



July 2014 BigHorn Gazette

Congratulations Larry



BigHorn Rodeo Director, Jeffrey Neal, presented Larry Jensen with the Alan Huss Volunteer Buckle at the Hot Rodeo Pride Fundraiser at The Flex Cocktail Lounge on June 21.

Seeking BigHorn 2015 Rodeo Director

All those interested in being considered for the position of BigHorn 2015 Rodeo Director should contact NGRA President, Doug Graff, at president@ngra.com by Monday, July 14, 2014 to get all the requirements and information, and to make an application which must include an outline budget.

NGRA 2015 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 Sunday, August 31 at 9 pm. Applications, and your \$25.00 entry fee, are due to David Blackwood, Royalty Competition Director, on or before the deadline.

If you need more information, or if you have any questions, please contact David Blackwood at royaltycompetitiondirector@ngra.com.

From Your Royalty Team

The Royalty Team had a great June with two events this month. We had our first event after Bighorn Rodeo 2014 at the fabulous Charlie's Las Vegas on June 12th with Trailer Park Hoedown. The bar was celebrating trailer park week, so we brought the best of the trashy and redneck to the show. We are very happy to have raised \$312. We would like to thank the bar and staff of Charlie's Las Vegas for all their support, all of the entertainers, and those who helped behind the scenes.

Our second event was at the Flex Cocktail Lounge with Hot Rodeo Pride on June 21st. It was a great event and we had a blast! We are very happy to have raised \$425 for NGRA. We would like to thank the staff of Flex Cocktail Lounge as well as DJ K.

We are looking forward to Denver Rodeo as our entire Team will be in attendance. We have a great event planned at Charlie's on July 12 with Rodeo Beach Party as well as our quarterly event on July 19th at the Garage. Hope to see everyone out at these events!

Your 2014 NGRA Royalty Team:

Mr NGRA – Brent Rosinski
Miss NGRA – A'Lotta Trash
MsTer NGRA – Preston
Mr. NGRA 1st Runner-Up – Jason Metzger

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Each year the Alan Huss Volunteer Buckle is awarded to a volunteer who had an outstanding performance at Rodeo. This year it was awarded to Larry Jensen. Larry was out of town working at the time of the awards ceremony so Jeffrey Neal caught up with Larry on June 21 at the Hot Rodeo Pride fundraiser held at Flex. Larry originally volunteered to help with contestant registration, saying of himself "Organized, friendly, quick learner. Work well in crisis." As I was short of arena crew when he signed up this seemed like a natural place for him and he immediately accepted my suggestion to extend his commitment, performing well in both rôles. Well done Larry.

Volunteer Party

On July 6 our Rodeo Director Jeffrey Neal and our President Doug Graff took over my back yard and set up their barbeque to cook for the BigHorn Rodeo volunteer 'Thank You' party. Due to the hot weather the party began at 5 pm and went on into the night as did the Rodeo. However, we managed to avoid being blown away this time. The pool was very welcome and was well used. With chicken, a choice of salads, roast corn, strawberries and cream and an interesting selection of liquor bottles opened at Rodeo, everyone had a great time.

Pride

The time has come for the Volunteer Team to look forward to its next project with NGRA. On September 5 the annual Pride Parade will take place Downtown and NGRA is hoping to enter a float. This means I shall be looking for volunteers to both build the float and walk in the parade. Details of the float design are still being worked on but keep looking out for more details of how you can help us make this a great success for NGRA. If you are interested in being involved in any way please let me know. A sign up form will appear shortly on our website but please feel free to contact me with offers of help or ideas in the meantime.

Enjoy the monsoon season.

Carolyn Jones, Volunteer Coordinator
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Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in July:

1	Ken Hruby
	Joel Castillo
4	Traci Ervey
27	Laura Scott

NGRA
PRESENTS

RODEO BEACH

Party

12TH JULY

HOSTED BY:
TAYLOR TRASH

CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS
5012 ARVILLE ST, LAS VEGAS, NV 89118
9 PM COCKTAILS | 10 PM SHOW | 9 PM -12 AM

NGRA

Proceeds Benefit NGRA & BIGHORN RODEO

Charlie's
Las Vegas



City Slickers & Country Kickers

Saturday, July 19
5pm-8pm

Beer Bust
\$5 Domestic
\$8 Premium



The Garage
1487 E. Flamingo Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89119



Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

Join NGRA Members travelling to Gay Games 9 Rodeo

August 9, 10 and 11 will be important dates for NGRA Members as Gay Games 9 comes to the United States. Specifically, the venues of the more than 35 sports and cultural activities will be held in Cleveland and Akron Ohio.

IGRA was honored to be asked to be a part of the event and NGRA Members are helping to make this possible. Opening ceremonies will be held the evening of August 9 and NGRA Members will be a part of the IGRA contingent, all marching into the stadium in jeans, boots, western hats and matching shirts. The Men of Charlie's have been honored with the important task of carrying all 50 state flags in the ceremonies and will be dressed in their trademark black and white.

The rodeo will be held August 10 and 11, starting each day at 9:00 am and ending at approximately 5:00 pm. Both days will include entertainment in an adjacent room from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. Then on August 10 there will be dance from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. NGRA Members who will be working hard to produce this historic event include:

- Guy Puglisi as Assistant Scorekeeper;
- Brian Rogers as Sponsor and Logistics Chair;
- Lorry King as Dance, Entertainment and Vendor Chair, with Bill Watkins assisting;
- Bill Watkins, Dance, Entertainment and Vendor Co-Chair;
- Miss IGRA 2014, Katrina Davenport as the Entertainment MC, and
- Doug Graff as an Announcer

Go to gaygames.org for more information or ask any of the above members.

Members of the Month

Ken Hruby

Ken Hruby was nominated as May Member of the Month for his logistics work and support coming into BigHorn Rodeo 2014. Congratulations Ken.

David Heckman

David Heckman was nominated as June Member of the Month for taking over all the arrangements for Entertainment at BigHorn Rodeo 2014. Congratulations David.



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

Calendar

July

11-13		Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (CGRA)	Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West 6 th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401
Sat 12	9:00 pm	Rodeo Beach Party	Charlie's
Sat 19	5:00 pm	City Slickers and Country Kickers	The Garage
Mon 21	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Fri 25	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Christmas in July	Charlie's
25-27		Zia Regional Rodeo (NMGRA)	Rodeo de Santa Fe, 3237 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507

August

Sat 2	9:30	Man of Charlie's Contest Beneficiary: NGRA	Charlie's
Sat 9	9:00 pm	NGRA Fundraising Event	Charlie's
9-16		Gay Games	Cleveland + Akron, Ohio 800 North Avenue, Tallmadge, OH 44278
10-11		Gay Games 9 Rodeo	
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
29-31		Show-Me State Rodeo (MGRA)	Lone Wolf Ranch Arena, 22801 South State Line Road, Cleveland, MO 64734
Sat 30	9:00 pm	Hot Rodeo Nights	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102

Calendar (continued)

September

Fri 5	7:00 pm	PRIDE Night Parade	Downtown Las Vegas
Sat 6	Noon	PRIDE Festival	Clark County Government Center Amphitheater
5-7		Sierra Stampede (SCCGRA)	Central Park Horse Arena, 848 Elkhorn Boulevard, Rio Linda, CA 95673
12-14		Best Buck in the Bay (GSGRA)	Bill Parmeter Field, 23450 Moscow Road Duncans Mills, CA 95430
Sat 13	9:00 pm	NGRA Fundraising Event	Charlie's
Mon 15	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center

NGRA Board of Directors Effective May 1, 2014

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NGRA 2014 Royalty

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