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The Chute

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

GSGRA Convention 2007
aka

Desert Winter Wonderland

THREE Fun Filled Fabulous
Days in Palm Springs
January 26 - 28, 2007

Make plans now to come play for a long weekend in sunny Palm Springs. Yes, there'll be the ever popular convention, including officer elections, but there'll also be lots of just plan old fun. This year we also bring together, for the first time ever, the state dance contest and the royalty contest. The GPSC gang has secured a great host hotel location, the Villa Resort, and has lined up some great parties.

Team

G.S.G.R.A.

Rooms at the hotel are limited at our amazing rate of \$119 per night, with the rate available for the nights of January 25th - 29th. You MUST present your current valid GSGRA membership card at check in. Reservations will only be available AFTER November 15th, and must be booked by January 19th. Call 1-877-PSVILLA AFTER November 15th to book your rooms.

Reservations for your spot at convention can be made at the GPSC website (www.palmspringsrodeo.org) and are only \$35 per person. For more information please see the GPSC portion of the November Chute.

Palm Springs Rodeo Postponed

The board voted this month weekend to postpone a rodeo in Palm Springs until 2008. Check out the Palm Springs section of The Chute for more details.



2006 IGRA FINALS RODEO RENO, NEVADA NOVEMBER 10-12.

Check out the latest 2006 Finals Rodeo News at:
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NOVEMBER 10-12, 2006

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A Word from the President

If you haven't heard the results are in and you have a new Board of Directors. It was great to see they held the press so you could see the new Board.

But before I go on I want to say thank you to the out going Board for the great job they did. Thank you, Roz, for producing such a successful rodeo and for staying on as our rodeo director for 2007. Thank you, Will, for your sober thoughts amidst all the discussions. And an even greater Thanks to Mark Jenson for staying the course for seven years as treasurer of the chapter. We now have financial records that are easily accessible and up to date. As importantly, thank you Mark for being so patient with all our questions.

Your new Board sits as follows: I accepted the position of President again. Paul Alvarez, our Executive Vice President who has been with the L A Chapter for 11 years. Robert Kojima, our VP of Rodeo Ops has been a member of both the San Diego and L A Chapter. Bryan Bennett is our Treasurer and has been part of the rodeo production for several years. And, Jason Coleman a newer member to the Chapter helped produce the 2007 rodeo helping with media, merchandise and marketing.

The Chapter has resurrected its 501.C.3 committee to finish the application process. After learning where we left off and what information was missing the committee moved forward. Bryan Bennett offered incite too many of the troublesome questions which helped bring us closer to our goal. Included in the 501.C.3 is a Conflict of Interest Declaration which must be signed by the officers. In order to ensure the Conflict of Interest is not forgotten they will be included to the Standing Rules. How and where this will be done will be brought before the membership for a vote.

The Board scheduled its first Board meeting for Oct 21 to begin strategizing the next year. It has met only briefly and yet it realizes that Teamwork is more than a coordinated effort to stuff envelopes. The cohesiveness of our team will rely on respect, fellowship and consensus. Besides working together the new Board recognizes a greater need to re-energize the chapter, encourage veteran members back and recruit new enthusiasts.

There is a lot to be done and I trust everyone will step up and again support the chapter as it moves through an exciting year. I look forward to working with you.

Thank you for your confidence in me,
Greg Brown
President Greater Los Angeles Chapter

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A Post Rodeo, Pre-Holiday Party!

Our first Party in a long time and everyone is welcome. Charlie Nicholson has graciously offered his house in Hollywood for the Party to be held on Saturday, November 18, from 5:00pm 'til ... Do you know a potential rodeor? Invite them too. So keep the evening of Nov 18 open and make plans to come. More details will come or check with your Chapter Executive VP at execvp@larodeo.com to either help or updated info. Ya All Come, ya here!

Greater Los Angeles Chapter walks in Aids Walk LA

On Sunday October 15th, team GSGRA-GLAC did their small part to raise money for Aids Walk LA. It was a breezy, cloudy morning, but members George Washington, Chris Hulce, and Paul Alvarez walked in this years Aids Walk. Ralph Thompson also helped to raise money for the cause. It was a great time of fellowship and community unity. Between all of our members the LA Chapter helped to raise over \$3,000 for Aids Walk LA.



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

VP Rodeo Rant

Exactly six days after the new board took office, the GLAC chapter put forward a bid for LA Rodeo 2007 at the State Board Meeting in Las Vegas. I am happy to report that the bid was accepted, and we are now full steam ahead getting our production team in gear! Huge thanks go out to Mark J., Ros C., Bryan B., and Greg B., for helping me assemble and more importantly understand the nineteen page document that was our plan on paper for next years' rodeo. Thanks for all the phone, meeting and email time! With that, it gives me much pleasure to announce Ros Campbell as Rodeo Director for LA Rodeo 2007. She brings with her not only the experience of running the first financially successful rodeo in many years, but also enthusiasm, knowledge, and tenacity that I am confident will serve us throughout the coming year.

