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We would like to welcome a new friend of Gay Rodeo. Jim Beam has joined us as a primary corporate sponsor of our rodeo and we would like to ask you all to remember that next time you *belly-up to the bar*

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April 11-13 1997



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APRIL 1997

1997 LOS ANGELES
RODEO AND COUNTRY FAIR



April 11, 12 and 13



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

It's rodeo time — volunteer now

The 1997 L.A. Rodeo is just days away! The new location at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center is being readied... The contestants are prac-

ting and the entertainers are rehearsing... All that's needed is you! There are lots of fun ways you can volunteer. Now is the time to sign up!

Call our volunteer coordinator Paul Thompson at (818) 760-6633 and let him know what you'd like to do. And we'll see you at the rodeo!

Trail ride April 26

Sue Downing and Connie Risch, our chapter's new Events and Activities Committee chairs, are happy to announce another fun trail ride and barbecue. The last one was a huge success and a lot of fun.

Bring your own horse or rent one.

The ride will be about two hours long, with the barbecue immediately after.

Cost of renting a horse is \$20-25, depending on how many we rent. If you don't want to ride, come for the barbecue!

➤ 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Osborne Riding Stables. (Exit the 210 Freeway at Osborne and go left. At the fork in the road, stay left and proceed on Osborne about a mile. Stable is on the left.)

➤ For information, call Sue or Connie at (714) 828-3438.

Elections ahead

Nominations are now open for the chapter offices of president, administrative vice president, vice president for rodeo operations, secretary or treasurer. If you want to nominate someone — you can nominate yourself —

call the nominations co-chairs, Jim Hoffman at (562) 435-5885 or Roger Bergmann at (909) 596-4594.

The elections will be held at the chapter's May meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at the Center in Long Beach. Be sure to attend and let your voice be heard!

New board reps

State reps for 1997-98 were elected in March. Mike DeYonker and Steve Creber were re-elected; they'll be joined by Amy Griffin and alternate Guy Johnson. Amy also was elected as our chapter's 1997 convention spokesperson.

Submissions to the GLAC newsletter are always welcome; submissions are subject to editing for space or content, and must be submitted by the 15th of the month. ■ The GLAC logo, rodeo poster and contents of the GLAC newsletter and Web site are Copyright 1997 GLAC-GSGRA. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3/30	31	1	2	3	4	4/5 Rodeo party at Oil Can Harry's
4/6	7	8	9	10	11	4/12 L.A. Rodeo
4/13 L.A. Rodeo	14	15	16	17	18	4/19 GSGRA state convention Stateline, Nev.
4/20 GSGRA state convention Stateline, Nev.	21	22	23	24	25	4/26 GLAC trail ride and barbecue
4/27 AIDS Walk Long Beach	28	29	30	1	2	5/3
5/4	5	6	7	8	9	5/10 GSGRA state dance contest, San Diego

CHAPTER MEETINGS

10 A.M. SAT., APRIL 5,
at the Hansen Dam
Equestrian Center,
Lake View Terrace

10 A.M. SAT., MAY 17
(CHAPTER ELECTIONS)
at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth
St., Long Beach



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G.S.G.R.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention and Meeting of Members will be held at Buffalo Bills, Stateline, NV. (near Las Vegas). The dates will be April 19th and 20th, 1997. Registration will be \$35.00 per person in advance and \$50.00 at the door and will include, Coffee Socials, Lunch on Saturday, Seminars and attendance in daily membership meetings. Business that will come before the Convention will include review of our Standing Rules and Bylaws, reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and election of Officers. New this year will be Pool Side open discussions with GSGRA Executive Board members and workshops on Rodeo Productions.

The hotel rate is \$45.00 per night and reservations should be made through Buffalo Bills Toll Free number 1(800)FUN-STOP. Members must ask for the GSGRA Rodeo Rate. Buffalo Bills is famous for its "Fastest and Tallest" Roller Coaster, Arcade, indoor rodeo arena, and of course it's Gambling Casino.

Registration for convention should be made by calling State President; Craig Rouse (408) 378-6167. Advance registration must be made by April 11th 1997 to qualify for the reduced rate.

Elections will be held on Sunday, April 20th. Nominations will be accepted from Convention floor, nominees must be present to accept nomination or must provide written acceptance of nomination. The following nominations have been received. Nominees have not accepted or declined their nomination.

