



# DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



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Diamond State Rodeo Association

March, 2002

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar - 15 General Membership Meeting
- Mar - 16 Private Leather Party @ Clubhouse
- Mar - 16 IGRA Fundraiser @ Maggie Mae's
- Mar - 17 Rodeo Meeting @ 2pm
- Mar - 17 Easter Basket Auction @ 4pm
- Mar - 21 Coggins Class @ Coop Est Service
- Mar - 23 Road trip Fayetteville
- Mar - 24 Rodeo meeting
- Mar - 29 - 31 Cowtown Rodeo @ Ft Worth TX
- Apr - 4 Movie Night
- Apr - 5 Spades Night
- Apr - 6 DSRA Fundraiser @ Factory
- Apr - 7 Rodeo meeting
- Apr - 12 Lariat Deadline
- Apr - 12 Board Meeting
- Apr - 19 General Membership Meeting
- Apr - 21 Rodeo meeting



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls, Rodeo in the Rock is just 7 weeks off and everything is on go. There are lots of activities going between now and the Rodeo so keep those calendars handy. I just

want to take this time to Thank all of the members and friends of DSRA who have given so much of their time and energy to make our organization what it is today. I would also like to say Thank You to all of you who have supported our efforts and who continue to give their support. You are appreciated.

For the Rodeo, once again I am in charge of sponsorships. As of Nov. 1st, all of the belt buckles have been sold, but we have a lot of other sponsorships that need to be filled. I have listed in the newsletter the sponsorships available. Please look over this list and if you would like to be a sponsor give me a call. We also need volunteers for different areas at the Rodeo and Parties.

This year's Rodeo should be bigger than ever since we are one of the sponsors of The Triple Crown, which is composed of Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. The cowboy and cowgirl who has the most points from all three Rodeos will receive the Crown. They have to compete in all three Rodeos to qualify.

I have heard a lot of members, new and old, say that they would

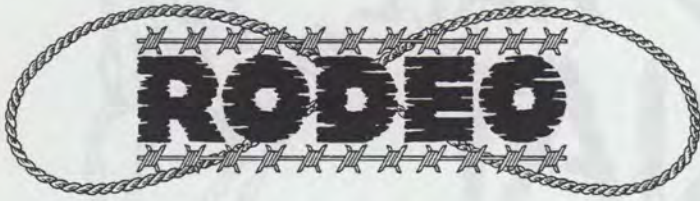
like to know more about the organization. Some of you have had some really good ideas for the group, but you need to come to the General Membership Meetings. The General Membership meetings are at 9pm on the 3rd Friday of each month. I have said this many times before and I will say it again now, your opinion counts, your vote counts, it is your organization, but unless you come to the meetings no one will know your ideas. Also, every member is invited to the Board Meetings which are the 2nd Friday of each month at 7pm., Hope to see more of you at the General Membership meetings.

Rodeo UP,  
Julie, President





## Trustee's Report



Greetings Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Wow!!! It's almost here. There will be one more Rodeo Directors report before the rodeo is here. All the planning we are doing now and the preparation will pay off in just 6 short weeks. I would like to thank all the members who are volunteering and coming to the meeting. Without all of you, this rodeo wouldn't have a chance. I am so glad to see other aspects of our community coming together with us for our project. The leather men, the bears, the women's groups, every one is stepping up to the plate and chipping in their part for the DSRA and our community. It is always been said that there is strength through diversity. I believe that it is that diversity that is going to make this rodeo so special. Please note

your calendars and the website for the upcoming rodeo meetings, from this point on they are now scheduled every two weeks instead of monthly. I encourage each and every one of you to come to these meetings and take part. It is a perfect way to be apart of one of the largest gay events on Arkansas. When the time comes to distribute the proceeds from this rodeo back to our community, I promise you, there will be a special pride that you will feel deep in your heart. A pride from knowing you had a hand in helping people in your community and your state. See you at the meetings.

