

# The Branding Iron



## May Birthdays

- Ric Leone 5/01
- Pete Hanlon 5/20
- Michael Fimbers 5/26
- Wally Straughn 5/31

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## GREETING'S FROM THE AGRA PRESIDENT

First let me start off by saying the Arizona Central Pride Parade was a lot of fun this year. On Friday night at Pussy Le Hoot's home the AGRA float was put together. I would like to thank Richard Tally and John Voyten who came over and helped assemble it again this year. I would also like to thank everyone that helped assemble the float for the parade. Our rodeo director Bob Pimentel, Jr. and Mr. AGRA Patrick Lose worked with Rawhide in getting a horse drawn carriage for our Miss AGRA, Pussy Le Hoot, Mr. AGRA, Patrick Lose and our Ms. AGRA, Gaylia Young to ride on. Then after the carriage followed the second part of our entry Will Lann's truck pulling a flat bed. On the flat bed there were royalty past and present former Miss AGRA Adrian Adair, and some of our current royalty team, Miss Sassy, and Novia Gina. In addition there were board members, Ric Leone and Myself. Also there were AGRA members on the float as well as Karen Di Carlo and Marcy from Rawhide. This year we had country music on the float and every time we passed by the audience raved, clapped and yelled. It was a lot of fun. The pride festival was also good, even though it was HOT. I would like to congratulate one of our AGRA members, Linda Hoffman who is the current president of ACP for putting on a successful pride parade and festival. I know that if you were at the least general membership meeting you heard some complaints from AGRA members about the festival, I have sent out e-mails to those individuals giving them Bob Pimentel's e-mail who is on the ACP Board and Linda Hoffman's e-mail. They will take our complaints to the next ACP board meeting.

At the last board and general membership meeting we had two resignations. One was from our Vice President, Scott Tickler a.k.a. Victoria London, and the other was from our Treasurer, E.J. Powers. Victoria wants to concentrate on her big move to Long Beach in July and needs more time to do so. E.J. is doing so because his work has become so busy and is out of town more frequently. The treasurer is an appointed position by the board, and I will open nominations at the next membership meeting for Vice President.

The Vice President position is a truly very important position, some of the duties include being in charge of the Royalty team, and the entire royalty competition for 2003, ordering and selling of the buckles for the rodeo, or coordinating the ordering and selling of the buckles, and keeping the display case updated. So if you are interested in being Vice President be at this next meeting on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Charlie's.

Hope to see everyone at Charlie's this Wednesday for the AGRA Royalty Mini Rodeo and Chili Verde days fundraiser's at Charlie's this coming Saturday.

AGRA President  
Glen May

**AGRA MEETINGS****May—June**

Monday 05/06/02—7:00 pm  
 AGRA Board of Directors Meeting  
 The Lexington Hotel  
 100 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix  
 Phone # 602-279-9811

Sunday 05/12/02—7:00 pm  
 AGRA General Membership Mtg.  
 Charlie's  
 727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix  
 Phone # 602-265-0224

Monday 06/03/02—7:00 pm  
 AGRA Board of Directors Meeting  
 The Lexington Hotel  
 100 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix  
 Phone # 602-279-9811

Sunday 06/09/02—7:00 pm  
 AGRA General Membership Mtg.  
 Charlie's  
 727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix  
 Phone # 602-265-0224

All members are welcome to all  
 AGRA Board of Directors meetings.  
 We encourage members who wish  
 to attend to do so. Thank you.

Wednesday May 08, 2002

**"AGRA Royalty Review"**

A Benefit for the AGRA Royalty Fund

9:30pm

**Starring:** **Pussy LeHoot**  
**Patrick Lose**  
**Gaylia Young**  
**Miss Sassy**  
**Novia Gina**

**and Special Guest Stars**

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**Deadline for the June issue is  
 May 25th.**



COME OUT AND PLAY ON

"CHILI VERDE DAY"

**AGRA Royalty Presents  
 An AGRA Fundraiser**

Come join the fun on Saturday May 4th for "Chili Verde Day." This fun filled AGRA fundraiser will feature food, drink, games and entertainment by the AGRA Royalty Team and some of your other favorite entertainers.

