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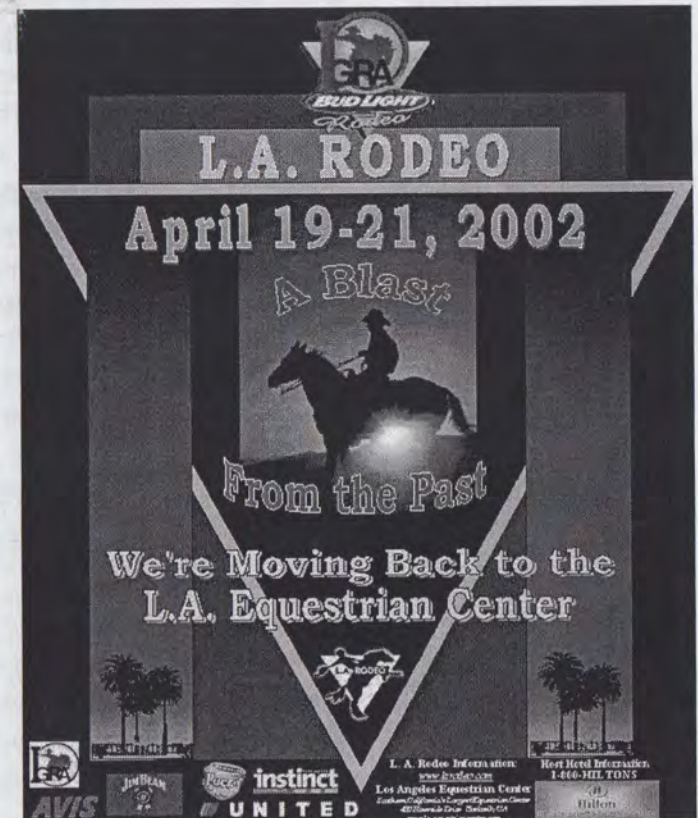


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## Chapter News

What a wonderful feeling JG, Judy, Ed and I felt at the State Board Meeting in March. WE ARE NOT ALONE and that was apparent at the meeting. We do have people that care about us in GSGRA and those at the meeting proved that to us. We received a very warm welcome. Without a doubt, our decision to continue the GPSC has been the correct

We were a little hesitant about going to the meeting. I was afraid that we were going to be chewed-up and spit out. That wasn't the case at all. We really appreciated everyone's warmth, understanding, support and well wishes. I finally understand why my rodeo shirt says "TEAM GSGRA". We truly are a "TEAM".

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the LA Chapter for their \$300 donation to our chapter to help pay our monthly payments to GSGRA. It was very unexpected and greatly appreciated.

GPSC Officer Elections are April 14<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in nominating someone or yourself please come to the meeting at The Lark or email Sylvia at [guitartaz56@aol.com](mailto:guitartaz56@aol.com).

See you in Las Vegas!

John Johnson  
President



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### Attention Palm Springs Members!

If your membership is expiring, we hope that you will consider renewing your membership. GSGRA needs your support. Even though a membership might be passive one, the number of members enrolled in our State Rodeo Association shows our objectives and purposes in which we stand for are well supported.

- Your membership supports the sport of Rodeo within the Gay community.
- Your membership supports education and training in the production and participation of Rodeo.
- Your membership contributes in the preservation of our Western Heritage.

Your membership of \$40 a year strengthens our organization and enables GSGRA to carry through with its objectives with a greater impact. Memberships is a revenue needed to help fund the GSGRA's operations.

For Members who don't have the time to be active can still be great supporters and terrific rodeo fan club by renewing their membership each year and attending our Rodeos whenever they can. We need these kinds of members. You are very important to us.

For Members who want to be more involved, there are levels of activity that could be matched to your interest/ experience. The Palm Springs Rodeo Chapter is currently putting together an orientation and training program for its members introducing various levels which members can contribute their experiences/interest in various areas of Chapter and Rodeo Operations, Royalty and Dance Competition.

The ultimate result of this goal is to achieve a strong team within the chapter. A Chapter you can be proud of. We would be very pleased to facilitate your renewal. If you have any questions, please contact me at (760) 320-7387.

