



August 2009

David Hering, Editor



AUGUST TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The dog days of summer have arrived and we are approaching the end of the IGRA rodeo season.

Remaining 2009 events are:

- July 31-August 2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- August 21-23, Chicago, IL
- August 28-30, San Antonio, TX
- September 4-6, Kansas City, MO
- September 11-13, San Diego, CA
- September 18-20, Las Vegas, NV
- October 23-25, IGRA Finals - Albuquerque, NM
- November 11-15, IGRA Convention - Toronto, Canada

NGRA is also involved in the local rodeo community by co-producing the Summer 4-D Barrel Race Buckle Series at Horseman's Park. Our producing partner for this event is Western Heritage and Education, Inc. Contestants who participate in at least three of the four are eligible to win one of four champion buckles in addition to the usual cash payout. Schedule:

1. July 25 at 8pm: Open Barrel Race. \$200 added prize - No admission fee
2. August 29 at 8pm: Open Barrel Race. \$500 added prize - No admission fee
3. September 20 at 12noon: BigHorn Rodeo Barrel Race Classic. \$2,000 added prize - \$5 admission fee

4. October 2 at 6pm: Harvest Moon Barrel Race. \$2,000 added prize - \$5 admission fee

If you enjoy watching barrel racing, come on down and root them on. We also need volunteers to help run the event. If you are interested in volunteering to help us at one of these events, please contact me at Trustee@ngra.com.

Finally, IGRA Convention is coming up on November 12-15, 2009 in Toronto, Canada. We are seeking up to six delegates and 5 alternates to represent NGRA at this important annual meeting. Our representatives will attend the committee meetings on Friday and the convention sessions on Saturday and Sunday. This is where IGRA associations meet and consider changes to Bylaws and Rodeo Rules. The many standing and ad hoc committees of IGRA meet and recommend proposals which are considered by the entire assembly on Saturday and Sunday. Attending IGRA convention in Toronto is sure to be a trip you'll never forget. Please contact me no later than September 1st if you'd like to attend IGRA Convention with our delegation.

Save a Horse...
Your Trustee



Michael Judkins, Bill Watkins & Lorry King



Chris Saldana & Darren Wernette



Sin Sity Sisters Loosy, Gloria & Sioux

AN EVENING OF DUETS

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association Presents

THIS AWESOME EVENING OF SONG

Hosted by Helen Twelvetrees and Tim Conroy

Saturday August 8th

Event starts at 9:30 PM

Charlie's
Las Vegas

This event features a multiple selection of performers in our community pairing together to give us a great evening of duets. Join them in the fun of the evening.



Fundraising Update

Hi Everyone,

To help DeShannon take a little off her plate while recovering and dealing with her health, the Board of Directors has asked me to pitch in with fundraising.

So often we state how we want to do different things but yet find ourselves in a rut.

My question to you, the membership at large, what type of things would you find successful? You have supported our organization so much in the fundraising efforts by passing that tip, buying that jell-o shot or raffle ticket. Do you know though, that you possibly have an even greater value of support? YOUR IDEAS! Please don't be bashful. We the fundraising committee, welcome your input and welcome you to join us. Help us to move beyond our comfort zone. Maybe every effort wouldn't make thousands of dollars but we really wouldn't know if we don't try. What we wouldn't do is have a deaf ear to your idea. We would work with you to make it as successful as it could be.

You are also a valuable resource in gathering items for raffle prizes. Take a look around your home. Is there a new unopened item you just thought you had to have, or that someone bought you and you were afraid to say I don't like this? Do you have a contact that you could approach to provide an item? Believe me, it doesn't have to be something spectacular. We have some very creative basket makers who can take an item and build upon it to make a wonderful prize.

Let me know, we are a team working together to make BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13 be a successful venture. We have 5 events coming up over the next 7 weeks leading up to the Rodeo (see the promo's throughout the newsletter). Yes its a lot, but your support of the committee will be greatly appreciated....

Be it in your dollars spent, help behind the scenes, supplying us with a raffle item. Ahead of time let me just say a big THANK YOU for your help!!!!!!

Bill Trunzo
Fundraising

NGRA Member of the Month June 2009



NGRA's member of the month for July is Michael Judkins. Michael was selected for his Dirty and Desperate fundraiser at Charlie's on June 19th where we raised \$1143. As Mr. NGRA for 2008 and manager at Charlie's, he is a familiar, and pretty, face to the organization. He represented us well on the royalty team last year and his continuing

fundraising efforts demonstrate his commitment to our organization. Congratulations Michael, this may not come with a sash, but it's a well deserved honor.



Attention NGRA Members:

BigHorn Rodeo sponsor, Chapman Chrysler Jeep, along with NGRA Member Woody Allen, have offered to expand their sponsorship of BigHorn Rodeo with the following offer.

From now until BigHorn Rodeo, for every NGRA Member who purchases a vehicle from Chapman Chrysler Jeep and Woody Allen, Chapman will write a check to BigHorn Rodeo for \$200.

Please contact Woody Allen at woodysalescars@gmail.com or (702) 292-8745 for more information



ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT



AUGUST 15TH at FOCUS

Time:
lessons
start
at 11:30,
game starts at 1:00

Cost:
\$20.00
initial buy-in
(100 chips)

Cocktails
and beer
will be available
for purchase.

