



# BigHorn Gazette

MAY 2006 ISSUE

## CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBERS' MAY BIRTHDAYS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Brian Rogers*

May is going to be an exciting month for NGRA and I have a lot to report. First I'd like to announce the results of our recent Board of Director's election.

President: Brian Rogers (continuing 2-year term)  
Vice-President: Winsor Cooper III (newly elected)  
Secretary: Shaun Sewell (new to the BOD)  
Treasurer: Frank Gardner (continuing 2-year term)  
Trustee: Lorry King (continuing 3-year term)  
Members-At-Large:  
Chris Due  
Dick Casola (new to the BOD)  
Richard Schlegel  
Mike Windsor

I want to thank this year's Board for all their hard work. I am proud of what we have accomplished. I look forward to working with the new Board to continue improving our organization. Together we will stage a memorable 10th Anniversary BigHorn Rodeo!

Another announcement involves our General Membership Meeting dates. The Board of Directors recommended and the General Membership approved moving our General Membership Meetings to the SECOND Saturday of each month. The meetings will take place at Charlie's at 8PM followed by a fundraising event. Charlie's will be turning over the house to us on membership night. It is hoped that this change will encourage participation by NGRA members and expose our organization to interested parties in the public at large.

The FOURTH Saturday of each month will be reserved for our popular events at Badlands, which will continue and grow. The Board of Directors meeting will still be held the Monday prior to the General Membership Meeting, the fundraising meeting will move to the SECOND Monday of each month and the Rodeo Planning Committee meeting will move to the THIRD Monday of each month. Each of these meetings will be held at The Center. WHEW!

These changes take effect in June. We will monitor the committee meeting schedules over the first few months and will make any changes needed. Please refer to the website and newsletter calendars for up-to-date meeting information.

Other News: NGRA's Pride Event activities are shaping up to be a LOT of fun!

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Charlie's  
LAS VEGAS  
presents:

**NGRA**

Appreciation Night  
every Friday 7pm-2am  
NGRA MEMBERS with badge  
1/2 PRICE DRINKS

Please make plans to join us on Friday, May 12th for the Annual Pride Night Parade in Downtown Las Vegas. NGRA will be participating with our Vegas Sands hayride, lighted and decorated 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. Please meet us at the staging area on 4th and Charleston by 7:00 PM.

Then plan to 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 Royalty will be featured on the main stage from 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM so be sure to be there to cheer them on.

NGRA will also be providing music at the Pride Dance Pavilion from 4:00PM – 5:30 PM. Come on down and dance to great country music and enjoy line-dance lessons by BigHorn Rodeo's own Western Dance Director, Dane Bethea. I want to thank Charlie's for providing the music CDs for the parade and a DJ for the Pride Dance Pavilion.

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 me ASAP at [Presdient@NGRA.com](mailto:Presdient@NGRA.com). Volunteers for the NGRA activities completing their time commitment, get reimbursement for their Pride admission fee.

Rodeo Volunteer Coordinator, Dick Casola is also working to help SNAPI find volunteers for their festival event. Please contact him at [Volunteers@ngra.com](mailto:Volunteers@ngra.com) if you can help out.

Please consider volunteering for both organizations. It's a GREAT way to have fun and support two of the greatest organizations in the community.

Coming up: NGRA will be sending a contingent to San Francisco Pride which takes place June 24. We have been invited to ride on the float belonging to the Bay Area Chapter of GSGRA and will be handing out promotional materials for our Rodeo. SF Pride is one of the largest gay events in the world. If you are planning on attending and want to be part of the NGRA action, please contact coordinator Gerry Gomez at [Security@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:Security@bighornrodeo.com).

Finally, I want to announce that the Men of Charlie's contest on Saturday, May 6 will benefit NGRA. This fun monthly event takes place the first Saturday of each month and raises money for local non-profits. NGRA is excited to be chosen as May's beneficiary; please be there and support our Association. Don't forget, every Friday is NGRA appreciation night with 50% off for NGRA members wearing their badge.

## HEY! Everyone!

### Meet Glory Bea

DT Glory Bea was born on April 18th. Her Mom is Hello Gorgeous and her Dad is WN Glory Of Joy.. The proud owner of this sweet baby is Chris Due. Look forward to seeing her on the rodeo circuit in the future.







