



Big Horn Gazette

SEPTEMBER 2006 ISSUE

PRESIDENT AND RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

One month to go until our 10th Anniversary Big Horn Rodeo! Things are shaping up nicely and the RPC is in top form. I want to take a moment to thank all the coordinators for all the planning and effort they've already put into our event. I also want to thank them and the volunteers in advance for all the hard work yet to come.

I want to encourage those of you who have held back to get involved at this point. We have over 140 members and if everyone contributes a little bit of time, we can have the most successful event ever and have fun doing it!

We still have volunteer spots open in various areas, especially security, so go online and sign up now, or contact Dick Casola at volunteers@ngra.com. We also are in need of volunteers to help with logistics (venue set-up) on Thursday, Friday and tear down on Monday.

Thursday Bar Crawl tickets will go on sale soon at the bars; \$10 will put you in the center of all the action as we kick off our rodeo. Melissa and Joe are planning the hottest bar crawl ever.

NGRA is staging two big rodeo promotional parties in September: Saturday, September 9, at Charlies, and Saturday, September 23, at Badlands. Join the fun as NGRA bucks out promoting our 10th Anniversary Big Horn Rodeo. We'll start advance sales of rodeo merchandise and event tickets. Also see "sneak preview" videos of all the rodeo and party action to come. The 10th Anniversary Big Horn Rodeo Schedule of Events for rodeo weekend is available in this newsletter; please share it with your friends and family.

Also in September, don't miss our infamous Laughlin Bus Trip, coordinated by

Mike Windsor, on Sunday, September 10. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Snick's, Spotlight and Badlands.

Just remember, what goes on the road – stays on the road!

In other news, the NGRA State Convention went very well. One of the most important accomplishments was the passing of changes to our bylaws to make us 501(c)3 compliant. Also to that end, we passed a resolution establishing a Conflict of Interest

Policy. Another change involved the Spirit & Community Service part of the royalty pageant. It was modified to include a personal interview with the judges. The new Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Resolutions will be available soon online and will also be emailed to the membership as a PDF.

Speaking of pageant, the deadlines are coming up quickly, watch for Pageant Director Miss Frankie's call for contestants in this newsletter.

See you around the ranch, until then Save a Horse...
Brian Rogers



ITS ALMOST ROYALTY PAGEANT TIME

Hello Rodeo Fans !!!!

Happy Summer to you all. Where has the year gone to?? Well guess who ?? Yeah it's me again, Miss Frankie, here to tell you about some exciting news. As the summer begins to fade, its time to start gearing up for the NGRA Royalty Pageant. Historically, we go right to recruiting members to become contestants for the positions of Mr, Miss & Ms. NGRA, however this year we have our annual Big Horn Rodeo!!



This does not however interfere in any way for this coveted event in NGRA history.

I would like to invite all who are thinking about the challenge and dedication to become NGRA Royalty Team members for 2007 to throw your hats in the arena. Remember, it's Fun, Exciting, and Rewarding to be a representative for NGRA.

Please be sure to have your entry fee and application turned in to me by September 23rd, 2006 at Badlands Saloon where you will be sashed as a contestant for the titles of Mr Miss Ms

NGRA 2007 at the NGRA show that evening.

I look forward to seeing you there.

One last note. I am so grateful to have the privilege to be Pageant Director for 2005, 2006 and this year of 2007. However I must inform you all that this will be my last year to chair this event. I have had an enormous amount of fun and pride to present cost-free to NGRA coming up on three NGRA Royalty Pageants. Who knows, I might be back again someday. But thank you all for the honor to serve in this position.

Let's Rodeo!!

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King

Our neighbors in GSGRA put on a great rodeo in Los Angeles the weekend of August 5-6, and four members of Team NGRA competed. Ted Caldwell and Mark Thompson teamed up for Goat Dressing and won 5th place ribbons on Saturday. The rest of the NGRA ribbons and buckles were won by our horsemen, Richard Armstrong and Chris Due. On Saturday, Richard earned a 7th place in Calf Roping and a 1st in Flags. In Poles he won 6th on Saturday and 1st on Sunday, which earned him the Buckle! His second buckle came in Barrels, where he placed 1st both days! Chris earned a 3rd in Poles on Saturday and an 8th in Barrels on Sunday. Together Richard and Chris teamed up for Steer Deco and placed 1st both days to win Richard his 3rd Buckle of the rodeo and Chris his 1st Buckle ever and Richard's 1st Deco buckle! Congratulations Chris and Richard!! Richard's points earned him 3rd runner-up to All Around Cowboy and all four NGRA members contributed to NGRA's placement as 4th highest point earning team out of 13 competing! September brings rodeos to Kansas City, Washington DC and San Francisco – more chances for our boys to earn points for Finals!

CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBERS' SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Villa	09/03
Robert Johnston	09/08
Scott Clonan	09/17
Lee Hale	09/17
Dale Jag	09/18
Billy Peirro	09/18
Mike Windsor	09/18
James DeCoe	09/24
Mike Morgan	09/30



NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATIONS NEWEST MEMBERS

Tom Bradley
Ron Casola
John McCormick
Michael Pimentel

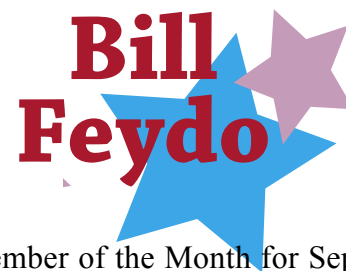
TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Lorry King

Thanks to all of you who joined us for the NGRA Convention on August 19. We were able to incorporate some important changes into our bylaws that will help us in our quest for 501c3 status. In addition, we made some changes to the royalty competition and the trustee election. Members will be able to access the revised bylaws on-line shortly.

Our focus now turns, in addition to BigHorn Rodeo, of course, to the IGRA Convention in Nashville October 19-22. So far we have four delegates but are eligible for six, plus five alternates. Please consider joining us. There are parties and dances along with the meetings and it's a chance to learn about other associations and IGRA, be involved in important business decisions, and meet some great people from all over the US and Canada. Just let me know if you're interested or want more information.

NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Our Member of the Month for September is Bill Feydo, everybody's favorite bartender! In addition to his considerable talents as a mixologist, he worked long and hard as our Bar-b-q Master Chef during the fundraiser at Badlands. Thanks for slaving over a hot grill and cooking tasty hot dogs and hamburgers for all those hungry cowboys and cowgirls!



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
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

Royalty Report

Melissa Lorence - Miss NGRA 2006

Only one month left to go! This month we had royalty members attending their sixth out-of-state rodeo for the season promoting our BigHorn Rodeo 10th Anniversary... with Melissa and Joe going to Chicago on the 25th. We had a great time- especially at Charlie's- and what a huge city! (ask our cab drivers).

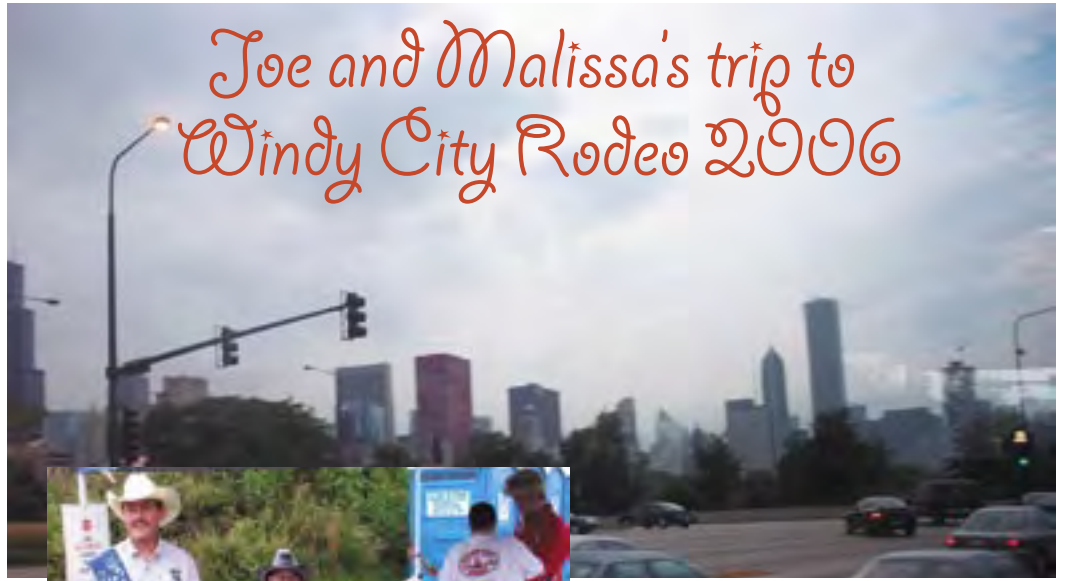
The month began with us all attending the Mr. Charlie's contest on the 5th, where our own "shot boy" Darren took the title- congratulations! The next weekend I bravely spent the weekend in Palm Springs giving away liquor to naked men around the pool at the CCBC Resort to raise money for NGRA during Dale Jag's "Awesome August" party. We did quite well for the weekend- and made a lot of money too! What I won't do to keep my crown.... Meanwhile, back at Charlie's on the 12th, Joe and Ken were busy organizing the "Awesome Auction"- selling off men for cash (ten to be exact). What a fantastic night- one of the largest events of our season- thanks guys....