President:	Craig Rouse
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Secretary:	Clint Johnson
Treasurer:	Joe Olney
IGRA Trustee:	David Medzerian Brad Roberts Craig Rouse Roger Bergmann
IGRA Convention Delegates:	Rick Washburn Joe Olney Craig Rouse Brad Roberts Roger Bergmann David Medzerian Phil Baldwin Ellis Rose David Carver

Mark Your Calendars! APRIL 19 - 20 1997 Buffalo Bill's Stateline, NV



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GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

APRIL 1997

FLASH RODEO

97 will be held at the Romona Outdoor Community Center, the Fred Grand Arena. Jay, would like everyone to know, that not only is this very exciting for us here in San Diego, but it is great new for all of our rodeo fans.

By moving to Ramona, it will help keep cost down for both the rodeo chapter, but more important the fans. It means lower food, beer, and parking prices, saving all of us some money. The Fred Grand Arena, is a single (no partner yet) arena, surrounded (mostly) by trees, and grass, so you can now bring a picnic lunch, sit under

a tree and enjoy one of the best rodeo put on.

Jay, also what all to know, that while his is exciting for us, it also means that we have a lot of work a head. So come on out and support Rodeo 97.

The host hotel will still be the same, with all of it great events.

FLASH

Did you know that the Rodeo office is now set up for voice mail, to find out about your mail box, see Robert, he will fill you in on how it work. Robert, thanks for a great job.

Rodeo Roundtable

The Rodeo Roundtable is the Chapter

committee that is responsible for organizing and producing our rodeo every year. The roundtable meets the **THIRD TUESDAY** of every month at the chapter offices at 7 PM. If you would like to get involved in the decisions making process, or if you just want to hear what's being planned for this year's rodeo, please come to the meetings.

In April, the roundtable will discuss a variety of subjects including;

- The selection of Rodeo buckles
- Selecting a charity for Boots & Briefs
- Begin soliciting program Advertisers
- Begin soliciting buckle sponsors

- Distributing the rodeo tri-folds
- Create a reward program for Volunteers
- Review the Los Angeles Rodeo's success' and needed improvements as related to activities similar to our own rodeo

Some Staff positions are still open on the Rodeo Roundtable; some come to the meetings and get involved.

DATES TO MARK

Apr 2 General
Membership
15 Roundtable
19 **G.S.G.R.A**
Convention,

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Treasurer - Jeff Jones

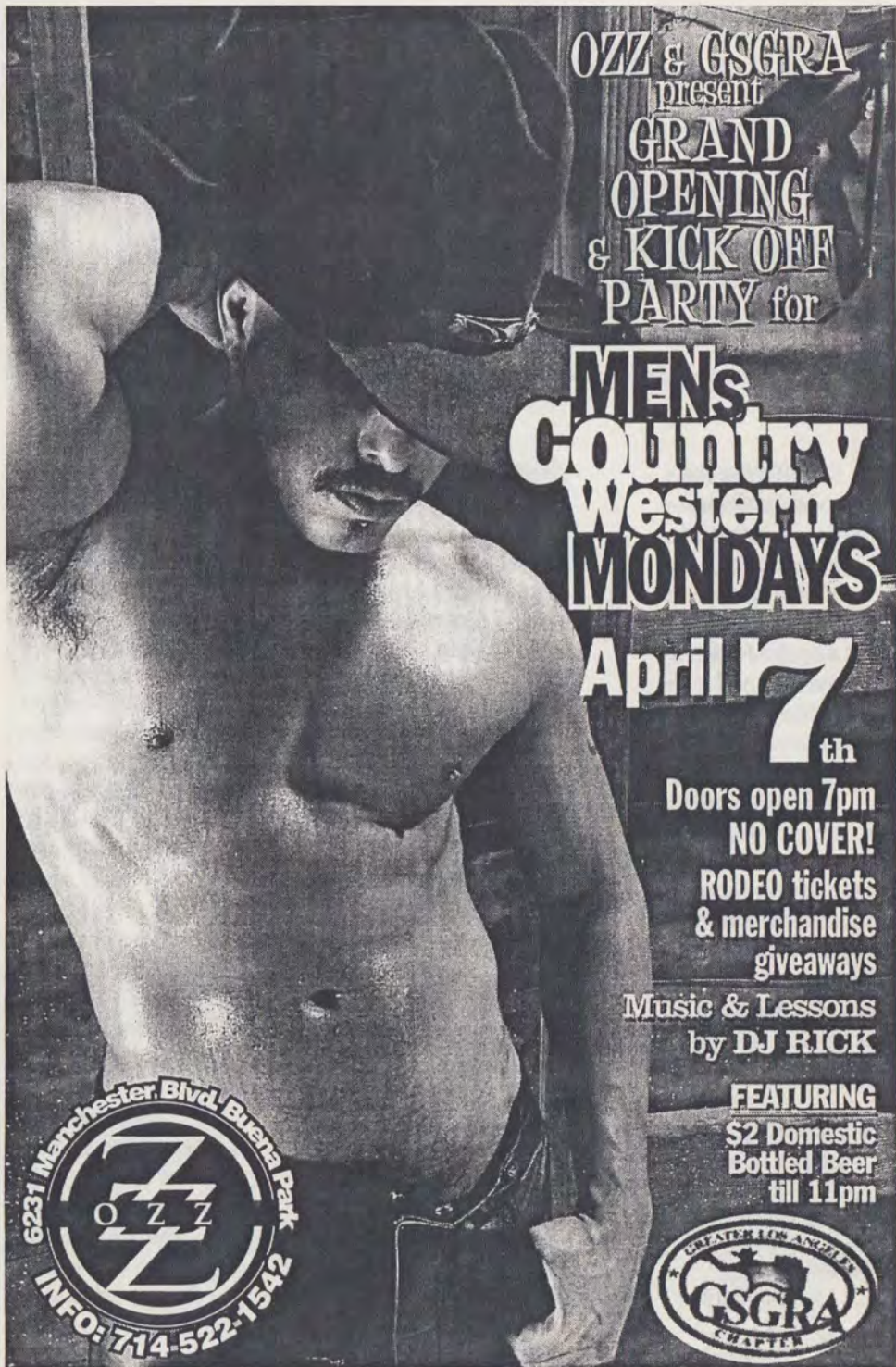
State
Line, N.V.
(Primm)
May 5 Board Meeting
7 General
Membership
10 State Dance
Contest
20 Roundtable
26 Swim Party,
at Don
And Rick's.

