



Big Horn Gazette

JUNE 2006 ISSUE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Rogers

WOW! May was awesome for NGRA! The contestants in the Mr. Charlie's contest raised over \$1,400, for BigHorn Rodeo. Congratulations to winner Stephan and thanks also to member Darren Wernette who worked his butt off and raised a lot of money as well.

May was all about Las Vegas Pride and I was very proud of our participation in both the Nighttime Parade and the Pride Festival. NGRA took third place in the Float category, which really says something if you saw some of those elaborate floats.

The Festival was a blast (but hot as hell). I want to thank all the members who came down and worked so hard to set up our information booth, the NGRA jail and our Tan Ur Hide Booth. Special kudos go to Cookie Grigsby who soldiered on with the NGRA Crafts Booth in spite of terrible placement on the grounds. It was a great day for NGRA!

Our monthly event at Badlands on May 27 was a huge success as usual. Jackson and the Badlands staff and Melissa and her entertainers threw a great party. Damn, I love cowboys in Hawaiian shirts!

The NGRA schedule of meetings and events gets turned on its head starting in June. Our General Membership Meetings will be held at

Charlie's Las Vegas on the second Saturday of each month. The GMM will be followed by a monthly fundraiser. Of course, we will still be in force at Badlands on the fourth Saturday of every month. The new schedule works like this:

1st Monday: Board of Directors Meeting -6:30 PM at The Center

2nd Saturday: General Membership Meeting - 8:00 PM at Charlie's Las Vegas

2nd Monday: Fundraising Meeting - 6:30 PM at The Center

3rd Monday: Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM at The Center

Of course, there may be times when meetings have to be moved to accommodate holidays or special events. You can always get the latest information about NGRA's meetings, events and activities on our web calendar located at www.ngra.com.

With Pride behind us, rodeo planning kicks into high gear. We have some exciting developments to announce at the next RPC meeting. Come get involved.

Save a horse...
Brian Rogers

NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to **Darren Wernette** who was selected at the May Membership Meeting as the Member of the Month. Darren recently raised money for NGRA as a contestant in the Mr. Charlie's contest and was at Pride to help NGRA from sundown to sunup to sundown again. He helped decorate the float, rode in the parade, set up the festival booths, was an NGRA Jail sheriff, worked in the Tan Ur Hide booth, and helped take everything down again. He was a huge help to NGRA this past month. Congratulation Darren, and thank you for your support of NGRA!

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King

May 5-7 was Gateway Gay Rodeo Association's first rodeo, held in a beautiful enclosed arena in the wooded countryside outside of St. Louis, Missouri. Our own **Robert Salcedo** traveled to St. Louis for the event and didn't come home empty-handed.

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BIRTHDAY BASH!
CELEBRATE
NGRA
MEMBERS'
JUNE
BIRTHDAYS

PHOTOS
TAKEN AT
SOUTHERN
NEVADA
GAY PRIDE
PARADE
 Paul Scott



NEVADA GAY
RODEO
ASSOCIATIONS
NEWEST MEMBERS

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| Ben Gross | June 1 |
| Kip Kipilla | June 3 |
| Ron Cox | June 13 |
| Marty Rawlins | June 14 |
| Marcus Grissom | June 15 |
| Richard Armstrong | June 22 |
| Blaine Woodie | June 22 |
| Martin Billetts | June 26 |
| Michael Kruziak | June 26 |
| Christopher Due | June 27 |
| Terry Holder | June 27 |
| Paul Fuselier | June 28 |
| Vito James Rizzo | June 29 |



- Robert Dwyer**
Cindy Edlund
Paul Fuselier
Eugene Godina
Frank McCown
Bruce Parrott
Billy Peirro
Daniel Roybal
Michael Sabo
Tracy Skinner
Jim St Marie
Richard Villa



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Robert started off the weekend with a big entrance, as he took first in Broncs and won the buckle, adding to his collection of Inaugural Rodeo buckles. He placed 6th in Goat Dressing on Saturday and 3rd on Sunday, for a 5th overall. In Steer Deco, he placed 5th on Saturday and 6th on Sunday, for a 6th overall, and in Wild Drag came in 5th on Saturday and 4th on Sunday, for a 4th overall. He wound up his winning weekend on Sunday with a 6th in Calf Roping and an 8th in Chute Dogging. Then just to top everything off, at the Awards Ceremony he was presented with the All Around Rookie buckle!

Robert was the only NGRA Team Member competing in St. Louis but he scored enough points to put NGRA in 10th place among the 16 associations' teams represented. Way to go Robert!



