



Big Horn Gazette

MARCH 2007 ISSUE

CALLING ALL MEMBERS! BOARD ELECTION NOTICE

The following Positions are up for Election

- President - Two-Year Term
- Vice-President - One-Year Term
- Secretary - One-Year Term
- Treasurer - Two Year Term concurrent with term of President
- Four (4) Members-at-Large - One-Year Term

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any fully paid active member who has been a member for at least ninety

(90) calendar days is eligible to run by notifying the Chairman of the nomination committee no later than the close of the March General Membership meeting. This year's Chairman is Winsor Cooper. The Chairman of the Nominating committee will request a photo and brief bio from each candidate to include with the election mail packet. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties on June 1.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR NGRA VICE PRESIDENT

Hi, everyone... this is Winsor Cooper, your vice president for 2006. As you may or may not know, I am not running for

re-election (or for any board position). Partly because of this, I have been named as election chair for this year's board of directors elections. The positions available this year are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Member-At-Large positions. For those of you not familiar with the board, the member-at-large positions act as liaisons between the membership and the board and it is a great way to get an introduction to how the board works.

Anyone wishing to run for a position must contact me in writing of their intent to run and provide a bio that basically states your qualifications and any other information you feel is pertinent to your candidacy. Our bylaws state that ballots must be mailed out following the March general membership meeting, so all candidates must declare by March 10.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding running for a board position by email or at the membership hotline at 515-1093.

Thanks.

Winsor Cooper
Vice President and Membership Co-Chair
Nevada Gay Rodeo Association

Report from the President



Brian Rogers



This report is necessarily late, so it's going to be brief. First let me welcome our newest Board member, Eddy Krien. Eddy will be completing the term of Richard Schlegel, who has taken time off from the board for work reasons.

IGRA University was a huge success! 48 students and 20 Instructors and staff spent three days learning the intricacies of running rodeos and associations. Many IGRA individuals have asked me to express their thanks to the membership of NGRA for hosting this fine event.

Kudos to our Fundraising team, who did an awesome job with events on Friday and Saturday nights. I also want to single out Bill Watkins for his help as our Arena Coordinator for the weekend. He did airport runs and made sure all the equipment we needed was in place at Horseman's Park – then put it back in storage.

Elections are coming up and we want to remind those who are interested to get their bio information to Winsor Cooper at ngravolunteers@aol.com. 1

NGRA is looking for creative, artistic people to submit artwork for our "BigHorn Rodeo 2007" which takes place September 21-23, 2008.

Entry deadline is April 2, 2007, at which time the submission will be presented to the Rodeo Planning Committee for consideration.

Design Guidelines

1. The poster must contain the name of our organization, Nevada Gay Rodeo Association.
2. The poster must contain the brand name logo of the event. BigHorn Rodeo.
3. The post must contain the NGRA logo.
4. Since this is an IGRA-sanctioned event, the IGRA logo must be included on the poster.
5. There must be space available on the poster to include the location for the rodeo, which is Horseman's Park on E. Flamingo.
6. There must be space available on the poster for national and local sponsors for this event.
7. The poster must include the prices and location of the host hotel.
8. The artwork must be high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) and must be able to facilitate printing from a 5" X 7" card to a 20" x 30" poster.
9. Required logos may be found on NGRA website: BigHornRodeo.com

Submission Rules

1. All artwork submitted for consideration becomes the property of Nevada Gay Rodeo Association.
2. NGRA reserves the right to use, in whole or in part, the submitted artwork for this event and reserves the right to modify the original design.
3. The artwork must be submitted to us in the original, editable formats in case we need to include any additional information in the artwork. Examples: Photoshop (PSD), Illustrator, etc.
4. Because the file sizes contained in high-resolution artwork tend to be quite large, please copy the artwork to CD and mail it to, Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, PO Box 1933, Las Vegas, NV, 19105, postmarked no later than April 2, 2007.
5. Only two entry's per person.