Jun 2 Board Meeting
4 General
Membership
14 Dan and
Charles
Party
17 Roundtable

VOLUNTEER S:

We are always looking for you. If you would like to help the chapter out please call us, and we could use you not only at Rodeo 97, But

all year, we need volunteers at the upcoming Long Beach Pride May 17-18, also at San Diego Pride July 26-27.
Call today at 298-4708.



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L.A. President looking for a Sugar Daddy (or Mummy)

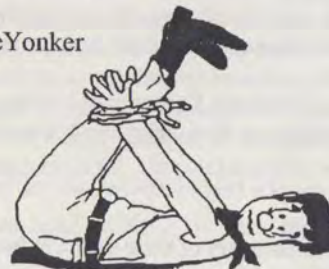
SPONSORS NEEDED for Mike DeYonker for the **SPOKES FOR HOPE RIDE**

I am riding in the "Spokes For Hope" bicycle ride on Sunday, May 18, 1997, and I am looking for sponsors to help me meet my personal goal of \$1000.00 in support of this very deserving charity. All of the proceeds from the ride will go to the AIDS Service Center. I will be riding a total of 40 miles in this Bicycle-A-Thon through the San Gabriel Valley area.

The Aids Service Center provides free, direct services to men, women, children and families living with and impacted by HIV and/or AIDS. The ASC provides prevention and treatment education, transportation, legal services, housing assistance, a food pantry, case management, mental health health services and family and pediatrics programs. With an active volunteer program that coordinates the efforts of hundreds of volunteers they are able to provide maximum services at minimal cost. This is a very worthwhile cause, and I am asking you to help me in reaching my pledge for this ride.

Please call me at 818-366-3643 if you would like to help.

Thanks,
Mike DeYonker



G.S.G.R.A.
Proudly Presents

The 1997

Country Western Dance Competition

The winners to represent GSGRA at the IGRA Country-Western Dance Competition to be held in Salt Lake City at the end of July.

The Town and Country Hotel
on Hotel Circle in San Diego

Saturday, May 10, 1997.

