



## August 2013 BigHorn Gazette

### Rodeo Director for Bighorn 17

Greetings from your Rodeo Director

Thank you so much to the Board for its support in appointing me Rodeo Director for BigHorn Rodeo 17. I am excited to continue the positive steps made by Laura and her teams these past few years and I am excited for the ideas that have already been sent my way for improvement to the event.

That said, we have a lot of work to do. The first step is capturing the good and the bad so that we can either duplicate or correct to make the event perfect. I will hold a "Rant & Rave" meeting at The Center on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 pm so that we can review information about last year's event. This session will not be for criticism of the work that was done – but to be constructive about what worked or didn't – and provide solutions for improvement.

After that, the RPC (Rodeo Planning Committee) meetings are set for the second Monday of the month at The Center at 6:30 pm We will meet monthly through the end of the year to get things lined up and rolling.

Any ideas, suggestions, contacts, interest in positions – can be sent to me through the NGRA website at either [RodeoDirector@NGRA.com](mailto:RodeoDirector@NGRA.com) or [Secretary@NGRA.com](mailto:Secretary@NGRA.com).

I look forward to what we will accomplish together and I thank Laura Scott for getting the event to a great place so that we can polish it more and make it profitable for our community in Las Vegas.

See you August 12.

Jeffrey Neal  
Rodeo Director  
BigHorn Rodeo 2014

## Your New Newsletter Editor



Hi, my name is Barry Jones and I have taken over as Newsletter Editor from this edition. I have been a member of NGRA for since January 2012 and was Member of the Month in May 2012 and June 2013 in recognition of support to BigHorn Rodeo. I am also the Man of Charlie's for April 2012.

I have been married to Carolyn for 44 years we have 2 grown sons, one of whom is married to a lovely lady from California. Many of you will know Carolyn from her work as Volunteer Coordinator for the BigHorn Rodeo. As an aside, Carolyn is inviting NGRA Members (See Page 10) to help out at Las Vegas Pride next month.

I am originally from the UK and graduated from Oxford University in 1969. I worked as a development chemist, plant manager, materials accountant and, for the second half of my working career, as a mathematician/statistician and computer systems designer. Perhaps this background explains why my first edition of the Newsletter looks a bit technical. I promise to try and make subsequent editions look prettier.

The family first visited the US in 1987 when I presented papers at conferences in San Diego and in New Mexico. We took the opportunity to add a week of vacation before returning to the UK. From that time, we have visited the US regularly. Over the years all the family has become certificated as cavern divers in the warm waters of southern Florida. When I retired some years ago we began visiting Las Vegas and we were really pleased to be accepted into the community to such an extent that we bought a house here last year. We love Rodeo. The first time, we watched almost all the events at the Denver Rodeo. Now Rodeo is an opportunity to socialise and, of course, volunteer.

I have worked for many years with other charitable organisations in the UK and was, until recently, Newsletter Editor for some seventy monthly editions for one of them. I am currently Webmaster for an English/Welsh bilingual website for a charity "back home". My "sister", Miss Kitty has also participated in annual 3 mile "Drag Walks" to raise funds for a local hospice, raising the equivalent of some \$2,000 over the last four years.

I enjoy gardening but it's certainly different here. I never thought I would need to buy a demolition hammer to conquer the desert. Each plant survives in its own little world of compost and a dripper.

Finally, but by no means my last thought, I would like to thank Joel for the work he has done on the Newsletter when he and Sabel have been so busy representing us over the last year and more. I look forward to receiving any items you feel may be of interest for inclusion in future editions.

## August Royalty Activities



Wow thanks to all for helping us raise over \$540.00 from the garage sale on August 27. What a fun fundraiser for IGRA. Can't thank all but most important, thanks Doug Graff for all the help this week and opening your home for this event!

The dog days of summer are upon us. However we are not going to let a little heat keep us down. We are so looking forward to our event at Charlie's on August 10 where we hope to have many of our former

Royalty Team Members out to celebrate our past. We hope you ALL can join us for this celebration and an evening of great entertainment and fundraising. We'll take a few weeks off to enjoy the sun and beauty of Las Vegas but be back out at our next event at Flex on August 30.