**NEVADA GAY  
RODEO  
ASSOCIATIONS  
NEWEST MEMBERS**

**Erick Korten**

**Travis Froelich**

**Michael Kruziak**

**Mike Morgan**

**Paul Cramblit**

**Steven Spence**

**Marcus Toliver**

**Laura Scott**

**Jim McNulty**

**WILD, WILD,  
WEST LUAAU**

**BANDLANDS  
SALOON  
SATURDAY  
MAY 27TH**

**EVENT STARTS AT 9:00 PM WITH  
A BUD LIGHT \$5.00 BEER BUST**

**Some very HOT Entertainment**

**Awesome Raffle Prizes**

**\$1.00 Island Jell-O Shots**

**Fun Games to Play**

**Proceeds benefit BigHorn Rodeo**



**TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

*Lorry King*

I had the honor of attending the Sunshine Stampede in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, the weekend of April 7-9. It was the first rodeo for the Florida Gay Rodeo Association, and what a fantastic job they did! From the venue, the volunteers, the hospitality, the entertainers, the vendor area to the Awards dinner, everything went off without a hitch and was excellent. Try to put this rodeo on your list for next year and combine it with a Florida vacation. The Ft. Lauderdale area

has beautiful beaches, fun clubs, good restaurants and is close to Miami. The weather was perfect, if a little humid for this Nevada resident!

Smoky Mountain Rodeo Association's plans for this year's IGRA Convention in Nashville are coming along very well and they have great things planned for us. Put October 20-22 on your calendar. You'll welcome a vacation two weeks after our rodeo!

We will be providing a Horseman-

ship Judge and possibly an Entertainment Judge for the IGRA Royalty Pageant in November at Finals in Reno. Anyone who is interested in either of those positions, let me know.

The IGRA Board approved Las Vegas as the site of IGRA University in 2007 and this time gave us a budget! After our rodeo, we will begin gearing up to again welcome the IGRA community to Sin City in February.

# CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King

April boasted three IGRA Rodeos and NGRA contestants attended two of them – Sunshine Stampede and San Diego. The Stampede was the Florida Gay Rodeo Association's Inaugural Rodeo, in Ft. Lauderdale. It was a wonderful event, and the Florida members put on an impressive show. Only one of our contestants was able to travel all the way across the country to compete, and as usual, didn't come home empty handed.

Robert Salcedo won a First both days in Bareback Bronc Riding and so brought home the Buckle! He also placed 2nd in Chute Dogging on Saturday and 5th in Wild Drag on Sunday.

Congratulations to Robert for winning one of the first buckles ever awarded in Florida!

Since San Diego is so close, we had four NGRA Team Members compete – Richard Armstrong, Chris Due, Lee Hale and Robert Salcedo.

Richard took a 6th in Poles on Saturday and a 4th on Sunday, for a 3rd overall. He placed 4th in Barrels on Saturday and 1st on Sunday, for a 2nd overall. Then in Flags he earned a 1st on Saturday and a 2nd on Sunday and

brought home the Buckle! Because of this impressive performance in the speed events, Richard earned the added prize money for All Around Speed Champion! He also earned a 4th in Calf Roping on Sunday. All these points helped him to 3rd runner up to All Around Cowboy. Richard and Chris teamed up to take 3rd place in Steer Deco on Sunday. Chris was a competitor in Calf Roping on Foot, but his roping skills aren't quite in place yet, as on Saturday he roped the calf all right, unfortunately, it was just around the nose! Next time, let's try for the whole head, Chris, OK?

Sunday was Robert's day, as he took 6th place in Chute Dogging, 5th place in Goats, and 5th place in Wild Drag. Robert competed in the horseback roping events for the first time and I'm sure we'll see him winning ribbons in these events soon. Lee has been off the circuit for a while, but I'm sure he'll be back to winning soon as well.

These four great Cowboys earned enough points to rank NGRA 5th out of 10 Associations entered. May brings us rodeos in St. Louis, Omaha and Oklahoma City. Good luck to Team NGRA!

## NGRA Members Support AFAN

Lynne Crane, AFAN Walk Team Captain for NGRA

Thanks to everyone for a great AFAN walk! The totals have not been announced yet, but word has it that AFAN beat last year's totals of 5,000 participants and over \$300,000 in donations.

NGRA participants included Greg Contreras, Ben Gross, Rob Saunders, Bill Watkins Tim Wilson, Chris Due, Mike Windsor and Angel Negrón. Lorry King was there in spirit via a donation check. Thanks also goes to trooper Melissa Lorence who couldn't walk due to a knee injury, but came to supply moral support and bottled water!

