City, MO
September 1 - 3

Atlantic Stampede 2006
Washington, DC
September 8 - 10

Bay Area Gay Rodeo
San Francisco, California
September 15 - 17

Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas, Nevada
October 6 - 8

23rd Annual Convention
Nashville, TN
October 19 - 22

19th Finals Rodeo
Reno, Nevada
November 10 - 12

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKAH**
And if you insist.....

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
May Your Bells Always Jingle

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Bay Area News



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Letter From Your President

It's truly with a heavy heart that I write this final letter to the chapter as your Chapter President. I don't even know where to begin in recapping what the last three years have been like for me. First of all, these past years have been a total honor for me in being able to steer and represent the chapter. I couldn't have been able to do it without the help of three incredible executive boards standing by my side. For all of you who have been on my executive boards, I THANK YOU!! You all mean the world to me, and I love each and every one of you. I'd also like to thank every single committee chair who also served with me for the past three years. It's because all of your hard work that this chapter has been able to survive. I'd like to really thank Doug Graff and Travis Gardner. My two Rodeo Directors who have put on a first class rodeo which has become the envy of the circuit. You guys are incredible. I couldn't have been blessed more than by knowing a great group of guys that I call "my rodeo family". Just because I'm stepping out of an executive role

doesn't mean I'm going away either! I've been doing this for 13 years now. It's become an important part of my life, and it's something that I just couldn't walk away from completely. With that being said, I wish Eric and the rest of the new Board of Directors the best of luck in 2006!! You guys have your work cut out for you! I hope that each and every one of you supports your new board as they move into the New Year. In closing, it has been my privilege and honor to be associated with such a wonderful group of guys. Thank you all for playing a crucial role in creating some of the best memories of my life. For that, I will always be grateful.

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

CHAPTER MEETING!!

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2005

Marlena's

488 Hayes, San Francisco

7:30 p.m.



Your new Chapter President Eric Hanson!!



The gang hanging out in the Castro having a cocktail!



Your outgoing President Adrian Arteché. Thanks for all the work!

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SD SENTINEL

Letter from the Prez...



Hey folks, special thanks and cheers to outgoing President Ken Valdez. Without Ken's support and love for rodeo, this organization (I feel) would have folded about 2 years ago. We owe Ken a great deal of gratitude.

Ken put into place the positive direction that allows me to now step into his footsteps and move forward with our plans for a Rodeo in April 2006.

SPEAKING OF RODEO.... we are in need of volunteers to serve on the many rodeo committees as well as functions within the association as well. Please contact either myself or Steve Woolert to let us know how you want to direct your efforts towards a successful 2006 San Diego Rodeo.

Speaking of Steve Woolert, he was recently named MR IGRA 2006 at the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Dallas, TX. We are very proud of Steve and his very hard work which helped the judges send the 4th Mr. IGRA title back to California.

Moving forward over the next few months, we will need all of your help to work heartily to promote our rodeo in the local community. Our primary goals are to increase membership, raise sponsorship funds, garner sufficient volunteers to work the rodeo, and to become the premiere GLBT event in San Diego again with all of the community out to support the event. To reach these goals, we need YOUR HELP.

Look elsewhere in the Chute for upcoming bar nights and parties that are planned and make your plans now to attend and help us show San Diego that RODEO IS BACK.. and we are going to have fun doing it.

As this festive season approaches, we want to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday. Have lots of fun, but please be careful and use a designated driver if you are going to be out drinking. You wont be much good to us if you are in the jail or in the hospital. We want you happy and alive.

One last note of thanks and a very special congratulations to our new San Diego Chapter Member of the Year... TONY NICHOLSON.... he was awarded this honor on Thursday night at our annual Members Dinner. Tony has worked extremely hard spearheading our sponsorship efforts and as a result we will be having a Rodeo in 2006. Congrats and Thank you to Tony.

Lewis Sanders
President

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Well another State Board Meeting is said, done, and gone... a job well done and all hats off to the Palms Springs Chapter for a great time. Heaven on Friday night was so much fun, and the entertainment was fa-boo... The bus trip was OMG so much fun I know that miss Trout and Tina were just full of libations and having the time of our life, thanks MISS TROUT for all the fun we had together on Saturday night. The San Diego Chapter was granted the go ahead from the State on our 2006 Rodeo Bid, so its off to the IGRA Convention to get their go ahead. The San Diego Chapter has come home and landed on their feet running. Look out because here we come, and its not" BACK IN 2006" anymore its "GET READY TO RIDE" We would also like to thank Frank Delgado, the Palms Springs Chapter President for accepting the role of Rodeo Director for the San Diego Rodeo in 2006.