The 26th had events going on everywhere as Ken represented us at the Black & White Party and I helped organize the "Fruit Round-Up" event at Badlands before I went off to Chicago. Bill W. was the point person- great job! Please don't miss our BigHorn Rodeo Kick-Off parties at Charlie's on the 9th and Badlands on the 23rd where we will be showing and telling all the exciting things that will be going on this year. We will also be selling our brand new rodeo shirts at a discounted price before rodeo- only at these events. Also, bring your cash and credit cards as we will have our biggest raffles of the year with fantastic prizes and auctions featuring BigHorn Anniversary Commemorative posters, pins and packages that you can't buy anywhere!

Thanks for your support, and see you real soon...

Your NGRA Royalty Team

Joe and Malissa's trip to Windy City Rodeo 2006



Photos from NGRA's "Fruit Round-Up" at Bdlands

Courtesy of Kevin Hall



BIGHORN RODEO CELEBRATION

Join the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association at their countdown events to BigHorn Rodeo, October 5 - 8, 2006



SEPTEMBER 9TH - 9:30PM
at Charlie's Las Vegas

Following NGRA's General Membership meeting

SEPTEMBER 23TH - 9:00PM
at Badlands Saloon

Meet and greet BigHorn's Grand Marshals
Candice Nichols and Joshua Montgomery

- Get your discounted advance-sale rodeo and dance event ticket packages
- Pickup a 2006 BigHorn T-shirts
- Try your luck at winning some great raffle prizes
- See sneak-preview videos of the upcoming exciting activities at BigHorn Rodeo

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of events for
BigHorn
Rodeo 2006



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1 Show Me State Rodeo</p> <p>Charlies: NGRA Appriciaton Night</p>	<p>2 Show Me State Rodeo</p> <p>Mr. Charlies Contest</p>
<p>3 Show Me State Rodeo</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Atlantic Stampied Rodeo Wahington DC</p> <p>Charlies: NGRA Appriciaton Night</p>	<p>9 NGRA General Membership Meeting at Charlie's BigHorn Rodeo Promotion Party following this meeting</p>
<p>10 Atlantic Stampied Rodeo Wahington DC</p> <p>NGRA Laughlin Bus Trip</p>	<p>11 NGRA Fund raising Meeting at The Center 7:00</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Charlie's Apprication Night</p> <p>San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo</p>	<p>16 San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo</p> <p>Vestal Virgin Party at Spotlight</p>
<p>17 San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo</p>	<p>18 NGRA Rodeo Planning Meeting The Center 6:30</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Charlie's Apprication Night</p>	<p>23 BigHorn Rodeo Promotion Party at Badlands</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 NGRA Rodeo Planning Meeting The Center 6:30</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Charlie's Apprication Night</p> <p>Pacific Northwest Rodeo Playday - Portland</p>	<p>30 Pacific Northwest Rodeo Playday - Portland</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

