

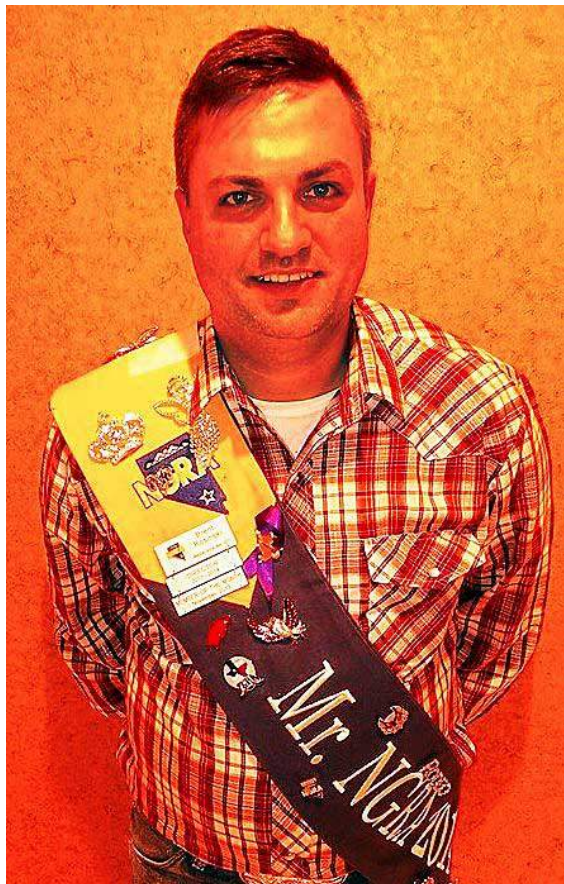


February 2014 BigHorn Gazette

IGRA University 2014
St. Louis, Missouri, January 17 - 19



Education Allows Us to Prosper Mr. NGRA 2014, Brent Rosinski



I had the pleasure of attending IGRA University and the IGRA Dance Competition in St. Louis the weekend of January 17–19, 2014, with my fellow NGRA Board Members: Miss IGRA 2014 Katrina Davenport; Miss IGRA 2013 Sabel D'Zyre; and IGRA Division Chair, Guy Puglisi.

This being my first time participating in IGRA University, I came eager to learn, meet up with friends, and meet some new people.

I had the opportunity to attend the following classes:

- Introductory Session;
- Marketing & Media Relations;
- Rodeo Contestant Essentials;
- Royalty Prep School;
- Royalty Utilization, and
- The Future of IGRA Roundtable.

The instructors were well-versed and the material taught was very informative. The classes have been revamped as part of a two-year makeover plan for IGRA University.

There are now specific degree tracks in:

- Rodeo Production;
- Association Management;
- IGRA Management; and
- Rodeo Arts (aka Liberal Arts focus).

A practical application component has been added and testing is now back as a requirement to earn a degree. I welcome these changes as education does indeed allow us to prosper.

I was asked to present a proposal to the IGRA Board of Directors, which seeks to have Las Vegas host the World Gay Rodeo Finals at South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa in 2015. The presentation went very well. There were a few questions that came up that we will need to address at the May 23, 2014, IGRA Board of Directors meeting.

The IGRA Dance Competition, hosted by Miss IGRA 2014, Katrina Davenport and Mr. IGRA 2014, Jeff Germany, was fun. I must say, Mary Honeycutt sure is a great dancer! I even had the opportunity to perform for IGRA.



Miss IGRA 2014, Katrina Davenport



Jeff Aggie and Darren Wernette

In all, seventeen of the twenty two associations were represented. Not bad for mid-winter in St. Louis!

It is time for you to attend University! I believe this is the most important item we get back from IGRA with our association dues. The classes are a great foundation of knowledge of rodeo production, business operations, and even royalty and dance. I have to admit that I learned quite a bit in class, but the conversations before, during, and after have helped me immensely! I have not only grown in my knowledge with IGRA and rodeo, but also have grown in my personal and professional life as well.



Joel Castillo, Bill Trunzo, John Hill, James Jenkins, Steve Rosinski, and Jeff Germany.



Sabel D'Zyre and John Beck at the RoadKill and Tales from the Chuckwagon IGRA Royalty Review show. The event took place at the Bad Dog Bar and Grill in St. Louis on the Friday evening of IGRA University.

From Your Royalty Team

Now that we are back from IGRA University in St. Louis, the Team is looking forward to attending the Road Runner Rodeo, February 14-16, in Phoenix. We are excited to see all the faces on the rodeo circuit and to represent NGRA at the rodeo. We are honored that some of the Royalty Team will also be competing. We wish them luck!

