

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2007

San Diego

Rodeo

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LA. Rodeo

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Gay Rodeo

September 21-23, 2007



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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 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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**Wishing You a
Very Beary Christmas**

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Howdy & Happy Holidays!

I hope that everyone has a great holiday season and that as the year winds down you have a safe and joyous time. I'd like to congratulate Hagan on his win in Nashville at the IGRA Dance Competition and all of the members of TeamGSGRA that competed at the IGRA

Finals in Reno.

I was talking with a

spectator from the rodeo and he commented that he was so

impressed with the quality of the competition and the display of skills that were evident. I'm not sure that you hear that enough; how impressive you look from the outside looking in. What an Inspiring Group you make. Wow.

So, lots of things to Remember amongst all the holiday parties and festivities. OUR big party is coming in up in just a few short weeks now in Palm Springs. This is really going to be a memorable convention, royalty, and dance contest. It's being built as a weekend for us, for Team GSGRA to gather and enjoy each other's company. It's a great time for a weekend getaway, so mark your calendars for the convention and get that hotel room reserved.

Speaking of hotel rooms, there are a limited number of rooms available at a special GSGRA discounted rate at the Villas Resort. Please take a look at the GSGRA website (gsgra.org) for details, and make your reservations now. You can also pay your convention fees online through the link on the website.

The deadlines are coming up fast for both the Royalty and Dance Contests. Remember, if you want to

compete in the IGRA contests next fall you must be the current title holder from a member association, so don't delay, get that entry in the post today. Our contests in Palm Springs are going to be fun filled and from what I hear some memorable things will be happening, yet another reason not to miss the big event.

Finally, don't forget we're electing officers in January, so now's the time to nominate someone, or even nominate

yourself! This is also the time to send recommendations for revis-

ing bylaws and standing rules.

See ya at the rodeo, *Jabby*

That's The Spirit...

GSGRA won the IGRA Spirit Stick at the 2006 International Finals this past weekend in Reno! Our royalty for 2007 will have a big challenge ahead of them!

Way to Go...

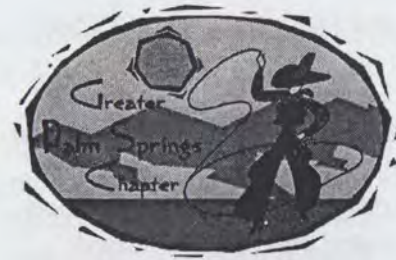
Congratulations to Hagan Ko from the Bay Area Chapter on his recent IGRA dance competition win.

At the 2006 IGRA Dance Competition in Nashville, Tennessee this past October, Hagan Ko won first place in Intermediate Line Dance. Hagan now joins the ranks of many other GSGRA dance champions who have moved on to IGRA to show the rest of the IGRA circuit that GSGRA has IT, brings IT and can certainly serve IT up!

Great job Hagan, you made us all very proud.

Sincerely,

Your friends at convention and all of GSGRA



Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

Well here it is again, the holidays are once again upon us. So let me first wish everyone a happy and safe Season. May your dreams and wishes come true and I hope that 2007 brings you both good fortune and good luck.

November for us here in Palm Springs brought us our Pride Festival and Parade. Mike Warren worked with the Chapter to fill three ticket locations, one beer truck and our own booth. Cowboy hats off to Mike for a job well done. So well, that not only did we cover what we needed to, we were asked to help the Pride Committee in others areas selling tickets to enter the event, working the bar, working as bar backs stocking supplies and wrist banding and checking ID's and taking tickets at the main gate. With Mike heading the festival part of the Pride weekend, he made us shine like no other club or organization here in Palm Springs.

Not to be out done, Sunday morning bright and early, Terry Garrity who had been organizing our march in the Pride Parade came through with flying colors. Yes, flying colors. We had marchers to carry the flags, people on horseback, the music and the flatbed truck to show everyone that our Chapter is alive and well. Thank you Terry for your hard work and dedication. Also, thanks to Greg Brown and the Greater Los Angeles Chapter who brought us the flags for the states. For the second year in a row the Palm Springs Chapter was the largest club or chapter in the Parade.

Both men did an outstanding job. I wish to also thank all those who volunteered that weekend.

Now, I need to also thank Tony Nicholson. He arrived here on Friday and worked with me all weekend long selling tickets (will get back to this later) and taking care of a few other matters. Then on Sunday he got up into a big truck and drove it down the parade route with the marchers. MY MY he looked oh so butch. Remember it was just a look!