Featuring:

**Our traditional Country-
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**Competition in the two-
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**Swing Dance and Line
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**Dance workshops for
contestant and spectators**

and

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Hotel at (619)291-7131**

**For Contest or workshop
Information call Ellis Rose
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CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER OF GSGRA VOLUME 4 APRIL 1997

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Well, can you believe it, it's been a whole year since we have now been in operation! Due to the fact that this is our one year anniversary, I approached the rodeo's board of officers with this great idea!!! Lets deviate from the norm, and have each of us write a paragraph or two, or three and lets call it "YEAR IN REVIEW" from the President's, Vice President's Administration, Secretary, and Treasurer's standpoint of things!

Remember, the monthly calendar stands as usual, and the chapter meeting for the month of April, is to be held at *Faces!* By the next meeting, it will be warmer outside. Don't forget to wear your name tags, as it is a \$2.50 fine for not having it on at a chapter function, or a meeting. As well, there is also a \$1.50 fine for no I.D. Card as well. If you do not have one or the other, please call Ms. Alex Murray-Waller at (916)-685-6293.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Mark Marshall

It's hard to believe, but it has been almost a year since the seed of Capital Crossroads was planted. Looking at our documentation, we had our first organizational meeting April 3, 1996 at *Faces* with eight people present. By the end of the next day we had put together our application for being chartered by the state at the Annual meeting of GSGRA on May 4, in Stateline, Nevada. **Brian Koeber** and I were busy getting all the necessary 25 new members, their money, and the information on the chapter Fed-Ex'd in time to meet the 30 day deadline. It was either then, or wait another year. With a lot of push and luck, the *Mountain-Delta-Valley Chapter* was on its way. Almost! After a few name changes (one of which was the No-Name chapter since we were running out acceptable ideas to 25 new members and the state) *Capital Crossroads Chapter of GSGRA was born on May 4, 1996.* Since **Tom Kennedy, Van Boeck, Billy Hughes, Bradley Ellison, Lady Maverick, Brian and myself** met prior to April 3, and **Maggie Moore** became our 25th member on April 4, 1996, a lot has happened. There have been many highlights and some not so bright moments, but in all, I believe we have begun to accomplish what we set out to do. To raise the consciousness of country-western in the Sacramento area, to bring friends together with that interest, and to build a base so that Sacramento could hold its own IGRA/GSGRA sanctioned rodeo. *If all we did was bring new friendships together, I think we surpassed my expectations.* The friends I have made have become very dear to me!! (Sorry to get mushy) Thinking of highlights, several come to mind: - **Rodney Gergen** practically selling his body in selling almost 70 pre-sale tickets to our first beer bust, and the look on **Mickey Mitchell** and **Michael Johnson** of *Faces* at our surprise success.

- The tireless efforts of **Annie Kinney, Nina Bradeen, and Alex Waller**, even though it was months before they could join, they were always there to contribute and encourage.
- The effort of an over-worked **Board of Directors**, who though they all seem to talk at once (until I yell "Q-U-I-E-T : thank you") still got a lot done and amazingly heard everything going on. Well, almost everything!
- The excitement and knowledge that new members **Clemente Enriquez** and **Michael Muir** brought to the organization. Their hard work in making our first major event, the October Gymkhana, such a success.
- Having new members join at the Gymkhana because of a healthy atmosphere we provided, gay or straight.
- Receiving our tax-exempt Status and the California Secretary of State notice of Incorporation. Thanks again to **Clemente** and **Cathy Patrick's** diligence.

- **Sammy VanGalder** being our first representation to GSGRA Royalty competition, how he has made us so proud! His tireless effort has continued to show in making our chapter a success (we finally have a logo) as well as putting his best foot forward in representing us and the State. Including a surprise induction at the recent State quarterly meeting.

-Dan (**Mr. Bolt**) finding us a dance floor at the last minute and orchestrating our first dance/beer bust in conjunction with the Gymkhana.

- Seeing us go over \$1,000 in the bank account and over 50 members.

You know - come to think of it, I can go on and on about the highlights, the laughs, the warm fuzzy feelings, but I seemed to have forgotten the negative things. Isn't memory great!! I hope when I look back at our second year I will see us closing in on our first rodeo, and in need of ten times as much space to think of all the people who made it such an unforgettable year. All of you who are members are part of the success, your involvement will decide the degree of success we see this next year!!!! Thanks in advance!! Now -

"Let's Rodeo"!

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER Billy Hughes

This has been a most unique year, I have attended rodeos in Las Vegas, San Diego, San Jose, and Washington D.C. I feel very lucky, that while attending these rodeos, I have made new friends in I.G.R.A.'s four divisions. They range from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, the Canadian Border to the Mexican Border and from the Great Lakes to the Lone Star State. Most of all, the members that I have come to know from this chapter are really a very special and diverse group of individuals. Many of the members that I did not know one year ago today, are now some of my best friends.

