

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2006



San Diego
Rodeo
April
28-30
2006

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



The Chute

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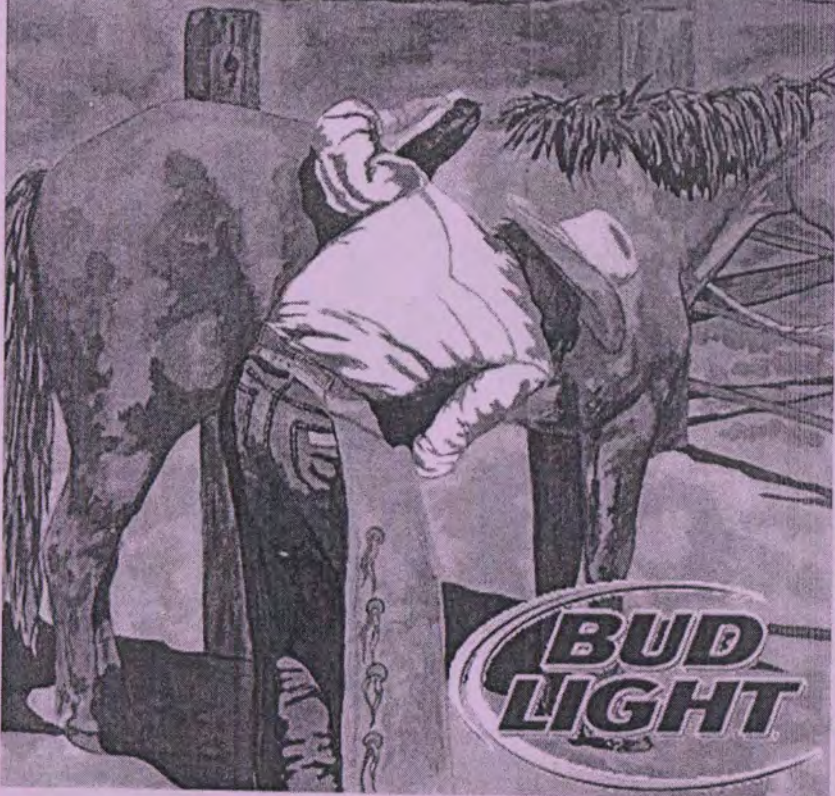
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January 13-15, 2006
Rawhide at
Wild Horse Pass
Gila River Indian Community



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2006

*May your New Year
be filled with
Fun, Happy
and
Safe
Rodeos.*



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER



Happy New Year!

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous 2006. We hope to see you all this year as we get together each month. Please Mark your calendars:

Saturday, January 7—Long Beach

Sunday, March 5—Long Beach

Saturday, April 8—Los Angeles

Saturday, May 6—Los Angeles

Saturday, June 3—Los Angeles

Sunday, July 9—LAEC

Saturday, August 19—Long Beach

Saturday, September 9—Long Beach

Sunday, October 1, - Los Angeles

Saturday, November 4—Long Beach

Saturday, December 2—Los Angeles

All are welcome and needed as we plan LA Rodeo 2006. See ya there.

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LET'S GET PAID FOR RECYCLING

Advantage Cartridge will pay GLAC for collecting inkjet and laser toner cartridges and new or used cell phones. Their mission is to partner with schools, businesses and non-profit organizations to help earn money while improving the future of our world through RECYCLING!! This program is designed to make it simple to collect cartridges and cell phones and turn them in for cash. Advantage Cartridge provides all the supplies needed (including collection boxes and marketing materials) to successfully run the program and handles all the shipping charges.

Please start collecting these items and bringing them to meetings, events or call Roz at 562-423-1123 and she will come and pick them up. She will also be placing collection boxes in the community to help us. If you need a list of what is collectable please email me at rodeos2@verizon.net and she will email you the list (this list is about 20 pages long). This is a way for everyone to get involved in helping put on our next rodeo without having to go out to bars and solicits money. This can be a big money maker if TEAM GLAC supports it.

Greetings from the Marketing Co-Chairs

As the proud new folks in charge of chapter marketing and entertainment for the LA Rodeo 2006, we'd like to introduce ourselves and share a few thoughts as we gear up for 2006.

We are Tim Gales and Brian Houck. We've been a couple for almost 15 years now. Having met on the dance floor at Floyd's, the country scene is familiar to us but the world of the rodeo is relatively new. Our enthusiasm is unlimited! Your rich history, an energized GLAC board, and all you active & friendly folks, encourage us that great things are possible this year. The time to start is now!