We had a great time at our "Cowboys in Wonderland: A Night of Twisted Fairy Tales" on January 11, at Charlie's Las Vegas, and hope you did too! We had an amazing turnout, and we are proud to have raised over \$400. We would like to thank Hustlaball Las Vegas for donating two tickets to their hedonistic event for our silent auction, as well as Charlie's Las Vegas for allowing us to have our event at their fabulous bar.

The Team raised \$835 at The Garage event, "City Slickers and Country Kickers," on January 25. In addition, we held a 50/50 raffle and one lucky winner took home \$140. Numerous sponsors came through for our raffle prizes: SPI Entertainment; Blue Moon Hotel; The Garage; Chippendales; Entourage, and many more. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. We would also like to thank Guy Sheets, The V/8 Grill, and The Garage for everything they did for us. We can't thank you enough!

We hope to see everyone out for our next event, "Redneck Runway," on February 8 at 9 pm at Charlie's Las Vegas.

If you are interested in learning about rodeo, roping, arena crew, or chute crew, come to our Rodeo Education Day on March 29 at 10 am at the Henderson Saddle Association. We will be serving a BBQ lunch for only \$5.

Please mark your calendars for Bighorn Rodeo 2014, May 9 - 10 at Horseman's Park.

Your 2014 Royalty Team:

Mr. NGRA 2014, Brent Rosinski;
Miss NGRA 2014, A'Lotta Trash;
MsTer NGRA 2014, Preston, and
Mr. NGRA 2014, 1st Runner-Up, Jason Metzger

Member of the Month

Guy Puglisi

Guy Puglisi was nominated as January Member of the Month. Guy was recently named IGRA Division Chair and has been instrumental in working with The Garage to improve our fundraising efforts. Congratulations and thank you Guy.

Cowboys in Wonderland
Charlie's, Las Vegas
January 11
Mr. NGRA 2014, Brent Rosinski

Many thanks to all who attended and supported NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo 2014 for our Cowboys in Wonderland event at Charlie's Las Vegas on January 11, 2014! It was a wonderful evening of camaraderie and fundraising! The Royalty Team was decked out in wonderland and fairytale attire. NGRA members and guests bid on HustlaBall tickets in our silent auction, donated by Porn Star, Christopher Daniels. Everyone enjoyed watching a special performance of "SpellBlock Tango" performed by Bootsy CarMichael, Phat Patty, A'Lotta Trash, Jason Metzger, and Vivianne Dumonde. We hope you love our group as much as we enjoy performing them.

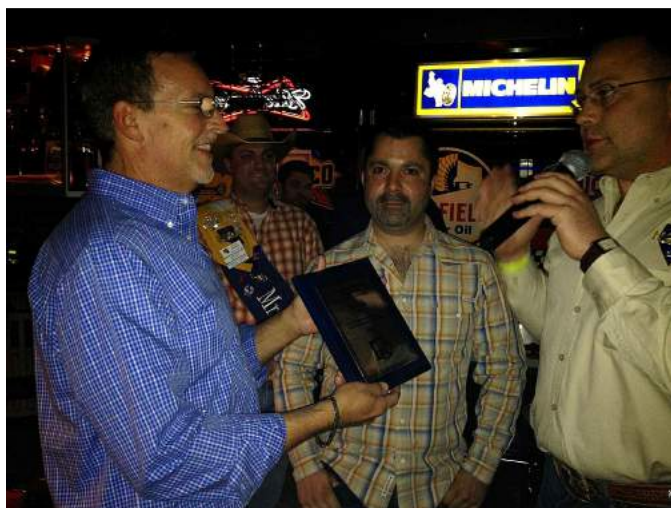


Beryl Stanwyck also made an appearance and gave an outstanding performance.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors and prize donors!

City Slickers and Country Kickers The Garage Saturday January 25

Let's give ourselves and The Garage a round of applause! Our "City Slickers and Country Kickers" event at The Garage on January 25 enjoyed an impressive attendance and generated \$835 for NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo 2014. The V/8 Grill prepared a delicious menu of chicken parmesan, chicken enchiladas, pulled pork sandwiches, and potato salad. We distributed nearly 20 valuable raffle prizes and one lucky winner took home \$140 in our 50/50 raffle. The Garage also created two specialty shots, the Silver Sands and The Garage Gala Apple. The Silver Sands had a spicy mango taste and was quite the hit. Doug Graff and Guy Puglisi surprised the co-owner of The Garage, Guy Sheets, with the IGRA Appreciation Award. Congratulations Guy Sheets!