Let's go back to working with Tony and selling tickets. I do not want to kiss and tell but since I did not do any kissing I guess I can tell. From the time we got to the grounds on Saturday until the time

we left on Sunday, he made it one of the most enjoyable weekends I have had in a long time. Since ideas were checked at the gate before coming in, Tony made it very clear that we did not need to check them again. I learned that for Tony size does matter, so he made it his personal endeavor to make sure all the ladies and guys purchasing drink tickets "measured up". Not wanting to see anyone not dressed right, he saw to it that the guys selling kilts were properly dressed. So dedicated to the cause that he was seen a few times on the ground checking things out from underneath. How much more dedicated can someone be, to risk getting his clothes dirty to check the under side of men in kilts.

Once Pride was over, several chapter members had just enough time to get their western wear cleaned, packed and it was off to Reno for IGRA Finals. For myself and the others from Palm Springs, it was our first time at Finals. I was so impressed at the level of the contestants and the arena crew that we are already planning on attending Denver in 2007. What a weekend it was for GSGRA. Many were there to see Steve Wollert step down and take the most points. Then the icing on the cake was hearing that GSGRA got the IGRA sprit stick. What a weekend it was, spending it with friends, meeting

new ones and just having a good time.

On November 18th, several chapter members met for the last time regarding Hot Rodeo 2007. Good points and bad were reviewed. Then some of the early work was done for Hot Rodeo 2008. The Chapter is now more aware of what needs to be done to see that we get the rodeo we want. Some work will be done over the course of the next couple of months. Then in February 2007 we will be ready to start again. A special Thanks to Al Wright for the work and time he gave us this year.

Again... To all have a great holiday season. See you all soon

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

It's election time. Time to vote for your present board members or vote a new person(s) in. If you are interested in running for a Palm Springs Rodeo Board position, let me know in writing before 12/9/06.

If you would like to nominate a current member in good standing to run for a position, you can but that person must accept the nomination. On 12/9/06 the list of the present Board Members and the list of those running for any office will be sent out to the membership.

Membership voting will take place in January.

You can run for any position. If you have any questions about any office or position, please contact Glen Dickard or myself using the "How to reach the Board" section below.

Horsh-U

By Mike Warren

Andalusian

The Andalusian horse has been highly regarded since the Middle Ages. Also the Andalusian, has officially been known as the Purebred Spanish Horse, reigned for several centuries throughout the known world as the embodiment of



perfection in horseflesh. The Andalusian is represented by the names Iberian Saddle Horse, Iberian War Horse, Jennet, Ginete, Lusitano, Alter Real, Carthusian, Spanish Horse, Portuguese, Peninsular, Castilian, Extremeno, Villanos, Zapata, and Zamaranos.

Spanish horses have been esteemed for their quality and appearance since Roman times. The Moors invaded Spain in the Seventh Century and brought Barb horses with them. These oriental horses were crossed with quality native Spanish stock, and the result was the Andalusian. In the Middle Ages, the Andalusian was the favored mount for European nobles. The Andalusian was a major influence on the Lipizzaner breed in the 1500's. More recently, it was used as a cavalry mount. Its numbers at one time diminished, but today the Andalusian's physical appearance and flashy action make it one of the world's most desirable riding horses.

Physical Description

The Andalusian has a distinguished appearance, usually appearing in the colors white and light gray, and occasionally bay. It is a compact horse with excellent proportions, and usually stands at 15.2 hands. The mane and tail are abundant. It has a flat or slightly convex nose, small ears, and its head is set on a

substantial neck. The chest is quite massive and the quarters are lean. The legs are clean and the action is quite energetic. The Andalusian is renowned for its ability to learn and its superb temperament.



them, beginning in the late Middle Ages. In the late 1400's, studs were founded at monasteries in Terez, Seville, and Cazallo. The monks were superb horse breeders and trainers, and kept the blood of their horses quite pure. The Andalusian's purity was threatened in the 1800's when Napoleon's army invaded Spain and stole many horses. One herd of Andalusians was hidden and used to renew the breed. In 1832, an epidemic devastated Spain's horse population. Only a small herd of Andalusians at the Monastery of Cartuja survived. No Andalusians were exported until 1962

Origin

The Andalusian originated in and gained its name from the Spanish Province of Andalusia. Its ancestors are the Iberian (Spanish) horse and the Barb horse which was brought to Spain by invading Moors. It was bred principally by Carthusian Monks in the late Middle Ages. The famed William Cavendish, Duke of Newcastle, wrote: "...the Spanish horse is the noblest animal in the world..." Cortes brought Andalusians to America for his conquests.