In regards to marketing the GLAC, our thoughts focus on a few things: 1) making sure the Chapter presents a unified, professional appearance, 2) promoting our primary activities, 3) fostering a welcoming and appreciative climate for contributing members and volunteers, and 4) updating our website. All of these goals require a team effort and we look forward to working with the people who have invested so well in the Chapter.

In terms of entertainment, expect more from our rodeo in August! We're taking a fresh look at ways to make you smile. Without spoiling any surprises, know that we intend to honor our Royalty and country roots, add to the activities, and throw a big ol party weekend!

We welcome your input and are eager to meet you all. Please introduce yourselves as we're out and about.

— Tim Gales & Brian Houck

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Get 'em while they last!

LAST CHANCE to get your 2006 LA Rodeo Get Dirty Jacket. Go to www.larodeo.com and place your order today. The jacket is made of nylon and cotton. The shell is 100% nylon and the lining is 100% cotton in the body and 100% nylon in the sleeves. It is machine wash in cold and tumble dry on low heat. The price is \$35.00. Last date to order will be January 15th, 2006 and we hope to have to order in my January 30th. This will all depend on how many orders we get.

LA RODEO 2005 DVD to be released by Hero

Hero Productions filming of the 2006 IGRA Rodeos started showing in Canada November 6th. It is not yet showing in the United States. The DVD was scheduled to come out in December with the Great Plains Rodeo, North Star Regional Rodeo, Southern Spurs Rodeo, Atlantic Stampede, Bay Area Rodeo and the next DVD release will be in January with Bulls, Broncs, Steers – Spills and Cheers, Bighorn Rodeo, Comstock Stampede. LA Rodeo and 2005 Finals Rodeo Visit www.herounit.com/IgraDVD.htm to purchase the DVD

From the Bylaws Committee...

There will be a vote at the February Chapter meeting on changes to the Chapter Bylaws which are needed for the Chapter to complete the 501 (c) 3 application.

Join us February 4 after the Chapter meeting for the Rodeo Committee Meeting.

Wanna Kick up your Heels? Why not try?

Sundays at The Rawhide in North Hollywood
Sundays at Incahoots in Fullerton with DJ Rosa
Tuesdays and Thursdays at Oil Can Harry's in Studio City
Thursdays at the Can Club in Garden Grove with DJ Rosa

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 @ Can Club in Garden Grove
14241 Euclid St #C101

714-554-3001

Line Dace Lessons at 7:00 pm.

County Dancing until 10:00 PM.

Sunday Night Country Dancing with

DJ Rosa at Incahoots in Fullerton

1401 S Lemon St., Fullerton

714-441-1666

3 to 9pm, Line Dancing Lessons at 4.

Mark your Calendars...

January 7 10:00 am

GLAC Chapter Meeting

Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Office
10th and Obispo in Long Beach

January 14 2005, 6:00PM to 10:00 PM

Country Night, Choices

740 E. Broadway, Long Beach
(562) 983-7001

Future Chapter Meetings

January 7, 2006 - Long Beach

February 4, 2006—Long Beach

March 5, 2006—Long Beach

April 8, 2006—Los Angeles

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Message from the Vice President

By Glen Dickard

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WOW it is now 2006, time to close another charter in our lives, for me it was a pretty big year. It started out with me going to the Phoenix Rodeo, still not knowing that many members, ending as the Vice President of Administration for our chapter. Yes, it was a good year. Met many new people throughout the year and became closer to the ones that I already knew. It was a year of personal growth having to get over some of my shyness when calling and talking to total strangers, and ask for help when I needed it. I shocked some that did not think I talked, others wishing I would stop. Thanks to all for the help, kindness and support this past year. Now onto a whole new chapter, what will it bring? It is my hope that it will bring us all health, happiness and more good memories.

Goals I have for 2006 is to see that we have a Royalty Team and that we have a team of dancers to compete in 2007 at our state convention. Also, to assist the President as we move forward on HOT RODEO 07.

Plans are being made for our Royalty Contest in March. It is my hope that we will have it the same weekend as the Rodeo School here in Palm Springs. Final details of the Royalty Contest will be out in the next issue of the eChute. I have a chapter member already at work on getting members and non-members (well non-members as of now) to think about competing at the state convention in 2007 in dance.