Special thanks to Rob Saunders and Bill Watkins for proudly shouldering the NGRA flag during the walk. Huge kudos to our top fundraiser, Rob Saunders, who raised \$500! In total, NGRA raised over \$1500!!!!

Congratulations and a huge thank you to everyone for their hard work. 4



## NGRA MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

The NGRA membership elected Jackson Morrison as April's Member of the Month. As manager of Badlands Saloon, he has been tremendously supportive of NGRA by providing not only a venue for our monthly fundraising events there, but has always taken extra effort to support NGRA's fundraising activities and promote the organization, not to mention always getting in the spirit of our events. Congratulations and thank you to Jackson!

## ROYALTY REPORT

Melissa Lorence - Miss NGRA 2006

Spring "sprung" in April with the start of many on-going activities either sponsored by or benefiting NGRA.

I attended the Grand Opening of the new Ramrod in commercial square-looks like the nights are going to be pretty hot there this summer- good luck guys! Be sure to stop by and see Miss NGRA 2005, Tara, bartending there also.

Jillian's downtown has started an on-going benefit for us on Sundays. We had Royalty there for the first one on the 9th where it got off to a great start.

I was a bit crippled this month with injuries, but managed to hobble over to the AIDS Walk downtown to greet Lynne Crane who organized our team this year. The walk raised over \$300,000! Thanks and great job guys.

Our two regular events this month- Stetson's, Bonnets, Buckles & Bows at Charlie's & the Cowboy Spring Break at Badlands proved again to be the place to be on the second and fourth Saturdays every month.

You'll be seeing your Royalty everywhere next month during Las Vegas Pride 2006, including in the downtown parade on May 12th- be sure and say hi!





# COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND LAS VEGAS

CELEBRATE  
LAS VEGAS PRIDE WEEK  
BEGINING  
MAY 6 THRU MAY 14

**Saturday May 6, 5pm**  
Colors of Pride Art Show - the Center

**Sunday May 7,**  
Prde Women's Picnic at Mountain  
Crest Park 12 **5pm**  
Sin Sity Sisters Charity Bingo  
at Hamburgers Marys **4pm**

**Monday May 8, 9pm**  
L. V. Pride Idol, Hamburger Marys

**Tuesday May 9, 9pm**  
Pride Family bingo, Plaza Hotel  
and Casino 7-

**Wednesday May 10,**  
Pride Girlz Party 81/2  
Ultra Lounge, 9pm - sunrise

**Thursday May 11**  
Pride Boys Party DITTO

**Friday May `12,**  
Pride Night Parade 8pm downtown

**Friday May 12,**  
Pride Night After-Party Hamburger  
Marys 11pm-2am

**Saturday May 13,**  
Pride Festival Clark County  
Ampitheatre  
Pride Saturday Night Party at  
the Krave 12-4am

**Sunday May 14,**  
Pride Blue Moon T-Dance at  
the Blue Moon Resort 10am  
**Get Ready Ribbon of Life, Golden  
Rainbow's 20th Anniverary  
June 10-11**

## 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](http://igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm#top2006)

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Charlie's Appriecation Night Gateway Regional Rodeo	6 Mr. Charlies' Contest at Charlie's Las Vegas benefits NGRA Gateway Regional Rodeo
7 Gateway Regional Rodeo	8 NGRA RPC Meet- ing and PRDE meeting The Center 6:30	9	10	11	12 PRIDE PARADE Charlie's Appriecation Night	13 PRIDE FESTIVAL
14	15 NGRA Fundraising Meeting at The Center 7:00	16	17	18	19 Charlie's Appriecation Night  Heartland Rodeo	20 Heartland Rodeo
21 Heartland Rodeo	22 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting The Center 6:30	23	24	25	26 Charlie's Appriecation Night Great Plains Rodeo	27 Great Plains Rodeo  NGRA general Membership Meeting The Center 8:00
28 Great Plains Rodeo	29	30	31			WILD , WILD , WEST LUAU AT BADLANDS

# NGRA MEMBERS

Are you in need of a service or do you have a service for sale. Maybe you're having a garage sale or possibly a car you want to get rid of. What ever your need you can place an ad here in NGRA's newsletter.

Just let Bill Watkins (b0424@mindspring.com) know your needs and they'll work with you in making it happen.

If you would be interested in have an ad placed in BigHorn Rodeo 2006 program please contact QVegas advertising sales at 702.650.0636

## 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](http://bighornrodeo.com)

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