We did get to go out and represent at many functions here in town over the past month, but most importantly enjoyed the fun of returning to rodeos and the travel to Denver. Las Vegas had a great representation of members there in Denver and it was a pleasure to run into some senior members, Bill Watkins, Brian Roger's and Lori King.

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every member to please mark on your calendar September 1. (See the Flyer on Page 4) The annual brunch I put together for many years is back again this year. It will be a benefit for the Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and SNAPi, held at the new Center from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased either at NGRA.com or by getting in touch with me. Hope to see you, the menu is planned and being catered by Bronze Café, and the wonderful talents of Jordon Ash will be entertaining you. I appreciate all the support each of you has given in this venture towards being a part of the International Gay Rodeo Association Royalty team for 2014.

We hope to see you along the trail this month and, if we don't, know you are being missed!

Happy Trails to you!  
Chris and Katrina  
Mr. & Miss NGRA 2013

# ALL AMONG FRIENDS

KATRINA'S ANNUAL BRUNCH

**THE CENTER**

401 S. MARYLAND PKWY

**SEP 01** **JORDON**  
**2013** **ASH**

11AM - 1PM

ENTERTAINMENT



CATERING PROVIDED BY

**BRONZE CAFE**

**SILENT AUCTION | CASH BAR**

**\$35 ADMISSION**

PURCHASE TICKETS AT [NGRA.COM](http://NGRA.COM) OR CALL 702.353.8628

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## Fundraising

Hard to believe we are already in August. Seems the year is flying by and before you know it, the time to sash a new Royalty Team will be upon us. This past month was our Disco Fever show on July 13 at Charlie's Las Vegas and a huge Thank You goes out to Bootsy Carmichael, Miss Cow Patty 2013 and Regent Empress 15 for making that event such a fun and different night. It was drag roulette with audience members being the entertainment based on the Disco Fever theme. Everyone was such a great sport and seemed all were having fun, especially the Birthday Cub, Michael, celebrating his 21st birthday with us and his group of Bear friends.

On the July 21, we held our quarterly event at The Garage. Despite Mother Nature wreaking havoc through the valley that weekend, the event was a nice relaxing social and meeting new people to introduce to the NGRA.

For August and September, we are taking a break from the monthly Sunday afternoons at Charlie's.

August 10 is our monthly Saturday night at Charlie's Las Vegas. (See the Flyer on Page 6) Royalty AllStars is the theme and hosted by Miss IGRA 2004, Mandy Barberell. It should be a great night of entertainers from NGRA and IGRA Royalty, past and present. Raffles, an auction item, jell-o shots and our beer bust will be available. Beer bust is from 9 pm-12 midnight with the show starting at 10 pm.

Then we move over to Flex Nightclub on the August 30 for our Quarterly event, Hot August Nights. (See the Flyer on Page 8) There will be drink specials, raffles, jell-o shots with the show starting at 9:30pm. And stay after our event to continue the fun with Flamboyance starting at 11:30 pm hosted by Stephanie Danderson.

Coming up in September is our Viva Mexico event honoring Mexican Independence Day. We will also be selling tickets for the Bling Boot Raffle at the end of August with the drawing the night of September 14 at the Viva Mexico event at Charlie's Las Vegas.

This month, Fundraising Meeting[s] will be 13 and/or 27 August (to be confirmed).

The fundraising meetings are usually held once a month on Tuesdays at The Center. For more information on the meetings and events, check out [www.ngra.com](http://www.ngra.com) , our Facebook page, or email me at [fundraising@ngra.com](mailto:fundraising@ngra.com).

Hope to see you all out and about having fun and raising money towards Big Horn 17.

Chris Reynolds  
Fundraising Director 2013-2014

# ROYALTY ALL STARS

★ Hosted by Mandy Barberell  
Miss IGRA 2004

## Saturday, August 10

Show starts at 10 PM  
at

*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

- ★ beer bust,
- ★ raffles,
- ★ auction items
- ★ jello shots



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## Nevada Gay Rodeo Association State Convention.

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) held its annual State Convention on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (The Center) located at 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

This Convention gives NGRA members from around the state an opportunity to voice their opinions on the Association's Bylaws and Standing Orders. They are able to propose changes and to vote on these proposed changes.