As the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I have presented a full slate of officers for this year. Our Chapter election for officers and State Representatives will be held at our annual meeting on the 11th of January. I am sure the new officers will see that this Chapter stays strong and continues to grow and work hard to see that our rodeo is one of the best.

Message from VP Rodeo Ops.

By Jody Cap

The Palm Springs Chapter would like to invite everyone who has ever wanted to participate in a gay rodeo or practice for the next one to our upcoming Rodeo School.

We will have 4 hours of instruction by some of the best competitors in all aspects of gay rodeo, including how to be a judge and time-keeper. You do not have to own a horse to learn to rodeo but if you have one bring it and practice!

Our school will be divided into 4 categories i.e. Rough stock, Horse events, camp and roping. Bring a friend and get more opportunities to learn. This is an educational event only, noncompetitive. Beginners to advanced. All are welcome.

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

By the time this newsletter comes out, it will be January. I hope everyone had a nice holiday.

With the new year comes the time to vote for the new Board Members. Remember, that any position is open even if the present person is re-running.

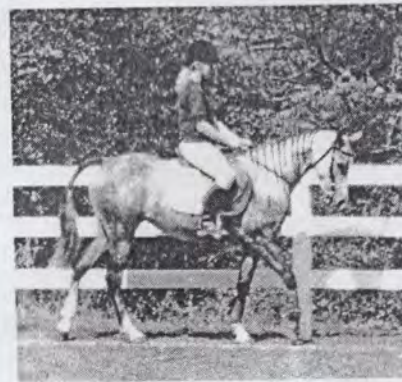
With our Chapter growing as it is a need for increased activity through various groups, like organizing the upcoming rodeo school, our dance competition with Ken Smith, Chapter Royalty and future fundraisers.

I know that not everyone wants to be in the foreground, but if you are interested in volunteering your time, please let any of us know as we post the positions.

Horsh-U

By Mike Warren

How to Dress for the First



Dress comfortably and safely for a lesson, like this rider

Lesson

For beginners, it's not necessary to invest in a bunch of special riding clothes. Whether starting out Western or English, what you're looking for is the most basic outfit that will keep you safe and comfortable.

First of all, protect your legs. Shorts are not good riding apparel; you should be dressed in jeans, long pants or English riding breeches if you have access to them. If you have stretchy jeans with no inside seam, so much the better.

The advantage of riding breeches (pronounced "britches" if you want to appear to be in the know) is that they are of thick but stretchy material, and usually have knee pads of suede or faux suede that help the rider's knees grip the saddle, especially helpful in that skimpy English saddle. If your interested in continuing in English riding, it's worth investing in a pair. But when getting started, jeans are fine.

The best shoe for the beginning rider is one with about a one-inch heel to keep the foot from slipping through the stirrup. Sandals are definitely out; they offer no protection or support for the foot. Sneakers are not great, either. Cowboy boots are fine, as are most other kinds of sturdy walking boots.

A lace up paddock boot is also a good choice for riding; they are ankle height with a heel. As for shirts, dress according to the weather and location. T-shirts or tank tops are fine, as long as you have sun protection if you'll be outdoors. Dress in a well-fitting shirt and pants. It's preferable not to wear big floppy shirts on horseback, and oversized pants may rub, pinch with a fold of fabric, or get in the way. Girls with long hair should wear it back or up in a pony tail, and leave the jewelry at home--especially those chandelier earrings and dangly, jangly bracelets.

Helmets are required at most barns, and are recommended for safety. A barn will usually have helmets for beginning riders, but if you plan to continue riding lessons you should get a good ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet. How about a bike helmet, you may be wondering? Although bike helmets are better than no head protection, a person who will be riding regularly should have a helmet designed for horseback riding. For winter riding, it's a good idea to wear layers. As the rider you will warm up as the lesson goes

on and it's helpful to be able to shed a layer or two.

Whatever you dress in, keep comfort, common sense and safety in mind.

December Birthdays

- 12/1: Frank Delgado
- 12/3: Sharon Ballardo
- 12/16: Rosie Sierra
- 12/20: Mike Spencer
- 12/29: Glen Dickard
- 12/29: JG Avila

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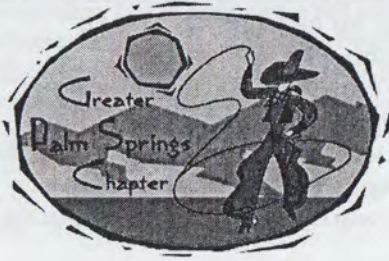
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18th Annual San Diego Rodeo Host Hotel

.....Book Now!