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 2007 program please contact QVegas advertising sales at 702.650.0636

**CELEBRATE
NGRA
MEMBERS'
MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**



Thomas Coleman	1
Rob Saunders	3
Colin Moulton	4
John King	6
Laurie Banks	13
Michael Dybus	13
Michael Greene	26
Martin (Jeff) Manning	26
Darren Wernette	28
Ron Swegle	31



**WELCOME
TO OUR NEWEST
MEMBER**

Gary Wiens

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, March 10th
"Closet Ball" at Charlie's

See rules on page 8

Sunday, March 18th
Laughlin Bus Trip

See details on page 5

Saturday, March 24th
"Spring Thaw" at Charlie's

See details on page 7

Saturday, March 24th
"March Madness" at Badlands Saloon

Saturday, April 14th
"Miss Cowpatty Contest" at Charlie's

See details on page 9

Saturday, April 28
"Redneck Riviera" at Badlands Saloon

NGRA ANNUAL CLOSET BALL at

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Saturday, March 10th
Event starts at 9:30

Here's your chance to make the transformation that you once thought about and to show others your talent. **Guys into Girls. Girls into Guys.** Those who compete have one hour to make their transformation and show their stuff. For more information call

David Murie 702.515.1095

UP TO
200.00
PRIZE
MONEY

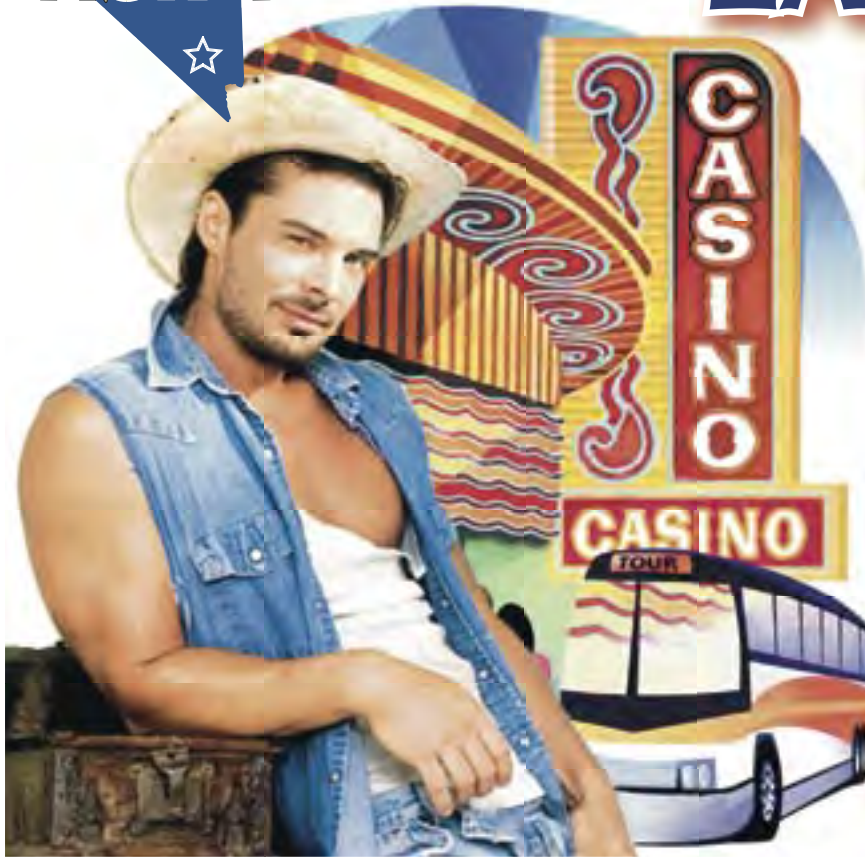
MARCH 2007 For times, locations, and more detail please visit the ngra web calendar at www.ngra.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night Big D Rodeo Dallas, TX	3 Men of Charlies Contest Big D Rodeo Dallas, TX
4 Big D Rodeo Dallas, TX	5 NGRA Board Meeting at The Center 6:30	6	7	8	9 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	10 NGRA General Membership Meeting CLOSET BALL CONTEST
11	12 NGRA RPC Meeting	13	14	15	16 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night SPRING THAW The Court and NGRA Event	24 IGRA University - Las Vegas MARCH MADNESS at Badlands
25	26	27	28	29 NGRA Fundraisng Meeting	30	31

Experience the fun of an NGRA



LAUGHLIN BUS TRIP



Enjoy full day of amusement, friendship and games. You receive a 5.00 food ticket at the **Golden Nugget Casino**. Meet new friends at the Lariat. The Lariat will have food set up. So get aboard. You just never know what in store.

SUNDAY MARCH 18TH

BUS LEAVES BADLANDS 10:00 A.M. \$20.00 PER PERSON SHARP INCLUDES BUS DRIVER GRATUITY

Here's your chance to get away for the day and have some fun along the way.

Tickets are on sale at these locations: Badlands, Snicks, Spotlight
We return to Badlands from a fun filled day at around 8:00 P.M.