Guy Puglisi and Doug Graff presenting
Guy Sheets, Co-Owner of The Garage,
with the IGRA Appreciation Award.



Guy Sheets and A'Lotta Trash,
Miss NGRA 2014.

Many thanks again to our generous sponsors and prize donors, The Garage, Blue Moon Resort-Hotel for Men Las Vegas, Entourage, SPI Entertainment, Chippendales, Divas, Laugh Factory, V-The Variety Show, and Gun Oil! We could not have done this without your support.

Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Saturday February 1



The Men of Charlie's is a social group that donates money to different charities. The first Saturday of every month contestants meet at the bar and participate in raising money, playing games, and having fun. Whoever raises the most money becomes Mr. Charlie's for that month.

Mr. NGRA 2014, Brent Rosinski, became Mr. Charlie's for February 2014 and, with another competitor, raised \$440 for The Saint Therese Center.

Here we see Brent with Guy Puglisi, Man of Charlie's for November 2007, and Man of the Year for 2007.

Charlie's Las Vegas, one of NGRA's long standing sponsors, will be holding the Man of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest for March on Saturday March 1. On that occasion, NGRA will be the beneficiary of the money collected by the contestants.

Why not come along for a beverage or two or more (remembering to drink safely as the Captain says), dance and have fun.

Furthermore, have any of you guys thought of competing to be a Man of Charlie's. If successful, you would be following in the footsteps of many NGRA Members including Joel Castillo, Jason Jewel, Jason Metzger, Bill Trunzo, Ken Wells, Darren Wernette, and Yours Truly, to name just a few.



Remember the bit about "playing games and having fun", well here we can see Brent trying his steady hand at the Cowboy Trick. The first part of the Trick involved building a pyramid out of those famous plastic drinking containers, to the accompaniment of "Red Solo Cup" from the DJ.

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in February:

4	Barry Jones
8	Daniel Roybal (Sister Glo)
14	Jason Metzger
17	Jim St. Marie (Sister Sioux)
22	Joseph Gurican

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Scott Bullock
Scott Fieux
Joseph Gurican
Russ McCurdy
Ryan Sanders

NGRA Membership Renewal

There's still time to renew your NGRA Membership.

Renewal payments made between February 1, 2014 and February 28, 2014 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee (\$34.00). Memberships not renewed prior to March 1 will be cancelled.

Membership Renewal payments can be made on the NGRA website at www.ngra.com or via postal mail to the following address:

NGRA - Membership Renewal
PO Box 96055
Las Vegas, NV 89193

If you've renewed your membership - Thank you! If not, please do so prior to the February 28 deadline.

Thank you for your continued support of NGRA.

David Hering, NGRA Treasurer

2013 NGRA Member of the Year Nominees

Every year, our fabulous Members of the Month are automatically entered as candidates for NGRA Member of the Year. Nominations for other outstanding members are also accepted. The following people are the candidates for NGRA 2013 Member of the Year:

David Blackwood	January 2013 Member of the Month
Sabel D'Zyre	February 2013 Member of the Month
West Fisher	March 2013 Member of the Month
David Blackwood	April 2013 Member of the Month
Julio Heredia	May 2013 Member of the Month
Barry Jones	June 2013 Member of the Month
Bill Watkins	July 2013 Member of the Month
Eddy Krien	August 2013 Member of the Month
Carolyn Jones	September 2013 Member of the Month
Ephraim Cervantes	October 2013 Members of the Month
Julio Heredia	
Brent Rosinski	November 2013 Member of the Month
Roger Bergmann	December 2013 Member of the Month

Look for your ballots via email in the coming weeks! Please remember to vote. Each of these 13 people has given a lot of their time and energy to NGRA this past year. Reward them by congratulating them on their nominations and vote for one of them today. The winner will be announced at the March 2014 General Board Meeting.

Member of the Year Nominations

NGRA is now accepting nominations from the General Membership for Member of the Year. All nominations received prior to the February 15 deadline will be included in the 2013 Member of the Year Ballot. When submitting your nomination, please be sure to include a short summary of why you think your person deserves to be the NGRA Member of the Year. Please submit your nominations to the NGRA Vice President at vicepresident@ngra.com no later than February 15, 2014. Be on the lookout for the 2013 NGRA Member of the Year Ballot which will be sent via email later this month.

As always, thank you for your continued support of NGRA.

David Blackwood
NGRA Vice President

NGRA Lifetime Membership

Congratulations to Laura Scott on being awarded an NGRA Lifetime Membership. Laura served as Rodeo Director for three consecutive years. Thank you Laura and congratulations again!