Notes of Interest

Andalusian horses owe a great deal to the Carthusian Monks who bred

Upcoming Dates

- 12/13 Membership Meeting
- 12/17 Beer Bust @ Sidewinders
3PM-7PM \$5 / cup draft
- 12/18 Ed Espandola's B-day Party
benefiting children with AIDS

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

- Tim Gladioux 12/8
- James Wade 12/8
- Rosie Sierra 12/16
- Mike Spencer 12/20

January Birthdays

- Knapp,Rick 1/5
- Myers,Steve 1/13
- Spanton,Gregory 1/21

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

IGRA Finals Roundup

Congratulations GSGRA! You kicked ass at finals in Reno. You even showed such teamwork and good attitude throughout the year you were awarded the IGRA Spirit Stick. Robert Salcido was awarded the Trustee's Award for Ethics and Sportsmanship. He wasn't present so he was presented (hopefully embarrassed) at our Post Rodeo Social

Our hearts go out to one of our good teammate, Belinda, who could not make finals this year. Just prior to finals she was practicing break away roping when her finger got caught in the rope as she was dallying and sustained serious injuries. Get Well Soon! We'll see you in Phoenix.

BINGO FUNDRAISER

B9 was not the energy at the Hamburger Mary's Bingo Fundraiser arranged by Jason Coleman and Chris Hulse on Wednesday, Nov 15. The regulars certainly knew the game. Over the loudspeakers we heard the M.C. ask "What are we playing? The Crowd: "BINGO!" The M.C.: "How do we play?" The Crowd: "Loudly!" Then the next game was afoot ... loudly. Jason and Chris put together great gift bags for each game with a grand prize offered by Jason of a cruise for two to the Mexican Rivera. Mike Kraut added to the fun by offering to auction an evening horseback ride on one of his horses. Definitely better than the tired choices available at the stables. Good job Jason and Chris. You made \$822 for the chapter.



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

VP Rodeo Rant

Busy, Busy, Busy.

As the holidays approach and memories of finals fade, your rodeo organizers have been busy! Roz and her staff are working tirelessly to put together position descriptions that will help our organization for years to come. Sunnie has been hard at work helping with the Alternative Venue committee, and the sponsorship committee is in full swing. The hotel contract renegotiation is in its final stages, and these are just a few of the things in motion even this early in the game.

Once again – if you can pledge a few hours a month or week, we can use your help. Please contact me at rodeovp@larodeo.com and lets make this a group effort so no one person is overtaxed. As specific tasks come up during the year, I will use the opportunity of this forum to make the call for volunteers. That being said, I am currently looking for a couple people who can commit to one hour a week to help me out with sponsorships. Any takers?



With that, our first "Rodeo Roundtable Gathering" (more of a meet and greet than a full fledged meeting) that will take place after the General Membership meeting on December 2nd. This will also be a pot luck – so bring a small side dish, and dish with us! And whatever you do this holiday season, don't forget to take a little time out for yourself!

Happy Holidays,
Robert

HEY, GREAT PARTY!

WOW!!! Take a bow Mike Barfield and Charlie Nicholson! That was a great party you put together. Who needs a dance floor? You dancin' fools wore the grass down to a nub thanks to Paul Alvarez who D.J'd. If you didn't make it, there were about 50 folks that showed up throughout the evening. But you really missed the awesome decorations that Charlie arranged for ... at no cost from a local prop shop. Mike brought his BBQ and graciously let Ian, Sarah's dad do the cookin'. Good job, Ian. I would like to give a special thanks to Sarah and Shaggy for all their help. Don't miss out next time. Keep watching your e-vites for more exciting fun filled times from Mike and Charlie.

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Did You Know...

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...

Saturday, January 6, 2007
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So... What's your interest...

Writing?
Designing?
Dancing?
Socializing?
Networking?
Entertaining?

To get involved with the Greater Los Angeles Chapter, email us at board@larodeo.com. We'd love to have you join us!

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