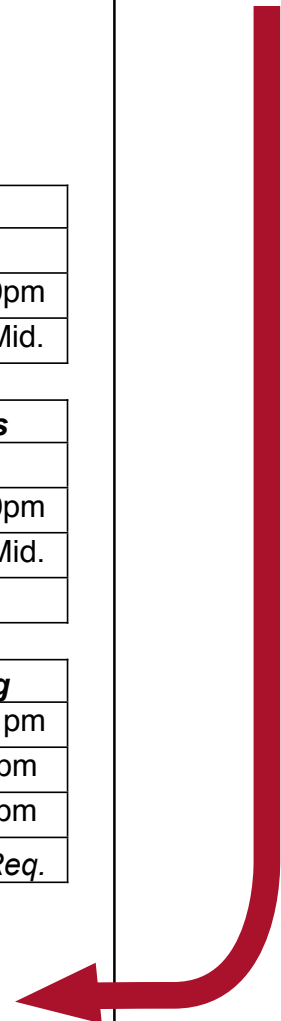
<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
<i>Rodeo Facilities Crew</i>		<i>Rodeo Security</i>		<i>Rodeo Bartending</i>	
8am-11am	8am-11am	8am-11am	8am-11am	10am-1pm	10am-1pm
11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	1pm-4pm	1pm-4pm
2pm-5pm	2pm-5pm	2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm	4pm-7pm	4pm-7pm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

For the latest BigHorn Rodeo information visit **www.bighornrodeo.com**



10th ANNIVERSARY BIGHORN RODEO

Schedule of Events



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006

Annual Rodeo Kick-Off Party & Show at the Spotlight 9:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006

Bar Crawl and Rodeo Ticket Sales Begin at the Riviera 5:30 PM

The BigHorn Rodeo Las Vegas Bar Crawl - \$10

6:30 PM - 2:00 AM: Buses depart from The Riviera Hotel and return there. Join NGRA and our guests as we board buses and tour Las Vegas to kick-off BigHorn Rodeo Las Vegas style! You'll enjoy stops at Blue Moon Resort, Snick's place, Badlands/ Spotlight and Charlie's. Entertainment, Raffles and of course Bud Light!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

Riviera Hotel & Casino: Contestant Registration

6:00 to 9:00 PM: Main Level – Convention Center

Riviera Hotel & Casino: The BigHorn Rodeo Dance & Entertainment Party 1st Go - \$10

8:00 PM to 1:00 AM: Meet that cowboy or cowgirl of your dreams. Join us at the "Top of the Riv" on the world famous Las Vegas strip. Enjoy spectacular views of the night-time Las Vegas skyline. Our Dance Venue features a huge dance floor and non-stop dancing with Southern California's hottest country DJ – DJ Rosa. It's a circuit party for cowboys and cowgirls with video and lighting and the DC Cowboys will make your pulse race. Our Entertainment Venue on the same floor featuring Valerie James and Las Vegas Headliner Entertainment from among the best and brightest Las Vegas has to offer. Don't miss out on meeting Adult Film legend Michael Brandon at our parties..

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

Horseman's Park: BigHorn Rodeo - First Go: \$ 15

8:00 AM: Rodeo Events in the Main Arena until approximately 5:00 PM

11:00 AM: Vendors, Food Court, Dancing, Entertainment, and performances by special rodeo entertainers. Midday: Grand Entry & Presentation of Grand Marshals followed by Mounted Drill Team Performance.

Riviera Hotel & Casino: The BigHorn Rodeo Dance & Entertainment Party 2nd Go - \$10

6:00 PM to 1:00 AM: Meet that cowboy or cowgirl of your dreams. We ramp up the dance party and entertainment a notch. NGRA repeats a winning format for Saturday night. Join the excitement!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006

Horseman's Park: BigHorn Rodeo - Second Go: \$15

8:00 AM: Rodeo Events in the Main Arena until approximately 5:00 PM

11:00 AM: Vendors, Food Court, Dancing, Entertainment, and performances by special rodeo entertainers. Midday: Grand Entry followed by Community Goat Dressing

Riviera Hotel & Casino: BigHorn Rodeo Awards Ceremony at 9:00 PM - Free to Everyone!

*Schedule subject to change.

EIGHTTH ANNUAL VESTAL VIRGIN PARTY



The SPOTLIGHT

(Mike Windsor's Annual Birthday Bash)

Saturday Sept. 16th

Event Starts at 9:00PM

To Benefit the Nevada Gay Rodeo Assoc.

Celebrate another milestone in Mike Windsor's life along with all VIRGINS born August 23 through September 22.

All are invited to join in on the fun and entertainment.



TOGA DRAG is welcome



\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust Starts at 9:00



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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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