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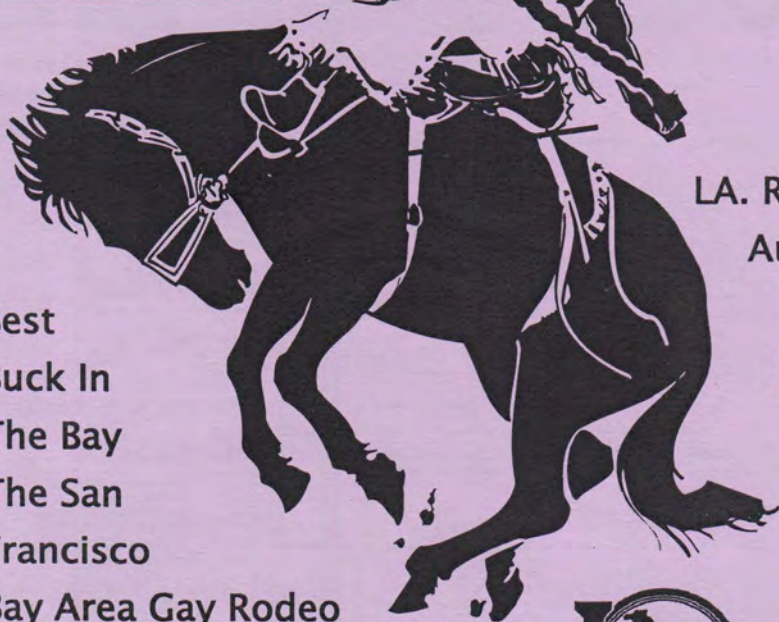
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February 2007

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

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



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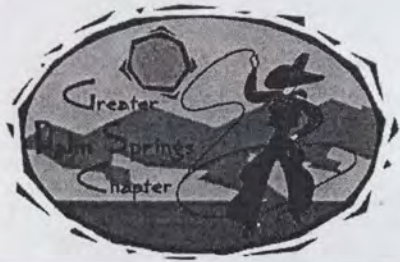
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Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

On January 10th, 2007 a mild storm happened here in the Greater Palm Springs Chapter. We changed our by-laws to have our Chapter Officers on two-year terms. The President, Vice-President Administration and Treasure will be one two-year cycle with the Vice-President of Rodeo Operations and Secretary one an alternating cycle. It was the feeling of the Chapter, and I agreed, that it takes about a year just to know the duties of the office we hold. Also, this helps ensure that a whole new board would not be replaced at one time.

Also that night was the Chapter's Annual meeting. It was the agreed by the Chapter Board of Directors to change that meeting some. That night became our Annual Meeting and Awards Night. We gathered at the Rock Garden Café for cocktails and dinner. After dinner the Chapter Officers gave their end of the year reports. Then certificates were passed out and the following plaques were awarded

Chapter Members of the year:
Elizabeth Anderson
Michael Allen

Board Member of the year:
Mike Warren

Chapter Appreciation:
Jack Schloeder

President Appreciation
Terry Garrity

Each one of the above worked hard in promoting the Chapter. I was a great honor to present each one their plaques

What started out as just a nice small dinner turned out to be an even bigger event than I had planned on. Thirty-two members and guests attended. It was nice to have the Chapter gathered for an event that was not for raising money or selling something. Just time to spend as a chapter. This will be the catapult for more events like this.

Lots more going on here in Palm Springs. Several members were in attendance in Phoenix for their Rodeo. The Board will be meeting later in January. Then after five months of planning. The GSGRA Convention was the last weekend in January. Will have to wait till the next ECHUTE to see what happened.

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

At the January 10th First Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner the Chapter voted in new offers. By unanimous vote the results are:

President: Glen Dickard
VP Rodeo Admin: James Cline
Secretary: Mike Warren
VP Rodeo Ops: Randy Clarke
Treasurer: Vacant

Please help me welcome these members to their new or continuing positions as we search to fill the position of Treasurer.