The event will be held at Charlie's on the patio and begin at 7:00 p.m.

Pussy LeHoot, Public Relations Director



## Fund Raiser News

Well everyone, round #2 at winks has come and gone and with great success again. With the Royalty Team of Patrick and Pussy, plus their special guests Phaedra, Aurora Gayheart and Kelly Bascue we raised another \$225.00.

I recently has someone ask me why AGRA thought they still had to do fundraising while our RRRR 2002 was such a great success. The answer is simple. The more money we raise on a monthly basis allows for us to not have to dip into those funds we made.

There are monthly expenses that are incurred by our Association. Things that need to be paid for by other means that "dipping" into Rodeo Profit. Each one of the Fundraisers we put on help to offset the operating fees. And that is why it is important for the membership to attend at least one of the multiple functions that we have monthly. The commitment to AGRA doesn't stop after our Rodeo is over, or after you have attended another Rodeo and competed under the Association name.

The next couple fundraisers scheduled for May are gonna be quite fun. On Cinco De Mayo Weekend, we will be having the newly named Chile Verde Days. This is kind of a replacement for the Spring Fling. We felt that just after rodeo, we should push back a big weekend fundraiser to give people a little rest.

On Wednesday May 8th, the Royalty Team is having there monthly Royalty Review. This month will be a little different as they are planning to have a Mini Rodeo. Some of the events will be traditional, but with this wacky group, be prepared for some really interesting events.

On Wednesday May 15th, will be the next installment of the Winks show and Casino. We still are putting together the line-up forthat nights show, but as always it promises to be a great evening. Casino at 9:00pm and Show promptly at 9:30pm.

Thats pretty much all I have to say in this issue, other than I really do hope that each one of our 100 hundred plus membership try's to start backing these fundraisers by your attendance.

'Til next month,  
 Marque Bobier  
 Fundraising Director 2002

# May 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AGRA Royalty presents Mini Rodeo 8:00 p.m Charlie's	2	3	4 AGRA Royalty presents Chili Verde Day— 7pm Charlie's Patio
5	6 AGRA Board of Dir.—The Lexington Hotel 7:00 p.m.	7	8 AGRA Royalty Review 9:30pm—Charlie's	9	10	11
12 AGRA Gen. Membership Mtg—Charlie's 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15 AGRA Benefit Casino Night & Royalty show 9:00p.m. Winks	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF PHIL SEAMTER

AGRA sends it's deepest sympathy to the family of Phil Seamster. Phil was one of the strongest, sincere and active members of our IGRA family, any of us have known. We will sorely miss you Phil, all your love, knowledge, compassion and support. Phil passed away suddenly on April 8, 2002 after a brief illness. Ironically this was the last day of the Las Vegas, Big Horn Rodeo. Phil was a former member of AGRA & the following is a list of the Top 8 for AGRA at the last three Rodeo's, dedicated to you Phil:

#### Fort Worth Cowtown Rodeo #1 March 30-31, 2002

##### **Chute Dogging - Cowboy**

Chuck Browning 4th Saturday & 5th Weekend  
Brian Helander 8th Saturday

##### **Calf Roping on Foot - Cowboy**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 6th (tie) Saturday

##### **Steer Decorating (Team Event)**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 4th Saturday & Sunday, 2nd Weekend

##### **Wild Drag Race (3 Member Team Event)**

Chuck Browning, Brian Helander, Trena Monnahan (OGRA) 8th Saturday

##### **Goat Dressing (Team Event)**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 4th Sunday

Team Arizona Placed 5th for the Ft Worth Cowtown Rodeo.

