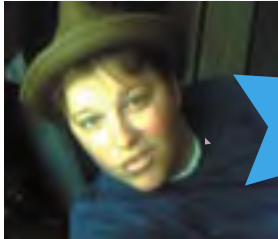




# Big Horn Gazette

**AUGUST 2006 ISSUE**

## **NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH**



The NGRA membership selected Cindy Edlund as member of the month at the July membership meeting for her support of NGRA by helping in fundraising activities at the Night of Wishes fundraiser at Charlie's Las Vegas. Thank you and congratulations to Cindy!



## **NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATIONS NEWEST MEMBERS**

- Victor Lane-Evans**
- Richard Marshall**
- James Perham**
- Mark Pierce**
- Mark Thompson**

## **CONTESTANT RESULTS**

*Lorry King*

Two rodeos in July boasted NGRA contestants, Calgary and Denver. Two of our members traveled all the way to Calgary, Pete Dube and Robert Salcedo. Robert continued his winning ways, placing in several events. He earned a 7th in Steer Deco on Sunday, a 4th and a 1st in Wild Drag, which earned him the Buckle, and a 1st in Goat Dressing on Saturday.

Pete hasn't competed in awhile, but he came back strong, with a 3rd in Calf Roping on Foot on Sunday and a 7th in Flag Racing on Saturday. Together, these two cowboys earned enough points for Team NGRA to come in 5th

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Brian Rogers*

Monsoon season is upon us and that means fall comes next and Big Horn Rodeo is just around the corner. The Rodeo Planning Committee is in high gear and starts meeting twice a month in August through rodeo. We've accomplished a lot, but there's still a lot of work to do. I want to thank all the coordinators who've been putting in so much time pulling this 4-day event all together. The next RPC meeting is Monday, August 21 at The Center. Please make plans to join us and get involved in our biggest event of the year.

There is so much to report from July that it's hard to know where to start. First off, Mother Brian's Celebration of Life took place at Badlands and NGRA provided the balloons for the balloon release. There was a huge

turnout and afterward everyone headed over to Charlie's for the Best Butt in Jeans Contest. Mother Brian was there as guest of honor as well. I was pleasantly surprised that we had 12 contestants and guess what – a woman won! A lot of our team was in Denver that weekend for the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo and I want to thank everyone who helped pull the contest together and to Kitty and Miss Frankie for MC'ing.

The next weekend NGRA hosted a screening of Brokeback Mountain at Snick's Place, coordinated by Mike Windsor. There was a big crowd and Mike did an awesome job getting the event organized with help from Bill W. and Melissa L. We also had several guest performers. Thanks guys!

Finally, this past weekend was really

busy with the NGRA BBQ at Badlands and the Sin City Sisters Birthday Bash at Jillian's on the same night. I managed to make appearances at both and could see that there was a good turnout for both and everyone was having a great time! Thanks to our own Miss for organizing the BBQ and to all the people who helped out. I'm not sure who all helped but I especially want to recognize Bill F. for cooking and Darren W. for making and selling those killer jello shots at all the events this month.

Don't forget the NGRA State Convention coming up on Saturday, August 19 and check out the Fundraising/Royalty Report article for all the details about what's coming up in August as far as NGRA events. NGRA needs your support, so bring a friend and come out and join us!

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of eight teams!

The following weekend saw a rainy rodeo in Denver. With 5" of rain, the event was moved indoors, but that didn't slow down Team NGRA! Four of our members were on hand to compete.

Pete Dube again placed in Calf Roping and Flags, with a 3rd and 7th, both on Sunday, and strangely, the same scores as in Calgary! Pete, you've got to get out of this rut!

A longtime member and contestant, who isn't able to compete as much as he would like, Lee Hale, scored a 4th in Calf Roping on Sunday.

The team of Ted Caldwell and Mark Thompson, a new member, earned an 8th in Goats on Saturday. Welcome Mark!

These four members earned the points to score Team NGRA as 12 of 19 Associations!

For the first time in his 15 months of competing, Robert Salcedo competed under the GSGRA Team. He actually lives in Los Angeles, and in 2006, became a member of both GSGRA and NGRA. We are proud to have you as a member, and that you competed for so long with us. Good luck in future rodeos!

# CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBERS' AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>Robert Dwyer</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Dane Bethea</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Jeffrey Burke</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>David McKenney</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Jackson Morrison</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>David Murie</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Joe McMullen</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Garry Douglas</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Frank Gardner</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Steven Spence</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Brian Rogers</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Eric Hudson</b>	<b>28</b>

# NGRA ANNUAL CONVENTION

A reminder about NGRA's Annual 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 [ngra.com](http://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, **August 19 is the day!** On August 1st, Lorry mailed out all proposals she 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

## 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
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 1 - 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

**August 12**, The Duke and Duchess Ball at the Four Queens

**August 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



# Royalty Report

Melissa Lorence - Miss NGRA 2006

Only two months to go! Our team has been covering the city and nation to promote our upcoming 10th Anniversary Bighorn Rodeo. The month started with me attending the Royal Court "Miss Firecracker" contest on the first at Goodtimes, and the same night entering the "Mr. Charlie's" contest, which raised over \$1,100 for The Center! Busy night...The next week, Joe and I were off to Denver for the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Despite beautiful weather all week, the event would have been rained out if not for the indoor arena nearby. But that didn't stop us from getting the word out about our rodeo in October. We handed out flyers and gave away about 25 special NGRA Royalty "Friendship Pins" to rodeo royalty from all over the country. Ken Wells stayed behind to help with the "Best Butt in Jeans" contest at Charlie's on the 8th. It turned out to be one of the biggest fundraising events of the year and there was a huge contestant response- thanks Ken!

On the 15th I was on hand for the NGRA screening of "Brokeback Mountain" at Snick's. A wall-to-wall crowd bought raffle tickets, ate dozens of Jell-o shots, and despite some technical difficulties, everyone had fun and we were glad to be able to party with Dominick and staff.

On the 21st I attended the Winged Dragon Society's "Stars of the Strip" show at Spotlight. The show started a little late, but they always have a great crowd there the third Thursday of every month. Congratulations to them on their IRS 501-c3 submission!

The next afternoon started our NGRA Summer BBQ at Badlands

with hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's with an extended beer bust that went from 6 until midnight. Thanks Jackson! Ken helped me set the BBQ up, then he was off at 9:00 to attend the Sin City Sisters 1st Anniversary Party at Jillian's downtown. I hear the room was packed with NGRA and our Royalty represented well. Congrats Sisters- we love you!

If your newsletter was late, it was probably because of me- I wanted to finish up the last weekend of the month to report to you all... The 28th I attended the "Miss Las Vegas Island Goddess" Pageant at MCC Church. My Island sisters are always willing to help us out for our events and I was glad to support them, especially because they had the most fabulous food spread! The church was standing room only even despite some nasty weather. Congratulations to the winner!

On the 29th I was a performer for our very own Miss Frankie, the Court's own "Grand Duchess," and Robert, the "Grand Duke," for their Disco Ball at Goodtimes. I give you great credit for a really fun show that raised money for the Court. You guys really have a great respect and admiration for our "art," and you sure know how to make us performers feel "Royal."

On the 30th (is the month over yet!), I whipped up a double batch of Mark's and my award-winning chili for Aunt-Betty's annual chili cook-off at the Spotlight. While I arrived just a little late for the judging, my chili was gone in no time flat and I had some great fun with people from just about every organization in our community in attendance. Great job!

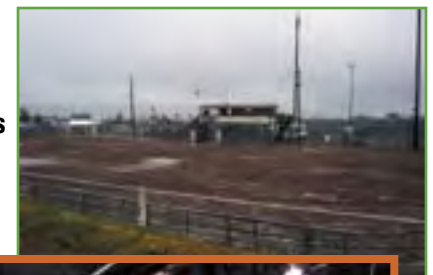
It just gets busier from here, with our regular events at Charlie's and Badlands, and our Royalty Team will be representing us in Palm Springs and Chicago this month. Wish us luck and see you soon!!!



Some of the NGRA Members at RMRR Denver



Denver Rodeo Outdoors & Indoors





# HOT AUGUST AUCTION

at  
*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

## Saturday August 12

event starts at 9:00 PM following NGRA's General Membership meeting.

Hot Cowboys and Cowgirls will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for a date night after participating in a series of challenges to show off their "qualifications". Everyone is welcome to join us for a night of fun and maybe even win a date with a hot guy or gal!

