



Big Horn Gazette

APRIL 2005 ISSUE



*Presentation of \$920.00 check to Father Joe at St. Therese Center.
(L to R) Father Joseph, Aaron Stanford, Lorry King, John Gomes.*

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Hey Y'all!!!! You know what time it is?.. It's BIGHORN RODEO TIME! Yep, everything is coming together with tons of awesome planning from the Rodeo Planning Committee. Tell all your friends. Also, we are always looking for additional volunteers to help during the rodeo. We are looking forward to an exciting time this year. We've scaled back a little only to provide a higher quality event for all who attend. So make sure you block time in your daily schedules to come on out for some fun.

By now, you should have all received your election ballots in the mail for the fast approaching Board of Directors Elections. Show your support for the prospective new team by sending in those ballots early. Make your membership count because we only have one direction to go in the future. That direction is UPWARD!

On another note, I would like to thank all of you who came out to support the Charity Benefit Show that my Aaron (NGRA First Lady) and I held to benefit St. Therese Center. Presenting them with the check for the monies raised was a wonderful experience. And to all of the performers and assistants that helped us make this powerful event a success, I too offer my personal thanks. Badlands Saloon was truly a classy showplace that night.

Well, that's all for now. See all of you cowpokes at the rodeo.



Big Horn Rodeo
LAS VEGAS

Big Horn Rodeo is a Bud Light series Rodeo

Rodeo Fun Las Vegas Style
2005 • APRIL 22, 23, 24

30% of the net proceeds from Big Horn Rodeo will be donated to the St. Therese Center and Santa Saturday West

Ticket Prices
15.00 Bar Crawl • Thursday Night April 21
15.00 each Saturday & Sunday includes rodeo and evening Dance Pavilion
5.00 Evening Dance Pavilion Daily
Dance Pavilion is open both nights from 6 to 10 P

Host
Boulder St. Hotel/Losino
49.00 Thursday and Sunday
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single or double occupancy
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Great Westerns Dancing with O.J. Roma
Friday Night and Saturday Night at Horsemen's Park

Friday April 22
Big Horn Folioes at Badlands

Saturday April 23
Showcase of Entertainment at Hamburger Mergs

for more details check:
BigHornRodeo.com

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VISIT NGRA.COM FOR ALL THE LATEST EXCITING INFORMATION ABOUT BIGHORN RODEO 2005

ELECTION UNDER WAY

On March 28, the 2005 Board of Directors election ballots were mailed to all eligible members. Included with the ballot is a bio of each candidate, and a stamped, addressed envelope to mail your ballot to NGRA. All ballots must be received by April 16 to be counted. Please take the time to read the bios and vote. Your opinion counts!

BIGHORN RODEO 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedule subject to change

WEDNESDAY, April 20th, 2005

THE BIGHORN RODEO KICK-OFF SHOW – No Cover
9:00 PM – Midnight: Spotlight Lounge
Features entertainment with a Grand Ole Opry theme.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21st, 2005

THE BIGHORN RODEO LAS VEGAS BAR CRAWL -\$15
6:30 PM - 2:00 AM: Buses depart from Boulder Station and return there. Join NGRA and our guests as we board buses and tour Las Vegas to ride into BigHorn Rodeo - Las Vegas style! You'll enjoy stops at Hamburger Mary's, Gipsy, Snicks, and several popular spots at Commercial Center, including Spotlight, Badlands, Rainbow Lounge, and The Pride Factory. Drink Specials, and of course Bud Light & Smirnoff products will be available at each stop!

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2005

“SPEEDOS AND SPURS” BUD LIGHT POOL PARTY
- \$15 (\$10 with rodeo ticket or “Friday Fun Card”)

11:00 am - 5:00 PM: Blue Moon Resort

Kick off your boots and join us as we catch the rays and an eye-full at Las Vegas' only gay male resort. Enjoy great music, beer, bar, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Clothing Optional, Lagoon Style Pool, 10-Man Jacuzzi Grotto, 10 Foot Waterfall, 400 Sq. Ft. Steam Room....the perfect warm-up for Friday night's dance.