#### Los Vegas Bighorn Rodeo #6 April 6-7, 2002

##### **Calf Roping on Foot - Cowgirl**

Flavia Krieg 4th Saturday

##### **Calf Roping on Foot - Cowboy**

Jaimes Loughrey 3rd Saturday  
Chuck Browning 7th Saturday

##### **Chute Dogging - Cowboy**

Chuck Browning 1st Saturday, Sunday, Weekend (Buckled)  
Brian Helander 8th Saturday  
Jaimes Loughrey 4th Sunday

##### **Break Away Roping - Cowboy**

Will Lann 5th Saturday, 8th Sunday & 3rd Weekend  
Chuck Browning 7th Saturday

##### **Barrel Racing - Cowboy**

Dale Strachan 3rd Saturday

##### **Pole Bending**

Dale Strachan 1st Saturday  
Popper Dubray 3rd Saturday

##### **Flag Race - Cowboy**

Will Lann 6th Saturday  
Popper Dubray 3rd Sunday  
Brian Helander 6th Sunday

##### **Steer Decorating (Team Event)**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 1st Saturday & 2nd Weekend  
Keenan Allen & Greg Garcia (GSGRA) 1st Sunday

##### **Wild Drag Race (3 Member Team Event)**

Keenan Allen, Gary Rushton & Gaylia Young 3rd Saturday  
Chuck Browning, Brian Helander & Amy Griffin (ILGRA) 2nd Weekend

##### **Goat Dressing (Team Event)**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 8th Saturday, 2nd Sunday & 3rd Weekend

##### **All-Around - Cowboy**

Chuck Browning 4th

Team Arizona Place 2nd at Las Vegas 6th Bighorn Rodeo.



#### LA Rodeo # 18 at the LA Equestrian Center April 20-21, 2002

##### **Steer Riding**

Chuck Browning 2nd Saturday, 2nd Sunday, 2nd Weekend

##### **Chute Dogging**

Chuck Browning 8th Saturday  
Brian Helander 1st Sunday, 5th Weekend  
Jaimes Loughrey 5th Sunday  
Will Lann 8th Sunday, 6th Weekend

##### **Calf Roping on Foot**

Chuck Browning 3rd Saturday, 3rd Sunday, 2nd Weekend  
Jaimes Loughrey 4th Saturday, 5th Sunday, 3rd Weekend  
Will Lann 5th Saturday, 8th Sunday, 4th Weekend  
John Taylor 7th Weekend

##### **Break-Away Roping**

Brian Helander 6th Saturday, 2nd Sunday, 2nd Weekend

##### **Pole Bending**

Chuck Browning 7th Saturday

##### **Flag Race**

Brian Helander 4th Saturday  
Chuck Browning 7th Sunday

##### **Team Roping**

Chuck Browning & John Taylor 5th Saturday & 4th Sunday

##### **Steer Decorating (Team Event)**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 6th Saturday

##### **Goat Dressing (Team Event)**

Chuck Browning & Brian Helander 1st Saturday, 6th Sunday, 2nd Weekend  
Will Lann & Shawn Smith (GSGRA) 1st Sunday, 7th Weekend

##### **All-Around—Cowboy**

Chuck Browning 3rd

Team Arizona Placed 2nd in Team Points at the LA Rodeo

##### **Ric Leone**

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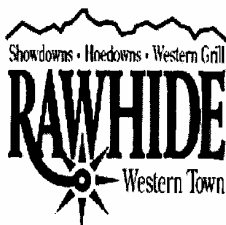
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**A Letter From The Rodeo Grounds**



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**TO:** Bob Pimental  
**FROM:** Karin DiCarlo.  
**DATE:** April 19, 2002  
**RE:** A.G.R.A.

Hello Bob,

Just a quick note to let you know how much we enjoyed your event this year! By far the greatest event ever, in my seven years at Rawhide. Darcy and myself both enjoyed working with you and your organization.

I would also like to thank you for including us in your parade activities. Darcy and I had a blast. We have a lot of fun when we hang out with your group.

I am running a bit behind in getting the contract written due to the up-coming Running of the Bulls event. If you are in need of the contract right away please let me know, otherwise I will be sure to send it out to after the conclusion of this event.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Karin A. DiCarlo  
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