



BigHorn Gazette

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ROYALTY REPORT

by Melissa Lorence

Our Rodeo Royalty were really "out and about" this month representing NGRA all over town. Melissa, Cookie, Ken and Joe were there to support the Miss Cow Patty contest at Charlie's on the 10th. Even with Melissa's huge head-cold and disastrous balancing act, everyone had fun.

Our own Ken Wells competed in the first ever Mr. Charlie's contest on the 11th, coming in 1st Runner up! The contest is a monthly staple at all the Charlie's nationwide. be sure to Support Ken on April 1st when he tries to take the title.

I cowboied up to attend the Ralph Vandersnick birthday party and auction at Snick's on the 16th. Wow! The money that was being raised for St. Therese was amazing! From there it was on to Charlie's where I had the pleasure of meeting some really great guys from Chicago Charlie's and former ILGRA Royalty. I thought we could party??? I think I remember a good time was had by all...

March 19th was, of course, the hugely successful Laughlin Bus Trip. Ken helped host one bus, Cookie and I another, and Miss NGRA 2004, Miss Frankie, hosted another. Drinks, bingo, jello shots, gambling, new friends- what can I say? I hear talk about even more buses next time- maybe in September.

I hosted the NGRA March Madness event with Winsor Cooper on the

NGRA WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

Nicholas "MJ" Jordan

Ben Gross

Montana Mendoza

Albert King



Congratulations

to Richard Armstrong, Jeffery Burke and Tucker on the new arrival of their adorable filly.

25th at Badlands. The place was packed as it has become the place to be on the 4th Saturday of every month. That night NGRA also presented the check to the Center for the Valentine's Disco ball produced by Joe and me.

Ken and Cookie represented us well at the Duke and Duchess Bingo on the 26th. It was held at Hamburger Mary's to benefit the Royal Court and The Center

If you have a function coming up, please let our Royalty Team know to be there, just contact us through the links on our NGRA web site! See you soon!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Rogers

Spring is finally here and the days are getting longer. Our 10th anniversary BigHorn Rodeo is getting closer and planning is in high gear. The Rodeo Planning Committee has made major strides in the last couple of months. Ticket and Buckle Sponsorship prices have been set, stock bids have gone out, our rodeo veterinarian is confirmed, our rodeo pin and event buckles have been selected, our rodeo program contract with QVEGAS is locked up and the rodeo website has been updated for 2006.

The Rodeo Marketing Plan will be ready for the next RPC meeting and we will discuss vendors. We are still seeking sponsors, so if you know of a business that might benefit by a presence at our event, please have them contact me or Miss Kitty.

Las Vegas Pride is right around the corner and NGRA plans to be there in a BIG way. This is a great opportunity to market our rodeo to the Las Vegas gay community and NGRA has plans to maximize our visibility.



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First off, please make plans to join us on Friday, May 12, for the Annual Pride Night Parade in downtown Las Vegas. NGRA will be participating with our Vegas Sands hayride, lighted and decorated by Logistics Coordinator Jeff Bengston and pumping country music. NGRA members and friends are invited to ride the hayride and/or walk along the route with us as we make a big splash promoting our upcoming rodeo.

Next up, stop by the NGRA area at the Pride festival on Saturday, May 13. This year's festival is located at the Government Center downtown (the complex with the pyramid). NGRA will have an entire area with one booth featuring information about NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo, including video of the rodeo. Just across the aisle, get relief from the hot sun by mounting the NGRA saddle and getting sunscreen rubbed on your back by a real cowboy or cowgirl. The NGRA jail will be open for business and this year we're adding a special activity area for kids. Headed up by your own Ms. NGRA, Cookie Grigsby, the NGRA activities area will provide kids with crafts and various activities throughout the day.

NGRA will also be providing music during specified blocks of time at the Pride Dance Pavilion. Come on down and dance to great country music and enjoy line-dance lessons by BigHorn Rodeo's own Western Dance Director Dane Bethea.

We need lots of volunteers to man our Pride Festival activities. If you are interested in helping out and having a GREAT time, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Dick Casola, at volunteers@ngra.com.

This month we have Stetsons and Bonnets, Buckles and Bows at Charlie's and Where the Boys Are (Redneck Riviera) at Badlands. These two events are sure to be a blast; see the flyers in this edition of the newsletter and come on out and support BigHorn Rodeo. Finally, I want to thank Charlie's for their newly-instituted "NGRA Appreciation Night". Every Friday, NGRA members wearing their badges get 50% off all beverages. Now that's appreciation! See you there.