“GIRL'S PARTY” – Free to everyone

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: FreeZone

Come find out what separates the women from the cowgirls. Drink Specials, T-shirt, rodeo ticket giveaways, and Great times at one of Las Vegas' most popular bars. Meet the women of IGRA. Boys welcome too! Use your “Friday Fun Card” for \$1.00 Bud light or Well Drinks!

CONTESTANT REGISTRATION

6:00 to 9:00 PM: Horseman's Park. In the event of inclement weather, registration will be held at Boulder Station. If there is any question about the location of registration, call the NGRA hotline at 615-6261 for updates on the day of registration.

THE BIGHORN RODEO BARN DANCE - \$5

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM: Horseman's Park

Meet that cowboy or cowgirl of your dreams. Cocktails, Bud Light, Dancing, Food, and Vendors in our Bud Light

Dance Pavilion. Dance non-stop to music by top country-western dance DJ Rosa Turi of Long Beach on our 2,160 square-foot dance floor. Special exhibition performances by specialty dance groups throughout the weekend on the dance floor.

BIGHORN FOLLIES: Free to Everyone!

10:00 PM to 1:00 AM: Badlands

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2005

HORSEMAN'S PARK

BIGHORN RODEO - FIRST GO: \$15

(includes evening dance)

8:00 AM: Rodeo Events in the Main Arena until approximately 5:00 PM

11:00 AM: Bud Light Dance & Entertainment Pavilion: Vendors, Food Court, Dancing, and Entertainment. Pavilion open until 10:00 PM.

Midday: Grand Entry & Presentation of Grand Marshals

THE BIGHORN RODEO COWBOY BALL - \$5 if purchased separately beginning at 5:00 p.m.

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM:

The action heats up in our Bud Light Pavilion after the rodeo. More non-stop dancing with DJ Rosa and some of the hottest guys and gals in the west.

BIGHORN Rodeo Showcase of Entertainment: Free to Everyone!

10:00 PM to 1:00 AM: Hamburger Mary's

Local Celebrity Entertainment in a show you won't soon forget! \$7 Bud light Beer Bust and \$3 Smirnoff shots.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2005

HORSEMAN'S PARK

BIGHORN RODEO - SECOND GO: \$15

8:00 AM: Rodeo Events in the Main Arena until approximately 5:00 PM

11:00 AM: Bud Light Dance & Entertainment Pavilion: Vendors, Food Court, Dancing, and Entertainment. Pavilion open until 10:00 PM.

Mid-day: Grand Entry in the main arena

BIGHORN RODEO AWARDS CEREMONY:

Free to Everyone! - 9:00 PM: Hamburger Mary's

NGRA's Closet Ball, 2005

On March 26, we held our annual Closet Ball Contest. Unfortunately, we had no contestants this year, but we're hopeful that we can rope in a few for 2006.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Royalty Team; Chris Due for being the emcee of this year's event and Tara Panties and Sadie VanPatten for performing. Additional thanks goes to Winsor Cooper, DeDe Castle, Ken Wells, CJ Follansbee-Mr. NGRA 2004, John Gomes-Mr. NGRA 2003 and Page Diamond for performing. A special thanks to Miss Frankie-Miss NGRA 2004, for arranging for our DJ, Byron of the Leather and Uniform Club. He did a fantastic job, as usual.

Additionally, I'd like to thank Wes Miller of Get Booked, Blockbuster Video, Starbucks, Dave Murie, Winsor Cooper, and Bill Watkins for donating items to be raffled off that evening. Also, thanks to Kevin Muriensfeld for making jello-shots and Jeff Bunting for selling the shots. Thanks to Jeff Bengston for running the Beer Bust that evening. Also, thanks to Guy Puglisi for being there in the event that we needed a judge for that evening.

Due to all of your hard work, we raised \$502 for NGRA.

Diddy Revealya, Miss Closet Ball, 2004
aka Dave McKenney

NGRA is Proud to Announce Our BigHorn Rodeo Charity Partners for 2005

NGRA is proud to pledge a donation of 30% of our net proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo 2005 to two of the finest charities serving our local community. The donation will be split evenly and will be distributed in June at a special event for them.