Judy Galloway  
Membership Chair



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## Chapter Meetings

Sunday, April 14, 2:30 PM

**The Lark**

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Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM

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# WHAT-WHERE-WHEN

## April 2002

- 2 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 2 **GLAC FUNdraising Party**  
*Oil Can Harry's, Studio City*
- 5-7 **Bighorn Rodeo**  
*Las Vegas, NV*
- 7 Start Daylight Savings Time
- 10 **GLAC FUNdraising Party**  
*Fire Island, Long Beach*
- 11 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 6pm
- 11 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 12-13 **Pheoniz AZ Pride**
- 13 LA - Membership Meeting
- 13 **BAC-Deana Dawn'sB'day Party**  
*Marlena's, San Francisco*
- 14 GPS-Membership meeting and fundraiser at The Lark S.B.
- 14 **LA Rodeo Week Kick Off**  
*The Rawhide, N.Hollywood*
- 16 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 18 **LA Rodeo Kick Off**  
*Oil Can Harry's, Studio City*
- 19-21 **L.A. Rodeo**  
*Los Angeles, California*
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 26-28 **Rodeo in the Rock**  
*Little Rock, Arkansas*

## May 2002

- 4 LA - Membership Meeting
- 4 GPS - Membership Meeting  
at Oscar's P.S.
- 8 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 11-12 GSGRA State Convention  
Hosted by Bay Area Chapter
- 11 **GSGRA C&W Dance Contest**  
*San Francisco*

## May 2002 Continued

- 10-11 **Las Vegas Pride**
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 LA - Membership Meeting 10am
- 16 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 18-19 **Long Beach Pride**
- 18 **BAC Gymkhana**
- 22 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 24-26 **Great Plains Regional Rodeo**  
*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*
- 27 Memorial Day
- 29 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 31-2 **Southern Spurs Rodeo**  
*Atlanta, Georgia*
- 31-2 **Salt Lake City Rodeo**  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*

## June 2002

- 5 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 8 LA - Membership Meeting
- 9-10 **San Jose Pride**
- 10 **Santa Rosa Pride**
- 12 BAC-Rodeo Update Meeting 7pm
- 14 Flag Day
- 14-16 **Best Buck In The Bay**  
*Bay Area Rodeo*  
*San Jose, California*
- 16 Father's Day
- 22 BAC-Membership Meeting and Volunteer Party
- 22-23 **CSW-Pride Parade & Festival**  
*Los Angeles*
- 28-30 **Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo**  
*Calgary, Alberta, Canada*
- 22-23 **Heartland Rodeo**  
*Omaha, Nebraska*

**Want your event listed in What Where and When?** We want to list any event of interest to our members and we would like to include your event so send us the info and you're in. Keep us informed and we will pass your info on to everyone. E-mail your suggestions and events to us at [membership@gsgra.org](mailto:membership@gsgra.org).

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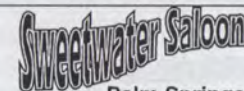
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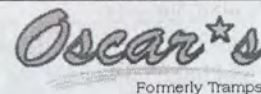
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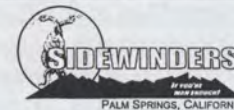


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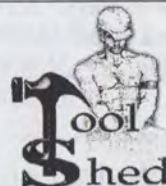


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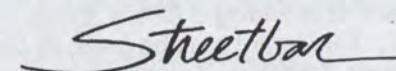
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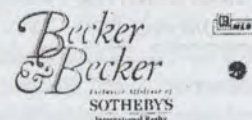
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# LET'S RODEO



## Special International Awards

It's time to begin the nominations process for International awards for 2002. Voting for all awards recipients will occur at the board and trustees meetings in Los Angeles on Friday, April 19, 2002. Three of the awards are designated for members of I.G.R.A. These awards are:

**DIRECTORS AWARD:** for contributions made in any of I.G.R.A.'s many activities. *I.G.R.A. pays for a maximum of five awards.*

**INTERNATIONAL AWARD:** for significant accomplishment that is not part of "some organized competition which offers recognition in the form of awards". *I.G.R.A. pays for a maximum of five awards.*

**TRUSTEES AWARD:** for those who have exhibited excellence in the standards exemplified in the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship. *I.G.R.A. pays for a maximum of five awards.*

One award is for non-members of I.G.R.A. This award is:

**APPRECIATION AWARD:** for significant contributions to the International Association and is a means of providing a formal "thank you". This award may be given by the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Committee Chairs, or other official representatives of International with the approval of the Board of Directors. *I.G.R.A. pays for a maximum of two awards per Member Association.*

The I.G.R.A. Board of Directors votes on recipients for the Directors, International, and Appreciation Awards, and the Trustees vote on recipients for the Trustees Award.

In order to make the nomination process more efficient, the following guidelines apply:

(1) I have to Submit all nominations to Ron Trusley in writing by **MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002**. Include the name of the nominee, Association where the nominee is a member, and a brief description of why you are making the nomination

(2) Additional nominations **MAY** be received at the April 19 meetings.