“FIND YOUR PRIDE”

By Chris McArdle

Southern Utah Pride

This year Southern Utah Pride @ Zion celebrates its fourth anniversary on Friday the 29th and Saturday the 30th of September 2006. Our 2006 celebration will be BIGGER and BETTER with a lot more in store for the entire gay community and our wonderful friends and family members. We will be welcoming Southern Utah locals as well as our out of town guests from all over the world. The event will be held in the lovely Zion National Park area in the town of Springdale, Utah. Zion offers some of the world's most spectacular scenery with fantastic mountains, rock formations and waterfalls.

Zion National Park also offers all kinds of outdoor activities including horse back riding, nature walking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and river tubing and much more. In addition, the park has some lovely camping grounds for our nature loving guests. Just bring your tents! The nearby city of Springdale has plenty of wonderful places for lodging from B&B's, hotels and motels to the Lodge itself in the middle of Zion Park.

Southern Utah Pride 2006 will have a series of fun events such as spectacular shows featuring some of the most talented drag queens from all over the west coast, musical guests and more. Vendors and artists will have stalls selling artworks and handcrafts for your browsing and shopping pleasure. Southern Utah cities and towns of St. George, Washington, Hurricane, and Ivins are continuing to attract new members to the gay and lesbians community due to our incredibly warm, loving and tight community, not to mention the perfectly gorgeous weather. Southern Utah's gay community offers a welcoming warmth and friendliness that is rare to be found. Our community consists of approximately 200 to 500 Gay and Lesbian folk and we are growing daily by leaps and bounds. Come join us for the "Find Your Pride" get-away weekend and be sure to bring your wild side and leave behind the stress.

Whether you're an Artist or a Vendor, simply wish to make a donation or want further information on this event, please contact Jared McMullin at (435) 668-3396 or visit the Southern Utah Pride website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthernUtahPrideatZion>

PICTURES TAKEN AT NGRA BOOTH • NEVADA PRIDE FESTIVAL



Royalty Report

Melissa Lorence - Miss NGRA 2006

What a busy month for NGRA this May...

We were all in attendance for the first Mr. Charlie's contest to directly benefit Bighorn Rodeo on the 6th, with a great crowd and a huge contribution to our rodeo.

The next week was a full weekend with Pride 2006. We were again all on hand for the night parade downtown and had a huge response from the crowd when our truck and party wagon rolled by. We also had on hand two former Miss IGRAs who represented the organization, Miss IGRA 2005, Miss Pussy LeHoot, and Miss IGRA 1999, Miss Holly Woods. Walking through the crowd on Fremont street afterward, we drew quite crowd of tourists from all over the world in our best "country drag," who waited in line to take our pictures! What a city...

On Saturday, we had a 30-minute

show on the main stage to have some fun and promote our rodeo and our host bars Charlie's and Badlands. I limped around all afternoon, but was still able to man the jail for a few hours while Joe arrested countless people for fundraising. Cookie and Ken also worked in the children's area and throughout the fair all day; the NGRA Royalty team should be very proud!

We had another huge night on the 4th Saturday of the month at Badlands for the Wild West Luau. We had I.R.S.C.D.E. guests performing, including reining Empress Michelle Holliday, Nikitta and the wonderful L.A. Also there were honorary NGRA members the Sin City Sisters. They sold JELL-O shots and tickets to play Twister. It was one of the night's highlights to see 12 people at once playing Twister on a huge, dance-floor size mat! We have quickly surpassed the 200 JELL-O shots sold mark for these

events and we promise we'll have more next time you party animals!

We hope your Memorial Day weekend was safe and super fun. Don't miss our next event at Charlie's on June 10th at 10pm, when NGRA presents "A Night Of Wishes." It is a party and show to benefit our charities; The Center the Q-Foundation, St. Therese, A.F.A.N. and the Bighorn Rodeo. They will be each presenting their own "mini-benefit" to make money for their organizations, so this is a great chance to support all of them at one time at one location. If you have talents or merchandise that these fantastic people might be able to use for that night, please contact Melissa Lorence at MissNGRA2006@aol.com and she will direct your contribution to the proper resources.



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
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis- St. Paul	June 30- July 2, 2006
Canadian Rockies International	Calgary, Alberta	June 30 -July 2, 2006
Rocky Mountain 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 Stampede 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND LAS VEGAS

Thursday June 1-4, Utah Pride Salt Lake City

Friday June 2, First Friday Art Festival Downtown 4th & Imperial

Sunday June 4, Sin City Sisters Charity Bingo at Hamburger Marys 4pm

Sunday June 4, NGRA's Sunday night at Jillians, downtown 8pm

June 8th, Nevada OUtdoors Dust Hike at Red Rock, contact Nevada OUtdoors .Org for info

Friday June 9-11, LA Pride Weekend, Contact LAPride.Org for further info

June 10-11, Golden Rainbow's 20th Annual Ribbon of Life Show

Coming big time, The Sin City Sisters, along with other Sisters of Peperual Indulgence from all over the world are having their Birthday Bash at Jillians on **Saturday July 22nd**. Will be a party not to miss!!!!