Thanks to all. Miss Tina..... LETS RODEO!

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The San Diego Chapter would like to say a special THANK YOU to Chris Shaw for his great sponsorship for our 2006 Rodeo. Chris Shaw is the owner of Kickers and Hamburger Mary's in San Diego, so if any members from GSGRA find themselves in San Diego and need a drink or some great food please stop in to see Chris or any one of his great staff members and have a drink or two, just to show him our support just like he has done for us... Thanks once more Chris!

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The San Diego Chapter would like to say Thank You to our Royalty for passing the Spirit Stick to The San Diego Chapter, and to all in the San Diego Chapter if you have the Spirit Stick DON'T GIVE IT TO STEVE TO TAKE CARE OF IT!!!! We will give it a great go around for the next 3 months...I think it might get a few Rhinestones on it (he he he). Thank You for all the hard work the Chapter has done to get it... Just remember the work has just begun, lets see the Spirit live long and hard in San Diego!!!

Thanks so much everyone. Tony Nicholson

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This is on a personal note; I myself as a member of the San Diego Chapter would like to take a moment, to say Thank You to our out-going President Ken Valdez. Just to let y'all know Kenny has not only been our president he is also a major sponsor for the rodeo over the past years. I am thankful for all he has done for our chapter and am so proud to have him not only as our president but also as a personal friend. Thank you Kenny you are a person I am honored to be able to call MY FRIEND.

Your Friend and Dance Partner
Tony Nicholson

P.S. You can't just go and hide, we all know where you live...

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Thank You to My Chapter:

I would just like to say Thank You for the wonderful surprise I received at our chapter dinner. It is such an honor to be chosen the Member of The Year. I would like to just say if I could have given this to anyone I would have had to given out a small piece to each and every one of you. The wonderful support that the group has given me this year has just been outstanding, so My Thanks and Love to you all

Tony Nicholson
a.k.a. Miss Tina Rhinestone

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Sprit Stick Update:

Well the California Sprit Stick went with a very large contingency of State members to this year's Finals Rodeo in Dallas. It left with Tina Rhinestone and our Mr. GSGRA and we had a great time! But the best thing is when it came back home it came back with our very own Mr. IGRA!!! Wow now that's style, Congratulations to our New Mr. IGRA 2006 Steve Wollert. Be on the lookout for the stick it's out and about!!!



Gay Rodeo Returns to "America's Finest City" in 2006

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Thursday, November 3, 2005 — The Greater San Diego Chapter (GSDC) of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) is pleased to announce the return of Gay Rodeo to San Diego! The weekend of April 28-30, 2006 will mark the dates for the 18th Annual San Diego Rodeo to be held at the LAKESIDE RODEO GROUNDS and the FOUR POINTS by SHERATON, San Diego.

The event, sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) will be one of 19 gay rodeos scheduled for 2006 throughout the United States and Canada. San Diego has a long tradition of producing some of the most successful and well-attended rodeos on the IGRA circuit. After a year of re-building the Greater San Diego Chapter is poised to come back stronger than ever in 2006. "We faced a number of challenges in 2005 which forced us to take a hard look at our event and its ongoing success," explained Steve Wollert, Vice President of Rodeo Operations. "With a new Rodeo Venue, a new Host Hotel, and the continued support of some excellent sponsors, we are headed in a new direction which will continue our success for years to come. We're taking our rodeo back to the country and have an amazing weekend planned!"

The primary objective of the GSDC, a federally recognized 501(3)c Non Profit organization, 100% volunteer organization, is to promote in a positive way the Country/Western lifestyle within the GLBT community, to support amateur sportsmanship through participation, competition and recognition, and to give back to the community through charitable contributions. Since 1988 the GSDC has donated over \$162,000 to local San Diego charities.