Thank you,  
Al Wright  
acw@earthlink.net  
(323) 644-7206

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### CNN Gay Adoption Survey

.....**just in case you want to put in your 2 cents!**

Go to CNN's main page at <http://www.cnn.com> and scroll down to the bottom right hand corner for the Quick Vote. Currently we are behind by 10,000 votes. Not good.

Please vote! CNN may use this on the air. Right now 56% of voters say that gays should NOT be able to adopt. Let's send a different message out there.

### Delegates for IGRA Convention Selected!!

The following members were elected to be the GSGRA Delegates to the Annual IGRA Convention which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on July 26th - 28th: Jabby Lowe for Bylaws; Thom Brennan for Rodeo Production Team; Drew Oberbeck for Contestant/Rodeo Rules; David Medzerian for Dance/Royalty; and Mark Jensen and Greg Garcia as Alternates. GSGRA Trustee, Al Wright, and the GSGRA President to be elected at

the May State Board Meeting in San Francisco will also be Delegates. If any other members of GSGRA plan to attend the IGRA Convention, please contact Al Wright or the soon to be elected State President. It is important for the GSGRA organization to have representation at as many of the Friday committee meetings as possible, and there are also 3 more potential Alternate Delegate positions that IGRA rules allow to be seated with the GSGRA delegation. My thanks to the Nominations Committee representatives: Tiger Lily, Thom Brennan, John Johnson, and JJ Jennings, for their efforts at finding nominees. Roger Bergmann, Committee Chair

### 2001 - 2002 Variances

Listed below are variances that have been approved by the Trustees for this rodeo year (November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002).

#### HEARTLAND RODEO

**JUNE 28-30, 2002:**

Arena size of 95 feet X 175 feet.

#### CANADIAN ROCKIES INTL RODEO

**JUNE 28-30, 2002:**

Use cows instead of steers in the steer riding event.

#### KGRA FINALS 2002

**OCTOBER 10-13, 2002:**

Arena width of 99 feet.

### Rule interpretations

Rule interpretations made by the Trustees for the current rodeo year include:

#### RODEO RULE IX, SECTION 37:

The Trustees have interpreted the third sentence in this rule to mean: "Prior to the start of horse speed events, the Arena Director will designate any portion of the runway that will be included as part of the

arena. The Arena Director will be responsible for posting with the running order the designated runway and have it announced over the P.A. system before the running of the first speed event." (*Interpretation at January 18, 2002 meeting*)

There is one other Rule interpretation about key personnel being in exhibition performance / fund raiser. There is some questions about the interpretation that was sent out from Ron Trusley I.G.R.A. Secretary. Charley Lanier IGRA Trustee's Chairman is working on it and as soon as I get a update on it I will forward it to you.

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- The Washington Post publishes a yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for various words. The following were some of this year's winning entries:
1. Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.
  2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
  3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
  4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
  5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent
  6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
  7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
  8. Gargoyle (n.), an olive flavored mouthwash.
  9. Flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
  10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
  11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
  12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.
  13. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.
  14. Circumvent (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts.
  15. Pokemon (n), A Jamaican proctologist.





# L.A. News

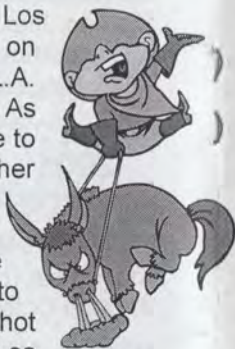


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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Let's Rodeo!!!

After a long, LONG wait, the 2002 L.A. Rodeo returns to the Los Angeles Equestrian Center THIS month! The party will begin on Thursday, April 18, 2002 with the annual (not to be missed) L.A. Rodeo Kick-Off Party at Oil Can Harry's (OCH) in Studio City. As OCH has long been a terrific rodeo supporter and a fabulous place to party, we will be there in our country-western-best to begin another great rodeo year with a great event. Rodeo contestant and volunteer registration will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2002 at the 2002 L.A. Rodeo Host Hotel, the Burbank Airport Hilton with a dance party and entertainment to follow at the hotel. The rodeo itself will be two glorious days of hot sun, good fun, and serious competition at the world-famous Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank. For more details on all rodeo-related events, check out the web site at <http://www.larodeo.com>! Can't wait until April 18<sup>th</sup> to start the fun? See the list of pre-rodeo publicity parties following...