Rodeo Meetings on 3/17 @ 2pm, 3/24 @ 4pm, 4/7 @ 4pm, 4/21 @ 4pm

Michael Ashley  
(Rodeo Director 2002)

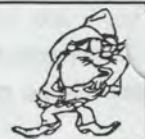
I know that you haven't heard from me in a while until now, but I hope to change that. Needless to say, I am back in the saddle again, at least for now!

Previously, due to other commitments, I was unable to attend the rodeo in Phoenix. Julie B. had gone to Phoenix Rodeo for the Trustee Meeting as our representative. (Thanks, Julie!) She came back and reported to the Board and the General Membership that the Palm Springs Finals Rodeo, while attended by over 3000 people, was, unfortunately, a financial disaster for the Palm Springs chapter and for the GSGRA overall. Many of the payout checks to the competitors had bounced, but that situation has been rectified. Still, the finals rodeo lost a great deal of monies. I will keep you updated on the eventual outcome of all of this.

I did get the chance to go to St. Louis this year for the IGRA University. I learned a great deal while I was there, and so did everyone else! We learned more effective ways of getting our association out there and working for us all. Many new ideas came out of this. We also got the chance to see how our sponsors, Bud Light, works to sponsor our rodeos. WOW! Embracing! (Ask me later about these two expressions!)

Some other interesting developments have happened just in the past few days! As some of you may know, the Capital Crossroads Chapter of the GSGRA tried last year to form its own independent association. The attempt, however, failed in committee at Convention last year. It was determined that, in order for CCGRA to form its own association, it would need permission from GSGRA. This year, the members of the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo Association from Tulsa wished to do the same. I have received an official email from Ric Poston, of the OGRA, that a group from Tulsa has been given permission from OGRA to form its own association.

*Just Fun.* I married my wife for her looks...but not the ones she's been giving me lately!





The matter will again be brought up to the IGRA at convention this year. It will be interesting to see how this will go for the future of the IGRA.

Speaking of convention, I would like to know if anyone is interested in being either a delegate or an alternate for the DSRA. Convention this year will be in Cleveland, Ohio on July 26th, 27th, and 28th. I would like to know so that I can make preparations for the trip, such as charter a bus! Several members have expressed an interest in going and think that this would be a fun trip for everyone. You don't necessarily have to be a delegate or an alternate to go. It is a great learning opportunity, as well as a chance to meet the people who are the movers and shakers of the IGRA, and to see just how the IGRA works!

Until next time.

Jacky Green  
Trustee

## Spades Night Reminder

Just to let everyone know, there is ALWAYS a Spades Night at the DSRA clubhouse on the FIRST FRIDAY of every month.

For those of you who have never come to one, several of us get together at the clubhouse and put our name (and a few dollars) into the kitty. We then try to earn enough points to be the winner. Contrary to what you might think, it is all done in the spirit of good, friendly competition. If we get enough people, we sometimes have 2-3 tables. Other nights, we switch totally from Spades to other games, such as Boggle, Mexican Train (a great version of Dominoes!), Hearts, Uno, etc.

If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about it, please contact me, Jacky Green, at 501-455-4805 or you can email me at wboybear99@yahoo.com. Can't wait to see you there!

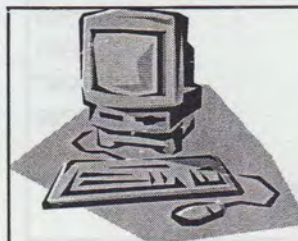
## We're Having A Drawing

That's right a drawing! The prize is Friday and Saturday night of the rodeo at the Best Western Inntown, rodeo passes for two to all events, Dinner for two at Maggie Mae's and a Bottle of Champagne waiting in the room. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00. You can purchase your tickets from Sherry P. or Julie B. at DSRA Events or by calling 261-1130. The drawing will be held April 15th and the winning person will be contacted by phone or email and the winning number posted on the website. You can't win if you don't enter!



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hopefully, everyone should have their DSRA membership cards by the time they get this issue of the Lariat. If not, please contact me at [ian@paradisequad.com](mailto:ian@paradisequad.com). Especially if you've been a member before, and would like a membership card with your old number on it. Some membership cards have just slipped through the cracks.



