

BigHorn Rodeo 15

May 11-13, 2012
Horseman's Park



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BIGHORN GAZETTE

The Monthly Newsletter for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association

Letter From The President

Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell, NGRA President

Howdy Y'all!

I looked at the NGRA website when I was getting ready to write this note, and our ticker says 11 and ½ days until BigHorn Rodeo 15!

I invite everyone – NGRA members and Las Vegas community members alike – to come on down and participate in our biggest event of the year, starting with the Kick-Off Party on Thursday, May 10 at Charlie's Las Vegas, hosted by Miss IGRA 2011 Kimberli Foxx and featuring our royalty and entertainers from around the valley! Check out Our Rodeo Director's article later in this newsletter for more details!

We still need volunteers for the rodeo, so if you're interested in volunteering, please visit our website and sign up. If you don't want to volunteer, just \$5 (each day) gets you in to see all the action, and you can buy tickets online now.

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Nevada Gay Rodeo Association
BIGHORN RODEO

**May 11-13,
2012**

See all the action for \$5

Horseman's Park • East Flamingo
1151 Hotel Eastside Casino Hotel & Casino (100)
702-856-3300, Mission NGRA for Discount

For more information, BigHornRodeo.com



'MANDWICH REDUX'

MALE NUDES BY MARNE LUCAS

MAY 3 - 27, 2012

OPENING RECEPTION

THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

6:30 - 10 PM

ARTIST TALK 8 PM

GAY RODEO
KICK-OFF PARTY
NGRA BIGHORN IS



Sin City
Gallery

SIN CITY GALLERY @ THE ARTS FACTORY
107 E. CHARLESTON BLVD, SUITE 100,
LAS VEGAS, NV 89104

WWW.SINCITYGALLERY.COM #WWW.MANDWICHREDUX.COM

President's Letter Continued

The NGRA royalty team will be out and about from now until the rodeo, and you're all invited to come out and join them to help promote the rodeo!

On Tuesday, May 1, join us for the Sin City Q Socials Trendy Tuesday event at Charlie's Las Vegas starting at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, May 3, join us for the opening of Mandwich: Redux – erotic art by Marne Lucas – at the Sin City Gallery (107 E. Charleston Blvd., #100) starting at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 8, Sin City Q Socials hosts another Trendy Tuesday event with NGRA at Blue Moon Las Vegas starting at 8 p.m. it's getting hot outside, so come enjoy a cocktail by the pool with NGRA! Also on the 8th, join Miss NGRA 2012 Sable D'Zyre as she co-hosts Drag Queen Bingo at Charlie's.

On Wednesday, May 9, Mr. NGRA 2012 Jason Jewel hosts Boots-n-Briefs starting at 10 p.m. at Charlie's Las Vegas.

And then, the rodeo weekend begins!

Last, but not least, I want to welcome the NGRA Board of Directors for 2012-2013: Vice President – Colin Moulton, Secretary – Jeffrey Neal, Treasurer – David Hering, Trustee – Guy Puglisi, and Members-at-Large – Joel Castillo, Jason Jewel, Brian Maley and Ken Wells.

Until next time, Let's Rodeo!

Happy Birthday!



David Blackwood	5/1
Johann Kristinsson	5/1
Randall Parker	5/2
Randy Grant	5/3
Michael Hayward	5/4
Caidyn Edlund	5/24
Eugene Godina	5/24
Patricia Hicks	5/24

Congratulations to the
2011 NGRA
Member of the Year

Randy Dallas Grant



Come out to the
Blue Moon Las Vegas
for Sin City Q Socials Trendy Tuesdays
May 8, 2012 8-10PM
and meet the
20th Anniversary NGRA Royalty
Team



20th Anniversary NGRA Royalty Team

From the Desk of the Rodeo Director

By Laura Scott



Well folks here we are, it's GO TIME, for Bighorn Rodeo 15. Months of hard work and dedication and I still have jitters. I sometimes feel like it's my first rodeo, the excitement is overwhelming. Every I has been dotted and T has been crossed, and now we just wait.

Usually I start to look at weather reports about 10 days out. As a Rodeo Director in an open arena, one of your biggest fears is will it rain, all we can do is hope for the best and keep plugging along. We have definitely had our obstacles this year, as most rodeos do, but I have a motto, and so far it has served me well, "Don't come to me with problems, come to me with solutions". I am proud to say, we have dedicated people on our committee who have done just that.

We did something this year that has never been done before in the history of NGRA, every buckle was sold. In the past we have had buckles in our corporate sponsorship program, but this year I wanted to see what our team could do, well a couple folks did amazing. I want to thank Guy and Joel for really stepping up to the plate and making sure we were at 100%.