Now, as it has been said, we have much work to do. In the coming weeks, we will be looking at many aspects of our event. Among the most important will be the examination of an alternate rodeo facility, corporate sponsorships, and the renegotiation of our current hotel contract. Why you ask? I want to look at different avenues to make our future events more successful, financially and otherwise. If you have any input or expertise in this area you would like to lend, I beg(!) of you to get involved. Please contact me at rodeovp@larodeo.com, now, while it's fresh in your mind. Really! Right now!

Why now? In the recent past, it seems as if one of our largest concerns about the continued production of our rodeo has to do with people. Simply put, there haven't been enough people to spread the work around, and there seems to be a dearth of new blood rising through the ranks. This is of paramount concern for the future of our rodeo, let alone our organization. How do we attack this? I say it starts with mentoring, bringing new people into the fold, welcoming back experienced blood, not giving anyone too much to chew – all while remembering why we're doing this. For many of us the reasons are different, but I will share with you mine: family.

The recent passing of my best friend reminded me of all of the wonderful friends I had made in the country and western world. I also know that prime among the reasons why I took some time away was because I was overwhelmed with it all. I pledge to anyone that is thinking about getting involved this year that I will do everything I can to keep it manageable. I am therefore asking each and every one of you to remember why you Rodeo, to share that with new people, and help our family grow.

I look forward to hearing from you!

VP Rodeo Operations

Robert Kojima

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Well another year's rodeo has come and gone and it's time to start looking at LA Rodeo 2007. I would like to invite everyone to help with next year's rodeo.

There are many ways of participating in the upcoming rodeo. There are many positions to held like logistic coordinator, vendor coordinator, assistant rodeo director, festival director, volunteer coordinator, procurement coordinator, awards coordinator, along with many other things that can help put on a successful rodeo such as putting up posters around town, donations for silent auctions, fundraisers, contestant awards or contestant bags stuffers, donating the use of your ATV during the rodeo to help save on volunteers, helping put volunteer and contestant bags together before the rodeo, helping put up banners on Friday of the rodeo, helping on any committee such as marketing, media, buckles, security, hospitality, merchandise contestants, treasury, sponsorship, along with many other things as much or as little as you would like to help. Every little bit helps!

I learned a very big lesson last year that if GLAC wants to put on a very good rodeo it is going to take more than 10 people to put in on. So please look at your schedule and see if there is something you can do to help the rodeo this year.

On Saturday December 2, 2006 right after the chapter meeting at Plummer Park we will be having our first rodeo round table for 2007. There will be pot luck between the chapter meeting and round table meeting so please email me if you are coming and what you will bring to the pot luck. This rodeo round table meeting will be a working meeting with committees working on job descriptions and timeline for next year's rodeo. The location of the meeting is Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90046

Also, the chapter is looking for another saddle for the bootblack chair and a rope can very large or many to hold all of the ropes that we use for the rollie roper. The boxes we continue to use keep falling apart.

Remember Together Everyone Achieves More

Go Team GLAC

Roz Campbell
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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...

November 4 2006 10:00 am
GLAC Meeting of Members
Long Beach Pride Offices
1017 Obispo Ave
Long Beach

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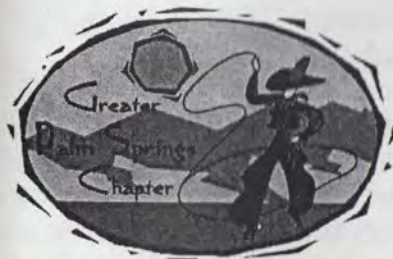
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Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

Would like to start off with wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and for the Palm Springs members, Happy Pride.

WOW, Happy Pride yikes! That means it has been a year since I took over the running of this Chapter. In that year I have made so many new and dear friends. Everyone has been a great help to me in this first year. So many people that I am afraid to list them for the fear of forgetting just one of them. So, instead just one big THANK YOU to everyone who as made this past year a great one.

Now onto business:

In October, the Chapter had to make a hard choice: what to do with Hot Rodeo 2007?

With the countless hours that have been spent working on the many aspects of the rodeo budget, poster design, hotels, location and the list goes on and on, it was the feeling of the Chapter officers and the State's Finance Committee that we

were just not ready yet to host a successful rodeo. The Chapter has decided to postpone our rodeo to 2008. With the added time now given to the Chapter, we believe that we can come up with an even better rodeo.

The Greater Palm Springs Chapter members have been busy attending other rodeos, learning what works and what we don't want to see at our rodeo. Several members were in Las Vegas and some will be heading up to Reno for Finals later this month. Many of us will be volunteering our time to help the High Sierra Rodeo. For many of us, this will be our first time to IGRA Finals and we are looking forward to it. More and more members are getting the rodeo "bug" with a lot of talk and anticipation about next year's rodeo schedule. We may not have a rodeo of our own yet, but you will be seeing the Greater Palm Springs Chapter members all over the state and southwest.

