



February 2015 BigHorn Gazette

IGRA University 2015
San Antonio, Texas, January 16 - 18



The Alamo Mission, San Antonio

Guy Puglisi represented NGRA as Trustee Chair, Brent Rosinski taught Word Press for web design and Laura Scott taught, Rodeo Director the basics, Rodeo Setup, Grand Entry/Awards and organizing a successful rodeo committee. Thank you to all three of them.



Resolution Meltdown Charlie's Saturday, January 10

The New Year gave us a chance to make our resolutions for 2015. By January 10 at the fundraiser at Charlie's we could see that having a good time was either something no-one made a resolution to give up or it was a resolution many had broken.

Our first event of the year could only be called a success with \$965 raised and a good time had by all.

I received the following comments. Firstly from Will Glenn the bar manager at Charlie's "One comment: outstanding show! I had a blast."

From Jeffrey Neal, celebrating the big 50, "Outstanding job to everyone. And thank you for including me as part of the festivities."



As our vice-president Ken Hruby, in charge for the night, wrote: "Mr. NGRA 2015, Dawg and our former Miss Cow Patty the renowned Miss Bootsy Carmichael put together an outstanding show. High energy with a lot of performers, old and new. Also, I have no idea whose idea it was for the 3-song dance breaks but they were a perfect length and kept the excitement going all night long. The show raised \$345 in tips.

To Gary Segal and Johnny Bob Dalton, I can't thank you enough. You've found your niche and you do it very well. Gary you're probably black and blue from having so many people feel you up but it worked - you moved every prize and raised \$338.

Efrain and Julio, considering we couldn't remember most of the shot ingredients, you guys were amazing and still managed to sell every last drop. You two raised \$153.



Ken and David, between "guarding" the table all night and the 42,000,000 (estimated) pictures that you took for Barry and the Newsletter, you guys were invaluable. I know you didn't get to move away from the table very much but, on the bright side, you had front row seats all night. Thank you very much for handing out the prizes. Also, thank you for setting up the table and making it such a great display and finally thank you for all the pictures you took.

Will and the staff of Charlie's, thank you very much for such a great night. You and your staff were great hosts. Everybody did an outstanding job keeping lines moving, keeping everybody drinking, and keeping classic country music playing. Also, thank you for everything you did from the setup, to the donations, to just getting me whatever I needed when I needed it. It was a great night and I can't thank you enough for taking such good care of us.

Carolyn, what can I say? You put it all together and made my job very easy. You gave me a great team to work with and all I had to do was show up, enjoy the show. Well done and thank you!"

Ken Hruby
Event Coordinator and Vice President
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The great talent that lined up for the night included Dawg, Bootsy Carmichael, Miss IGRA Runner Up - A'Lotta Trash, Mster IGRA - Preston, Traci Foxx, Boy Earl, Felisha, Taylor Trash, Reynaldo Martinez, Doug Graff, Mandy Barbarell, and Alex Michaels. What a wonderful cast.







Seeing what Las Vegas and NGRA could lay on were the Executive Board of IGRA: President - Bruce Gros; Vice President - James Jenkins; Secretary - Pierre Cadieux; Treasurer - David Hill; Division 1 Chair - Guy Puglisi; Division 2 Chair - Chuck Browning, and Division 4 Chair – A J Vawter, and the Finals Committee: Finals Chair - Clark Monk; Finals Rodeo Director - Robert Thurtell, and the Assistant Directors for Finals: Lisa Smith; Laura Scott; Judy Munson, and Tommy Chan. I hope they all enjoyed the night.





A fine array of prizes set out very well by Ken and David Wells.



At all our events we aim to have an impressive array of good prizes for all our customers. Some are thanks to the generosity of the bar, some to the generosity of our members and some are bought in just for the event.







Our winners certainly look pleased with their spoils.





All I can say after that is I hope you are looking forward to our next event at Charlie's "Wild Wooly Wodeo" on February 21 with Norma Llyaman trying to keep the Wodeo contestants in check.

Carolyn Jones
Fundraising Director
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Editor's Bits and Pieces

Oh, an Editor's lot is not a happy one. Sigh!

As I get near to "putting this edition to bed", I realise that I have a picture that I want to include but I'm not sure where to position it. David Wells (in his pre-nuptial shirt) clearly enjoyed the evening working hard with Ken Wells managing the prizes.

With David is our Mster NGRA 2014 and Mster IGRA 2015, Preston. What a perfect example of the artistry of the Drag King.

So, I am using my own little corner of the Newsletter to fix things.



I'm opening a gym called, "Resolutions."
It will have exercise equipment
for the first 2
weeks and then
turn into a bar
for the rest of
the year.



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IGRA Retreat





Fundraising

January was a very busy month for your Fundraising Team.

The January fundraiser held at Charlie's, Resolution Meltdown, raised \$965. Thanks to everyone who helped arrange, perform in or run the event and those who attended. Thanks also to the staff of Charlie's for accommodating us so cheerfully.