"I'm excited about the plans that are shaping up for the San Diego Rodeo 2006. We have a core group of dedicated members who are working hard to make this the best event in our long history," continued Wollert. "And we are always looking for other individuals and groups interested in getting involved. We work hard and have a lot of fun." We welcome anyone interested in becoming a part of our association and encourage them to visit the GSDC web site at www.sandiegorodeo.com for more information.

From The Desk Of The Prez:

Howdy,

I'm always stunned with how quickly the year comes to a close and we find ourselves in the holiday season. I wish everyone a safe and happy season and that everyone gets what they want for Christmas. That's assuming you've been good of course. (G).

So many things to talk about, so little space.

Congratulations to Steve for bringing home the Mr. IGRA Title. Wow. That's such a huge thing. I was so excited to be standing there when they were announcing the results. TeamGSGRA let out one heck of a yell.

Congratulations to everyone from GSGRA that competed in the Finals Rodeo.

I missed IGRA convention, but understand our dance team did us proud as well. We've had another great year where Team GSGRA was represented in all three areas, rodeo events, royalty, and dance. There are very few associations that can demonstrate a similar record.

As we wind down the year it's a great time to look back, and to look ahead. Looking back, we had two great rodeos this year, and of course the above mentioned successes at the IGRA level. Looking forward we're getting ready to host three rodeos next year and our convention is fast approaching in January.

I'm very excited about the rodeos we plan to produce next year. I'm also very excited to see a lot of new faces on the chapter boards. Now I want to challenge them, and you. The January convention date is fast approaching and we don't have candidates for dance or royalty competitions. There's still time sign up and compete. It would be such a shame if GSGRA doesn't have anyone at the 2006 IGRA convention or finals rodeo to

compete in these areas. We have a long history of bringing home the trophies, buckles, sashes, and crowns. Let's keep that rolling forward.

Let's also commit today to help each other produce awesome rodeos next year. We can each play a role in every GSGRA rodeo, if only as a spectator. I look forward to seeing everyone at all three rodeos next year.

It's been an honor to serve as your president this year. Have a great holiday season.

See ya at the rodeo,

Jabby

Team G.S.G.R.A.

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CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE ROCKS DALLAS!

IGRA Finals 2006:

Congratulations to all our GSGRA contestants for their efforts and successes at the 2005 IGRA Finals Rodeo this past weekend in Texas. As a team they were able to bring home the second highest number of points of any competing association!

Congratulations and look out in Reno in 2006...that Team award will be ours!!!

John Carrillo

Steer Deco 4th Place Saturday and 6th Place Sunday. Wild Drag 2nd Place Sunday
Goat Dressing 7th Place Sunday

Kirk Carter

Steer Deco 8th Place Saturday and 5th Place Sunday. Wild Drag 8th Place Saturday and 2nd Place Sunday. Goat Dressing 3rd Place Saturday 6th Place Sunday. Team Roping 6th Place Saturday

Christy Cotton

Break-away 1st Place Sunday. Barrel Racing 4th Place Saturday and Sunday. Pole Bending 4th Place Saturday and 1st Place Sunday. Pole Bending Buckle. And...3rd RUNNER UP ALL AROUND COWGIRL

Cynbad

Calf Roping on Foot 1st Place Sunday
Wild Drag Race 2nd Place Sunday

Douglas Graff

Steer Deco 4th Place Saturday and 6th Place Sunday. Wild Drag 2nd Place Sunday.
Goat Dressing 7th Place Sunday

Elodie Huttner

Chute Dogging 6th Place Sunday
Wild Drag Race 7th Place Sunday

Phil Lucier

Break-away Roping 8th Place Sunday
Steer Decorating 1st Place Saturday and 3rd Place Sunday. Steer Decorating BUCKLE
Goat Dressing 2nd Place Saturday and Sunday.

Ty Merlot

Goat Dressing 7th Place Saturday

Belinda Merritt

Barrel Racing 6th Place Saturday and 8th Place Sunday. Pole Bending 5th Place Saturday and 3rd Place Sunday.

Drew Oberbeck

Flag Race 7th Place on Saturday Calf Roping on Foot 6th Place Sunday. Goat Dressing 2nd Place Saturday and Sunday

David Renier

Break Away 7th Place Saturday. Steer Deco 8th Place Saturday and 5th Place

Sunday. Wild Drag 2nd Place Sunday. Goat Dressing 3rd Place Saturday and 6th Place Sunday.

