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for 2006



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Bay Area Gay Rodeo
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The Official Newsletter
of G.S.G.R.A.

**IGRA CONVENTION
DELEGATE NOMINATIONS**

The nominations committee reports that the below listed members have been nominated, are qualified, and have accepted their nominations, for the GSGRA delegation to the IGRA Convention. Nominations may still be made by contacting any committee member, or from the floor at the July board meeting. The delegation will be elected by the board at the July board meeting in Los Angeles. Nominations may be submitted to any committee member (listed below) or through the GSGRA web site. Nominations will also be accepted at the board meeting. Nominations may be made in any of these four specific categories (Bylaws,

Rodeo Production, Rodeo Rules, and Dance/Royalty) or as an alternate. Nominees must accept their nomination in person at the July board meeting or in writing to either the committee chair or the GSGRA president. Nominees must be members in good standing with membership valid through the final day of the convention. The 2006 IGRA Convention will be held in Nashville, TN, October 19-22. Delegates must commit to be at the convention all day for each day of the convention and the preceding committee meetings (Friday - Sunday).

Nominations Committee Members:
Will Hutchison - Chair
Greg Brown Steve Wollert
Keith Wiley Brad Bruner
Jabby Lowe Tony Nicholson

Delegation Nominations to date:
Rodeo Production: Mike DiNucci

Rodeo Rules: Carlos Madrid & Travis Gardner

Dance/Royalty: Robbie Santolucito

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Hello All:

I have GREAT news. On Friday night June 23, the Finance Committee of GSGRA met via conference call and approved our Rodeo bid. That same night the Executive Committee met and approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee!

What does all this mean? Very simple... **WE HAVE A RODEO.** Thanks to Al, his work on the budget and the Rodeo Committee who have put in countless hours in preparation for this conference. We need only one more approval and that will come on July 7th, when

the trustees meet in Denver and give their final approval. This is a pretty standard, that once GSGRA approves a bid, IGRA will fall in line too.

Then if that was not good enough, Mike and Jody have been working with the City of Banning. Well today we got the final signature for approval with them. So not only did we get approved for a rodeo, we also have a place to hold it.

Now is the time that we ALL need to pull together and get working, LOTS AND LOTS of details to be done before we get to Rodeo. So, Please try to be at the chapter meetings and then again at the Rodeo Meetings. Everyone's help will be needed.

Glen W. Dickard
Chapter President 2006
Greater Palm Springs Chapter
Golden State Gay Rodeo Assoc.



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**Jefferson County Fairgrounds
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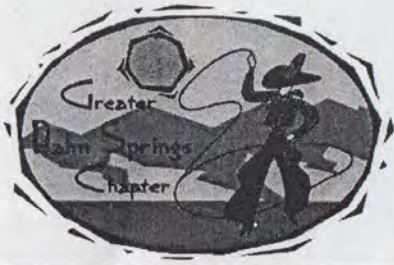
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working with the chapter on hotel stays when GSGRA members are in town. Steven was responsible for getting the entire rodeo season filmed for Q-Television and is well known throughout IGRA. The Villa Resort and the chapter look forward to many new adventures together.

Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

This past month the chapter has been growing, sadly not with new members, but with new supporters. I have had the pleasure of meeting with several businesses that are very excited about supporting our chapter and soon, the rodeo.

Early in the month I met with Matt from Azul. Azul will be the host restaurant for many of the Chapter's upcoming events. October 15, 2006 the chapter is planning on holding a first-ever Art Auction at Azul. Although they are new here to Palm Springs, Matt and Azul, own several restaurants in Florida and have been big supporters of the FGRA. We are looking forward to a long relationship with Matt, Azul and Azul Restaurant.

Later in June, we reestablished our relationship with The Villa Resort. The hotel has a new sales and marketing manager, Steven Grunberg, who is very interested in

I had the pleasure to meeting with an old friend of the chapter, Jack Schlader of Desert Pride. The Chapter will be taking care of the Country Western area of our Pride festival. And we will again be joined by Pony Express showcasing some of their newest lines of clothing and accessories. Look for more details as we get closer to Desert Pride. Mark your calendars for November 4th and 5th as we will be the color guards for the parade on Sunday and we will need to see many of you here that weekend to help us.

