



Big Horn Gazette

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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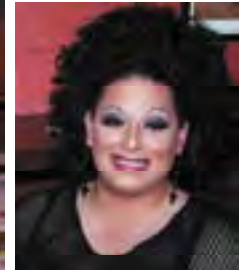
Greetings NGRA members and friends! It's July already and I'm getting excited about our 10th Anniversary BigHorn Rodeo. Next thing you know, it'll be October and we'll be hosting contestants and rodeo fans from around the country.

Rodeo buckle and ribbon sponsorships are now available online and through any RPC member. You can sponsor the championship buckle for an individual event or the ribbons for an entire category of events. Sponsorships are just \$200 and entitle the sponsor to listing in the rodeo program and arena recognition announcements, and the sponsor can personally present the award(s) at our BigHorn Rodeo Awards ceremony. Anyone can sponsor this important part of our rodeo, so please spread the word.

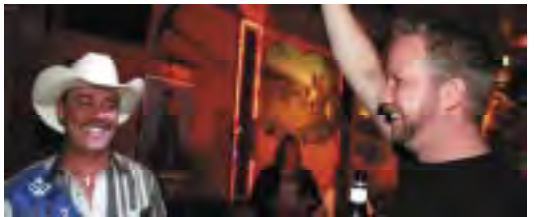
I am proud to announce that our very own Bill Watkins won the national design contest for the IGRA Finals 2007 art design and poster. The contest was staged by CGRA who will be hosting Finals in Denver. Aren't we lucky to have Bill as part of the NGRA family? Please congratulate him when you see him.

We've got several fun events lined up for you in July. It all starts on Saturday, July 8, after the NGRA General Membership meeting at Charlie's. We are hosting a "Best Butt in Jeans" contest. A special

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Roaming Photographer Paul Scott at NGRA Luau Party - Badlands



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screen will allow audience members to see the anonymous contestants from the knees. The audience will vote with their dollars. Got a hot guy or gal you admire or are you proud of your ass-sets? Come on down and join the contest and bring some friends to cheer you on and vote for your butt. It's all in good fun and the winner gets a Silver Buckle Rodeo Ticket Package.

Next up at Snick's Place is our Brokeback Mountain movie screening. Many of our friends and supporters missed this movie when it was showing locally (shocking) so we got together with Snick's for this fun movie night. The movie starts at 8:00 p.m. and we will be having other activities as well.

Also in July, NGRA brings back our popular July BBQ at Badlands on Saturday, July 22. Finally, don't forget the upcoming NGRA State Convention on Saturday, August 19 at the Center.

I look forward to see all you cowboys and cowgirls out and about,

Save a Horse...

David Hays	7/2
Randy Skalecki	7/2
Joe Cervantes	7/9
Jim McNulty	7/17
Laura Scott	7/27

NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH



NGRA congratulates Robert Salcedo who was selected as the Member of the Month at June's membership meeting. Robert has been a very active and successful contestant representing NGRA on the IGRA rodeo circuit this season. He has proudly and ably represented NGRA well.

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King

Memorial Day Weekend saw our Member of the Month Robert Salcedo travel to Oklahoma City for the Great Plains Rodeo. Two of our other members were also present, although not competing. Former NGRA President and First Lady John Gomes and Aaron Stanford, who now live in OKC, were on hand to cheer Robert on. In addition, John acted as NGRA's Alternate Trustee for the weekend. Thanks John!

The cheers must have helped, as Robert continued his winning streak, placing 1st in Broncs on Saturday to win another Buckle! Saturday was his day, as he also placed 4th in Chute Dogging, Steer Deco and Goats, 5th in Breakaway Roping, and 2nd in Wild Drag. On Sunday he again did well in Wild Drag, placing 6th, for a 5th place finish overall in that event.

Robert's efforts earned Team NGRA 8th place out of 14 association teams! Thanks again, Robert, for representing NGRA so well!