Honorary NGRA Membership

Congratulations to the following [Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence](#) on being awarded Honorary NGRA Membership: Tracy Skinner; Daniel Roybal; Eddy Krien; Sybrina Bernabei; Eugene Godina; Christina Hernandez; Billy Pierro, and Jim St. Marie. Thank you for all of your hard work and congratulations again!

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

By now, with rodeo only about 14 weeks away, work on Bighorn Rodeo 2014 starts to ramp up. As part of these preparations the volunteer sign up form is now available on the NGRA website.

Here is the link:

[Click HERE for online volunteer form](#)

Thanks to all those people who have already completed their forms. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

If you volunteered last year and your details haven't changed you can just e-mail me at volunteers@bighornrodeo.com confirming your wish to help. I still have your details.

The next volunteer gathering will be on Wednesday February 19 when many of us will have attended the Road Runner Rodeo in Phoenix. I'm sure I shall see some of you in Phoenix.

This volunteer meeting will give newcomers a chance to meet other veteran volunteers and find out what is involved. It will also give everyone there the chance to confirm their chosen job and times for BigHorn Rodeo 2014.

Don't forget to contact me at volunteers@ngra.com for anything to do with volunteering for NGRA not associated with Bighorn Rodeo 2014.

Carolyn Jones
Volunteer Coordinator

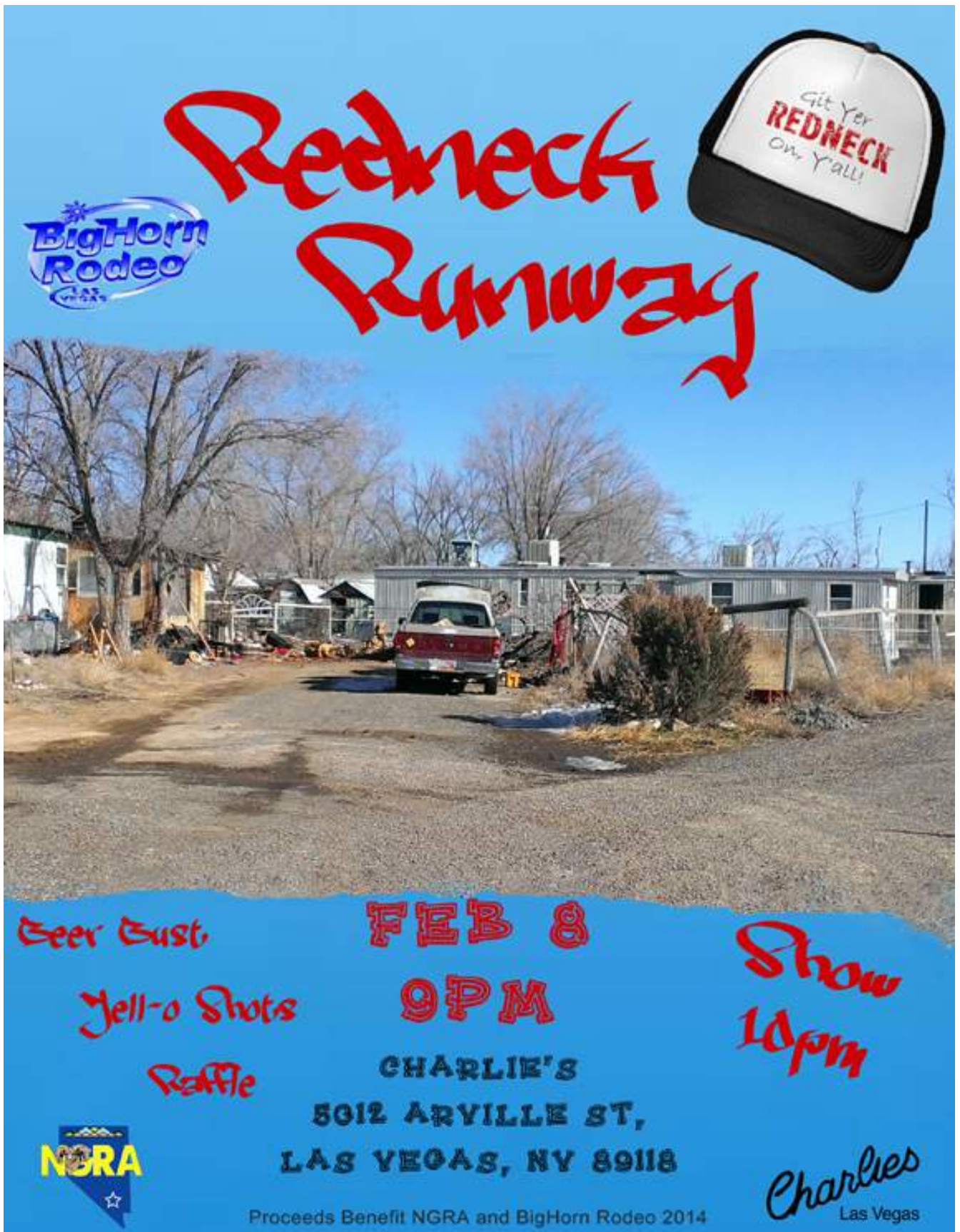


Photographers

WANTED

Seeking photographers to capture live events for NGRA at local bars, casinos, rodeos, and fundraising events. Digital camera required.

