

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2007



San Diego
Rodeo
June
1-3
2007

LA. Rodeo
August
3-5
2007

Palm
Springs
Rodeo
March
10-11
2007

Best
Buck
In The Bay
The San
Francisco
Bay Area
Gay Rodeo
September 21-23, 2007



The Chute

October 200

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

I.G.R.A. RODEO SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix	Jan 12-14
University	Las Vegas	Feb 23-25
Big D Rodeo	Dallas	Mar 2-4
Palm Spring Rodeo	Palm Springs	Mar 10-11
T-Town Rodeo	Tulsa	Mar 30-Apr 1
Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale	Apr 13-15
Rodeo in the Rock, Little Rock	Little Rock	Apr 27-29
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St Louis	May 4-6
Heartland Rodeo	Omaha	May 18-20
Great Plains Rodeo, OKC	Oklahoma City	May 25-27
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego	June 1-3
Comstock Stampede	Reno	June 15-17
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis	June 29-July 1
Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo	Calgary	June 29-July 1
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver	July 13-15
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles	Aug 3-5
Zia Regional Rodeo, Albuquerque	Albuquerque	Aug 17-19
Windy City Rodeo, Chicago	Chicago	Aug 24-26
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City	Aug 31-Sept 2
Atlantic Stampede	Washington DC	Sept 7-9
Capital City Rodeo	Austin	Sept 21-23
Bay Area Rodeo	San Francisco	Sept 21-23
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas	Oct 5-7
IGRA Annual Convention	TBA	Oct
19 th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver	Oct 11-14

All Information is believed to be accurate however, we urge you to contact the local producing Association or I.G.R.A. to confirm all dates, times and locations before making any commitments. Our data source is IGRA as of 9/20/2006.



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Celebrating 10 Years of
Gay Rodeo in Sin City

Big Horn Rodeo
Las Vegas

**WHEN RODEO HAPPENS,
IT HAPPENS IN VEGAS**

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October
 2006

Howdy,

Next month (November), the election process will once again begin. As always, nominations for next year's officers can be made through the website or from the convention floor. Even though the actual nomination process is a month away, it's not too early to begin thinking of potential candidates.

As many of you know, though I hear some do not yet believe, this is my final term as president. I am truly honored that you have allowed me the privilege of serving you during these five terms as president.

Serving as your president is an experience that I will always treasure.

It is my firm belief that to remain healthy and

viable organizations must regularly have new leadership. This ensures that there is always an inflow of new ideas and visions and that we do not become trapped in the past. It is definitely time for new ideas and new visions.

I also want to urge everyone to attend the 2007 convention this coming January in Palm Springs. This will be the first convention where we bring everything together for one big weekend party. I know that the gang in the desert is planning a not-to-be-missed event.

So, there are lots of new things, changes, facing us as we begin to close out the year and prepare for 2007. Change is good. Change means growth. Thank you again for trusting me these past five years.

See you at the rodeo,

Jabby

David Watkins Memorial Fund

We congratulate all of our G.S.G.R.A. members that qualified and will be invited to the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo in Reno, Nevada this year. At the Annual Convention of Members in May 1999, the purpose and method of disbursement of the David Watkins Memorial Fund were amended to reflect the changing nature of our organization. Please review the following information and take note of the modifications to the fund.

The original purpose of the David Watkins Memorial Fund was to offer some limited support to contestants to help defray the expenses involved in competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. It is recognized that contestants in horse

events incur expenses over and above those incurred by contestants

in general with the result that G.S.G.R.A. was often under represented in these events. With this in mind, the fund was to focus on, but not be limited to this particular problem.

The fund consists of such moneys as may be donated to the fund from time to time. G.S.G.R.A. will hold such funds to be distributed by way of grants, solely to assist in defraying expenses incurred by contestants competing in the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo. Members of our G.S.G.R.A. Royalty are the primary contributors to this fund and we greatly appreciate their time and dedication to this endeavor.

In order to qualify to receive a grant from the fund, contestant must:

- 1) Have been a member of G.S.G.R.A., in good standing, from the date of the first rodeo in the current season (beginning Janu-

ary 2006) in which the contestant competed through the weekend of the Finals Rodeo.

- 2) Have earned all points for the current I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo as a declared member of G.S.G.R.A.
- 3) Compete in the Finals Rodeo.

Funds may be distributed by way of grants in two categories, general expenses and horse related expenses.