I have come to think of our chapter members, more as a family unit than a rodeo chapter. I feel just like a parent who is watching our little family grow, but not without some growing pains.

- We have had fund-raisers that have been successful and like a normal family, we have had expenses that devour these hard earned dollars.

We have made some mistakes, and when this has happened, the telephone lines have been burning up from one end of California to the other, the telephonenumber lines were so hot that they almost melted! But on a whole, I think we are doing one hell of a job.

- Like teenagers, we sometimes feel like the whole world is against us, but when we asked for help, we were able to get advice from the Board of Director's of G.S.G.R.A. and also, from members belonging to chapters, not only from our own division, but from the other divisions throughout I.G.R.A.
- During our meetings, we have been known to disagree loudly with one another, but after the meeting is over, we can usually go out and enjoy each others company and not be bothered about what was said during a meeting.
- You can imagine the sense of pride you feel when you attend a rodeo and one or more of you "family members" is out there participating in the different events, because they have succeeded in accomplishing something they set out to do.
- The sense of pride is enhanced, when you attend the "AWARDS PRESENTATION", and one of your family members is announced as a winner.
- How much more fun can you have than when you and/or one of your own is a winner?!

May the future bring CCRAC, GSGRA, and IGRA much success and happiness!

SECRETARY'S CORNER Brian Koeber

What a year it has been for all of us! The famous four started this out by gathering signatures, moneys, and lots of verbal commitments from the people of Sacramento, and the surrounding areas! First and foremost, I would like to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to my loving, and patient husband Van, for all of the time, dubious service and support that he has given to me during the past year with gathering, printing, computerizing, labeling, documents, mailing, and calming me when we were hit with problems. He has been my proverbial "punching bag" over some things! I love you, and also thank you!!!!!!!

Thirty some signatures, a thousand dollars, and transfer members later, we were on the go. Off to a State Line, NV. meeting we were going, and to the unknown world of a GSGRA Rodeo meeting. We were welcomed by this BIG white hared man named "Daddy Craig" (cute too)!!!! We passed with some amazing flying colors. We were a breath of fresh air in the Northern part of California. We have had several beer busts along the way. A gymkahana playday, dances, a Christmas party, and not to mention raised a little over a \$1,000.00 and have a savings and checking account with the Bank of U.S. We are also proud of the fact that we have achieved a non-profit, tax exempt status with the state of California. We are the second chapter in the GSGRA to achieve this. This grand endeavor was due to the tremendous hard work of our previous VP of Operations, Clemente Enriquez! We have lost a few of our members, but, we have gained as well. By that I mean members, knowledge, hitting a few brick walls, getting hurt, and even tumbling down a few dusty trails. Through it all we have made it a year, and the eyes of the GSGRA are now upon us in full!!

I am very proud to be a member of this unique organization. I am even more proud to be a founding member of the what I feel is the greatest rodeo chapter in the state of California. But, most importantly, I would like to say THANK YOU for allowing me to let you know the what's going's on with the chapter. Thanks for appointing me secretary for the year. It's been enriching, and one hell of a job to fulfill!!!!!! I do look forward with all of you to welcoming Sacramento's Capital Crossroads very first Rodeo in early 1998.

TREASURER'S CORNER Helen Godvin

To be included in next months newsletter. We are sorry that Helen will be moving to Oregon, but we wish her all the best and thank the "Sarg" for being such a great asset!

CALENDAR

- **April 6** Work day at Mike Muir's to get that barn ready. 11:00 am. Bring picnic lunch, chapter will supply beverage. Call 916-451-9439 for directions.
- **April 8** Chapter general meeting - at **Faces** (we are back to the 2nd Tuesday). There will be an election for vacancies of Vice-President, Operations (Sammy Van Galder nominated); and Treasurer (Bill Hause and Michael Pederson nominated). There will also be a vote on holding our rodeo in 1998.
- **April 11-13** is our own Division I Rodeo, the LA RODEO!!! For further information on this rodeo, please call (310) 498-1675, or write 4226 E. 15th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804. Contestant deadline is **March 28**. I'm almost positive that they are looking for some strong strappin' hard workin' cattle driven men and women to help'em out, as well as participate for the weelend.
- **April 19-20** - GSGRA STATE BOARD MEETING. STATELINE, NV. Beer Bust/Fund raiser By NGRA - BACKSTREET BAR, in Las Vegas, NV. Call (702) 385-2018 for directions to the bar.
- **April 25-27** Rodeo in the Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas. Contestant registration deadling is **April 11**.
- **April 26** - Maggie Moore, member and current Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire (CGNIE) Emperor, host the annual Court

Coronation, with Capital
Call 441-6579 for Coronation info.