The NGRA President, Mr. Doug Graff, presided over lively discussions on the Bylaws and several proposals to the existing rules were accepted.

Proposals included changes to the procedure for balloting members, process to fill vacant royalty positions, and to the rôle of the Public Relations Director.

The Convention also verified that NGRA membership categories are able to support the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) at the Gay Games 2014 in Ohio.

Anyone interested in finding out more about NGRA, its aims, and events should contact Brent Rosinski for further information.

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## Royalty Competition

NGRA has set the date for the 2014 Royalty Competition. The competition will take place on Saturday, November 30 at Charlie's. More information about the competition will be announced in the coming months.

## NGRA 2014 Royalty Contestants

If you are interested in running for the titles of Mr, Miss, Ms, or MsTer NGRA 2014 your contestant applications are needed. The deadline for this year's competition is Saturday, August 10 at 9 pm. Applications and your \$25.00 entry fee are due to David Blackwood, Vice President on or before the deadline.

NGRA will be announcing the contestants later in the evening during the NGRA Royalty All-Star Show at Charlie's as this is a specialty themed event. What better way to spotlight those interested in competing for the 2014 Team than alongside those who reigned in the past?

For more information or questions, please contact David Blackwood at [vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com).



**NGRA**

# HOT AUGUST NIGHT

at **FLEX**

## FRIDAY AUGUST 30

from 9pm - 11:30

Come on in and join us for  
Drink specials, jello shots, raffles

**FOLLOWED BY  
FLAMBOYANCE**

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## Member of the Month

Bill Watkins was nominated as July Member of the Month for his help getting the posters and artwork on track for upcoming events.

Congratulations Bill.

## August Birthdays

12	David Murie
14	Andrew Goodman
16	Joe McMullen
17	Garry Douglas
17	Brian Maley
17	Ryan McPherson
18	Frank Gardner
19	Thomas Martinez
25	David Blunk
26	Brian Rogers

## Editor's Bits and Pieces

First of all, I would like to encourage you all to get involved in BigHorn 17. The Rodeo Director will need to build a multi-talented Team so, if you're good at something, get in touch with him, [rodeodirector@ngra.com](mailto:rodeodirector@ngra.com), and offer to help.

I like competitions, provided they're easy and quick. How about you?

To celebrate my taking over the rôle of Newsletter Editor, I invite you to enter a picture and caption competition. All you have to do is send me a picture, accompanied by a caption, which illustrates how you enjoyed BigHorn 16.

The deadline is August 23. Send your entries to me, [news@ngra.com](mailto:news@ngra.com). I shall choose a judge with strong connection to BigHorn Rodeo. Only I will know the identity of competitors. I shall announce the winner in the September Newsletter.

The winner will receive a prize to the value of \$15.



Another opportunity for the volunteer team to get together and help NGRA make money



For every hour you volunteer your services at the Pride Festival on September 7 you will earn \$s for NGRA.

We have shifts running from 11a.m. to 9.30p.m.

What's in it for you?  
**Free admission to the Pride Festival.**

Interested?

Contact

Carolyn

[Volunteers@NGRA.com](mailto:Volunteers@NGRA.com)

# Calendar

## August

Sat 10	9:00 pm	Royalty All Stars Fundraiser & Show	Charlie's
Mon 12	6:30 pm	"Rant and Rave" Review of BigHorn Rodeo 16	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Tue 13	6:00 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting (to be confirmed)	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Mon 19	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Tue 27	6:00 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting (to be confirmed)	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Fri 30	9:00 pm	Hot August Nights Fundraiser & Show	Flex Cocktail Lounge

## September

Sun 1	11:00 am	Katrina's Annual Brunch "All Among Friends"	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Fri 6	8:00 pm	Pride Parade	Downtown Las Vegas Parade Route Grandstand at 4th Street and Bridger Avenue
Sat 7	12:00 pm	Pride Festival	Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106
Mon 9	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
Sat 14	9:00 pm	Viva Mexico Fundraiser & Show	Charlie's
Mon 16	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Tue 24	6:00 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center

## October

Sat 12	9:00 pm	Boys Night Out Fundraiser & Show	Charlie's
Mon 14	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
Mon 21	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Tue 29	6:00 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,

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## NGRA 2013 Royalty

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