Jukebox Roulette



And **BADLANDS**

Saturday June 24th

This fun show starts at 10:00 PM

Jukebox Roulette or Suicide Drag is a show where performers try to entertain you with a song that just happens to come up on the jukebox. We will have raffle prizes along with lots of laughs so join us for the fun. If you're interested in being a performer contact Ken Wells at 547-1894.

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

Proceeds from this event benefit BigHorn Rodeo



NGRA presents a

Night of Wishes

At

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Saturday, June 10th - 10 PM

**A variety show and party to
benefit our local charities**



The Q-Foundation

The St. Therese Center

The GLBT Center of Las Vegas

AFAN (Aid for AIDS of Nevada)

NGRA BigHorn Rodeo

Help support these community leaders as they each present their own "mini-benefit" to raise money for their organizations.

\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust and \$1.00 Jell-O shots start at 9:00 - so come early.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Charlie's Appriecation Night	3 Mr. Charlie's' Contest at Charlie's Las Vegas Benefits NGRA
4 Jillian's King & Queen for NGRA	5 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting The Center 6:30	6	7	8	9 Charlie's Appriecation Night	10 NGRA General Membership Meeting at Charlie's Las Vegas NGRA Night of Wishes Benefit
11	12 NGRA Fund raising Meeting at The Center 7:00	13	14	15	16 Charlie's Appriecation Night	17
18	19 NGRA Rodeo Planning Meeting The Center 6:30	20	21	22	23 Charlie's Appriecation Night	24 Juke Box Roulette at Badlands Saloon
25	26	27	28	29	30 North Star Regional Rodeo Minneapolis Canadian Rockies International Rodeo	

NGRA & Charlie's Las Vegas are looking for the...
"BEST BUTT IN JEANS!"



NGRA

and

Charlie's
Las Vegas

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

Contest registration and Bud Light Beer Bust start at 9pm. Try your luck at some great raffle prizes and \$1 jell-o shots!

Proceeds from this event benefit BigHorn Rodeo



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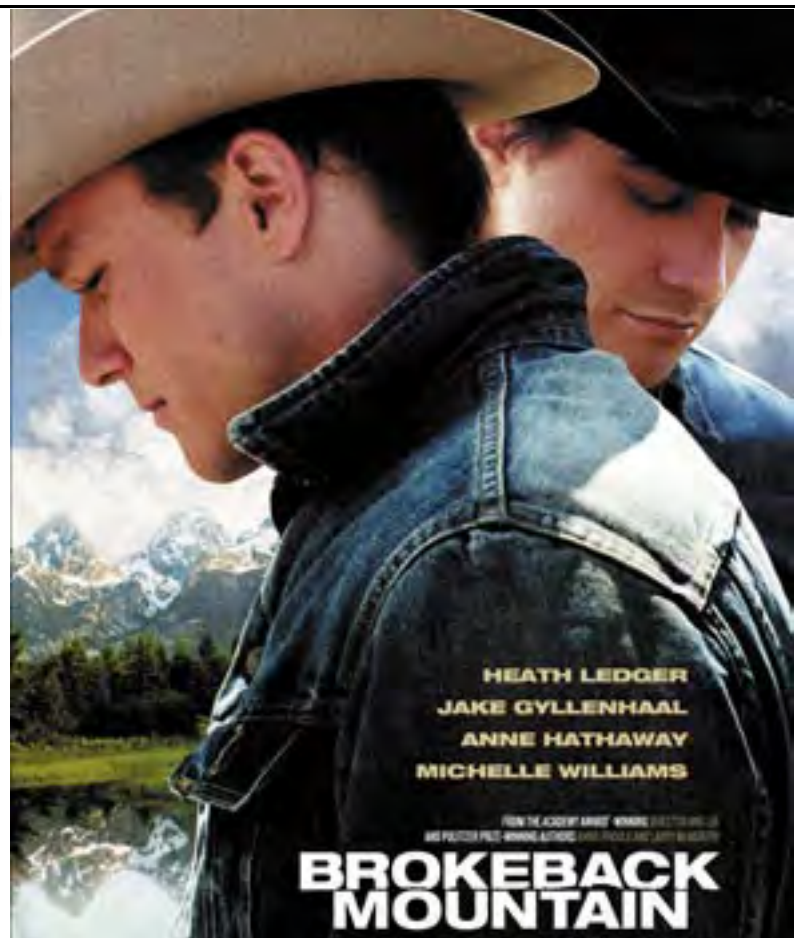
NGRA

Invite you to enjoy a screening of NGRA's favorite movie.

SATURDAY JULY 15

\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust, raffles and other fun activities. Starts at 8:00 PM

Proceeds to benefit BigHorn Rodeo



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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.

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