- a) In the general category, contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:
 - i) Hotel accommodation not to exceed the hotel basic rate for Friday through Sunday night, and only the actual share of room cost incurred.
 - ii) Travel from the home city to the Finals City and return; air fare not to exceed the least expensive advance reservation rate or fuel only if driving.
 - iii) Registration fees only for the events in which the contestant was qualified and invited.
- b) In addition to the above, the Horse contestants may request grants towards the following expenses:
 - i) Trailer and/or truck rental and fuel costs.
 - ii) Lodging expenses in transit and horse boarding expenses (stable/pasture)

Qualified contestants may submit

grant requests for approved expenses. Grant request must:

1. Be received no later than 45 days after the Finals Rodeo.
2. Detail the expenses incurred.
3. Attach receipts for all expenses to be considered.

Grants will be made proportionally. The amount available for grants in a category will be divided by the total of the qualified requests in that category. The result will be calculated to a percentage and applied to the amount requested.

To apply for a grant, please send a detailed accounting of all expenses incurred, receipts (or copies) for all expenses, and proof of participation in the Finals. You may use the "GSGRA Check Request" found at the GSGRA.ORG website. This documentation shall be **received** no later than 27 December 2006 (this is holiday season so allow extra time for mail delivery), to:

Chris Caufield, Treasurer
GSGRA, Inc350 Myers Court
San Leandro, CA 94577-2029

If you have any questions contact G.S.G.R.A. Executive Board members or State Board of Directors. And, if you would like an e-mail acknowledgment of the receipt of your request and documentation, please include your e-mail address in your submission.

GSGRA
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2006

Aug 31, 06

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010 · Cash in bank - operating	19,851.67
1070 · Reserve Fund	12,423.46
1071 · Memorial Funds	1,344.07

Total Checking/Savings 33,619.20

Accounts Receivable

1110 · Accounts receivables	4,100.00
1115 · Doubtful accounts allowance	14,240.24

Total Accounts Receivable 18,340.24

Other Current Assets

1450 · Prepaid expenses	164.00
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Total Other Current Assets 164.00

Total Current Assets 52,123.44

Fixed Assets

1745 · Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	924.00
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Total Fixed Assets 924.00

TOTAL ASSETS 53,047.44

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

3001 · Opening Bal Equity	44,210.51
3010 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	6,354.87
Net Income	2,482.06

Total Equity 53,047.44

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 53,047.44

GSGRA
Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
January through December 2006

	<u>Jan - Dec 06</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Rodeo Sanction	946.25		
State Convention	258.00	750.00	-492.00
5210 · Membership	9,235.00	13,000.00	-3,765.00
5310 · Interest-savings	19.35	0.00	19.35
Total Income	<u>10,458.60</u>	<u>13,750.00</u>	<u>-3,291.40</u>
Expense			
Branding and Comm	452.32	1,800.00	-1,347.68
Education	896.26	1,600.00	-703.74
General Administrative	2,762.46	2,750.00	12.46
Growth & Development	300.00	300.00	0.00
Membership	1,448.11	2,350.00	-901.89
Professional Fees	690.00	2,000.00	-1,310.00
State Convention Exp	0.00	1,900.00	-1,900.00
Taxes	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total Expense	<u>6,549.15</u>	<u>13,700.00</u>	<u>-7,150.85</u>
Net Ordinary Income	3,909.45	50.00	3,859.45
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Fund	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Reserve Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Other Income	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Exp	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Rodeo Loss	-300.00		
Total Other Expense	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>300.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,209.45</u></u>	<u><u>450.00</u></u>	<u><u>3,759.45</u></u>

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

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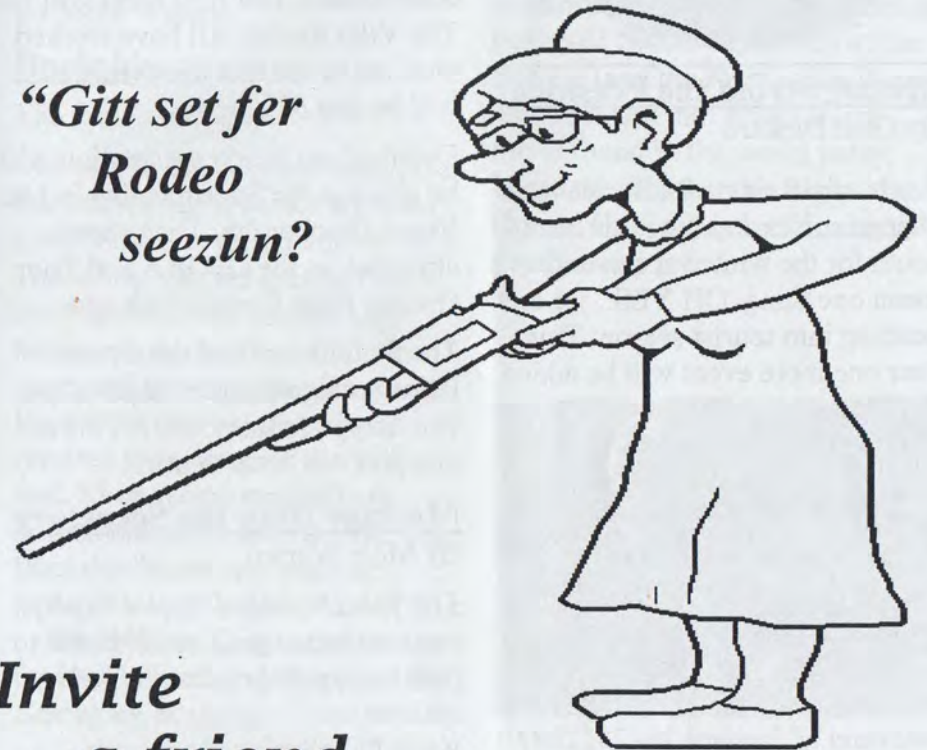
PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
PHONE #		
E-MAIL		
All 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		

