

THE BRANDING IRON

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

It's RODEO TIME!!! After months and months of preparation from our entire Rodeo Planning Team and our members we are ready to show case our 29th Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo February 14-17th 2014. We will be kicking of the rodeo week at Charlie's with our MINI RODEO on Wednesday February 12th at 9pm.

Friday will kick off the Royalty Competition and the Country Idol Finals. Our AGRA Budlight Bar crawl will be February 8th 2014. Please contact Ron Trusley or Gary Hatterman for tickets.

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
February 25th 2013

Send submissions to:
Justin@TheCreativeArcade.com

Please invite your family and friends out to Corona Ranch for a fun filled weekend all to support our local charities. Join us Monday February 17th at 12 pm for our TGIO (thank god it's over) survivors brunch followed by Pussy LeHoot and Friends at 1pm. Our Arizona Gay Rodeo volunteer party will be held on February 21, 2014 at Charlie's at 7pm. This is our way to say THANK YOU to all of our VOLUNTEERS, members, contestants, sponsors and any who helped create this amazing event.

Our annual banquet will be at T-Bone Steak House again this year. AGRA will be providing a bus again this year to and from the banquet. Stay tuned for more details.

Lastly I would like to wish all the contestants the BEST of LUCK!!!

LET'S RODEO!!!

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President



PRE-RODEO BAR CRAWL

The annual AGRA/Bud Light pre-rodeo bar crawl will be Saturday-February 8, 2014. Buses will leave Charlie's at 7:00 pm, make stops at 5 different bars, and return to Charlie's shortly after midnight. Tickets are available for a \$15.00 non-refundable donation. To ride the buses, tickets must be exchanged for a wrist band between 6:15 and 6:50 pm at Charlie's on Saturday evening. Tickets are available by calling Ron Trusley at (602) 510-9671 or Gary Hatterman at (602) 284-3285. You do not have to be a member of AGRA to go on the bar crawl. No alcohol or smoking is allowed on the buses.

AGRA RODEO SCHOOL

The AGRA Rodeo School will be Friday-February 14, 2014 at Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds – 7611 S 29th Ave – Laveen AZ (29th Ave & Baseline Rd). Qualified instructors will teach all events. The school begins at 11:00 am with calf roping on foot from 11:00 am-noon; chute dogging from noon-1:00 pm; goat dressing from 1:00-2:00 pm; and steer riding from 2:00-3:00 pm. Entry fee for each event is \$20.00. The school is a good time to learn how to do some rodeo events, or to practice if you are already a rodeo contestant. You do not have to be an AGRA member or rodeo contestant to participate in the school. Participants may pre-register or register on site between 9:30-10:30 am on Friday. If you have questions or need more information, call Ron Trusley at (602) 510-9671, or visit the AGRA website (www.agra-phx.com) to complete the entry form.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear AGRA Members:

We are getting ready for rodeo season and as an organization we are 95 members strong. Memberships expire the last day of February, so please make sure you re-register as a member. You can do so online, or you can pick up a blank form at the AGRA board in Charlie's. I want to wish a happy birthday to all of our AGRA members born in February.

Happy birthday:

February 1st	Elizabeth Anderson
February 6th	James Prenovost
February 12th	John Summers
February 12th	Trav
February 13th	Tommy Ragan
February 15th	Jason Carlton
February 15th	Gary Rushton
February 24th	Mark Loposky

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe



TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

I attended the IGRA Board and Trustees' Meetings in St Louis, MO on Friday-January 17, 2014. I also attended IGRA University on Saturday and Sunday in the same location. Doug Holmes also attended university and received his Master's in Rodeo Arts. Congratulations, Doug!

A location has not been selected for the 2015 university. Any association wanting to host university is to present their proposal in the IGRA Board Meeting in May in Oklahoma City. Also, a location for the 2015 World Gay Rodeo Finals (IGRA Finals) should be selected at the board meeting in Oklahoma City. Currently, the Sonoran Gay Rodeo Association (SGRA) has expressed interest in hosting the 2015 university, and the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) has expressed interest in hosting the 2015 IGRA Finals Rodeo.

Sunday and Monday – August 10 and 11, 2014 – have been confirmed as the dates for the IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games 9 in the Cleveland/Akron, Ohio area. Rodeo Director, Judy Munson, is asking for people throughout IGRA to make a commitment and volunteer to help. SEE PRESS RELEASE AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT IN THIS ISSUE OF THE BRANDING IRON.

I want to invite everyone to participate in our Annual Pre-Rodeo Bar Crawl with Hensley/Bud Light. Traditionally, the “crawl” is on the Friday before rodeo weekend. But, this year it will be on Saturday – February 8, 2014. I hope many of you will join us as we go to different bars and promote our upcoming rodeo.

The AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting and Banquet will be Saturday – February 22, 2014 – at the T-Bone Steak House. As soon as everything is finalized, more information will be disseminated. But, please mark your calendar now for this event on February 22.

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TRUSTEE CONT..

Come on out and join us for the Annual AGRA/Charlie's Mini Rodeo at Charlie's on Wednesday – February 12. This event is lots of fun, and we are also able to raise a little money for rodeo.

And, speaking of rodeo, the AGRA Rodeo School will be at Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds on Friday – February 14. Four events will be offered at the school, and it provides an excellent opportunity to learn these events and to practice them. The entry form can be found on the AGRA website (www.agra-phx.com).