ST. THERESE CENTER

Named after Saint Therese of Lisieux, St. Therese Center is a Catholic ministry that welcomes and serves people of all faiths and extends assistance to all persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Emphasizing wellness, Saint Therese Center reaches out to all people touched by HIV/AIDS to provide spiritual, physical and emotional support, educational and social services in the spirit of love and compassion.

SANTA SATURDAY WEST

Santa Saturday West provides Children infected & affected by HIV/ AIDS the Christmas they deserve, through their "Santa Saturday West ®" event and other fundraising efforts throughout the year. In 2004, Santa Saturday West raised and distributed over \$14,000 for children selected through local agencies. NGRA is proud to have been a major contributor.

Individual donations to these fine organizations may be made at the Rodeo Show Office.

*St. Therese Center and Santa Saturday West are 501c-3 charitable organizations

From Your Trustee Lorry King Laughlin Gets a Taste of NGRA

Sunday, March 20, 2005 was a day the residents of Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona, may not soon forget, as approximately 90 fun-loving citizens of Las Vegas descended on the river cities for gambling, drinking, eating, and partying! And believe me, all four of those goals were met!! Mile Windsor and Angel Negron organized a fabulous day trip and sold enough tickets to fill two buses. During the drive, drinks were sold, Bingo was played, and raffles were drawn, keeping everyone completely entertained. Thanks to Ken Wells, the handsome "flight attendant" on the bus commanded by Lorry King. He was quite effective at raising money, as was Miss Frankie on Mike and Angel's bus. Once we arrived in Laughlin, we all scattered to "do our own thing", but most participants were given rides by the gracious residents of Bullhead City across the river to visit the gay country bar, the Lariat. There so much fun was had that some people didn't want to go home (and we're not sure some ever did!). Thanks to all of you who bought drinks, Bingo cards and raffles, to the bar owners who donated prizes, and to the Imperial Court who helped raise money, as all together the day raised over \$2,400.00! This event will become a twice yearly staple on our fundraising calendar. We'd also like to thank Jackson and the staff at Badlands, Dominick, Barry, and Greg all from Snicks, Bill at Spotlight, Gary from the Backdoor, and of course our own staff, Lorry King and Ken Wells on Bus 1, and Angel and Miss Frankie hosting bus #2.

ROYALTY AND FUNDRAISING REPORT

Chris Due – Mr. NGRA 2005

Tara Panties Litter – Miss NGRA 2005

Blanche Devaho – Miss NGRA 2005 First Runner Up

Sadie VanPatten Litter – Miss NGRA 2005 Second Runner Up

Hello from your 2005 Royalty Team! Bighorn Rodeo is fast approaching and the Royalty Team is hosting many different functions to raise those last minute dollars! On March 26, the Royalty Team was asked to host and perform at the Annual Closet Ball Pageant. Miss Closet Ball 2004, Diddy Revealya did an amazing job coordinating entertainment and getting lots of fabulous prizes donated for raffle! Diddy was such a great Closet Ball Queen, that we didn't even have a contestant try to fill her pumps! Oh well, we did raise some money and had a great time! Also on March 19th, our very own President and First Lady, John and Page, hosted a fundraiser for Saint Therese. The show was a smash and lots of money was raised for such a wonderful organization! Way to go guys... we are so proud of you both! The very next day, Mike and Angel organized a one-day bus trip to Laughlin and raised money for NGRA! These two men were amazing and are very deserving of the title Member of the Month! Congratulations. Our very own Miss NGRA 2005 Tara Panties Litter and Miss NGRA 2005 Second Runner Up, Sadie Van Patten Litter worked the aisle of the bus to sell raffle tickets! Coming up in April we have Pre Rodeo Mini Bar Crawl scheduled on Saturday April 9th. Please come out with your NGRA attire as we go from bar to bar promoting BigHorn Rodeo 2005. If you need NGRA attire, please check out our website www.ngra.com or go visit Wes and the gang down at Get Booked! On April 16th there will be a Spring Splash Show held at our host bar, Badlands. Come out and enjoy some springtime fun with your fellow NGRA members! Many prizes and raffles will be given away that night. This is all gearing up for the Wednesday, April 20th Rodeo Kick Off Party being hosted by Mike Windsor at Spotlight. This is a tradition and a great time to get in the rodeo mood. Of course that week will be full of NGRA fun and excitement, the next night is the BigHorn Rodeo Bar Crawl that was organized by our favorite "wuzzy" Miss Frankie. The Royalty Team will be hosting those buses and having a great time and be getting everyone ready for the next day's activities. Friday, we have the Speedos and Spurs Party hosted by your very own, Mr. NGRA 2005 at the ultra sexy Blue Moon Resort, as well as a Girl's Party at the Hip, Happening and Fabulous Free Zone! We would like to say thank you to both of these businesses for supporting NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo! Of course Saturday and Sunday you will see the Royalty Team working feverishly to provide entertainment and the most fabulous rodeo on the IGRA circuit, BigHorn Rodeo! Please come out and enjoy the Cowboys and Cowgirls in the sun and the excitement of Rodeo at it's best! We look forward to seeing everyone there! As always keep up to date on everything that is happening with NGRA by visiting the website www.ngra.com.