- GREATER L.A.
- BAY AREA
- GREATER SAN DIEGO
- GREATER PALM SPRINGS
- MEMBER AT LARGE

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:
 G.S.G.R.A.
 Membership Committee
 4226 East 15th St. Long Beach, Ca 90804

Mama Membership says

“Gitt set fer Rodeo seezun?”

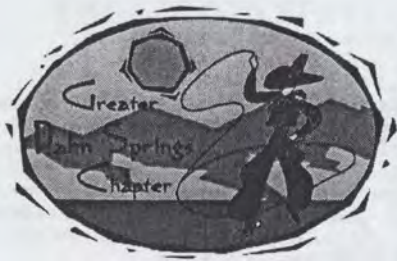


Invite a friend to join.....

Team G.S.G.R.A.

Remember:

*It's not nice to fool
 Mama Membership*



Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

As the night air cools, the leaves change colors and the birds head south for the winter, it can only mean one thing. OH YES.. we are heading into tourist season. This year one more event will be added to this season. **GSGRA Convention!**

“ A DESERT WINTER WONDER ”

That is right, this year the Greater Palm Springs Chapter will be hosting our yearly convention. Mark your calendars for fun filled weekend of January 26- 28, 2007. Jabby, Tony and I have been working to see that this weekend will be unlike any of the past. We are working to see that enough time is give to handling GSGRA's business. But, just as important that we have time to relax and have some fun too.

This year, convention activities will begin on Friday afternoon with a welcome pool party at The Villa Resort. Then continue through Sunday with an optional brunch on Sunday afternoon.

At the Desert Pride Center we have arranged our meeting space, Saturday luncheon will be at the Rock Garden Café, Dance and Royalty contests will be at Sidewinders. Our host hotel will be The Villa Resort. All have worked with me to see that this weekend will be one of a kind.

Detail of our yearly convention will be given at the State meeting in Las Vegas October 6th. Then shortly after that on the GSGRA and The Greater Palm Springs web sites.

The State Board and the Greater Palm Springs Chapter hope to see you here in January 2007. This not one you will want to miss.

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

The Palm Springs Chapter finally has a website up. It's still in the preliminary stages, but the web address is:

www.PalmSpringsRodeo.org

The site is taking longer than anticipated to build. It's being built by chapter member Mike Eytcheson and will take several weeks to have more information up. Like all websites it will be an ongoing project, managed by myself, Mike Eytcheson and Keith Wiley.

This new site will have chapter, rodeo, GSGRA and IGRA information as well as links to other chapters including GSGRA and IGRA.

If you see something that is incorrect or if we have missed something, please let me know.

Horsh-U

By Mike Warren

Buckskin

The family of Duns

Contrary to the belief of many, the Buckskin or Dun horses are not a mere "color" in the equine world. Those who studied genetics some time ago believed that the Dun horse was the result of a dilution gene, and that breeding Duns and Buckskins to each other often resulted in the birth of an Albino foal. More recent studies have proven this to be in error. The true Buckskin horse may trace his lineage through a direct line of Dun or Buckskin colored ancestors, as far back as recorded history of the animal are available.



The Buckskin is thought to of originated from the Spanish Sorraia. The Norwegian Dun,

found today in Norway and other Scandinavian countries is a breed so old that his actual origin is lost in antiquity. However, there are many indications that even he obtained his Dun Coloring from the horses of Spain. The blood of the Sorraia (and the Norwegian Dun as well) filtered into nearly every breed found in the world today, hence the fact that the Buckskin, Dun or Grulla may be found in nearly every breed.