Alika Borge	4/2
Jon Wall	4/3
Charles Cavanaugh	4/7
Brian Gaines	4/17
Will McElwaney	4/18
Shaun Rea	4/19
Winsor Cooper III	4/23
Kevin Hall	4/24
Bill Watkins	4/24
Jeff Bengston	4/27
Kevin Marienfeld	4/30
Guy Puglisi	4/30

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Submitted by Lorry King

There was only one rodeo in March – Cowtown in Ft. Worth. One of NGRA's talented cowboys traveled to Texas to compete, and as usual, did well. Robert Salcedo rode his Bareback Bronc to first place on Sunday and Dogged his Steer to first place the same day! In addition, he placed fifth in Wild Drag on Saturday and sixth on Sunday for an overall placing of fifth, and scored in third place on Sunday in Goat Dressing. Robert single-handedly put Team NGRA in 9th place out of the 16 Associations represented at the Rodeo! We are proud of you Robert, and will be cheering for you at the April rodeos in Ft. Lauderdale and San Diego.

NGRA MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

MIKE WINDSOR

MARCH

ANGEL NEGRON

The NGRA membership at its March meeting elected Mike Windsor and Angel Negron as members of the month for their outstanding work producing the most highly successful bus trip to Laughlin yet. They raised nearly \$4,000! Thanks to Mike and Angel for their hard work and congratulations on a tremendous event.



Southern Nevada Association of Pride Inc. Presents

LAS VEGAS PRIDE 2006

ART SHOW May 6th
 WOMAN'S PICNIC May 7th
 VEGAS PRIDE BOOL May 7th
 PRIDE FAMILY BINGO May 9th
 GIRLZ PARTY May 10th
 BOY'S PARTY May 11th
 PRIDE NIGHT PARADE May 12th
 AFTER PARADE PARTY May 12th
 LAS VEGAS PRIDE FESTIVAL May 13th
 BLUE MOON T-DANCE May 14th

For times & locations please visit www.LasVegasPride.org

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COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND LAS VEGAS

Sunday April 1, April Fools High Tea Dance(Imperial Court) at the Spotlight 1pm

Monday April 3, Imperial Court Bunco Game at the Center 7:30pm

Tuesday April 4, Imperial Court General Meeting at the Center 7:30pm

Saturday April 8, We are family Spring Picnic, Rainbow Family Park 7151 W. Oakey at 4pm

Sunday April 9, Desert Brotherhood MC Ride to Mt. Charleston at the Buffalo 9am

Tuesday April 11, Pride Family Bingo at Hamburger Mary's 7pm

Wednesday April 15, Leather & Uniform Club Meeting at the Eagle 7:30pm

Sunday April 23, Afan annual Aids Walk

CELEBRATE
 LAS VEGAS PRIDE WEEK
 BEGINING
 MAY 6 THRU MAY 14



I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2006 JANUARY 1, 2006 – DECEMBER 31, 2006



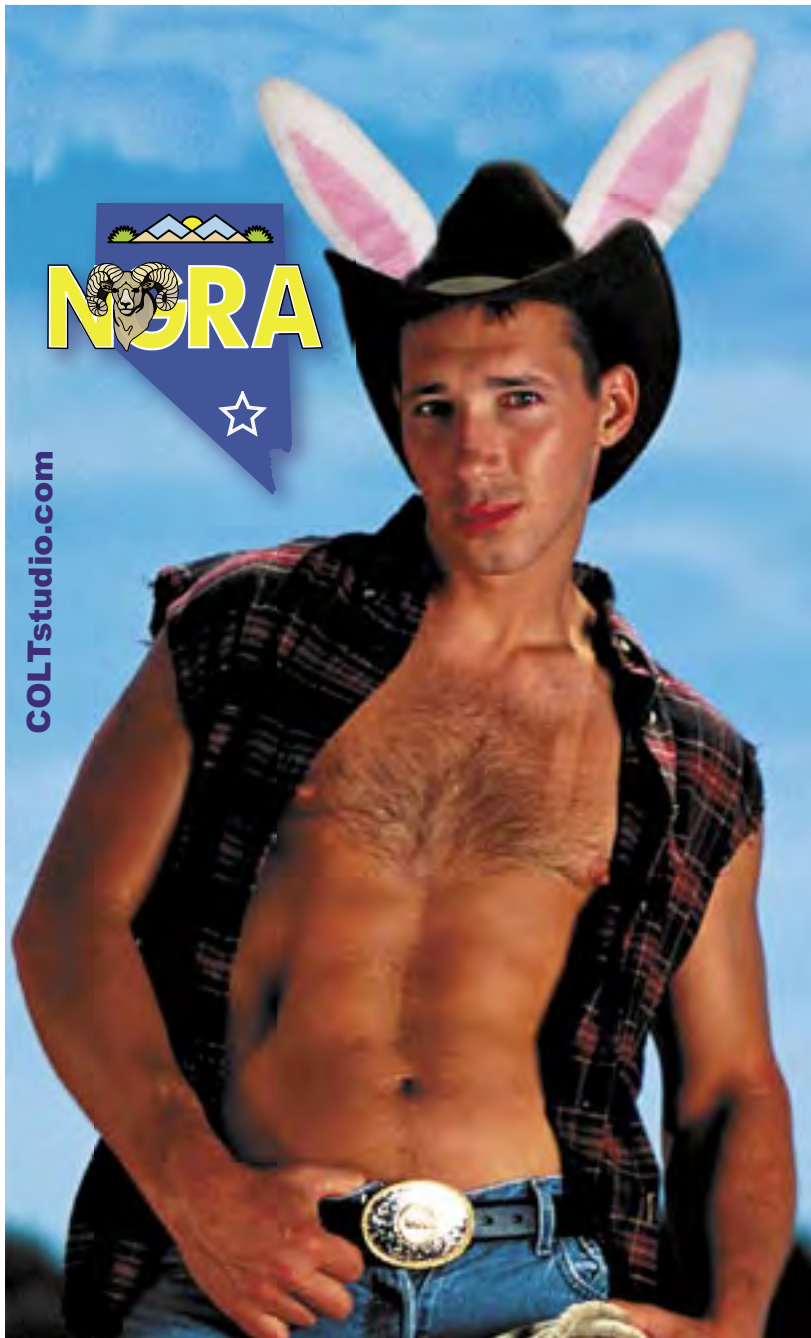
For more detail information
 on these events you may go to