Mark your calendar for a time that you soon will not forget. Convention time is coming January 26th to 28th 2007. **Desert Winter Wonder** will be like no other convention yet. Unlike other conventions of the past, we start Friday January 26 with a pool party just to get thing rolling. The rolling will continue through the next couple days with events planned all weekend long. Gifts, prizes, meals,

spending time with friends, what more could you ask for. Oh yes, and taking care of the GSGRA business. The host hotel for the weekend will be The Villa Resort. I was able to get a rate of \$119.00 per night from January 25th to January 29th. Rooms cannot be booked before November 15th and the last day to book will be January 19th. I would strongly encourage you to book your room as soon as you can. I was only able to get a number of rooms at that rate and it will be sold on a first come basis. You can reach **The Villa Resort at 877-PS-Villa**. Trust me on this one, you will not find a better deal at as nice of a hotel as this one. Also on the same day you can also register for the convention through the GSGRA web site or the Chapter's web site at

www.palmspringsrodeo.org.

Registration fee is \$35.00 per person. Should you wish to have a friend/partner to join us at the luncheon on Saturday the meal is \$16.00 paid in advance. All convention registration fees and extra meal will need to be received by Monday January 22, 2007. Watch for more information, as time gets closer.

Once again, the Greater Palm Springs Chapter is working with Greater Palm Springs Pride. Like last year we will be selling script, pouring beer, manning our own booth that we will be sharing with

Pony Express Trading Post. Also, on Sunday November 5th the Chapter will be the color guard for the Pride Parade. Step off is at 10:00a and we have been advised that we will be with-in the first ten units off. With all the state flags, trucks and horses, we need as many marchers as we can get to help us. It is a lot to do that weekend, but I am sure that we will get it done in flying colors as we have done in the past. So, if you find yourself here Pride weekend join us. Let Mike Warren (MikeW8497@yahoo.com if you can spare some time volunteering at the festival or Terry Garrity (JT2799@dc.rr.com) if you wish to join us Sunday marching in the Pride Parade. By the way, volunteers at the festival get in free of charge.

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

As I have mentioned in previous chats, the Palm Springs Chapter's website is up and running.

We will be changing our email system from Yahoo to www.PalmSpringsRodeo.org

Each recipient will need to add this web address to their email list so the incoming mail will discontinue to go into your bulk or spam folders.

The Yahoo system will continue to be used but only on a limited basis.

While there will still be a learning curve with the new system, it will prove to be much more beneficial for all of us, with greater capacity, the ability for people to automatically sign up for email newsletters, video feeds and online membership.

Horsh-U

By Mike Warren

Gaits All horses move naturally with four basic gaits; these are referred to as walk, trot ("English") or jog ("Western"), canter ("English") or lope ("Western"), and gallop.

Besides these basic gaits, additional gaits such as pace, slow gait, rack, fox trot and tölt can be distinguished. These special gaits are often found in specific breeds, and are referred to as "gaited" because they naturally possess additional "single-footed" gaits that are approximately the same speed as the trot but smoother to ride. Technically speaking the so called "gaited horses" replace the standard trot which is a 2 beat gait with a four beated gait (as opposed to the canter/lope and gallop which are three beated gaits). This can be clearly heard when shod horses are riding on the street. The anatomy of the trot consists of the lifting a front hoof and a rear opposite sided

hoof at the same time. This can be seen vividly when watching lippizaners on parade, and is similar to a dog's trot. A four beated gait occurs when only one foot at a time lifts off, and hence is called a "running walk". In a manner of speaking this is like the front legs being operated independently of the rear. A true gaited horse will rarely, if ever, trot; gaited horse foals will gait from birth. A pace is a two beat gait where the animal moves the front and rear legs of one side at the same time, similar to an elephant. This produces a ride that is not as jarring up and down as a trot but has a definite side to side or rocking motion, this is considered an undesirable gait by people in the gaited horse trade.

A trot is an up and down action of the legs whereas the true gaited horse generally has some sort of circular motion to the front hooves (either a somewhat exaggerated forward circle, or in the case of the paso fino an outward winging motion from the knee down) and a sliding or shuffling motion to the rear hooves, when done perfectly this produces a gait that is as fast and oftentimes faster than a trot and smooth enough that the rider feels as though in an easy chair. Through training a gaited horse may effectively be rendered a 3 gaited horse with only the walk, the special gait (running walk, rack,

foxtrot, etc), and the gallop. This does not diminish the speed of the horse, the animal just has no need to lope/canter due to the speed that it can perform its' special gait.

Horse breeds with additional gaits include the Tennessee Walking Horse with its running walk, the American Saddlebred with its "slow gait" and rack, the Paso Fino horse with the paso corto and paso largo and Icelandic horse which are known for the tölt. The Fox Trot is found in several gaited breeds, most notably the Missouri Foxtrotter while some Standardbreds, pace instead of trot.

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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
Osvaldo 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

December Birthdays

James Wade	12/8
Rosie Sierra	12/16
Mike Spencer	12/20