I cannot thank our sponsors who year after year continue to support rodeo, all of our buckle sponsors and of course our volunteers, the unsung heroes of any rodeo. With that being said, we are still looking for volunteers, if you're interested, please go to www.bighornrodeo.com and sign up today. I do hope to see all of you out at Horseman's Park for Bighorn Rodeo 15; I believe there will be something for everybody this year.

Thursday night – May 10th @ Charlie's Las Vegas is the official Rodeo Kick-off party, 9:00pm.

Friday – May 11th @ Horseman's Park is our 2nd annual Rodeo School. If you've always wanted to compete, but you thought you needed a horse, these events are for you. Chute dogging, goat dressing, and calf roping on foot and steer deco. \$20 per event, or \$65 for all four events. Lunch included. Registration is at 9am; school starts @9:30am.

Friday night – May 11th @ Horseman's Park, Contestant Registration and BBQ starts at 6pm. Reverse Karaoke contest is from 7pm – 10pm. \$100 prize to the best male and female singing the opposite gender song.

Rodeo Director Continued

Saturday – May 12th @ Horseman's Park it's Rodeo all day. Starting @ 9am. \$5 admission. Come join us for a great day of rodeo action, vendors and great entertainment in the open-air tent. Saturday night, join us at Charlie's Las Vegas for the Bighorn Rodeo Hoedown, 9pm Jell-O shots, raffle prizes and plenty of dancing and entertainment.

Sunday – May 13th @ Horseman's Park, do it all over again. Day two of hot rodeo action. \$5 admission. Sunday night 7pm is our BBQ sponsored by Jody Maroni's Sausage Kingdom. \$8 followed by the awards that start at 8pm.

Monday – May 14th @ Charlie's Las Vegas, Survivors Brunch noon-3pm. Come enjoy the hospitality of Charlie's Las Vegas and have a Bloody Mary while you're at it.



STETSONS & STILETTOS

HOSTED BY
TAYLOR TRASH MISS IGRA 2012 2ND RUNNER-UP



**FRIDAY
MAY 11TH - 9PM**

A BENEFIT FOR THE IGRA

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Entertainment - Raffle Prizes - Jell-O Shots



BIGHORN RODEO 15 KICK-OFF PARTY



**Line Dance
Lessons
7:00pm-9:00pm**



**Half Price Drinks
All Night &
Jell-O Shots**



**Thursday May 10th, 2012
7:00 PM - Midnight**

**Show at 9:30pm Hosted By
Kimberli Foxx, Miss IGRA 2011
And**

Taylor Trash, Miss IGRA 2012, 2nd RU



Las Vegas-Clark County
**LIBRARY
DISTRICT**
www.lvccld.org

**Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Out West 2012 &
Nevada Gay Rodeo Association to present
Pride in the Saddle Starts in Nevada: The Story of Gay Rodeo
Saturday, May 19, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Out West 2012, and the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) are pleased to present "Pride in the Saddle Starts in Nevada: The Story of Gay Rodeo," the third educational program in the acclaimed Out West at the Library series.

Join Las Vegas rodeo producer, past NGRA president and current IGRA Archives committee chair Brian Rogers on a journey down the trail of gay rodeo in Nevada and beyond. His talk will be accompanied by an exhibition of original rodeo posters, programs and rulebooks from early Nevada Gay Rodeo. Rogers is joined by GayRodeoHistory.org website founder Frank Harrell who will demonstrate the depth and breadth of historical information, images and artifacts available online. A slide show of vintage gay rodeo photographs by champion bull rider Blake Little will also be shown.

"As the proud home of National Finals Rodeo, many Las Vegas rodeo fans may be surprised to learn that gay rodeo has been in existence for over thirty-five years, and got its start in Reno," said Gregory Hinton, producer of the Out West series. "The International Gay Rodeo Association currently claims 28 member associations in the United States and Canada, with 5,000 members and fifty thousand annual attendees. Thank you, Nevada!"

The event is free and open to the public, to be held in the Jewel Box Theater at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, on Saturday, May 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

The Out West at the Library series is generously sponsored by Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, HBO, the David Bohnett Foundation, Gill Foundation, and Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Foundation, and the Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation (www.glrhf.org).

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MAY 2012



		1	2	3 Mandwich Redux Sin City Gallery 6:30pm	4	5 Men of Charlie's Contest Charlie's 9pm
6	7	8 Q Social Trendy Tuesday Blue Moon 8pm	9	10 BigHorn Kick Off Party Charlie's 9pm	11 BigHorn Registration Horseman's Park 6pm Stetson's & Stiletto's IGRA Charlie's 10pm	12 BigHorn Rodeo 15 Horseman's Park 9am BigHorn Hoedown Charlie's 9pm
13 BigHorn Rodeo 15 Horseman's Park 9am	14	15	16	17	18	19 Pride In the Saddle Clark County Library 6pm
20	21 NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting The Center 6:30pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		