http://igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm#top2006

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, FL	April 7 - 9, 2006
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, AK	April 28 -30, 2006
San Diegp Rodeo	Lakeside, CA	April 28 -30, 2006
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St. Louis, MO	May 5 - 7, 2006
Heartland Rodeo	Omaha, NB	May 19 -21, 2006
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 26 - 28, 2006
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis- St. Paul	June 30- July 2, 2006
Canadian Rockies International	Calgary, Alberta	June 30 -July 2, 2006
Rocky Montain Regional	Denver, Colorado	July 7 - 9, 2006
Alamo City Rodeo	San Antonio, TX	August 4 - 6, 2006
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 4 - 6, 2006
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 18 - 20, 2006
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 25 - 27, 2006
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO.	September 7 - 3, 2006
Atlantic Sampede 2006	Washington, DC	September 8 - 10,2006
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	September 15 -18, 2006
BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	October 6 - 8,2006
IGRA Annual Convention	Nashville, TN	October 19 - 22, 2006
IGRA International Dance Competition	Nashville, TN	October 19 - 22, 2006
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Reno, NV	November 10 -12, 2006

Stetson, Bonnet, Buckle & Bow Party

at
Charlie's
Las Vegas



FRIDAY APRIL 14
PARTY STARTS AT 9:00 PM
\$5.00 BUD LIGHT
BEER BUST

Enjoy the entertainment
by Miss IGRA 2005,
Pussy LeHoot & Friends
from Charlie's Phoenix

Dress up in your Country Easter best. Don your most festive hat, cinch on that best buckle and join us for a Cowboy-Style Easter Parade.

Prizes Awards for:



Most Humorous

Most Glamorous

Most Western

If you don't come with a Stetson, Bonnet or Buckle NGRA will have the fixings to help you out. For a small cost you can be creative and work up your own entry to the parade.