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

**Fabulous  
50/50  
prize  
raffle!**

Entertainment by Las Vegas' own Reba

**Bud Light  
Beer Bust  
\$5.00  
9 PM 'til Midnight**

# FRUIT ROUND-UP

## At BADLANDS Saturday August 26

The round-up begins at 9:00  
Games of skill involving fruit

\$1 Fruity Jell-O Shots

Smirnoff-Flavored Twister Game  
A cornucopia of raffles



**Smirnoff  
Flavored  
Shot Boys**



Proceeds to benefit BigHorn Rodeo





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 LA Rodeo	5 Mr. Charlie's' Contest at Charlie's LA Rodeo
6 LA Rodeo	7 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting The Center 6:30	8	9	10	11 Charlie's Appriecation Night Awesome August in Palm Springs 11 - 12	12 NGRA General Membership Meeting at Charlie's HOT August Auction Duke & Duchess Ball
13	14 NGRA Fund raising Meeting at The Center 7:00	15	16	17	18 Charlie's Appriecation Night ZIA Reginal Rodeo	19 NGRA State Convention at The Center at Noon ZIA Reginal Rodeo
20 ZIA Reginal Rodeo	21 NGRA Rodeo Planning Meeting The Center 6:30	22	23	24	25 Charlie's Appriecation Night Windy City Rodeo	26 NGRA Fruit Round-Up at Badlands Windy City Rodeo
27 Windy City Rodeo	28 NGRA Rodeo Planning Meeting The Center 6:30	29	30	31	<p align="center"><b>HELP NEEDED</b></p> <p align="center">NGRA Fund-raising Committee is in need of an experience Art Framer for framexperi- encedtems. Donation or discount excepted. Contact Lawrence Guerra at 702-373-7554 or <a href="mailto:MissNGRA2006@aol.com">MissNGRA2006@aol.com</a></p>	



# BigHorn Rodeo – 2006 Volunteer Form October 5-8, 2006

BigHorn Rodeo is in need of volunteers. If you would like to help in celebrating NGRA's 10th rodeo please fill out this form and mail to the address printed on the form.

Volunteer Times Subject to Change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Preference

Volunteer Slots will be 3 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!**

<i>Hotel Setup</i>		<i>Horseman's Park Setup</i>		<i>Hotel Security</i>	
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>		<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
11am-2pm	9am-12pm	3pm-6pm		5-8pm	7pm-10pm
2pm-5pm	12pm-3pm			8pm-11pm	10pm-Mid.

<i>Rodeo Scrip Sales</i>		<i>Rodeo Ticket Sales</i>		<i>Hotel Ticket Sales</i>	
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
8am-11am	8am-11am	8am-11am	8am-11am	5pm-8pm	7pm-10pm
11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	8pm-11pm	10pm-Mid.
2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm	N/A	N/A

<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
<i>Rodeo Facilities Crew</i>		<i>Rodeo Security</i>		<i>Rodeo Bartending</i>	
8am-11am	8am-11am	8am-11am	8am-11am	10am-1pm	10am-1pm
11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	1pm-4pm	1pm-4pm
2pm-5pm	2pm-5pm	2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm	4pm-7pm	4pm-7pm
<b>Park Breakdown: Monday 9am - 4pm</b>				<i>Health &amp; TAM Card Req.</i>	

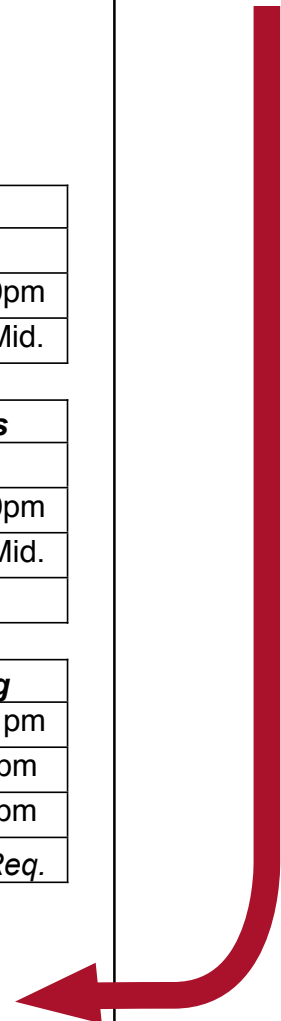
Mail to: **NGRA**  
**P.O. Box 96055**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89193**

For more information on volunteering contact us at:

Our Rodeo Hotline 702.615.6261

E-mail: [Volunteers@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:Volunteers@bighornrodeo.com)

For the latest BigHorn Rodeo information visit [www.bighornrodeo.com](http://www.bighornrodeo.com)



**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  
AWARDS  
CEREMONY**

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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.

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

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