Crossroads serving as Honor Guard.

- Tentative beer bust with BAC at Faces. Watch flyers for details.

- **May 3** GSGRA-CCRA 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!!!! BBQ/BARN DANCE
Flyers will be sent out with details and directions.
- **May 10, 11** GSGRA STATE DANCE CONTEST. Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA
- **May 13** Chapter Meeting
- **May 16-18** MIGRA-Detroit Rodeo. Call (313) 438-1305 for further information. Contestant registration deadline is **May 2**.
- **May 23-25** - OGRA - Oklahoma City Rodeo. Call (405) 943-0843 for further information. Contestant registration deadline is **May 9**.
- **May 30, 31, June 1** - GSGRA-Bay Area Rodeo SAN JOSE, CA Call (415) 985-5200 for further information. Contestant Deadline for the Bay Area Rodeo is **May 16**. I'm almost certain that the folks down there are definitely looking for some good help still!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- **June 10** - Chapter Meeting
- **June** - Chile cook-off and horse shoe tournament at the Bolt, details to be announced.

Other dates for upcoming events or activities will be added as they are planned. Watch your calendars for new activities. Plan to attend chapter meetings for most up-to-date schedule.

There is a *new deadline* for information to be placed in the newsletter. Anyone who wants items placed in the monthly C.C. Rodeo newsletter has to be to Brian Koeber by the 10th of each month. The newsletter is then approved at the chapter meeting each month.

TIDBITS

Congratulations to our new state rep's: **Sammy VanGalder, Billy Hughes, Mark Marshall,** and alternates **Alex Waller** and **Chuck Valdes!**

Thanks to everyone for all their help and participation at our first beer bust at the new Bolt. It is going to be great for those summer events and the staff, as usual, was great! Congratulations to **Sammy VanGalder** and his partner **Michael Biggs** (BAC) on their 4th place finish in steer deco at the Big Horn Regional Rodeo in Las Vegas!

COWBOY QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

"If your gonna go, go like hell. If your mind's not made up, don't use your spurs"

WELL YA ALL, THAT'S IT FOR THE MONTH, SEE YOU NEXT TIME AROUND!
REGARDS, Brian



Bay Area Chapter



IN THE SADDLE

“SOME LIKE IT HOT!”

6th Regional Rodeo

*Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
May 30 - June 1, 1997*

*Host Hotel: Hyatt, San Jose, at the Airport
(800) 233-1234 (408) 993-1234*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/19-20 GSGRA State Convention, *Stateline, CA/NV*, Buffalo Bill's Casino
4/26 BBQ/Beer Bust/Raffle/Hot Ash Party @ *Gregg's*, San Jose, 3-7pm
4/27 Bowl-A-Thon, @ *Fiesta Lanes*, San Jose
(Contact Craig Rouse (408) 378-6167)
- 5/3 Rodeo Beer Bust @ *SF Eagle* from 8-11pm, \$6
5/16 Rodeo Party, BBQ & Beer Bust @ *Turf Club*, Hayward, 6-midnight!
5/17 Rodeo BBQ, Beer Bust @ *Faces*, Sacramento, CA 5:30-10:30 p.m.
5/29 Rodeo Royalty Pageant
5/30-6/1 BAY AREA REGIONAL RODEO, *San Jose*
- 7/12-13 Cowboy Camp Western Weekend, *Columbia, CA*, (sierra foothills)
August “Hot August Nights” Weekend ocean cliffs campout
@ *New Brighton State Beach, Capitola, CA*

* Rodeo Roundtable planning meetings: 1st Thursday of Each Month @ Hyatt 7:30 p.m.

** Chapter Meetings: 3rd Thursday of Each Month @ Hyatt 7:30 p.m.

SF EAGLE FUNDRAISER A SORING SUCCESS!

