

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2007



San Diego
Rodeo
June
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LA. Rodeo
August
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2007

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Buck In
The Bay
The San
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Bay Area Gay Rodeo
September 14-16, 2007



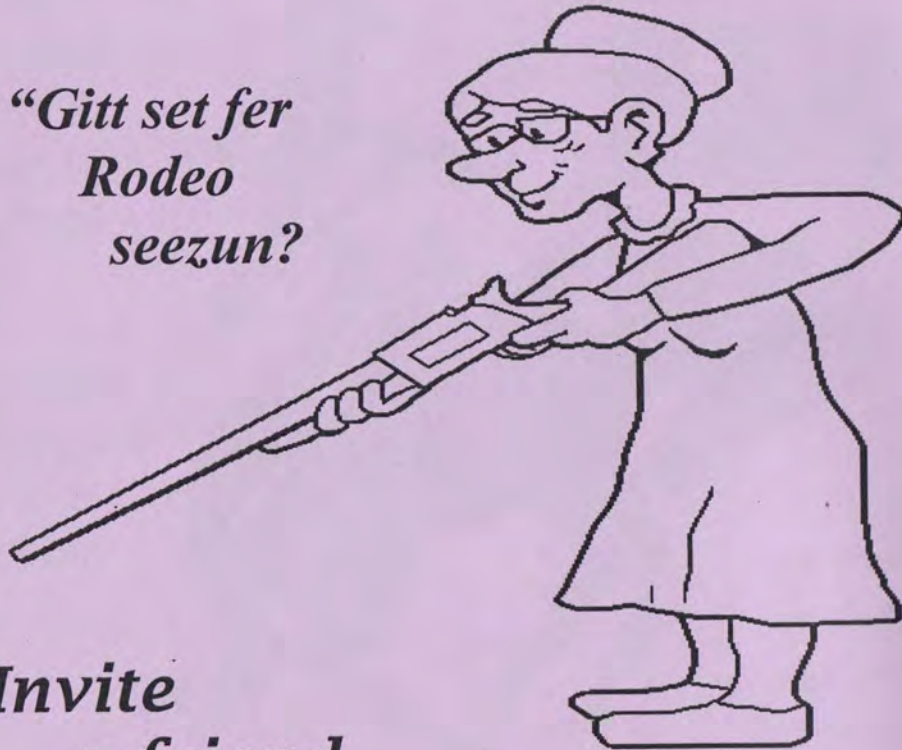
The Chute

March 2007

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

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*



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Message from the President of the Greater San Diego Chapter Robert Kingham

Howdy Ya'll,
 Sorry I haven't gotten much out on the Chute for some time. Things for me have been quite busy. The San Diego Chapter is busy getting things ironed out for our upcoming rodeo in June. I do hope that you all plan on being here for another great rodeo. Some things that have been happening around San Diego: I was honored to be a Presenter at the Second Annual San Diego Leather Awards. I have to admit I wasn't quite ready for all the interest and excitement about our rodeo. I had many from the community approach me about how excited they are about rodeo. Many expressed interest in helping in any way they can. Trust me I will be asking them for the help!

We held our third annual Valentines Day Bear Basket Auction at Kickers on Saturday February 10. I have to say it was overwhelming all of the baskets that were donated by organizations and members of the community. Tony will be writing more about the event in his article.

Some of the upcoming events planned are a Beverage bust March 10.

April San Diego will be hosting the State Board meeting on the 21-22.

want to send out a Happy Birthday to the following members of the San Diego Chapter:

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| March | |
| Terry B. | 3/3 |
| Todd G. | 3/6 |
| Tony (Tina) | 3/7 |

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| April | |
| Scott G. | 4/18 |
| Robert K. | 4/9 |
| David R. | 4/4 |
| Joseph S. | 4/8 |

Welcome to our newest member and those who have renewed to our chapter:

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Mike C. | Tom G. |
| John D. | Jay W. |
| Steve W. | David R. |
| Michele C. | Robert K. |



Miss Tina Rhinestone and the San Diego Chapter would like to say Thank You to all the people that helped out on the 3rd annual Teddy Bear Auction. We had so many baskets to auction off this year. It was great! A special thank you to: The Sister of Perpetual Indulgence, The leather boys of San Diego, Mr. San Diego Leather 2006, The San Diego Rodeo Royalty, Boy Harold San Diego Leather Boy 2007 And All of the Chapter Members in San Diego that gave up there own baskets
 A special Thanks to Mike for all the hard work you do for us.

San Diego Rodeo 2007

The San Diego Chapter would like to Thank Chris Shaw for his outstanding work and continued support for the San Diego Chapter. Once more Chris is a proud Sponsor of the San Diego Gay Rodeo. If you come out to San Diego please make sure you go and have a drink or gat a bit to eat at



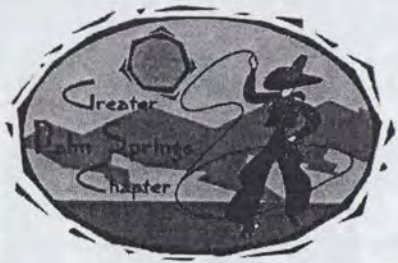
Please support the San Diego Chapter and Sponsor a Belt Buckle.

To be a sponsor please email or call Tony Nicholson at Tonymick2005@yahoo.com

Or

619.315.5433

Thank You for your support.



Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

This month Glen is taking a bit of a break. He will return next month.

Message from the Secretary

By Mike Warren

At our last Board Meeting, we voted in the last of our new Board Members.

The Chapter now has the following Board:

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

The President, VP Rodeo Ops and Treasurer were elected to a two-year term. VP Administration and Secretary were elected to one-year terms this year and next year the positions will be for two years.

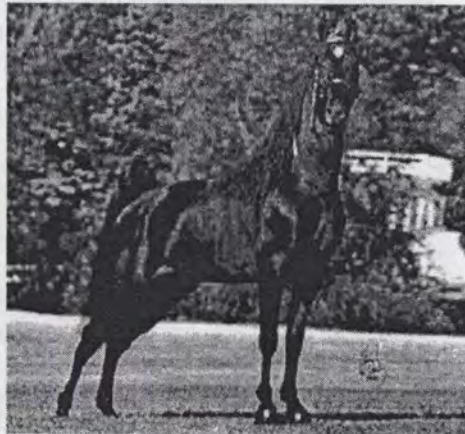
This type of election allows the election of only half of the Board each year resulting in a smoother transition.

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By Mike Warren

Tennessee Walking Horse

Over one hundred years ago, in the Middle Basin of Tennessee, a unique breed was created - the Tennessee Walking Horse. The early settlers of this region who came from Virginia, the Carolinas and other surrounding states, brought with them fine Standardbreds, Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Canadian and Narrangansett Pacers. By combining the traits of these great horse families, the foundation was laid for the Tennessee Walker who developed distinctive qualities of its own.



provided by Stuart Vesty Photography

The most prominent characteristic of Tennessee Walkers is their swift and smooth "running walk." This gait is inherited and cannot be taught to a horse who does not

possess it naturally. It is a square four-beat gait with a gliding motion, and a bobbing of the head and swinging of the ears accompany each step. Some Walkers are even known to snap their teeth in time. When performing the running walk, these horses will overstride, placing the back hoof ahead of their forehoof print. Traveling at speeds from 6 to 12 miles per hour, Walkers can sustain this gait for long distances without fatigue to themselves or their passengers.

Tennessee Walkers are also known for two other gaits. They are the "flat-foot walk" which is a slow, bold, and even gait; and the "canter" which is a refined gallop with a slow and high rolling motion. The canter is full of spring, rhythm and grace, and is often referred to as the "rocking chair gait." All three gaits of the Tennessee Walker are extremely easy on the rider.

Tennessee Walking Horses were developed for the purposes of riding, driving, and light farm work. They also became very popular with Southern plantation owners who called them Plantation Walkers. These men needed horses with comfortable gaits that could carry them the many miles necessary for inspecting immense fields. The Tennessee Walker's gaits were favored by country doctors who spent many hours on

horseback. The traveling preachers, who rode from church to church practicing their sermons on the way, preferred these fast and steady walking horses.

The stallion who was chosen as the foundation sire of the Tennessee Walking Horse, when the registry was formed in 1935, was Allan. This black stallion's ancestry was a mixture of Morgan and Hambletonian, who was the founding sire of the Standardbred. Allan was considered the greatest contributor to the Walking Horse breed.

In Tennessee the water flows over limestone rocks and the soil is rich in minerals, yielding lush nutritious bluegrass. This in turn produced the hardy Tennessee Walkers making them sound and free from disease. These qualities have been transmitted throughout the breed wherever it's found today.

Typical Walkers are affectionate, gentle and intelligent animals. The breed is seen in a variety of colors including brown, black, bay, chestnut, roan, palomino, white or gray. Their face, legs and body may also be marked with white. Averaging 15.2 hands, they have a long graceful neck, short back, well-built hindquarters, sloping shoulders, slender but strong legs, and sound feet. The Tennessee Walker's head is handsome and refined with bright eyes, prominent nostrils, and pointed well-shaped

ears. Their manes and tails are usually left long and flowing.

Each year, on the Saturday night before Labor Day, the best walking horses are matched for the title "The Grand Champion Walking Horse of the World." This ten-day show, The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, is held in Shelbyville, Tennessee. It began back in 1939 and is the largest walking horse show in the world.

The Walker is a popular pleasure, trail and show horse throughout the country. Their good manners and remarkably comfortable gaits make them ideal mounts for novice, middle-aged and elderly riders. For quiet relaxed excursions, the beautiful, poised and dignified Tennessee Walking Horses are indeed a pleasure to ride

Upcoming Dates

- 3/05 Bingo @ Hamburger Mary's 7PM. Arrive early, seats sell out fast.
- 3/14 Chapter Meeting 7:30PM
- 3/18 Beer Bust @ Sidewinders 3-7PM \$5 draft
- 3/26 Board Meeting
- 4/11 Chapter Meeting 7:30PM
- 4/15 Beer Bust @ Sidewinders 3-7PM \$5 draft

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

April Birthdays

- James Cline 4/1
- Patrick Lippert 4/8
- Mike Davis 4/9
- Jacob Levine 4/15

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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 upcoming 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.

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| 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

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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| 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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| STATE/ZIP | | |
| BIRTHDAY | / / <small>Year Optional</small> | |
| PHONE # | | |
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| 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 | | <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER L.A. <input type="checkbox"/> BAY AREA <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER SAN DIEGO <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER PALM SPRINGS <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE |
| NAME | | 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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