Any Chapter member in good standing is eligible to run for this position. Please contact me if you are interested.

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By Mike Warren

Appaloosa

The Appaloosa's heritage is as colorful and unique as its coat pattern. Usually noticed and recognized because of its spots and splashes of color, the abilities and beauty of this breed are more than skin deep.

Appaloosas are found in nearly every discipline. Setting speed

records on the race track, excelling at advanced levels of dressage, jumping, games, reining, roping, pleasure, endurance and as gentle family horses - any of these roles can be filled by the versatile Appaloosa. Their eager-to-please attitudes and gentle dispositions make them a pleasure to work with in any area.



Humans have recognized and appreciated the spotted horse throughout history. Ancient cave drawings as far back as 20,000 years ago in what is now France depict spotted horses, as do detailed images in Asian and 17th-century Chinese art.

The Spanish introduced horses to North America as they explored the

American continents. Eventually, as these horses found their way into the lives of Indians and were traded to other tribes, their use spread until most of the Native American populations in the Northwest were mounted (about 1710).

The Nez Perce of Washington, Oregon and Idaho became especially sophisticated horsemen, and their mounts, which included many spotted individuals, were prized and envied by other tribes. Historians believe they were the first tribe to breed selectively for specific traits - intelligence and speed - keeping the best, and trading away those that were less desirable.

When white settlers came to the Northwest Palouse region, they called the spotted horses "Palouse horses" or "a Palouse horse." Over time the name was shortened and slurred to "Appalousey" and finally "Appaloosa."

During the Nez Perce War of the late 1800's, Appaloosa horses helped the Nez Perce avoid battles and elude the U.S. Cavalry for several months. The tribe fled over 1,300 miles of rugged, punishing terrain under the guidance of the famed Chief Joseph. When they were defeated in Montana, their surviving horses were surrendered to soldiers, left behind or dispersed to settlers. Nothing was done to

preserve the Appaloosa until 1938, when a group of dedicated horsemen formed the Appaloosa Horse Club for the preservation and improvement of the diminishing spotted horse.

Now an international breed registry, the ApHC - along with the Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center - is located in Moscow, Idaho. More than half a million Appaloosas are on record, with about 10,000 new horses registered and 26,000 members annually.

Moscow also is the source of the official publication of the ApHC and Appaloosa horse, the *Appaloosa Journal*, a monthly, award-winning magazine.

As Appaloosa numbers grow, so do ApHC programs and services. There are more than 600 ApHC-approved regional shows and a World and National Show annually. To make owning an Appaloosa challenging and fun, these shows offer numerous awards in three main competition levels: youth, non-pro and open.

For those who just want to enjoy the outdoors on horseback, there is the saddle log program which requires no special travel or equipment, but simply spending time with your Appaloosa. The organization also sponsors four week-long trail rides each year

complete with entertainment and catering.

There is something for everyone in the world of Appaloosas. Many are fine-tuned show horses and well-conditioned athletes, but some also hold the distinction of being reliable family horses. Often chosen for children's mounts because of their level heads and even temperaments, Appaloosas win hearts as quickly as their color turns heads.

Upcoming Dates

2/14 Chapter Meeting
2/18 Beer Bust at
Sidewinders 3 - 7PM

January Birthdays

Knapp, Rick	1/5
Dan Cassidy	1/11
Michael Allen	1/14
Richard Temple	1/15
Spanton, Gregory	1/21

February Birthdays

Mario Koppe	2/1
Elizabeth Anderson	2/2
Tom McCahon	2/14
Ken Larson	2/23
Mark Helinger	2/26