NGRA ***STAR*** MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

NGRA is proud to name Mike Windsor and Angel Negron as Star Members for March. Their outstanding efforts in organizing the Laughlin Bus Trip resulted in a highly entertaining and successful event. It's great people like this who make NGRA so special. Hats off to both of you!

An Invitation From Miss NGRA

Howdy folks! This is Tara Panties Litter. I'd like to take this time to invite you on a night out with NGRA. On **April 9**, the royalty team will be visiting some of Las Vegas' bars promoting BigHorn Rodeo. This is sure to be a fabulous night as we get ready to rodeo. We are doing a mini bar crawl promoting rodeo starting with Commercial Center and moving on out to the fruit loop. Throw on your rodeo best and join NGRA for a Night on the Town.

CELEBRATE OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Jon Wall	April 3rd
Brian Gaines	April 17th
Will McElwaney	April 18th
Winsor Cooper III	April 23rd
Chris Renner	April 23rd
Bill Watkins	April 24th
Jeff Bengston	April 27th
Kevin Marienfeld	April 30th
Guy Puglisi	April 30th

Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc.

Upcoming Events and Meetings



Monday, April 4th - IT'S BUNCO TIME at the Center at 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 5th - IRSCDE Court Meeting at the Center at 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 16th - Duets & More 3 at the Spotlight at 10:00 p.m.
 Monday, April 25th - IRSCDE Board of Directors Meeting at the Center at 7:30 p.m.



I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2005

JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
T-Town Rodeo	Tulsa	April 8-10, 2005
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas	April 22-24, 2005
Rodeo in The Rock	Little Rock	April 22-24, 2005
Rodeo Wichita	Wichita	May 13-15, 2005
Comstock Stampede	Reno	May 13-15, 2005
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City	May 27-29, 2005
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque	June 17-19, 2005
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis/St. Paul	July 1-3, 2005
Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo	Calgary	July 1-3, 2005
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver	July 8-10, 2005
Southern Spurs Rodeo	Atlanta	July 22-24, 2005
Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo Part VI	Detroit	July 29-31, 2005
LA Rodeo 2005	Los Angeles	August 5-7, 2005
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago	August 26-28, 2005
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City	September 2-4, 2005
Atlantic Stampede 2005	Washington, DC	September 9-11, 2005
San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco	September 16-18, 2005
Space City Rodeo	Houston	September 30-October 2, 2005
21st Annual Convention	Calgary	October 20-23, 2005
International Dance Competition	Calgary	October 22, 2005
19th Annual Finals Rodeo	Dallas	November 11-13, 2005