**TRY
your luck at
BINGO**

**BEVERAGES AND JELL-O SHOT
may be purchased
aboard the bus**

**Great
Raffle
Prizes**

This is a Mike Windsor production
with proceeds benefiting BigHorn Rodeo



Fundraising Report

Lawrence Guerra

NGRA had a very busy month with three events. The month started off with our annual Board of Directors Show on Saturday February 10. There our photos for this fun event, taken by our official photographer Paul Scott, in this newsletter. The board did an outstanding job in their performances and participation of this event.

NGRA's Wild 'N' Wooley Wodeo, at Charlie's Las Vegas, was a follow up and was held on February 23. Kudos goes to David Murie for getting this crazy event together and for coming up with such an awesome blink for the "all around" buckle. Our out-of-town guests, here for IGRA University, and some of our own members enjoyed the antics of the night. The all around buckle went to Jack Morgan, aka Judge Judy, from ASGRA.

The next night at Badlands Saloon "Boogie Wonderland," hosted by Melissa Lorence, brought out an array of 70's and 80's outfits. Disco music filled the air. It was great to see and enjoy the performances of so many of our guest from out of state and members from IRSCDE perform. Thanks to our membership and them it was a fun and profitable fundraiser.

The fundraising committee looks forward to seeing you at our next big event, Closet Ball, on March 10 at Charlie's Las Vegas. Those interested in entering this contest still have the opportunity to do so. The rules for this contest are published in this newsletter and we will accept entrees up until the start of the evening event. This contest is open to all so if you know of anyone interested please have them call David Murie at 515-1095 or Bill Watkins at 699-7829. We will also have two other events in the month of March-the annual Laughlin bus trip that is put on by Mike Wind-sor and our March Madness event held at Badlands. See the ads in this newsletter.



Photo taken at the BOD Show of members and guest. More photos on page 10



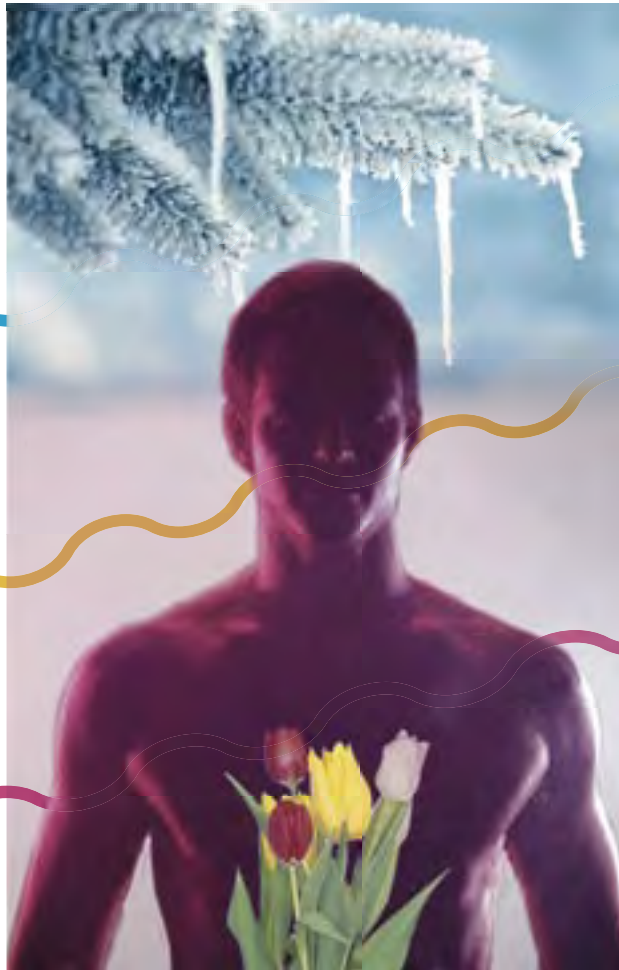
The Court and NGRA present

Spring Thaw



**5.00
Bud Light
Beer Bust**

**Raffle
Prizes
Galore**



**Awesome
Entertainment**

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

**Friday March 23
Show time begins at 9:30 PM**

**Charlie's
Las Vegas**

CLOSET BALL - MARCH 10TH

On March 10th NGRA will be holding their annual Miss Closet Ball Contest. This event is open to all. NGRA would like to see a big field of contestants so...get the word out to those you feel might be interested. We will be offering a cash prize of 100.00 to the winners or 200.00 to the winner. If you or anyone you know would like the opportunity to be King or Queen of Closet Ball 2007 please get in contact with David Murie at djlock33@aol.com or 702-515-1095.