### A note from Fundraising Chair Bill Paige...



A Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our fundraiser March 9th after the State board meeting a **BIG SUCCESS!!!** A Fun time was had by all. We had dinner and drink specials, country music by D.J. Rosa and lots of country dancing. Thank you Thank you Thank you to Brian Van de Mark, MR. GSGRA, who took over our raffle sales and helped raise money for both the L.A. Chapter and Palm Springs Chapter. And thank you Palm Springs for your Raffle Prize donations. Other thank yous go out to Hamburger Mary's Long Beach, D.J. Rosa, Greg Garcia, Lenore Mankoff and Cody Boggio!!!!

For additional information on upcoming events, keep reading...

## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

### Out & About

Were you able to keep up with our fundraising and events folks last month? The excitement continues for the month of April. All are welcome to enjoy our bar/club/community publicity and outreach during the crucial weeks before the rodeo. We will pass out flyers, give away free stuff, raise money for the chapter, promote our organization in our community and have a darn good time doing it all!

April 2 – Oil Can Harry's in Studio City

April 10 – Fire Island in Long Beach

April 14 – Rodeo Week Kickoff Party at Rawhide in North Hollywood

April 18 – 2002 L.A. Rodeo Kick-Off Party at Oil Can Harry's in Studio City

Look for special events calendars on the web at [www.larodeo.com](http://www.larodeo.com), or at <http://hometown.aol.com/larodeofun/> or in your e-mail box (if you haven't been receiving chapter e-mails, you can sign up for the mailing list on the web site or e-mail Admin. VP **Sherry Le** at [cowgirlup@earthlink.net](mailto:cowgirlup@earthlink.net)). For specific information on fundraising and events, contact Bill Paige at [LARodeoFun@aol.com](mailto:LARodeoFun@aol.com).

### Meetings, Meetings, and More Meetings...

The next GLAC chapter meeting will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank. If you are interested in keeping up with all of the hard work and fun that goes along with running a successful IGRA rodeo chapter, don't miss it. Also, the chapter will elect its three State Board Representatives and two Alternate State Board Representatives at this meeting. Nominations can be forwarded to GLAC Nominations Chairperson, **Thom Brennan**, at [TbnGrendel@aol.com](mailto:TbnGrendel@aol.com) or Chapter President, **Drew Oberbeck** at [drew\\_oberbeck@hotmail.com](mailto:drew_oberbeck@hotmail.com). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting. As usual, the chapter meeting will be followed by a rodeo meeting. All rodeo chairpersons should plan on attending as this is the LAST meeting before the 2002 LA Rodeo, to be held April 19-20, 2002 at the LA Equestrian Center.



Finally, don't forget **GLAC's Annual Membership Meeting**, which will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2002, at the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center. It is at this very important meeting that we will elect the chapter's executive board members (President, Administrative Vice President, Vice President of Rodeo Operations, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the 2002-2003 year. If you have ever dreamed about holding one of these prestigious titles, this is your chance to shine! Again, nominations should be forwarded to **Thom** or **Drew**, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.



*Pride is in the Air...*



Each year The fabulous L.A. Rodeo traditionally kicks off the summer pride season, and this year is no different. We have a great reputation for knowing how to start a celebration... so after the rodeo, don't forget to carry your pride into the other events in the gay play season...

Once again, GSGRA/GLAC will be heading up the Long Beach Gay Pride Parade on May 19, 2002, carrying the flags of the fifty states of the Union in a proud display of patriotism and pride. If you have never made it down to the Long Beach Parade with us, this is your year to shine. In order to give a great presentation, we need enough people to carry all fifty flags.

Bring your friends, your family, your old and new flames... everyone will enjoy a festive morning at the beach! To sign up or to get more information on this great event, contact Mark Jensen at [RodeoMark@earthlink.net](mailto:RodeoMark@earthlink.net).



After some time off from participation in the Christopher Street West Pride Festival, the gayest cowgirls and cowboys in the west will be back in action Festival in West Hollywood. June 22 & 23, 2002, we will be serving up beer at the Country Dance Tent all weekend to make money for the rodeo association. This is another event at which a few friends and family can have a lot of fun and make a big difference to our organization. Wear your western duds and serve some suds! For more information, contact Mark Jensen.

Other events to keep an eye out for include a possible Chapter bonfire at the beach following the Annual Membership Meeting on June 8, 2002 and a possible get together at Knott's Berry Farm, just for fun. Watch for information on these events in future issues of The Chute.