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Wednesday, November 30, 2005 - The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association – Greater San Diego Chapter (GSGRA-GSDC) is pleased to announce the Four Points by Sheraton San Diego as the host hotel for the 18th Annual San Diego Rodeo (an IGRA sanctioned rodeo), 28-30 April 2006.

The Four Points by Sheraton San Diego is centrally located near San Diego's Mission Valley, just off Highway 163 and Interstate 805, near Hillcrest and a short drive to the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, site of the rodeo events (www.lakesiderodeo.com). The GSGRA-GSDC negotiated room rate is \$109.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. This rate is good for single and double occupancy, \$15 additional per person/per night for triple/quad occupancy. Additionally this rate is available from 25 April – 3 May 2006 for those interested in arriving early or staying after the rodeo.

Please note that contestant registration, welcome mixer and all evening events will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton San Diego. This includes San Diego's "prestigious" Friday Pool Party complete with a 24 man hot tub! This year's Pool Party promises to be the most "wet" you've seen yet! The hotel has three main atriums, book early to ensure your requested room type is available in Atrium A, "The Rodeo Atrium!" Watch for more information about the "Kicker's" transportation bus coming soon. Make sure you're in the center of the action and book your room early. The negotiated rate is available until 28 February 2006 or until our room block sells out.

We are also excited to announce that ALL hotel parking is FREE! Additionally, all guest rooms have FREE high-speed Internet access via T-1 lines; please contact the hotel for more details.

For more information on the Four Points by Sheraton San Diego, please visit their website at www.sd4points.com or call +1 800 992 1441 to book your room now! To book your reservation via the web, please visit the exclusive booking site at: www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0511033244&key=37E26

Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Dr. San Diego, CA 92123
 (858)277 8888 Reservations: (800)992 1441 Fax: (858)279 3555
www.sd4points.com Group Rates:\$109.00 per night (single/double)

Where - What - When

December 2005

- 4 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 6 GSDC Membership Mtg
- 10 Country Night
Choices - Long Beach
- 13 BAC Membership Mtg
- 15 GLAC Holiday Party
Oil Can Harry's - Studio City
- 14 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 20 GSDC - Committee Meeting

January 2006

- 7 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 7 GSDC Membership Mixer & Beverage
Bust - Kickers - SD
- 11 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 13-15 Road Runner Regional Rodeo
Phoenix, AZ
- 13-15 California Pro Rodeo Finals
Norco, CA
- 22 Homo Hoedown - Orange County
Imperial Court Fundraiser

February 2006

- 4 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 8 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 7 GSDC Bear basket Auction &
Beverage Bust - Kickers - SD
- 10-11 PBR Classic - Anaheim CA
- 17-19 IGRA University

March 2006

- 4 Long Beach Imperial Court
Coronation
- 5 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 3-5 Cowtown Rodeo
Fort Worth, TX
- 8 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 11 Rodeo School - Palm Springs
- 18 GSDC Membership Mixer & Beverage
Bust - Kickers - SD
- 29 - 2 Dinah Shore Weekend - PS

April 2006

- 1 SD Rodeo Kick Off Bus Crawl
- 1-2 State BOD Meeting - SD
- 7-9 Sunshine Stampede
Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 7-9 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach
- 8 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 12 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 14-17 White Party - PS
- 15 SD Rodeo Kick Off Party
Kickers SD
- 27 Boots & Briefs Charity Fundraiser
Kickers - SD
- 28 SD Rodeo Pool Party - 4 Points by
Sheraton - SD
- 28 SD Rodeo Welcome Party
Kickers - SD
- 28-30 San Diego Rodeo,
San Diego, CA
- 28-30 Rodeo In The Rock,
Littler Rock, AR
- 28-30 Orange County Imperial Court
Coronation

May 2006

- 5-6 PRCA Rodeo - Bakersfield CA
- 5-7 Gateway Regional Rodeo
Lake St Louis, MO
- 6 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 10 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 12-14 Rodeo Wichita
Wichita, KS
- 13 Santa Barbara Pride
- 20-21 Long Beach Pride
- 19-21 HeartlandRodeo
Omaha, NE
- 26-28 Great Plains Regional Rodeo
Oklahoma City, OK