Renee R

Barrel Racing 8th Place Saturday. Pole Bending 2nd Place Sunday. Wild Drag 8th Place Saturday and 2nd Place Sunday. Flag Race 6th Place

David Smith

Chute Dogging 5th Place Sunday.
Wild Drag 7th Place Sunday.

Shawn Smith

Steer Decorating 1st Place Saturday and 3rd Place Sunday. Steer Decorating BUCKLE. Wild Drag Race 7th Place Sunday.

Kishana Watson

Calf Roping on Foot 6th Place Saturday

Steve Wollert

Mr. IGRA 2006

Team GSGRA registered a 10.0 on the Richter Scale during the IGRA Finals at the Resistol Arena in Mesquite, Texas on 10-13 November 2005. Having received invitations in all thirteen rodeo events, contestants from GSGRA traveled over 1500 miles to compete against the very best in IGRA. Team GSGRA not only showed up in force, it rocked the arena. Team GSGRA captured 7 buckles and a black sash during the 4 day competition. Congratulations to all the GSGRA contestants, officials and volunteers for their efforts and successes at the 2005 IGRA Finals Rodeo.

Shortly after our MR. IGRA First Runner Up 2005, Eric Z., stepped down; GSGRA scored a major victory when Steve W. captured the title of MR. IGRA 2006. Yes, Steve W. will be wearing the coveted black, MR. IGRA, sash for next year. Way to go Steve, we knew you could do it!

The GSGRA women were definitely a force in Pole Bending as they went 1,2,3 (Christy C., Renee R., and Belinda M. respectively) on Sunday afternoon. Christy C. captured the Women's Pole Bending buckle with an outstanding two day performance. Belinda M. was the Reserve Champion.

Phil L. cowboied-up after a near disastrous fall in Team Roping on Saturday when horse, rider and steer collided. Competing with a cracked rib and a sprained knee, Phil still managed to capture two IGRA Finals buckles. One in Steer Decorating with partner Shawn S. and the other the All Around Camp Buckle. Phil was also reserve in Goat Dressing with his partner Drew O.

Team GSGRA dominated the Steer Decorating event with 4 of the top 8 teams from GSGRA. With Shawn S. on the rope and Phil L. with the ribbon, the GSGRA team captured the Steer Decorating buckle. John C. and Doug G. finished 3rd; Kirk C. and David R. finished 4th; and Don K. and Bill P. finished 6th.

Great GSGRA Team work!

GSGRA wasn't left out of the All Around titles either, Christy C. was 3rd Runner Up AA Cowgirl; Phil L. won the AA Camp buckle; and Kirk C. and David R. tied for the AA Camp buckle.

GSGRA swept the IGRA 2005 Rookie Cowgirl and Cowboy titles. Dianne F. (Bay Area) and Robert S. (a NGRA member who is also a GSGRA member from LA) were awarded the IGRA

Rookies of the year for 2005. We're extremely proud of Dianne and Robert for these significant accomplishments.

Congratulations GSGRA! The results are in and GSGRA Rocks!

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Rodeo School

A Rodeo School will be conducted in Palm Spring on March 11, 2006. The events that will be taught will be Calf Roping on Foot, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Chute Dogging, Steer Wrestling, Flag Racing, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Goat Dressing, Steer Deco, and Wild Drag Race.

Volunteers Needed as Instructors, working the chutes and arena.

Team

G.S.G.R.A.

To volunteer email Drew O. VP of Rodeo Operations for the GSGRA at drew_oberbeck@hotmail.com

Look for more information to come in your upcoming chutes.

Drew O VP of Rodeo Operation Golden State Gay Rodeo Association



The Royal Word

Hello All... As we end the 2005 year I want to remind you all that now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming Royalty Contest to be held at the GSGRA State Convention in January. We have a long history of outstanding Royalty Teams in the Golden State and we certainly want to continue that tradition in 2006! It is not

too late...but time is of the essence. To compete in next year's contest, members need to submit their applications a minimum of 30 days prior to the event.

I know the holiday season is upon us and time can pass quickly...so please talk to anyone who has expressed even the most timid interest in State Royalty. Or...if you know someone in your chapter who you think would be a good candidate...give them a little nudge and help them find out more about the Royalty program. Remember, it is not a requirement to hold a Chapter Title in order to compete in the State contest.