**CALENDAR**

APRIL 2002

- APR. 2      **FUNdraising Party at Oil Can Harry's (OCH)**  
11502 Ventura Blvd.  
Studio City, CA  
(818) 760-9749
- APR. 5-7    **BIGHORN RODEO**  
Las Vegas, NV
- APR. 10     **FUNdraising Party at Fire Island**  
3325 E. Anaheim (at Redondo)  
Long Beach, CA  
(562) 597-0014
- APR. 13  
10 AM      **GLAC CHAPTER MEETING**  
Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
Burbank, CA  
(Followed by Rodeo Meeting)
- APR. 14     **Rodeo Week Kick-Off at Rawhide**  
10937 Eurbank Blvd.  
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- APR. 18     **2002 L.A. Rodeo Kick-Off at OCH**  
See address/phone above.
- APR. 19-21   **2002 LA RODEO**  
Los Angeles Equestrian Center  
Burbank, CA
- APR. 26-28   **RODEO IN THE ROCK**  
Little Rock, AK

MAY 2002

- MAY 13  
10 AM      **GLAC BOARD MEETING**  
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center

Future GLAC Meeting Dates

June 8, 2002 (MEMBERSHIP)



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## 2002 MEETING SCHEDULE

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER.

APRIL 2, 2002—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7PM  
APRIL 16, 2002—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM  
MAY 7, 2002—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7PM  
MAY 21, 2002—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM

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THANK YOU.

YOUR EDITOR,  
JAMES GEARITY

## MARCH STATE BOARD MEETING NOTES

WOW! A LOT HAPPENED AT THE LATEST GSGRA STATE BOARD MEETING, BUT FIRST THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER FOR HOSTING THE EVENT AND PROVIDING A GREAT LUNCH. IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. NOW DOWN TO BUSINESS. THE TWO BIGGEST EVENTS WERE THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF IGRA DELEGATES, AND THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW GSGRA EXECUTIVE BOARD. I'D LOVE TO SAY THAT THE IGRA DELEGATES ELECTION WAS A WELL CONTESTED, EXCITING ELECTION, BUT THAT JUST WASN'T THE CASE. IN EACH INSTANCE, WE ONLY HAD ONE NOMINEE AND THEY WERE VOTED IN BY ACCLIMATION. THE 2002 IGRA DELEGATES ARE: BY-LAWS: JABBY LOWE, BAC; RODEO PRODUCTION: THOM BRENNAN, GLAC; CONTESTANT ISSUES: DREW OBERBECK, GLAC; DANCE/ROYALTY: DAVID MEDZERIAN, GLAC; TRUSTEE: AL WRIGHT, GPSC; ALTERNATES: GREG G., GLAC; MARK JENSEN, GLAC; AND JOSEPH BERRY, GSDC. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DELEGATES. THE 2002 IGRA CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN CLEVELAND, OHIO THE WEEKEND OF JULY 26TH-28TH.

IT SEEMS THAT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS ARE JUST NOT OUR CUP OF TEA THIS YEAR. JUST AS FILLING THE IGRA DELEGATE POSITIONS WAS LIKE PULLING TEETH, THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE PROVING ANY BETTER. SO FAR, THE NOMINEES FOR THE NEW BOARD ARE: PRESIDENT: THOM BRENNAN, GLAC (2 OTHERS WERE NOMINATED AND DECLINED); VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION: JOHN CARRILLO, GLAC (2 OTHERS WERE NOMINATED AND DECLINED); VICE PRESIDENT OF RODEO OPERATIONS: THOM BRENNAN, GLAC (ONLY NOMINEE); SECRETARY: OPEN (3 WERE NOMINATED AND ALL DECLINED); TREASURER: BILL CHAPMAN, GLAC (ONLY NOMINEE). ONLY THE TREASURER/ SECRETARY POSITIONS CAN BE COMBINED, ALL OTHER POSITIONS MUST BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY. NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IN MAY. PLEASE, DRUM UP AS MUCH INTEREST AS YOU CAN, AND LET'S MAKE THIS ELECTION MORE INTERESTING (OR AT LEAST LET'S FILL UP THE ROSTER). THIS ASSOCIATION CAN NOT RUN WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND INTEREST OF IT'S MEMBERS. IF YOU WERE EVER THINKING OF JUMPING IN WITH BOTH FEET, NOW IS THE TIME!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BOARD OF GSGRA-GPSC! GOOD LUCK IN THE COMING YEAR.

ANOTHER THING WE COVERED AT THIS MEETING WAS NOMINATIONS FOR IGRA AWARDS. CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO: SAMMY VAN GALDER, NOMINATED FOR THE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD; AL WRIGHT, THOM BRENNAN, AND BRIAN GERDIS, NOMINATED FOR THE TRUSTEE AWARD; RUTH HILDEBRAND, JOE OLNEY AND DOUG GRAFF, NOMINATED FOR THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD; AND, EVERY YEAR, EACH ASSOCIATION IS ALLOWED TO PRESENT AN AWARD OR AWARDS TO THOSE NON-RODEO MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED GSGRA AND IGRA IN THE PAST YEAR; THIS YEAR'S NOMINEES ARE: WESTIN LONG BEACH, THE BRIT (A BAR IN LONG BEACH) AND HANSON DAM.