NGRA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Yes, it's that time of year! Summer brings triple digit temperatures, pool parties, and NGRA's Convention! This is the only time of the year when we can make changes to our bylaws. **The Convention will be held on Saturday, August 19, at noon at The Center.** Lunch will be provided. If you have misplaced your copy of the bylaws (how could that happen?!), go to www.ngra.com, click on Membership, then on Membership Information, and scroll down to the bottom of the page. There you will find a complete copy. If there is anything you would like to change, delete, or add, now's the time! Our Convention Chair is again Lorry King, so if you have any ideas, email her at llwking@aol.com and she will put them on the agenda. On August 1, she will mail out any proposals she has received to date so everyone can look at them prior to the meeting. However, proposals can be brought up from the floor. No proxies are allowed, so mark the date and join us for a lively discussion and your chance to make a difference!



NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATIONS NEWEST MEMBERS

- Stuart May
- Dennis Kennedy
- Michael Dybus
- William Carico
- Chris Reynolds

AUGUST 3 - 6, 2006

**LOS ANGELES
GAY RODEO**  **WEEKEND
FESTIVAL**

 **L.A. GAY RODEO AND FESTIVAL** 

**AT THE L.A. EQUESTRIAN CENTER
BENEFITING THE LIFE GROUP LA**

**COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE
SATURDAY NIGHT**

AT THE BURBANK HILTON

COUNTRY DANCE · ENTERTAINMENT · RAFFLE & PRIZES

THURSDAY

**KING'S SHOPPING
NIGHT
OIL CAN HARRY'S
KICK OFF PARTY**

FRIDAY

**BURBANK HILTON
POOL PARTY
COUNTRY BEAR
JAMBOREE**

SATURDAY

**RODEO & FESTIVAL
COUNTRY &
WESTERN DANCE**

SUNDAY

**RODEO & FESTIVAL
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CEREMONY**

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Royalty Report

Melissa Lorence - Miss NGRA 2006

Seems like we were everywhere this month, but there were some high-lights...

The month started with our own Mr. NGRA, Joe Cervantes, winning the Mr. Charlie's contest. Congratulations on making the team!

The next week brought the show that took several weeks of planning, the "Night of Wishes" at Charlie's. The joint effort of NGRA and four of our beneficiary charities produced one of the most successful events we've had. St. Therese, AFAN, the Q-Foundation and The Center pulled out all the stops to make this party and show one of the most fun and memorable ever. The entire NGRA Royalty team were on hand and proud to be part of this hopefully annual event.

The entire team were together once again on the 15th at Escape Lounge where we enjoyed a night of entertainment with Bighorn Rodeo headliner Valerie James. What a crowd and what a show! She's there every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.; be sure to catch her show...

On the 16th I was at Spotlight attending Miss Kitty Litter's 40th birthday bash. Of course, the party was a "who's who" of Las Vegas celebrating the old girl's passage into old age...congrats Kitty! Later that night I stayed for the Winged Dragon Society's "Back to Broadway" show. I won some great raffle prizes-thanks! They always get a great crowd going there and we are working on a joint Dragon/NGRA fundraising venture in the near future.

On the 17th the whole team was again at Spotlight for Sadie Van Patten's "High Energy" show. Tons of great raffle prizes, tons of great dance music and thank you for acknowledging the entire team during your show.

On the 18th I joined the cast of Kitty Litter & her box of treats at Charlie's. The show starts at 9:30 after the beer bust and while the \$2 long island iced teas are going you know it's going to be crazy- and it was. Be sure and check it out on Sundays. I'll be back there soon!

The 24th brought the NGRA Saturday event at Badlands, this time the Jukebox

Roulette show. Ken, Terry and I held down the fort this time with lots of NGRA members and some volunteer entertainers for an absolutely hilarious show. The party was still going at almost one in the morning when we finally had to pull the jukebox plug! Badlands Saloon is still the place to be every fourth Saturday of the month.

It's only four months until rodeo! The Royalty will now start traveling to promote our own tenth anniversary Bighorn Rodeo. The first stop is Denver for CGRA's rodeo, July 6-9, and then to Chicago for ILGRA's rodeo, August 24-27. Stay tuned for reports, until then please attend (and join!) the "Best Butt in Jeans" contest at Charlie's on July 8 and the special screening party of "Brokeback Mountain" at Snicks on July 15.

I am so proud of the Royalty Team for being so visible in the community this month, talking up rodeo and showing what a good time we have in NGRA. Keep up the good work...