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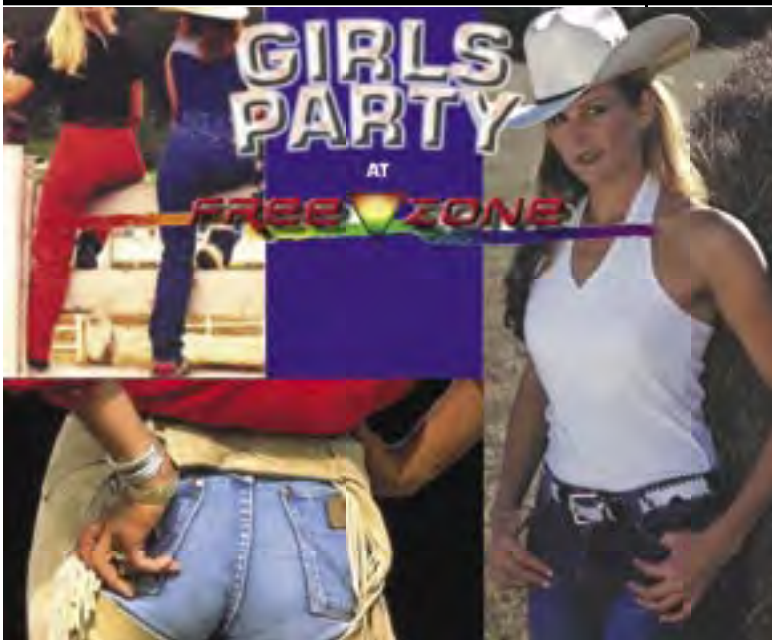
call the rodeo hotline at
 888-643-NGRA or
 you can also buy online.
www.ngra.com



April 2005

For times, locations, and more detail please visit the ngra web calendar at www.ngra.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 NGRA fund raising meeting	8 T-Town Rodeo Tulsa	9 Pre -Rodeo Bar Crawl starts at Badlands 9:00
10 T-Town Rodeo Tulsa	11 Rodeo Planing Committe Meeting	12	13	14	15	16 NGRA Board Meeting Spring Show at Badlands
17	18 Rodeo Planing Committe Meeting	19	20 Geneneral Membership meeting Kick Off Show at Spotlight	21 NGRA BIGHORN RODEO	22 NGRA BIGHORN RODEO Rodeo in the Rocks - Little Rock	23 NGRA BIGHORN RODEO Rodeo in the Rocks - Little Rock
24 NGRA BIGHORN RODEO Rodeo in the Rocks - Little Rock	25	26	27	28	29	30



**“GIRL’S PARTY” – Free to everyone
Friday April 22nd • 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**



Come find out what separates the women from the girls. Drink Specials and Great Times at one of Las Vegas’ most popular bars. Meet the women of the International Gay Rodeo Association. Boys welcome too!
BigHorn Rodeo Tickets on Sale Here



Blue Moon Resort
Las Vegas

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be part of the action!



BigHorn Rodeo – 2005 Volunteer Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Volunteer Preference

Volunteer Slots will be 3 or 4 hours wherever possible, though you may volunteer as many slots as you like. Look over the list below and circle those area and times that you are interested in.

BigHorn Rodeo Volunteers receive free admission for that event!

Ground Set-Up & Tear-Down				Decorating	
Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Mon.	Thurs.	Fri.
8am - 11am	8am - 11am	8am - 11am	8am - 11am	11am - 2 pm	11am - 2 pm
2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm

FRIDAY DANCE PARTY - HORSEMAN'S PARK

Friday Ticket Sales	Friday Scrip Sales	Friday Security
6pm - 10pm	6pm - 10pm	6pm - 9pm 9pm - 11 pm

RODEO & DANCE- HORSEMAN'S PARK

Ticket Sales		Scrip Sales		Security	
Sat.	Sun.	Sat.	Sun.	Sat.	Sun.
8am - 11am	8am - 11am	8am - 11am	8am - 11am	8am - 11am	8am - 11am
11am - 2pm	11am - 2pm	11am - 2pm	11am - 2pm	11am - 3pm	11am - 2pm
2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	3pm - 7pm	2pm - 6pm
6pm - 10pm		6pm - 10pm		7pm - 11pm	

BEVERAGE SERVICE - All Events (TAM Card Required)

Fri. Night	Saturday	Sat. Night	Sunday	Arena Crew
6pm - 10pm	8am - 11am	6pm - 10pm	8am - 11am	Sat. & Sun.
9pm - Mid.	11am - 2pm	9pm - Mid.	11am - 2pm	No Experience Needed
	2pm - 6pm		2pm - 6pm	All Day

Mail to: **NGRA**
P.O. Box 96055
Las Vegas, NV 89193

For more information on volunteering contact us at our Rodeo Hotline 702.615.6261
or E-mail: Volunteers@bighornrodeo.com

For the latest BigHorn Rodeo information visit www.bighornrodeo.com

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