AND FINALLY, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE DANCE CONTEST TO BE HELD DURING THE WEEKEND OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING, THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 6TH. REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE, JUST CONTACT KEN VALDEZ AT KENDANCE@CS.COM. BETTER HURRY CAUSE TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

SEE Y'ALL AT THE NEXT MEETING. TIL THEN, MAY YOUR HAT STAY CREASED AND YOUR SPURS STAY SHARP!

YOUR FRIENDLY STATE REP,  
JAMES GEARITY



## MR. LEATHER SAN DIEGO BEER BUST

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE FUNDRAISER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, AT KICKER'S, HOSTED BY WOOF DADDY LOU, CURRENT MR. SAN DIEGO LEATHER AND MYSELF, CURRENT MR. GSGRA, WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!!!

I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY WE HAVE EVER RAISED FOR ANOTHER GROUP AT A BEER BUST!



I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK KELLY G, SY I, AND JOHN D FOR WORKING THE DOOR, AND I MEAN WORKIN THAT DOOR! WAY TO GO GUYS FOR YOUR BEER BUST TALENTS!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LOU FOR BEING SUCH A GOOD SPORT AT THE STRIP AUCTION, AND HAMBURGER/MARY'S FOR ALLOWING US TO HOLD THE FUNCTION.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL THE MR. SAN DIEGO LEATHER CONTESTANTS AND JUDGES, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE SD RODEO BOARD (THE PRESIDENT, JOSEPH BERRY, MIND YOU, WHO SHOWED UP TO SUPPORT THE EVENING DESPITE HAVING SURGERY TOMORROW! HE AMAZES ME LIKE FEW PEOPLE EVER HAVE! AND JIM JENNINGS, A WONDERFUL MAN AND TROOPER FOR BEING THERE!).

CHEERS,

BRIAN VAN DE MARK  
MR. GSGRA 2002

## MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

IT SEEMS THAT WE FINALLY HAVE A NEW MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS COMMITTEE CHAIR. THANK YOU BILL FULLER FOR STEPPING UP AND TAKING OVER THIS POSITION. BILL IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING ALL OF OUR CURRENT BUSINESSES THAT OFFER GSGRA DISCOUNTS TO CONFIRM THE DISCOUNT IS STILL IN EXISTENCE. ONCE HE HAS CONTACTED EVERYONE, HE PROMISES TO GET A LIST TO ME. SO, KEEP AN EYE ON THIS SPOT FOR A FULL LIST OF OUR CURRENT GSGRA DISCOUNT OFFERS, AND BE SURE TO PATRONIZE THESE BUSINESSES TO SHOW THEM OUR SUPPORT, AND TO THANK THEM FOR SUPPORTING RODEO! IF YOU HAVE ANY LEADS CONCERNING OTHER BUSINESSES THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE DISCOUNT OFFER, LET BILL KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL BUSINESSES THAT OFFER A DISCOUNT GET A MENTION IN THE CHUTE AS OFTEN AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE. ALSO, IF WE GET ENOUGH BUSINESSES INVOLVED, WE MAY CONVINCE JOE OLNEY AND RUTH HILDEBRAND, STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE CHUTE, TO PUT OUT A SPECIAL INSERT ADVERTISING ALL OF OUR GSGRA RODEO DISCOUNT MEMBERS. GET THE WORD OUT, AND LET'S DRUM UP SOME NEW BUSINESS!



## SY'S ROAST AND TOAST A SUCCESS

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE EFFORTS THIS PAST WEEKEND IN FUNDRAISING.

BETWEEN SY'S FABULOUS BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER AND THE BEER BUST AT KICKER'S, WE RAISED QUITE A SUM FOR GSGRA-GSDC! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO HELP WITH THE TWO FUNDRAISERS! A SPECIAL THANKS TO SY FOR PUTTING HIS NAME ON THE LINE FOR EVERYONE TO ROAST AND TOAST! IT WAS GREAT FUN!