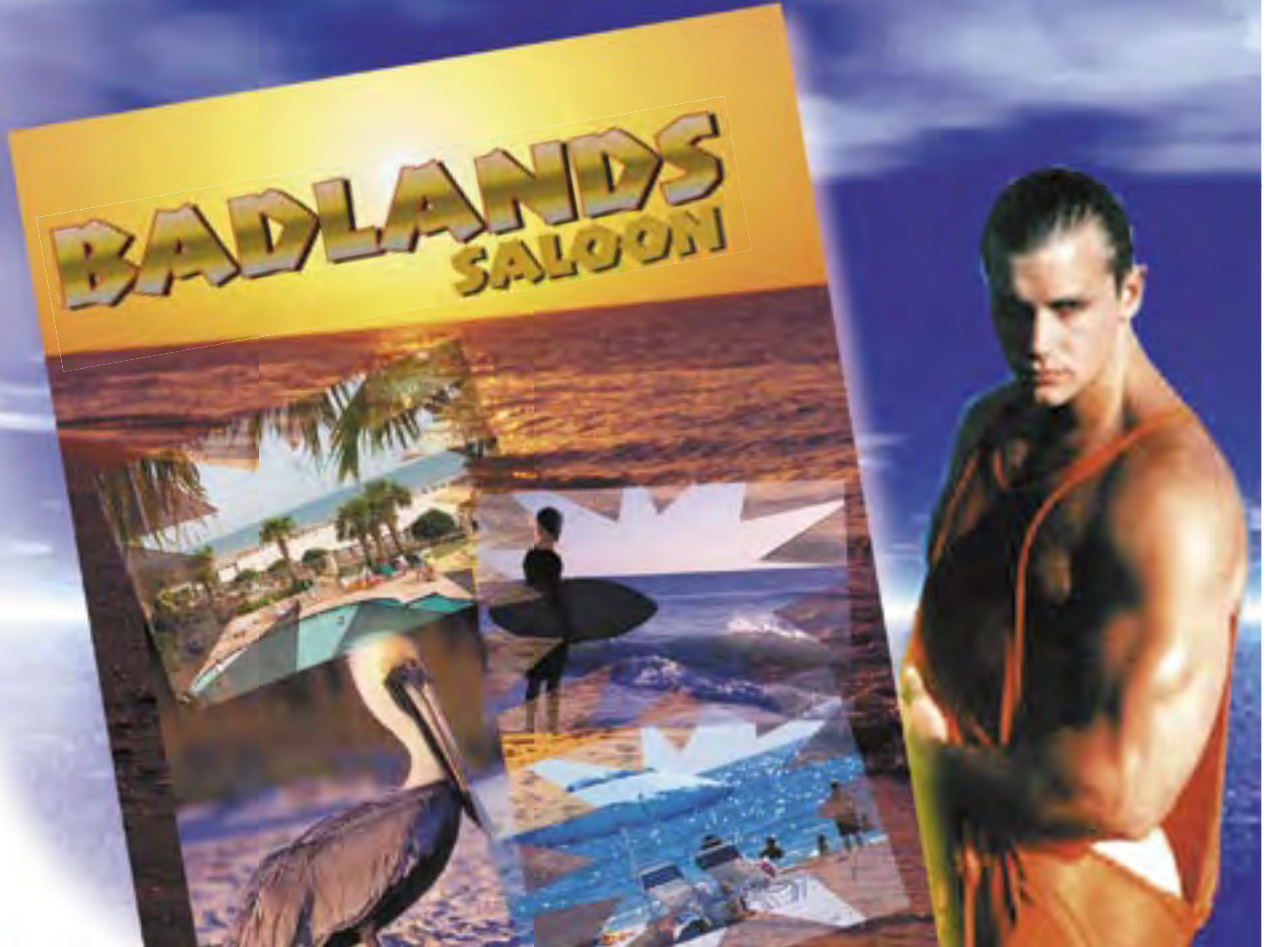
Proceeds benefit BigHorn Rodeo.

WHERE THE BOYS ARE ON THE COWBOY REDNECK RIVIERA

NGRA and **BADLANDS**

Saturday April 22nd

The Red-Neck Spring Break Starts at 9:30



Arm Wrestling Contest

Try your skills at **Cow Patty Toss**

Prize Board Walk Try your luck for fantastic prizes

For those wild and daring **Boys Gone Wild Search**

\$1 Jell-O Shots and \$5 Bud Light Beer Bust starting at 9:00

Proceeds from this event benefit BigHorn Rodeo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mr. Charlies' Contest at Charlie's Las Vegas
2	3	4	5	6 NGRA Fundraising Meeting at The Center 7:00	7 Sunshine Stampede Rodeo Florida Charlie's Appriecation Night	8 Sunshine Stampede Rodeo Florida
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16	17 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting The Center 6:30	18	19	20	21 Charlie's Appriecation Nigh	22 NGRA general Membership Meeting The Center 8:00 Where the Boys Are Redneck Spring Break at Badlands
23	24	25	26	27	28 Little Rock Rodeo Greater San Diego Rodeo Charlie's Appriecation Night	29 Little Rock Rodeo Greater San Diego Rodeo
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Buckle & Ribbon Sponsorships are now available for the 10th Anniversary of BigHorn Rodeo

All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl are \$250. Individual Sponsorship Buckles are \$200. All Award Ribbons are \$200. per category: Speed events, Rough Stock Events, Roping Events and Camp Events. For more information and the Buckle Sponsorship form head on over to the NGRA website.

bighornrodeo.com



NGRA Royalty Team 2006: Joe Cervantes: Mr. NGRA 2006, Miss Melissa Lorence; Miss NGRA 2006, Ann Marie (Cookie) Grigsby; Ms. NGRA 2006, Ken Wells; Mr. NGRA 2006 1st runner-up. (Not shown Terry Holder; Mr. NGRA 2006 2nd runner-up

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