Email Brent Rosinski: pr@ngra.com



Redneck Runway

Big Horn Rodeo

Git Yer REDNECK On, Y'all!

Beer Bust

Jell-o Shots

Raffle

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9PM

Show 10pm

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Charlies Las Vegas

Let's Learn Rodeo!

BBQ Lunch

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Taught by Scotty Shadix**

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Roping

**Henderson Saddle Association
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Henderson, Nevada 89011**

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10 AM**



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MAY
9TH & 10TH
2014

Starts at 3 PM

NGRA **BUD LIGHT** **IGRA**

The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) calls for Volunteers and all interested Parties for participation in the Rodeo at Gay Games 9 in Cleveland/Akron

The International Gay Rodeo Association (**IGRA**) "Rodeo at Gay Games 9" Rodeo Director Judy Munson is calling on all interested parties to step forward and participate in the historic rodeo that will be held on August 10 and 11, 2014 in Akron Ohio.

Now that the dates of the rodeo are confirmed, I am asking that everyone across the IGRA family who wants to participate in the rodeo in any capacity to come forward and be given a role or task, both big and small that will culminate in an event at GG9 that all IGRA members will be proud of.

The first step is to make sure you can commit to being in Cleveland/ Akron for all or most of the time period of August 8-12, 2014....since IGRA does not have a lot of "boots on the ground", we will all have to converge in Akron in advance of the rodeo to prepare the venue.

There is also lots to do well in advance of the rodeo, so people who have time to help out over the next 6 months are asked to join us in the endeavour. We are looking to expand the Rodeo Committee to 30-40 people all doing a critical piece of the total effort.

If you would like to meet and share Gay Rodeo with people from all over the world this is your chance. There are unlimited ways for you to be involved and contribute to a fun, exciting and successful IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games 9.

Sign up and be part of IGRA history.

Once you feel you can make the commitment we are asking interested IGRA officials, chute/arena crew, and arena volunteers to respond to Judy Munson at: runninghorseranch@platinum.ca.

Once you feel you can make the commitment we are asking potential volunteers for all other areas to respond to: Sandy Bidwell, volunteer coordinator at bsandyj69@aol.com.

Additional information including how to register and how to compete, participate and volunteer for the "Rodeo at Gay Games 9" will be made available as it develops on the IGRA (IGRA.com), Rodeo at Gay Games 9 website (www.gaygamesrodeo.org) and/or the Gay Games 9 website (www.gg9cle.com).

Judy Munson
IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games 9
Rodeo Committee Chair/Rodeo Director
direct: 403-478-1613
email: runninghorseranch@platinum.ca

Calendar

February

Sat 8	9:00 pm	Redneck Runway	Charlie's
Mon 10	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Thurs 13	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
14-16		Arizona Gay Rodeo AGRA	Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds 7611 South 29 th Avenue, Laveen, AZ 85339
Sat 22	8:00 pm	Red Dress 2014; Red Light District Rumba!	World Market Center, 495 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106
Mon 24	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	917 Woodbridge Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108
Tues 25	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
28-2		Texas Traditional Rodeo TGRA	Dallas Fair Park Coliseum 1121 First Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210

March

Sat 1	9:30 pm	Mr Charlie's Contest NGRA is the Beneficiary	Charlie's
Sat 8	9:00 pm	Miss Cow Patty	Charlie's
Mon 10	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Thurs 13	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Mon 17	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Sat 22	9:00 pm	Katrina's "All Among Friends" IGRA Fundraiser	Charlie's
Tues 25	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Sat 29	10:00 am	Rodeo Education Day	Henderson Saddle Association, 6490 Wiesner Way, Henderson, 89011

Calendar (continued)

April

4-6		Sunshine Stampede FGRA	Bergeron Rodeo Grounds 4271 Davie Rd, Davie, FL 33314
Sat 12	9:00 pm	Closet Ball King & Queen	Charlie's
Mon 14	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Thurs 17	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Mon 21	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Tues 22	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Sat 26	5:00 pm	City Slickers and Country Kickers	The Garage

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