I HAVE TO NOTE SOMETHING ABOUT THE WEEKEND THAT I FIND MOST EXTRAORDINARY. ON FRIDAY, I TOOK OUR PRESIDENT, JOSEPH BERRY, TO THE HOSPITAL FOR AN OUTPATIENT SURGICAL PROCEDURE. ON SATURDAY, HE WAS NOT ONLY HEADING UP THE BEER BUST AT KICKER'S FROM 7-10, BUT ALSO MANAGED TO SNEAK OVER TO SY'S CELEBRATION TO WISH SY A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. I HAVE NEVER MET A MAN WITH MORE CLASS AND ENERGY THAN JOSEPH. THANK YOU, DEAR, DEAR MAN.

ALSO, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE UNABLE TO MAKE IT TO SY'S PARTY AND HAVE ASKED HOW YOU CAN GIVE, SEND A CHECK TO GSGRA-SDC NOTE SY'S 40TH. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WONDERING WHAT WE DID WITH THE 400 FLOWERS WE HAD AT SY'S PARTY, THEY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO VARIOUS PLACES IN SD THAT HAVE BEEN KIND TO THE RODEO (KICKERS/HM, TWIGGS, PRIDE) AND THE REST TO CHRISTY'S PLACE, A SPECIAL RESOURCE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV.

CHEERS,

BRIAN VAN DE MARK  
MR. GSGRA 2002

## STATE BOARD REP NOMINATIONS

VOTING FOR STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 2ND. SO FAR, NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION ARE: DAN BRADFORD, JAMES GEARITY, KELLY GILLILAND, SY IVERSON, AND BRIAN VAN DE MARK. TWO REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO ALTERNATES WILL BE NOMINATED. NOMINATIONS WILL STILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR BEFORE VOTING COMMENCES. IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN BEING A STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, BE SURE TO ATTEND THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE UNSURE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO HOLD THIS POSITION, THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REPS IS TO REPRESENT THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER OF GSGRA AT THE QUARTERLY STATE BOARD MEETINGS. WHEN YOU BECOME A REPRESENTATIVE, YOU AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GSGRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS BODY HELPS TO GUIDE THE STATE ASSOCIATION, CHANGE STATE BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES, AND ELECT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF GSGRA, AMONG OTHER THINGS. THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS ROTATE THROUGH THE FOUR CHAPTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE NEXT MEETING IS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS, AND IT WILL BE HOSTED BY THE BAY AREA CHAPTER ON MAY 11-12, 2002. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DUTIES OF A STATE REP OR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YOU CAN CONTACT DAN BRADFORD AT BRADA1@NETZERO.COM OR JAMES GEARITY AT JIMGEAR@YAHOO.COM.





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Howdy!

It's April and it's Rodeo Time! Las Vegas and LA here we come! Get out there and bring home some buckles for the BAC!

First things first. A big welcome to Chris Caulfield and his new duties as chapter Treasurer. Most of y'all will remember that Chris was our Treasurer a few years ago. Another big star is returning to the chapter ranks. Jim Hauck, former President of BAC from a few years back, is back with us and is this year's Entertainment Director for the Rodeo. He's also agreed to take on the role of Education Chair.

We're in full swing now with preparations for the "Best Buck in the Bay," our slogan for this year's rodeo in case ya didn't know. The planning's paying off, and despite the challenge of having a rodeo site that has been changing every year now for several years, I think we're gonna have an awesome rodeo. As always, volunteers are always desired so please drop Doug a note if you can help out. The parties at the hotel this year are promising to be something really special. Better make your room reservations now!

Get ready for May too. The GSGRA's state convention will be in San Francisco next month. Our host hotel is the Ramada on Market Street and we've got special room rates. You'll definitely want to plan to attend the evening festivities, especially the big dance on Saturday night.

The Chapter Royalty competition kicks off at the end of April, so if you wanna toss your hat, or whatever, in the ring, now's the time to do that. This year's contest promises to be a lot of fun, so keep your eyes open and be sure to join us for the various stages of the competition.

Have you checked out our website lately? If you've not been there, drop everything and jump on over to that url listed up there in the masthead. Our Communications Chair, Eric Hanson, is doing an awesome job! Let us know what you think about the new look.

Now for this month's big news. We've established an E-Group on Yahoo. Located there are copies of minutes for both the chapter and executive board meetings, copies of the financial reports, chapter bylaws, the monthly Chute, and other neat stuff.

Additionally, members can post comments and feedback for other chapter members and the executive board. All chapter members who have a valid email address on file with the GSGRA have received an invitation to join the group. If you received the email invitation simply accept and you're in. If you want to register another email address drop me a note. If you're email address isn't on file with the GSGRA just send me a note and we'll get the records updated. Once you join the group please take a moment to read the policy governing usage.