So, when you are here on GSGRA business, a vacation or just a quick weekend getaway, please stop in at Azul on Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs for a wonderful meal, full service bar and book your stay at The Villa Resort on Carey Road in Cathedral City. Let them both know you are GSGRA members. It's just a small way we can thank them for the support they are giving this chapter.

Chapter members have been busy themselves. Several of us got to spend time with LA members and helped them out at LA PRIDE, marching in their parade and working at the festival itself.

Back at home we have been researching and crunching numbers in excited preparation of presenting our rodeo bid and budget to the State for our Hot Rodeo 2007's State and IGRA approval.

Although the weather is getting warmer and fewer people are here in the desert heat during these sweltering months, we continue to have our monthly beer bust at Sidewinders on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The turnout is great and we are seeing the beer-bust clientele increase each time we have it. It's becoming a nice fundraiser for the chapter. We wish to thank Sidewinders for all of their support of the chapter.

Looking forward, July is going to be a busy time for this chapter. We start July off with a BANG as I wish every one a happy 4th. Then we will be on edge until we hear back from Doug on the 7th when the trustees meet to approve our bid for HOT RODEO 2007. On the 10th Ann Walker from Sordid Lives is back with Belle Aire and Bingo Boy for our 2nd game of Bingo at Hamburger Mary's. The chapter did very well last time and we have

great hope to do just as well this time. The next Chapter meeting is on the 12th, and then on the 15th GLAC will be here to promote their rodeo. I have set up a few stops at local bars for them to get the word out about L.A. rodeo. Then just by coincidence it's the 3rd Sunday of the month and on the 16th it's beer bust time again.

Even though it's a bit warm here in the desert, the chapter is hardly slowing down. Many more events, fundraisers and community activities are being planned as we get ready for the second half of the year.

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

The Chapter is in the process of establishing our own Rodeo Web Site. This site will be in addition to the Yahoo and the GSGRA sites with links to each. It will promote our Rodeo and Fundraisers and allow search engines to locate us.

Chapter member Mike Eytcheson will be building the site and the Chapter Secretary and Website Chair, Mike Warren and Keith Wiley will maintain it.

Our new website will discontinue the problems and restrictions I am facing with Yahoo when sending email out to our membership.

From members not being able to gain access to our groups even when approved, email attachments falling off during transmission to the ability to only send one group message per hour, the new website promises much more freedom as well as the ability to sell our future merchandise online. Each board member will be given a dedicated email address freeing up their personal email accounts.

We are also looking into the possibility of accepting credit cards online and face-to-face for merchandise sales and possibly ticket sales for our rodeo and fundraising events, especially the upcoming art auction in October. The L.A. Chapter has been researching the possibilities and costs and we may be able to work with them to share the banking fees associated with card acceptance.

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By Mike Warren

Appaloosa

Breed Description:

The Appaloosa is a breed with a color preference. Coat pattern, white sclera of the eye, striped hooves and mottled skin are the characteristics of the Appaloosa. An Appaloosa, however, may also have a solid coat pattern. To be registered as an Appaloosa, the

minimum height requirement at maturity is 14 hands.

Average Height:

15.1 hands

Colors:

Bay, black, brown, buckskin, white, dun, chestnut, grullo, gray, roan, palomino



Conformation:

The conformation of the Appaloosa is typical of the stock horse breeds. However, the Appaloosa may resemble the shorter, more compact Arabian or the longer, leaner Thoroughbred.

Temperament:

Appaloosas are generally very gentle and are suitable for every level of rider. They are intelligent and have trustworthy temperaments, making them the perfect mount for children and novice riders.



Members of this breed often excel in the following disciplines:

- Reining
- Dressage
- Endurance

Breed History:

The Appaloosa's heritage is as colorful and unique as its coat pattern. Spotted horses on cave drawings have been dated as far back as 20,000 years ago.

It wasn't until the 1600s that horses were first introduced to North America by Spanish explorers. In the early 1700s, several of these horses found their way into the lives of American Indians, specifically the Nez Perce of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The Nez Perce were known for their keen abilities with horses, and began breeding their own stock. The outcome was mounts that were agile, strong, quick and sure-footed, with a bonus feature of distinct coloring. As settlers came to the Northwest Palouse region in

Idaho and Washington, they called the spotted horses "Palouse Horses." Over time, the name finally became "Appaloosa."