Trout and I are ready, willing, and able to talk to any potential candidates about the requirements, the commitment, and the honor of being a member of the State Royalty Team. We'd love to see several contestants competing in all of the categories for a place on the 2006 team!!! It is certainly time to see a MS GSGRA...so get the word out to all of the wonderful women in GSGRA...

If you have any questions or need any information, please contact one of us immediately...we'd be happy to help in anyway we can. And of course an excellent resource is our State Vice President Mr. John Carillo. Let's make 2006 an incredible year for Royalty in California!!!
Best Regards,
Steve Wollert, Mr. GSGRA 2005
Trout (aka Frank Early), MISS GSGRA 2005

NOMINATIONS.....

The following individuals have accepted a nomination for the indicated office for the 2006 term. Nominations may also be made at the convention provided the nominee is present to accept, or has submitted a written acceptance to either the secretary or the nominations committee chair.

President: Jabby Lowe
VP - Administration: Tony Nicholson
VP - Rodeo Operations: Travis Gardner
Secretary: James Gearity
Treasurer: No nominee

Time To Say Goodbye

It is with much sadness that we must report the passing of a good friend.

Lynn Copeland passed away peacefully at home on November 20, 2005. She was the 4th IGRA President serving from 1989-1990 and the first women to serve in that office.

Team

G.S.G.R.A.

Please keep Linn's family in your prayers. At their request, a "Celebration of Linn's Life" was held at the Fantasy Complex. She will be sadly missed by all of us.





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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

GSGRA/GLAC Shines at IGRA Finals!

Members of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the GSGRA one again showed themselves to be champions. Please join us in a raucous congratulations to the GLAC members who placed at the IGRA finals in Dallas this year!

Cynbad

1st—Calf Roping on foot—Sunday

Christy C

1st-Break Away Roping—Sunday
4th-Barrel Racing-Saturday
4th-Barrel Racing-Sunday
2nd-Barel Racing-Overall
4th-Pole Bending-Saturday
1st-Pole Bending-Sunday
1st-Pole Bending-Overall
4th-All Around Cowgirl

Belinda M

8th-Barrell Racing-Saturday
5th-Barrel Racing-Sunday
5th-Pole Bending-Saturday
3rd-Pole Bending-Sunday
2nd-Pole Bending-Overall

Renee R

8th-Barrel Racing-Saturday
2nd-Pole Bending-Sunday
6th-Flag Racing-Saturday
8th-Wild Drag Race-Saturday
2nd-Wild Drag Race-Sunday
3rd-Wild Drag Race-Overall

Shawn S

1st-Steer Deco-Saturday
3rd-Steer Deco-Sunday
1st-Steer Deco-Overall
7th-Wild Drag Race-Sunday

Don K

6th-Steer Deco-Overall

Phil L

8th-Break Away Roping-Sunday
1st-Steer Deco-Saturday
3rd-Steer Deco-Saturday
1st-Steer Deco-Overall
2nd-Goat Dressing-Saturday
2nd-Goat Dressing-Sunday
2nd-Goat Dressing-Overall

Drew O

6th-Calf Roping on Foot-Sunday
7th-Flag Racing-Saturday
2nd-Goat Dressing-Saturday
2nd-Goat Dressing-Sunday
2nd-Goat Dressing-Overall

Bill P

6th Steer Deco-Overall

David S

5th-Chute Dogging-Sunday
3rd-Chute Dogging-Overall

Robert S

Rookie of the Year Buckle

Team GSGRA came in second out of 19 teams with an overall score of 1743 points for the 2006 finals! Way to Go!!!!

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Holiday Spirit at Oil Can Harry's

Please join the Oil Can Harry's family and your GLAC cohorts as we celebrate the Holiday Season Thursday, December 15. Come enjoy the Spirit of the Season as we kick up our heels in Studio City. Oil Can Harry's is located at 10937 Burbank Blvd, Studio City. You can call them at (818) 760-9798 or check out their web site www.oilcanharrysla.com for more information.

Good to See you all...