DSRA now has an easier to remember URL for its webpage:

<http://www.dsra.org>



Mon - Sat  
4pm to  
12mn

# Maggie Mae's

Sun  
11:30am to  
6:30pm

415 Main Street North Little Rock  
DSRA Corporate Sponsor

# God Bless AMERICA



Message  
on the  
Rock

Lin Long  
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For Appt.  
244-9144



The next Lariat deadline is April 12th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706 MIKE4DSRA@aol.com FAX 661-1427 (Call first)



DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION 2001-2002 BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
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Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Sponsorships

BULLS _____	\$150.00
BRONCS _____	\$150.00
STEERS _____	\$150.00
CALFS _____	\$100.00
GOATS _____	\$ 75.00
ARENA _____	\$ 50.00
ENTERTAINMENT _____	\$ 25.00

All names of sponsors will appear in the Program book if received by April 1st.

### Name The Calf Contest

If you sponsor a calf you get to name the Calf the name of the calf will be places in a jar for the Rodeo. People will vote for the best name, votes are \$1.00 each. If at the end of the Rodeo your calf's name has the most votes you will win 50% of what has been collected and the other 50% will go to the charity of the DSRA Royalty Team.

If you would like to be a sponsor, make checks payable to:

DSRA  
c/o Julie Brown  
PO Box 56503  
Little Rock, AR. 72215

## EASTER BASKET AUCTION

Sunday, March, 17th Doors open at 4pm., bidding starts at 6pm. Some of the sponsors:

SCALLIONS  
BUFFALO GRILL  
GRAFFITIS  
MASSAGE ON THE ROCK  
GALLOUPS  
HORSE HEAD ARENA  
WEEKEND THEATER  
MR./MISTER  
OLD WORLD PIZZA  
WILDCARD  
TWISTED ENTERTAINMENT  
MAGGIE MAES

These are just a few we have many more so make plans to join us for our silent auction. The Easter Bunny will be there with a lot more surprises. Finger foods will also be on hand.
















# DSRA CALENDAR

March 10 - April 20, 2002



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15 8:00pm General Membership Meeting 	Mar 16 9:00pm Private Leather Party 9:15pm IGRA fundraiser at Maggie Mae's
Bighorn Rodeo - Las Vegas						
Mar 17 St. Patrick's 2:00pm Rodeo Meeting 4:00pm Easter Basket - Auction Bighorn Rodeo -...	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21 6:00pm Coggins Class @ coop Est Service	Mar 22	Mar 23 Road Trip - Fayette- ville
Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30
4:00pm Rodeo Meeting 					Cowtown Rodeo @ Ft. Worth TX	
Mar 31 Easter 	Apr 1 April Fools Day	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4 7:00pm Movie Night 	Apr 5 7:30pm Spades Night 	Apr 6 10:00pm DSRA Rodeo Show @ Factory 
Cowtown Rodeo...						
Apr 7 Daylight Savings 4:00pm Rodeo Meeting 	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12 Lariat Deadline - 666-3706 7:30pm Board Meeting 	Apr 13
Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19 8:00pm General Membership Meeting 	Apr 20












# DSRA CALENDAR

April 21 - June 1, 2002



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Apr 21</b>  4:00pm Rodeo Meeting	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>  7:00pm Welcome to Little Rock Party	<b>Apr 26</b> LA Rodeo Rodeo in the Rock	<b>Apr 27</b>
<b>Apr 28</b> LA Rodeo Rodeo in the Rock	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>May 3</b>  7:30pm Spades Night	<b>May 4</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 10</b>  Lariat Deadline - 666-3706 7:30pm Board Meeting	<b>May 11</b> Feral Cats Fundraiser Big Tex Rodeo - Ft Worth
<b>May 12</b>  Mother's Day Big Tex Rodeo - ...	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 17</b>  8:00pm General Membership Meeting	<b>May 18</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>May 24</b> Great Plains Reg Rodeo - OKC	<b>May 25</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b>  Memorial Day (Observed) Great Plains Reg...	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>May 31</b> Southern Spurs Rodeo - Atlanta, GA Salt Lake City Rodeo	<b>June 1</b>