During the Nez Perce War in 1870, the Appaloosa carried the tribe 1,300 miles over rugged terrain in their flight from the U.S. Cavalry. When they reluctantly surrendered in Montana, their surviving horses were relinquished to soldiers, left behind or dispersed to settlers. Nothing was done to preserve the Appaloosa, and the breed nearly vanished.

However, in 1938 a group of dedicated horsemen formed the Appaloosa Horse Club to preserve and promote the disappearing Appaloosa. The ApHC is the international breed registry for Appaloosa horses. Now more than 650,000 Appaloosas have been registered in the United States and 40 foreign countries.

June Birthdays

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| Randy Heinitz | 6/2 |
| James Cahill | 6/3 |
| Jim Redline | 6/5 |
| Jonathan Holland | 6/14 |
| Brian Scott | 6/18 |
| Ed Thompson | 6/30 |

July Birthdays

Tim Garis 7/2
Scott Schmidt 7/5
Jeffrey Hunter 7/7
Terry Garrity 7/8
Michael Schultz 7/14
Michael Loupe 7/15
Carl Dietrich 7/28
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August Birthdays

Randy
Funderburk 8/3
Ken Smith 8/8

Upcoming dates:

July 10 Drag Queen Bingo
At Hamburger Mary's
July 12 Chapter Meeting
July 15 LA Rodeo promotion,
Bar Crawl Palm
Springs
July 15 Rodeo Roundtable
Mtg. @ Rock Garden
July 22-23 State Meeting,
Burbank Hilton
July 29-30 SD Pride
August 4-6 LA Rodeo

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Meeting reminder:

The June meeting is going to be at the L A Equestrian Center on July 9, at 10:00 am and will followed by a very important Rodeo Production meeting. Everyone who is involved please make plans to attend.

Callin' All Rodeo Volunteers!

The L A Rodeo is comin' August 3 – 6, 2006. Check out the web site. We are actively soliciting for VOLUNTEERS, so sign up now on the web site or through volunteers@larodeo.com. It's going to be huge!

Words From Your VP of Rodeo Operations

I would like to remind everyone we are only a month away from rodeo and I hope to see everyone at the July 9th round table meeting followed by lunch and a gathering at the Rawhide to promote the rodeo. I want to thank everyone for the countless hours of hard work and I am really looking forward to this year's rodeo. All of you have done such a great job of promoting and putting this event together. We will be putting the final touches on the rodeo at this meeting so if you want to know what is in store for this year rodeo see you at the meeting. For the rest of you it will be a revelation when you show up. Remember Together Everyone Achieves More.

Roz Campbell
VP of Rodeo Operation
Golden State Gay Rodeo Association
Greater Los Angeles Chapter

Register and Win!

The contest for the Presidential Suite is on! Reserve your room for the hotel by June 30, 2006 and you will be put into a drawing for a free upgrade to the Presidential Suite. The Winner will be informed of their upgrade when they check in. You can register for your room by calling the Burbank Airport Hilton at (818) 843-6000 or going through the link on the our web site: LARodeo.com/rodeo/hosthotel.htm.

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Election of Interim Officers

At the June 4th meeting, an interim chapter president was elected to fill the position vacated by Bill Powell. Greg Brown, Executive Vice President, was elected to as the new president. Gerald Hill was subsequently nominated and elected to fill the newly vacated Executive Vice President position. Both are interested in maintaining the enthusiasm and energy initiated by Bill Powell to help the chapter succeed.

Casino Tables

The Los Angeles Chapter is now the proud owner of 5 blackjack and 2 Texas holdem tables. Through a creative purchase orchestrated by Bob from Oil Can Harry's, the tables were purchased at no cost to the chapter. Prior to their first use at the L A Pride Bob had all the tables sponsored covering their cost. It is the chapter's plan to have these tables available at selective fundraiser as added entertainment. And when they are used they will be sponsored greatly enhancing the fundraising and entertainment of the event.

Long Beach and LA Prides

Each year the Los Angeles Chapter of GSGRA is invited to participate in the two very popular Pride celebrations. The Chapter is proud to be the color guard for each parade leading with the 50 state flags. An awesome sight. Our presence is made more spectacular by those members who offer to ride their horse in the parades.

On behalf of myself and the chapter I want to offer a big thanks to all those who came out to carry those flags. And especially to say thanks to our horse riders, John Smith, Robert Perez and Michael Kraut who were able to make both parades but also Steve Miller, Pepe Lozada, David Smith and Robert Solcido.