March Birthdays

Steven Youngblood	3/1
Mike Warren	3/19

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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			
State Convention	0.00	750.00	-750.00
5210 · Membership dues - individuals	12,350.00	13,000.00	-650.00
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	10.65	0.00	10.65
Total Income	12,360.65	13,750.00	-1,389.35
Expense			
Branding and Comm	480.32	1,800.00	-1,319.68
Education	1,296.26	1,600.00	-303.74
General Administrative	4,757.67	2,750.00	2,007.67
Growth & Development	300.00	300.00	0.00
IGRA Annual Convention Expense	202.00		
Membership	1,656.46	2,350.00	-693.54
Professional Fees	690.00	2,000.00	-1,310.00
State Convention Expenses	907.05	1,900.00	-992.95
Taxes	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total Expense	10,289.76	13,700.00	-3,410.24
Net Ordinary Income	2,070.89	50.00	2,020.89
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	862.00	400.00	462.00
Reserve Funds	2,946.25	1,500.00	1,446.25
Total Other Income	3,808.25	1,900.00	1,908.25
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Rodeo Loss	-300.00		
Total Other Expense	2,700.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
Net Other Income	1,108.25	400.00	708.25
Net Income	3,179.14	450.00	2,729.14

GSGRA
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Dec 31, 06</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Cash in bank - operating	20,056.06
1070 · Reserve Fund	14,569.71
1071 · Memorial Funds	450.51
Total Checking/Savings	35,076.28
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts receivables	3,740.00
1115 · Doubtful accounts allowance	9,233.94
Total Accounts Receivable	12,973.94
Other Current Assets	
1450 · Prepaid expenses	164.00
Total Other Current Assets	164.00
Total Current Assets	48,214.22
Fixed Assets	
1745 · Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	924.00
Total Fixed Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	49,138.22
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	44,210.51
3010 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	1,748.57
Net Income	3,179.14
Total Equity	49,138.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	49,138.22



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

President's Roundup

Congratulations GLAC! You did great in Phoenix. It was a little on the chilly side but you cuddled and stayed warm didn't, didn't you?! The new year is upon us and there is so much to do. Ours is a dynamic organization and should always be visible within our Community. I am excited to say we have some exciting events planned both social and fundraising. As soon as we finalize the dates you'll be hearing from us. If you can help with any of the events we post let us know. You will have fun.



The January chapter meeting was well attended. They passed the 2007 Chapter Budget and elected new State Board Representatives and our Spokesperson for the up coming Convention. The new Representatives are: Mark Jensen, Roz Campbell, and Robert Kojima. 1st Alternate Jim Gant. 2nd Alternate Greg Brown. Spokesperson Robert Kojima.

More good news is the good work and attention that Bryan Bennett has given to the 501.c.3. He completed the application and has shared it with an accountant who offered a few recommendations. Bryan is working on those recommendations and when done, will give it to an attorney to look over before he submits it to the IRS. We're getting closer.

FUNDRAISER:

The first event that I can tell you is another great BINGO Fundraiser. Plan to come to Hamburger Mary's in West Hollywood on February 14, at 7:00 pm. Yes, it is Valentine's Day. So start your Valentine evening with dinner for two. Twice the people; twice the reward. The Grand Prize is dinner for two at the Magic Castle.

A huge garage sale is being planned. Did a Christmas gift replace an item in your house? Now is the time to clean out the house and garage and donate those goods to the Chapter for massive garage sale. All items can be delivered to Greg Brown's house in Long Beach or contact Greg Brown to set up a place for him to pick up the goods. Contact him at president@larodeo.com or call 562-477-9176, to make the necessary arrangements. If you live too far away, host a garage sale in your area and help support your chapter.

SPRING FLING:

The event everyone has been waiting for!! Yes the Spring Fling is back. Dave and Shawn will again host the ever popular party at their little *ranchette* in the high desert. Details will be coming; so stay tuned.

Be sure to stay in touch for more parties and education days. Be sure to re-join the Yahoo groups to be sure to get the latest news.