Closet Ball 2007 Rules

1. All contestants and sponsors must be at least 21 years old.
2. Pageant fees are \$10 for all contestants and are non-refundable.
3. Applications and contestant fees must be turned into a member of the pageant committee at the advertised location of the pageant at least (1) hour prior to show time.
4. Each contestant and sponsor is required to be at Closet Ball at least (1) hour prior to the start time. This is to allow each contestant time to prepare for the pageant, draw numbers for order etc... If a contestant is not there (1) hour prior, and without prior arrangements made, he or she will not be able to enter the contest. The only exception to this rule would be in the case of an emergency beyond the contestant's control. If a contestant arrives late, a decision by the pageant committee chair will be made as to whether they will be allowed to compete.
5. Each contestant will draw a number before the pageant begins. You will mainly be known by this number and then your drag name will follow. For exp: Contestant #1 Sofonda Peters.
6. Any contestant, competing in Closet Ball, cannot have appeared in serious drag (male or female) for at least (1) year prior to the date of the pageant. (Exception: Halloween)
7. All contestants must have (1) Drag Queen / King Sponsor for Closet Ball. Contestants are not allowed to apply their own makeup. 25 points will be deducted by the monitor if this rule is broken
8. Contestants cannot have ANY makeup of any kind on their face before the beginning of transformation. The transformation will begin when the timekeeper starts the clock. You will be checked for makeup before your first appearance.
9. Each contestant will be judged on the following:
 - Male or Female Presentation (before transformation) – 5 Points
 - Transformation from Male to Female or Female to Male – 50 Points
 - Performance – 45 PointsThe highest and lowest score for each category will be eliminated and the remaining scores totaled.
10. Contestants and sponsors will have (1) hour to complete the transformation. You will be timed.
11. Any talent presentation is acceptable except those which may cause injury to the audience or any other person(s). No fire or water may be used in any talent presentation. You will be judged on your performance only.
12. In the event of a tie, the tied contestants will have to answer an on stage question individually and that score will be added to each contestants total score.
13. Any contestant, contestants dancer(s) or sponsor caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another contestant's possessions will be immediately disqualified and removed from the premises.
14. Contestants and sponsors are responsible for furnishing and cleaning up all materials such as makeup, razors, extra lighting or props or drag clothing.

HOLY COW!!

IT'S NGRA'S ANNUAL COW PATTY CONTEST

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH AT

Charlie's
Las Vegas

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

**CELEBRITY
JUDGES**

EVENT STARTS AT 10:00

\$5.00 BUD LIGHT BEER BUST STARTS AT 9:00

This competition is open to everyone. It is a fun camp drag event where persons dress up and perform to a fun, silly or even serious songs. Judging will cover talent (performance) Sunday Best (evening wear) and Cow Patty-ness! The winner is CROWNED as Miss Cow Patty and prize money is awarded.

***If you're interested in being a Miss Cow Patty Contestant
please contact Bill Watkins at
b0424@mindspring.com or 699-7829***



Proceeds from the raffle and beer bust benefit NGRA





**WILD 'N' WOOLEY
WODED PHOTOS**



NGRA

**BRACKET
PRIZES**

MARCH MADNESS



**FREE
THROW
CONTEST**

**Saturday, March 24th
Event starts at 9:30 PM**

at BADLANDS

\$1 MADNESS

JELL-O SHOTS

**\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust
STARTS AT 9:00 PM**



I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2007

For more detail information on these events you may go to
http://igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm#top2007



EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
Big D Rodeo	Dallas, TX	March 2 - 4, 2007
Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, FL	April 12 - 15, 2007
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, AR	April 20 - 22, 2007
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St. Louis, MO	May 4 - 6, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Boise, ID	May 11 - 13, 2007
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 25 - 27, 2007
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA	June 1 - 3, 2007
North Star Regional	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Canadian Rockies Rodeo	Calgary Alberta	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, CO	July 13 - 15, 2007
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 3 - 5, 2007
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 17 - 19, 2007
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 24 - 26, 2007
Atlantic Stampede	Washington, DC	September 7 - 9, 2007
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO	September 14 - 16, 2007
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	September 14 - 16, 2007
BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	September 21 - 23, 2007
Capital City Rodeo	Austin, TX	September 21 - 23, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Portland, OR	September 21 - 23, 2007
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver, CO	October 11 - 14, 2007
IGRA Convention	Kansas City, MO	November 7 - 11, 2007

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