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
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

Monday, July 3rd, Royal Court Bunco at the Center 7pm

Tuesday, July 4th, Royal Court Meeting at the Center 7pm

Wednesday, July 7, The BOD Meeting of the Center at the Center 6pm

Saturday July 22, SIN CITY SISTERS BIRTHDAY BASH at Jilians 9pm

August 10-13, Awesome August Party in Palm Springs

Sunday September 10, 2nd annual NGRA Bus Trip leaving from Badlands 10am

Saturday, September 16, Mike Windsor's 8th Annual Vestal Virgin Party at Spotlight, benefiting NGRA, at 9pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mr. Charlie's Contest at Charlie's North Star Regional Rodeo Canadian Rockies International Rodeo
2 Jillian's Kings & Queens for NGRA North Star Re- gional Rodeo Canadian Rock- ies International Rodeo	3 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting The Center 6:30	4	5	6	7 Charlie's Appriecation Night Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	8 NGRA General Membership Meeting at Charlie's Best Butt in Jenn contest Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
9 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	10 NGRA Fund raising Meeting at The Center 7:00	11	12	13	14 Charlie's Appriecation Night	15 Brokeback Mountain Party at Snick's Place
16	17 NGRA Rodeo Planning Meeting The Center 6:30	18	19	20	21 Charlie's Appriecation Night	22 NGRA Summer BBQ at Badlands 
23	24	25	26	27	28 Charlie's Appriecation Night	29
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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



SNICK'S PLACE and

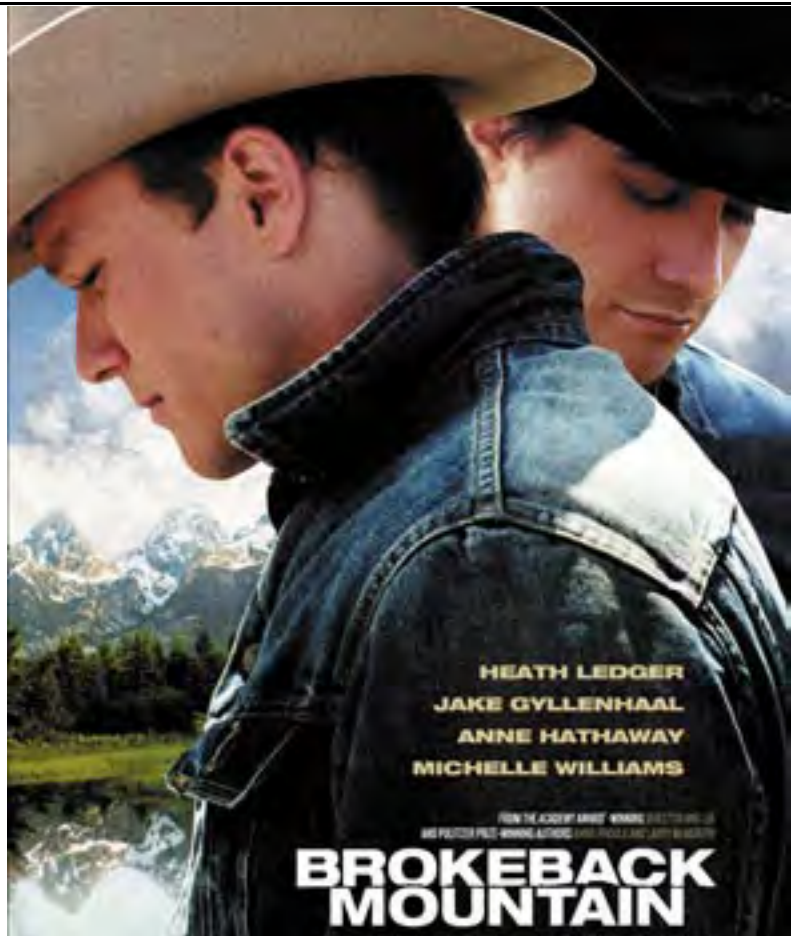
NGRA

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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and Guests at
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Photos by Paul Scott



Sin City Sisters
First
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Toucans'

(Formerly Hamburger Mary's)

4:00 PM

Sunday

July 2, 2006



Join us for an afternoon of fun and frivolity with our special guest

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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.

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