Many cowboys' prayers were answered on March 2nd, as the rain stopped and the sun came out from behind the clouds, enabling the Bay Area Gay Rodeo Association to produce one of the biggest and best steak BBQ, Beer Bust and western parties in chapter history. With over 30 volunteers (A BIG THANK YOU!) and a hard working “regular” staff, hundreds of south-of-market men enjoyed entertainment by Ms. Sheba McIntire and Ms. Winnie Baygo. Everyone also devoured 100's of tri-tip steaks and guzzled gallons of beer! Once again, this event was host to a great capacity crowd!!



“SOME LIKE IT HOT!”

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T-Shirts in all sizes!!

Get ready now for the Biggest and Best
BAC Rodeo '97 “Some Like it Hot!” Pool Party



“THE DIRT PILE!”

The BAC has a new President-elect, Mr. Doug Graff. Any of those people who joined us for additional SOMA action after the SF Eagle fundraiser now understand why Mr. Graff is qualified for this position and how he plans to recruit new members!! We hear that a whole new crowd of rodeo volunteers will be coming down from “My Place”. Hats off to our beer pouring cowboys that lived up to their new mandate to “service” all the patrons at our fundraisers. Hopefully we are making new contacts!

WE NEED YOUR HELP BUILDING OUR E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST!!

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1997 Rodeo!**



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Royalty news

Sorry we missed y'all last month. We have a lot of catching up to do! March took us to Las Vegas, and boy, do those folks know how to throw a party! As always, Guy was busy entertaining all weekend. Unfortunately, he lost his voice Saturday — but the show must go on: Being the trooper he is, Guy went on as scheduled and lip-synched for the first time! Good job, Guy...

Meanwhile, in the arena, Sammy was busy riding and decorating steer. Sammy is a great team player and we are very proud to have him as our runner-up to Mr.

GSGRA. If you haven't met Sammy, be sure to introduce yourself to him and watch him compete during the L.A. Rodeo this month; he gives quite a ride. (He proved this at the Phoenix rodeo in January, by tying for second place in steer riding on Sunday.)

Tina Rhinestone's car broke down from the weight of all those wigs and dresses she's been carrying around and she unfortunately had to miss the fin in Las Vegas, but she reports that she held a fund-raiser on behalf of GSGRA for the Orange County Community Hospitals Pride and Solutions, raising \$250. Good job, Tina! It's nice to see our royalty working in the community

Another highlight of the Las Vegas rodeo was Grand Entry: We had more people from our state walk in the parade than ever before, and we felt so proud to be in the arena with all of you. With so many bright smiles and glowing tans, we showed them that we are indeed the Golden State. Remember, you don't have to be competing to walk in the arena during Grand Entry!

March was also the month of Greater Los Angeles Chapter rodeo fund-raisers at Oil Can Harry's and the Rawhide in the L.A. area. As

always, we appreciate the support we get from all of the bars throughout California for our association and its chapters.

Our Royalty Team commitment to double the amount of money raised for the David Watkins Memorial Fund is off to a great start; on Feb. 8, after the State Board meeting in Los Angeles, the Rawhide hosted a GSGRA-GLAC beer bust, and we held a 50/50 that raised \$119 for the David Watkins fund.

If you weren't there, you missed out on a wonderful evening of entertainment and good company. A special Thank You to Miss Victoria London from Arizona, First Runner-up to Miss IGRA 1994; while on her way to another event, Victoria stopped in to do her incredible impersonation of Wynonna. Also present was our IGRA Vice President Amy Griffin; next time you see Amy, ask her to give you the famous wave that she gave Guy when he introduced her. (I thought we waved with *five* fingers, Amy. Hmmm...) We love you and you are a great supporter of our Royalty Team.

With all of her commitments to IGRA, Amy still managed to make it up to a fabulous membership party for the Capital Crossroads chapter that Sammy Van Galder put together at Faces in Sacramento.

Rumor has it that the incredible evening with a special appearance by our very own Sheba McEntire, First Runner-up to Miss IGRA 1997.

As you can see, being a member of the Royalty Team is a great way to represent GSGRA. So if you've ever dreamed of being royalty, don't dream it, be it: Give one of us a call. We would be happy to tell you how to prepare for the 1998 Royalty contest.

See you all in L.A. on April 11-13.

— Your 1997 GSGRA Royalty team

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Ms. GSGRA '97

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Miss GSGRA '97

Tina Rhinestone

(Tony Nicholson)

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How do I sign up?

register by April 25, 1997 by calling
Ellis Rose at (619) 459-6196.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All events will be held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center
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