Raffle Prizes
NGRA jell-o
shots

Tickets:
on-line at
www.ngra.com or
at the door.
Also available at any
NGRA event prior.

From The President

My how this month has flown by, as it seems just like yesterday I was sitting down and writing my article for the newsletter. It is hard to believe we are entering the month of August. This means full speed ahead as we are coming down to the last two months before BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13. As we start gearing up for our biggest event of the year, we have packed a full month of August, keeping a lot of us very busy. We kickoff the month on with An Evening of Duets at Charlie's on August 8th. The following weekend, August 15th, NGRA will hold its annual Poker Tournament. The tournament will take place at FOCUS at 1pm. Later that evening, come help celebrate Mandy Barbarell's birthday at Charlie's as she and Miss Katrina host "Save the Whales". On August 22nd NGRA will hold its first of two Rodeo Kick-Off Parties at Badlands Saloon. The fun starts at 9:13pm. I do hope that you get a chance to come out during the month of August and show your support.

The reason that we all do this is first, to produce gay rodeo and thus enrich and enhance the western lifestyle; and second, to raise money for various local charities through ongoing fund raising. I am very grateful of the support that NGRA has gotten from other organizations as well as those within NGRA that have supported others. It is nice to hear the positive feedback on just how well thought of NGRA is in the community. It takes the work of everyone to make NGRA what it is. I thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication in continuing efforts to make NGRA the organization that we are.

David Blackwood
NGRA President



WE WANT YOU!

The Rodeo Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help execute and produce BigHorn Rodeo 2009. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact this year's Volunteer Coordinator, Gene Person at volunteers@bighornrodeo.com or plan to attend an RPC Meeting. Check the NGRA Calendar for dates.

NGRA
Welcomes our
Newest Members:



Ken Wells
George Vierra
Gary Klein

COME PLAY WITH US
UNDER THE STARS
AT OUR 13TH RODEO
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2009

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Charlie's welcomes the Sea World Road Show
A Celebration of Mandy Barbarell's birthday



SAVE THE WHALES

Let us free YOUR Willy!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

AT
Charlie's
Las Vegas

Show time is at 9:30 PM

NGRA BigHorn Rodeo 13, MGRA Show-Me State Rodeo and NGRA



2009 IGRA Rodeo / Event Schedule

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Location:</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| January 16-18, 2009 | Road Runner Regional Rodeo | Phoenix, Arizona |
| February 20-22, 2009 | IGRA University | Las Vegas, Nevada |
| February 27-March 1, 2009 | Cowtown Rodeo | Ft. Worth, Texas |
| April 3-5, 2009 | Sunshine Stampede | Fort Lauderdale, Florida |
| April 17-19, 2009 | Rodeo in the Rock | Little Rock, Arkansas |
| May 1-3, 2009 | Hot Rodeo | Palm Springs, California |
| May 22-24, 2009 | Great Plains Rodeo | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| June 5-7, 2009 | Sierra Stampede | Sacramento, California |
| June 25-28, 2009 | Canadian Rockies International Rodeo | Calgary, Alberta Canada |
| June 26-28, 2009 | Heartland Regional Rodeo | Omaha, Nebraska |
| July 10-12, 2009 | Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo | Denver, Colorado |
| July 31-August 2, 2009 | Liberty Stampede Rodeo | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| August 21-23, 2009 | Windy City Rodeo | Chicago, Illinois |
| August 28-30, 2009 | TGRA Rodeo | Sequin, Texas (San Antonio) |
| September 4-6, 2009 | MGRA Show Me State Rodeo | Kansas City, Missouri |
| September 11-13, 2009 | Greater San Diego Rodeo | San Diego, California |
| September 18-20, 2009 | BigHorn Rodeo | Las Vegas, Nevada |
| October 23-25, 2009 | 23rd Annual Finals Rodeo | Albuquerque, New Mexico |
| November 12-15, 2009 | 25th Annual IGRA Convention | Toronto, Ontario Canada |



Celebrate NGRA's 13th Annual BigHorn Rodeo

LUCKY 13

It's better at night
September 18 - 20, 2009

NGRA KICKOFF PARTIES



**Badlands
Saloon**

**August 22nd
Show starts
at 9:13 PM**

Charlie's
Las Vegas

**September 12th
Show starts
at 9:13 PM**

Get ready for great fun and to hear
what is in store at Horseman's Park and
the Cannery East over Lucky 13 weekend.

All proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo 13 will benefit FOCUS Las Vegas



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August 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 BigHorn Rodeo RPC Meeting | 7 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's | 8 A Night of Duets @ Charlies |
| 9 | 10 Board of Directors Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's | 15 Poker Game Save the Whales @ Charlies |
| 16 | 17 Membership Meeting RPC Meeting | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's | 22 Rodeo Kick-Off Party @ Badlands |
| 23/30 | 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's | 29 NGRA/WHEI 4-D Barrel Race |

For times, locations and additional details, please visit the NGRA calendar on the web at www.ngra.com

NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in August:

Dane Bethea
David McKenney
Jack Morrison
David Murie
Andrew Goodman
Joe McMullen
Gary Douglas
Frank Gardner
Eric Hudson
Brian Rogers

August 7
August 9
August 11
August 12
August 14
August 16
August 17
August 18
August 21
August 26