Ron Trusley
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IGRA PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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“The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) calls for Volunteers and all interested Parties for participation in the Rodeo at Gay Games 9 in Cleveland/Akron”.

The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) “Rodeo at Gay Games 9” Rodeo Director Judy Munson is calling on all interested parties to step forward and participate in the historic rodeo that will be held on August 10 and 11, 2014 in Akron Ohio.

Now that the dates of the rodeo are confirmed, I am asking that everyone across the IGRA family who wants to participate in the rodeo in any capacity to come forward and be given a role or task, both big and small that will culminate in an event at GG9 that all IGRA members will be proud of.

The first step is to make sure you can commit to being in Cleveland/ Akron for all or most of the time period of August 8-12, 2014....since IGRA does not have a lot of “boots on the ground”, we will all have to converge in Akron in advance of the rodeo to prepare the venue.

There is also lots to do well in advance of the rodeo, so people who have time to help out over the next 6 months are asked to join us in the endeavor...we are looking to expand the Rodeo



IGRA PRESS RELEASE CONT..

Committee to 30-40 people all doing a critical piece of the total effort.

If you would like to meet and share Gay Rodeo with people from all over the world this is your chance. There are unlimited ways for you to be involved and contribute to a fun, exciting and successful IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games 9.

Sign up and be part of IGRA history.

Once you feel you can make the commitment we are asking interested IGRA officials, chute/arena crew, and arena volunteers to respond to Judy Munson at: runninghorseranch@platinum.ca

Once you feel you can make the commitment we are asking potential volunteers for all other areas to respond to: Sandy Bidwell, volunteer coordinator at: bsandyj69@aol.com

Additional information including how to register and how to compete, participate and volunteer for the "Rodeo at Gay Games 9" will be made available as it develops on the IGRA (IGRA.com), Rodeo at Gay Games 9 website (www.gaygamesrodeo.org) and/or the Gay Games 9 website (www.gg9cle.com).

Judy Munson
IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games 9
Rodeo Committee Chair/Rodeo Director
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TREASURER REPORT

December : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$1,089.30
Checking	\$1,089.30
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$1,983.21
Rodeo	(\$2,851.00)
Year to Date 2014 Rodeo Net Income	(\$9,221.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Vendor Space \$600	Arena Rent \$5000
Sponsorships \$2500	Buckles \$100
RV Park \$100	Tickets \$51
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Due \$85	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$131.57
Funraisers \$1889	Fundraiser \$150
Rodeo School \$500	Telephone \$74.22
January : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$7,912.87
Checking	\$7,912.87
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$631.48
Rodeo	\$6,192.09
Year to Date 2014 Rodeo Net Income	(\$3,028.91)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Vendor Spaces \$920	Insurance \$1172.87
Advance Gate Sales \$130	Ribbons \$1105.04
VIP Bus \$595	
RV Park \$875	
Sponsorships \$5950	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Due \$45	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$198.61
Fundraisers \$541.18	Insurance \$242.87
Bud Light \$400	Telephone \$74.22
Rodeo School \$160	



FUNDRAISING

Hey Everybody!

Don't forget Wednesday Feb 12th...we will be having Charlies mini rodeo at nine pm....this is always a fun way to kick off Rodeo weekend. The entry fee is 1\$ per event per person, and the proceeds go to A.G.R.A. the events include, the cow patty toss, stick horse barrel racing, stick horse pole bending, and musical chairs (always entertaining!) and then team events are the wild "Drag race" and "Human" goat dressing. we also will be crowning a miss mini rodeo. top three winners in each event will receive a ribbon. Trophies will be given out to Miss Mini Rodeo, and ALL Around Cowboy.

We hope to see all of you there.

Kevin McSweeny
Fundraising Director



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Hello Rodeo Fans!

We are excited to have all of you join us for the 29th Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo at Corona Ranch Feb 14th - 16th! There is something for everyone to enjoy from royalty competition, Country Idol, entertainment and of course Rodeo Events. Please help us capture the fun with your camera and share those pics with us by posting to our Facebook Page or by emailing them to me so I can post them to the page. Like us on facebook by going to www.facebook.com/LikeAGRA!

Don't forget Pussy LeHoot kicks off the Rodeo Fun at Charlie's on Feb 12 at 9pm with the annual Mini Rodeo!

Giddy up and join us for an another amazing RODEO!

Todd M Wyckoff
Public Relations Directon



PARTY BUS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

PICK UP TIMES | 11AM - 800R - 1PM - 1PM
(DEPARTING FROM CHARLIE'S)

RETURN TIMES | 8PM - 1PM - 8PM - 8PM
(DEPARTING FROM CORONA RANCH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

PICK UP TIME | 800R
(DEPARTING FROM CHARLIE'S)

RETURN TIME | 8PM

ARIZONA GAY RODEO

PARTY BUS

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE. SEE YOUR FAVORITE CHARLIE'S BARTENDER TO PURCHASE YOURS.

TICKETS
\$
ONLY **35**

VALUED AT \$45. INCLUDES:

RODEO ADMISSION

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT

\$10 IN RODEO DRINK TICKETS

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CORONA RANCH

REFRESHMENTS & FUN ON THE BUS

FOR MORE RODEO INFO
VISIT AGRA-PHX.COM

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PrideGuide
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Charlie's



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LEHIGH



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