Greg Brown, President

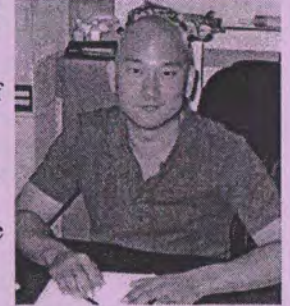
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VP Rodeo Rant

This Is Not Your Usual YADDA-YADDA

Happy New Year! The rodeo roundtable has been hard at work over the holidays and has run into some challenges as of late. I write to you today as your VP of Rodeo Ops hoping that someone has alternative Rodeo Venue suggestions, has an "out of the box (like outdoor dance or alternative evening party locale)" idea for a non-hotel based Saturday Night income generating dance, or can just lend a hand. The time for coming to a decision that may radically alter the feel and nature of our rodeo is approaching, and I invite anyone with input to talk with me. Here are the major developments in the last month:



HOTEL:

We and the Burbank Airport Hilton (now Marriott) have terminated (without penalty on either side) our agreements for 2007, 2008, and 2009 due to previous date confusion that could not be resolved. There is a surprising dearth of available properties that have the space we need to host our event in the San Fernando Valley. Although we are looking to downsize our event, there still aren't many properties with meeting / ballroom space over 7,000sq ft.

RODEO VENUE:

We are currently in negotiations with Pierce College and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center regarding our 2007 venue and event. Other rodeo venues we have contacted are the City of San Dimas, and the Industry Hills Exposition Center and they are either too expensive or unable to accommodate our event. We have also contacted Hansen Dam, and due to an ownership change in progress, we are unable to enter negotiations. We are still looking at the possibility of working with Cal Poly Pomona.

I feel that it is important that I keep you, the membership, informed as of the progress of our rodeo planning. Especially important is keeping the rumors (especially false ones) squashed and pertinent and correct information out there. I invite any and all of you to contact me if you have any information or contacts that may improve our position.

Robert Kojima, VP Rodeo Operations
310-709-7492

OTHER NEWS:

It is reported that Kings Western Wear is closing in March. Stop by and say thanks to Randy for his support through years. Mick and Mack's is making a hit in Long Beach. Where Choices once was, the new owners agreed to honor the 10% meal discount for GSGRA members who show their current membership card. Woody's in Laguna has been sold. Look for a Mexican Restaurant to replace it.

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2007 Rodeo Program Advertising Now On Sale!

Do you know anyone who would be a good prospect to advertise in the 2007 rodeo program? Does your business want to show it's support and help us reach our financial goals?

The program will be produced in the popular 5.5" x 8.5" size, on white glossy paper. The program will feature full color throughout—an added bonus for all advertisers.

Full Page	5.5" x 8.5"	\$375
Half Page	5" x 3.875"	\$200
Quarter Page	2.375" x 3.875"	\$125

For questions or additional information please call Chris Hulse at (310) 533-3833 at or email advertising@larodeo.com. Also, please call or email Chris with any leads that you may have. We need your help to make the program a success!

SAVE THE DATE! Cruise with the LA Rodeo to Mexico...

Mark your calendars for the first-ever LA Rodeo Cruise to Baja Mexico. We're setting sail from Long Beach harbor on Friday, October 19 for a 3-night cruise to Ensenada (unfortunately, we'll have you back on Monday morning to get in a few hours at the office!).

Jason Coleman (the LA Rodeo's official travel agency and Silver Sponsor) is giving back all profits and has even committed Carnival Cruise Lines to match his donation.

More details to come very soon. But if you're in a hurry, call Jason at (310) 234-9577 for more information!

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2007 Membership Meetings Schedule

January 6—Long Beach

February 3—Long Beach

March 11—West Hollywood

April 1—West Hollywood

May 6—Location TBA

June 16—Location TBA

July 7—Location TBA

August 11—Long Beach

September 8—Long Beach

October 7—West Hollywood

November 17—Long Beach

December 9—West Hollywood

All meetings are 10 a.m.—12noon

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