No-the Buckskin horse in not a mere "color." Buckskins, Grulla and Duns are noted for many qualities that are not characteristic of other types of horses. Their color is an indication of the superior genetic heritage they possess. Buckskins have been long noted for their superior qualities and strength. They have more stamina, more determination, harder feet, better bone, and are generally hardier than other horses. A Buckskin with weak or spavined legs is a rarity. "Tough as wet

leather" is a good description of the true Buckskin. Email: GlenWD760@aol.com

September Birthdays

Judy Galloway	9/2
Elodie Huttner	9/8
Jeff Bonamour	9/12
Adulfo Jaquez	9/12
Dan Johnson	9/19
Walter Seiler	9/20
Todd Johnson	9/23
Mike Eytcheson	9/24

October Birthdays

Tony White	10/05
Don Thompson	10/12
Joe McCotter	10/29

November Birthdays

John Armor	11/1
Lothar Muench	11/3
Jeffrey Glass	11/4
Oswaldo Sotelo	11/6
Randy Clarke	11/7
Ed Deaton	11/13
Jody Cap	11/16
Daryl Sweetwater	11/16
Stephen Guerrero	11/22
Al Wright	11/25
Michael Beggs	11/28

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A Word from the President

Well, we've come full cycle, another year, another rodeo: a successful year, a very successful rodeo.

Congratulations to all the volunteers and supporters who made all the events that the chapter participated in the great success they were. From the Prides, to the parades, to the fundraising, the chapter thanks you.

Congratulations to everyone on Roz' together with the amazing help of our volunteers for producing such a successful rodeo. Although the rodeo event line-up seemed irregular and the Festival area relocated, there were no explicit complaints, just comments.

Great Job!

The year was not without its challenges. Bill Powell got the Chapter Board off to an exciting start. But due to some personal needs requiring his attention was unable to complete his term as president. After I took over as interim President Gerald Hill stepped up and accepted the position of Executive Vice President. Thanks Gerald for being there when the Chapter needed you.

By the time you read this the Chapter will have had its election of a new Board. So let me take the time to say Thank You to the past Board for its support and determination throughout the year. And say Good Luck to the new Board in all its endeavors to do. If there is one thing I learned from Roz it is that this is a great Chapter and that when it is important the members step forward and are there to help.

Greg Brown
President
GSGRA/GLAC

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

OCTOBER ELECTIONS FOR CHAPTER BOARD

On Sunday, October 1, 2006, 10:00 a.m., at Plummer Park in West Hollywood, the Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting of the Members in which votes will be cast for nominees for the 2006-2007 board year. Any chapter member in good standing for a year or more can be nominated, or nominate themselves, for any of the five board seats: President; Executive Vice President; Vice President of Rodeo Operations; Treasurer; or Secretary. These nominations will be posted 30 days prior to the October meeting. Email us now at nominations@larodeo.com and make a difference!

Let's Not Forget ...

LA Valley Pride is coming this Sunday October 8 and volunteers are still welcome. Contact president@larodeo.com to sign up. We had a great time last year and this year is stacking up to be the same. Every event is a great opportunity to do outreach to the community. So everyone who can come and support the LA Valley Pride whether as a volunteer or as an attendee, wear your cowboy best especially your hat.

Mark your calendar,

AIDS Walk LA is Sunday Oct. 15 and it is not too late to register and be a part of the team. All you need to do is go to the AIDS Walk website to sign up and be part of Team GSGRA-GLAC.

It is a great opportunity to support our community and give our Chapter and Rodeo good public exposure at the same time. Let's show everyone who we are and wear our country best especially our hat.



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...

October 1, 2006 10:00 am
GLAC Annual Meeting of Members
Sunday at Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 900646

Sunday, October 8, 2006 11 am to 6 pm
LA Valley Pride
CBS Studio Center in Studio City
Admission—\$10.00

Future Chapter Meetings
September 9, 2006—Long Beach
Oct 1, 2006—Los Angeles, Sunday
Plummer Park, West Hollywood
Annual Meeting of Members

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Where - What - When

October 2006

- 1 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 6 GSGRA BOD Meeting
- 6-8 Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas, NV
- 8 LA Valley Pride
- 11 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 15 AIDS Walk LA
- 19-22 IGRA 23rd Annual Convention
and Dance Competition
Nashville, TN

November 2006

- 4 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Long Beach
- 8 GPSC Membership Mtg
- 10-12 IGRA 19rd Finals Rodeo
Reno, NV

December 2006

- 2 GLAC Chapter Meeting
Los Angeles
- 13 GPSC Membership Mtg

January 2007

- 26-27-28 GSGRA Convention and
Annual Meeting of Members Palm
Springs

**For G&L events in
California, check out
www.capride.org**

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.