The April chapter meeting will be at the San Jose Airport Hyatt, once again our host hotel for the rodeo. Please plan to join us. We'll be electing next year's delegates for the state board. If you are interested in serving as a delegate and won't be able to attend the chapter meeting please send an email to Allen stating that you would like to have your name placed in nomination. Otherwise, nominations will be taken from the floor.

## See ya at the rodeo!

Jabby

# Best Buck in the Bay coming your way!



We're well into the throws of rodeo production and things are going well. I'm really excited about the folks on the planning committee and all of the experience they bring with them. We still have a couple of holes to fill...namely Treasurer and Vendor Coordinator. If you're interested in helping out in either of those areas, our arms are open.

We are holding our initial meetings in San Francisco, but will be moving to the south bay as the days get longer and need to see and be seen at the hotel increases. Speaking of the hotel, please make sure you've make your room reservations early. This year's rate of \$79 is sure to be a great bargain and we won't want the hotel to sell out from under you.

Craig Rouse will be in charge of the fairgrounds and is already talking weekly with the folks there to layout an incredible festival. Our slate is almost clean this year except for the arena, so we have the ability to be very creative. I'm sure Craig would love a couple extra hands too.

Jim Hauck is working fast and furiously to produce one of the best entertainment line-ups ever. He'll be building on our entertainment pavilion at the hotel and doing some really neat stuff at the fairgrounds.

The most exciting area this year is our branding efforts. We developed a test poster and tri-fold for the Phoenix rodeo.

It received great reviews and a few feedback points which we incorporated quickly. Eric Hanson is leading the branding council and has also totally revamped our website. If you haven't already done so, check it out and let him know what you think.

John Cunha has come on board as our volunteer director...can I just say that is a huge weight off my mind!! John was a volunteer last year and saw some ways that we could do better by our volunteers. He came to me with those ideas and asked if there was a place for him to make a difference this year. See how easy it is to get involved!! Thanks John for stepping up to the plate.

You too could make a difference in this year's "Best Buck in the Bay". No contribution is too small. If you have a couple hours, I'm sure we could find a way for those to be productive hours.

Drop me an email, [dgraff01@hotmail.com](mailto:dgraff01@hotmail.com), visit the website or leave a message on the hotline. We'll get right back to you.

In the mean time enjoy the beautiful spring weather and tell your friends, **"The Best Buck in the Bay"** is coming to San Jose!

See you all soon!

Doug Graff

2002 Rodeo Event Director







Nominations Committee Report

or

## **A CALL TO ARMS**

The annual election of officers will take place at the State Convention to be held in San Francisco May 11 and 12, 2002. The Nominations Committee has been hard at work seeking out members interested in running for office and at this time we are please to announce that the following have accepted nomination:

President - Thom Brennan

Vice President, Admin - John Carrillo

Vice President, Rodeo Ops - Thom Brennan

Treasurer - Bill Chapman

There have been no nominees who have accepted nomination for the office of Secretary. Nominations may be made from the floor at Convention however, nominees must be either present to accept nomination in person or must provide the Secretary or President with written acceptance in advance.

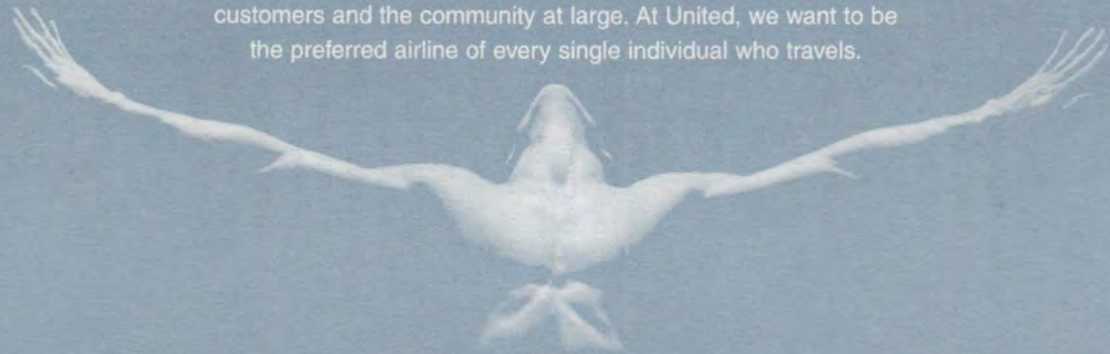
Election to office is by vote of the members of GSGRA. For more information about standing for election to any of the five officer positions contact the Nomination Committee Chair, Jabby Lowe at [rodeojab@aol.com](mailto:rodeojab@aol.com) or you may write to him c/o The Chute, 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804.

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