A Great Thanks to all of you who showed up and made both of our Meet and Greets, the one at Choices and the other at Oil Cans, a wonderful success. Over a third of the membership was able to make it to at least one of the events. I think that says a lot considering how our members are so spread out across the LA area. We plan to get out other neighboring areas as soon as we get a chance.

This new Board is excited about this turnout and hopes to provide many more events in which to socialize. A great time was had by all. I recall asking if anyone wanted to participate in our raffle. I did that on purpose just to see the look of horror as you thought you had to pay to play. But HA! It was fun to see you light up when you heard you play at no cost. We raffled several donated numbered and signed prints by David Clark from Oklahoma which were quit nice.

The members of the Board have been working hard, not only to get to know each other but to banter around new ideas to bring to the chapter. Our enthusiasm is up and we hope to bring you an outstanding fun year.

Let's do it again soon.

-- Greg Brown – Executive VP

Smooth Talkin' Cowboys and Cowgirls take LA Center Gala by Storm...

GLAC members were out in style on November 5th, as they helped out another great organization, and raised money for the chapter as well! Erin Leavey, Bob Buenfil, Sherry Le, Kim Frisina, Ralph Thompson, David Smith, Larry Andrick, and Pepe Lozada put on their country finest and turned out for the LA Gay & Lesbian Center's 2005 Gala in Century City. This annual event is a always a big fundraiser for the LA Center, and this year was no exception, considering that admission was \$250 per person!

The rodeo association was invited to the event once again to help the Center sell raffle tickets for a travel package. Sounds simple...except that the tickets sold for \$250 each, and the package was worth \$35,000! The Center gave the rodeo group the task of selling 50 tickets during the Gala's 2-hour silent auction...and once again, these GSGRA members rose to the occasion, selling all 50 tickets within 90 minutes. (Who says we're not sweet-talkers?!)

After the silent auction, the rodeo group was invited to stay for the dinner banquet, where host Kathy Griffin kept the crowd in stitches for the rest of the evening. Best of all...to show their gratitude, the Center donated \$1000 to GLAC for helping out with this event!

So, congrats to these GSGRA members for helping a worthy cause, and for raising some money for GLAC. Way to go!

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From the Desk of the President...

We have hit the ground running. Since being elected to office in October I have been quite busy reorganizing and laying out this year. My first order of business was attending the State Board Meeting in Palm Springs where we as a board went into action. We had a successful meeting with the State Finance Committee where we walked away with a great feeling of accomplishment ready to face this year.

Since then we have had a couple of Executive committee meeting where we developed a vision and mission statement for the chapter. With this in place we have a plan of what we need to accomplish in order to have a successful year. This vision includes some items such as Leadership, Communications, Structure, Teamwork, Business, Social Events, and Participation. We will be rolling this out soon so that everyone can see our game plan.

In addition I have developed an organizational chart that defines the chapter, its positions, and a reporting structure. One of my goals this year along with the board is to bring the chapter back to its roots of being a chapter and fun social organization. Structure is an important piece because it defines to everyone involved the chain of command and in the event a problem arises where they should go. Even when problems come up it is important to understand the many resources at your disposal to help you. I have an open door policy, so to speak, so that everyone knows I am available to listen, help, provide guidance or whatever way I can do. It should be important to us as an organization that we have fun this year and keep the frustration, stress or whatever else may creep up low as possible.

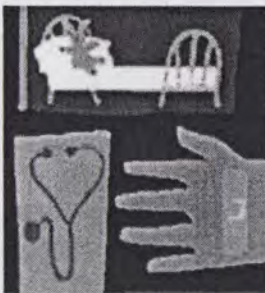
In regards to the community we will be promoting the organization as a whole especially our biggest event of the year the LA Rodeo. We are in hopes that this will spark new interest in our chapter and bring back some old members and bring in some new members. Making awareness in our surrounding communities is important this year if we are to grow. There are other communities and businesses that are interested in us; all we have to do is work out a partnership and make them aware of what we do. Word of mouth spreads like "Wildfire"

We have much to accomplish this year and I am looking forward to a great, fun and prosperous year. We, as a chapter, bring much knowledge, experience and resources to the table and together we can accomplish our goals at hand. Won't you join in and be a positive, energetic, and enthusiastic part of TEAM GLAC?

Respectfully,

Bill Powell
President - GSGRA/GLAC

Get Well Soon!