Long Beach Pride had a special appearance by the ever popular Roll-o-Roper. The Roll-o-Roper turned out to be a fun fundraiser introducing 100s to the art of roping. Several excited enough to consider entering the rodeo as calf ropers on foot. I want to say thanks to the helpful and friendly members who coached the would be ropers through their first catch.

The L A Pride, Christopher Street West (CSW), was again a success. The decorations always set the Country Pavilion apart from any other venue. If you had the pleasure to attend you saw the creative display by Oil Can Harry's replicating the camp site from Brokeback Mtn; a light inside created a shadow and a fan gave the tent movement. This was also the debut of the casino tables. Bob and Oil Can Harry's provided all the prizes offering all the funds raised by the tables to the L A Rodeo. Thanks Bob.

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

EXECUTIVE VICE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is said the only constant in life is change. Taking place scant months before the completion of this chapter's board year, it has created an opportunity for me to rise to a challenge. In the 16 years since my first gay rodeo, my many personal changes—from dancer and singer to chapter member and fundraiser—have resulted in growth. In addition to professional insight gleaned from years of support staff experience in law firms, I bring to the table a love of the gay country lifestyle (defined whichever way it is) which for this city boy is as natural and instinctive as for those born and bred in it.

Now let's talk about you, our chapter members. Speaking on behalf of the board, I hope each and more of you will attend meetings and share thoughts and ideas for events, strategies, teamwork, progression, change and growth—what will you bring to the table? Those of you with a year's membership or longer are encouraged to run for board seats, and newcomers to volunteer for committees. Don't let inexperience or a lack of knowledge make you feel inadequate; choose to see this as a challenge. In seeking out wisdom from those chapter veterans with longtime experience in rodeo will you find new confidence. Talk, listen, ask, read. A motivational speaker once wrote that action cures fear—what change will such growth bring in your life?

Lastly, let us remember first and foremost that rodeo is a business. Let us also remember to Have Fun doing it. Seeya in August!

Gerald Hill
Executive Vice President,
GSGRA-GLAC

Dates to Keep in mind...

Keep the below date on your calendar. Get involved to help support and promote the 206 LA Rodeo

July 1, 2006 LA Rodeo Benefit Dance 8pm to 1am. There is a \$15 cover. This should be a rip roarin' time of non-stop dancing brought to you by DJ Rosa. For more info go to www.larodeo.com or djrosa@djrosa.com The Anaheim Marriott is located at 700 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 714-750-8000

July 8, 2006 LALC Pancake Breakfast at the Metropolitan Community church in North Hollywood. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. We will be setting up a table and selling tickets and merchandise for the rodeo. Check the Yahoo Group or the LA Rodeo Website for more details.

July 8, 2006 Pistons Fundraiser 9 pm Join us at Pistons Bar in Long Beach. 2020 East Artesia Blvd, Long Beach. (562) 422-1928

July 9, 2006 Rawhide LA Rodeo Promotion 4 pm. Come and dance at Rawhide Bar and promote the LA Rodeo. 10937 Burbank Blvd. N Hollywood (818) 760-9798

July 15, 2006 Palm Spring LA Rodeo Promotion. GLAC will hit Palm Springs to Promote the LA Rodeo. Check the Yahoo Group or the LA Rodeo Website for more details

July 22, 2006 West Hollywood Pub Crawl. Join us at the Burbank Hilton at 7:00 PM for a crawl down Santa Monica Blvd to Promote the LA Rodeo.

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
Country Dancing Fridays. DJ Rick gives
Line Dance Lessons at 9:15.

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.

Sunday Beer Bust at Rawhide Bar
Line Dance Lessons w/Rick 3 to 4:30
County Dancing stats at 4:30

Mark your Calendars...

July 9, 2006 10:00 am
GLAC Chapter Meeting followed by a
Rodeo Production Meeting
LA Equestrian Center
480 W. riverside Dr, Burbank CA 91506

July 1, 2006 8:00pm to 1:00 am
LA Rodeo Benefit Dance with by DJ Rosa
Anaheim Marriott. \$15.00 cover.

Future Chapter Meetings
July 9, 2006—Los Angeles, Sunday
August 19, 2006—Long Beach
September 9, 2006—Long Beach
Oct 1, 2006—Los Angeles, Sunday
Annual Meeting of Members

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