Team GLAC would like to wish Phil a big "GET WELL SOON." Phil and his horse Rebock took a major spill at finials on Saturday while he was team roping. Phil was the heeler; chasing the steer to position it in the center of the arena for Drew to throw his rope, when the steer stopped right in front of Rebock. Rebock hit the steer, rolling over it and onto Phil. The good news is that Rebock is fine. The bad news is that Phil has a fractured rib and sprained knee. (He still buckled in Steer Deco! — what a trooper!)

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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

Thursday Night Country Dancing with

DJ Rosa now at Choices in Long Beach

Line Dace Lessons at 7:00 pm.

County Dancing until 10:00 PM.

Mark your Calendars...

December 4, 10:00 am

GLAC Chapter Meeting

Plummer Park, West Hollywood.

7377 Santa Monica Blvd. W. Hollywood

December 10, 2005, 6:00PM to 10:00 PM

Country Night, Choices

740 E. Broadway, Long Beach

(562) 983-7001

December 15, 2005 3 PM to 10 PM

Holiday Party at Oil Can Harry's

10937 Burbank Blvd, N. Hollywood

(818) 760-9798

Future Chapter Meetings

December 4 - Los Angeles

January 7, 2006 - Long Beach

February 4, 2006—Long Beach



Happy
Holidays!

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Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparisons

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar - Oct 05	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Dance Contest	112.50	350.00	-237.50
Donations	5.00	440.00	-435.00
Merchandise Sale	1,955.00		
5210 - Membership dues - individu.	10,216.00	14,000.00	-3,784.00
Interest-savings	26.66		
Total Income	12,315.16	14,790.00	-2,474.84
Expense			
Branding and Comm	1,200.00	950.00	250.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Education	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
General Administrative	2,361.88	3,700.00	-1,338.12
Growth & Development	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Membership	1,785.33	2,790.00	-1,004.67
Merchandise	2,100.00	250.00	1,850.00
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	9,319.79	14,790.00	-5,470.21
Net Ordinary Income	2,995.37	0.00	2,995.37
David Watkins Memorial Fund	897.00	1,500.00	-603.00
Reserve Funds	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total Other Income	1,397.00	2,000.00	-603.00
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	1,397.00	1,300.00	97.00
Net Income	4,392.37	1,300.00	3,092.37

Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2005

Current Assets		Fixed Assets	
Checking/Savings		Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	924.00
Cash in bank	14,966.95	Total Fixed Assets	924.00
Reserve Fund	9,865.84	TOTAL ASSETS	55,505.81
Memorial Funds	1,860.50	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Total Checking/Savings	26,693.29	Equity	
Accounts Receivable		Opening Bal Equity	44,210.51
Accounts receivables	4,465.58	Unrestrict (retained earnings)	7,475.93
Doubtful accounts allow	23,258.94	Net Income	3,819.37
Total Accts Receivable	27,724.52	Total Equity	55,505.81
Other Current Assets		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	55,505.81
Prepaid expenses	164.00		
Total O/C Assets	164.00		
Total Current Assets	54,581.81		

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential. G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member. Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Some G.S.G.R.A. events are held in locations with age restrictions that would exclude members under the age of 21. Members agree that they have a commitment to the goals of the Association as stated in the bylaws. New members affirm that they have not been denied membership in any other I.G.R.A. Member or Recognized Association.

Individual.....\$40.00 Family.....\$75.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
PHONE #		
E-MAIL		
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		
FAMILY MEMBER		
NAME		
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BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
E-MAIL		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		
		MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO: G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee 4226 East 15th St. Long Beach, Ca 90804

Where - What - When

November 2005

- 1 GSDC Membership Mtg
- 9 GPSC 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
- 10 Country Night
Phoenix, AZ
- 13 BAC Membership Mtg
- 15 GLAC Holiday Party
Gilman, Nevada, Nevada City
- 14 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 20 GSDC - Committee Meeting

January 2006

- 7 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 11 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 13-15 Road Runner Regional Rodeo
Phoenix, AZ

February 2006

- 4 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 8 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 17-19 IGRA University

March 2006

- 3-5 Cowtown Rodeo
- 11 Rodeo School - Palm Springs
- 8 GPSC Membership Mtg

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@gsra.org.



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