The next event there will be on February 21 and will be titled "Wild and Woolly Wodeo" with Norma Llyaman as guest artiste. Join us for an evening of song, dance and wacky wodeo games.

Ephrain and Julio have offered to manage another of their signature boot raffles. It will follow the format of their last, very successful one. Look out for further details of this raffle and how you can stake a claim to win a wonderful pair of decorated boots.

We have opened discussion with the manager at Badlands and we hope to stage future events in this bar. Let me have your thoughts on this.

Following discussions with the owner of a local food truck we plan to offer food at our events.

We are also working on a continuing program of events at Flex.

Don't forget the Fundraising Team is open to all. We are always open to feedback on any event you have attended.

If you only want to put an idea forward or help out at one of our events we are always keen to hear from you. You are always welcome and no level of support is too small to be valuable. The next fundraising meeting will be at the Centre on February 10 at 7 pm.

Carolyn Jones
Fundraising Director
fundraising@ngra.com

Benefit of being a Member

Charlie's
Las Vegas

25% off of all regularly priced drinks at Charlie's Las Vegas. Charlie's is offering 25% off, on regularly priced drinks, to all NGRA members who are wearing their nametag in the bar. This special is 24/7, 365 so be sure to wear your nametag. (Drink specials such as beer bust, happy hour, shot specials, etc. are excluded).

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Well here we go again. The BigHorn rodeo volunteer section of the NGRA website is up and running so it's time for you to fill in your form and get it back to me.

<http://www.ngra.com/index.php/bighornrodeo/volunteer/volunteer-information>

Our Rodeo Director, Laura Scott and her Assistant Ken Hruby are working hard to make this a spectacular, fun rodeo and you have a very important part to play in this. You know it could not happen without you so get onto the website and hit the form.

If you can't volunteer just be sure to put the dates in your diary and come along.

The next volunteer gathering will be around February 23/24/25. If you have any questions about the form we can fill it in then.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Carolyn Jones
Your Volunteer Coordinator
volunteers@bighornrodeo.com

NGRA Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your NGRA Membership.

Renewal payments made between February 1, 2015 and February 28, 2015 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
treasurer@ngra.com

Rodeo Director for BigHorn 2015



It's hard to believe rodeo it is only 107 days until BigHorn Rodeo 2015. Time does fly when you're having fun. Speaking of fun, who wants to join the BigHorn Rodeo Team and have a great time? We are looking for a few more Coordinator positions. Buckle/Chute Sponsorship Chair is of top priority. We need someone who is pro-active and will go out there and sell these buckles. Friendly and fun help a lot too. If you're interested, please don't hesitate to speak with me or our Assistant Rodeo Director, Ken Hruby, about the position.

So I have a question for you? What do you get for your membership to NGRA? Well, besides 25% off drinks at Charlie's if you have your badge on, now you get half off at BigHorn Rodeo or you get in FREE, if you bring a guest.



Richard Armstrong

We are really working hard to make this year's rodeo about fun. Dunk Booth, Jail Cell, Beer Pong, wonderful music and of course, great rodeo action. Watch NGRA's own, Richard Armstrong, Chris Due, Stephanie Malone and others compete for buckles, ribbons and money. This year with Palm Springs Hot Rodeo we are combining for the Gold & Silver Rush Days. \$4100 in extra prize money for contestants who compete in both rodeos. All rules are on our web site at www.bighornrodeo.com

Please don't forget about our next Rodeo Planning Committee meeting on Monday, February 9th, 6:30 pm at the Center. We need you to make this a successful rodeo, so please come out and share your ideas and thoughts.



Chris Due

**COME JOIN OLD AND NEW FRIENDS AT THE RODEO RV
OUTPOST. BIGHORN RODEO, MAY 8-11TH 2015**

**Horseman's and Dog Fanciers Park, 5800 East Flamingo
Las Vegas, NV 89122**



If you are interested in RV space, please contact us ahead of time, as there is limited space. RV space is \$25.00 per night, including electrical (up to 220) and water hook-ups. There are restroom and shower facilities available in the RV/stall area.

Email: assistant@bighornrodeo.com for more information

Laura Scott
Rodeo Director
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Presidential Ramblings

Have you ever had one of those weeks where you are incredibly energized by some things and horribly deflated by others? I just did.

Last weekend the IGRA Executive Board and 2015 World Gay Rodeo Finals (WGRF) Committee visited us here in Las Vegas. Laura Scott did an AMAZING job coordinating everything with South Point and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Thank you Laura. During the facility tour I saw, heard and felt the energy that we as Las Vegans can sometimes take for granted. It's humbling to know that we live smack dab in the middle of one crazy phenomenal paradox. Paradise in the Desert! Somehow Las Vegas has created an energy that is contagious, infectious and at the same time can be very fleeting.

While the IGRA and WGRF folks got bit by the Vegas bug and are super charged about the task ahead of them, our own BigHorn Rodeo production team is struggling to get even a handful of people to attend a monthly production planning event. The die hards are doing an amazing job bringing BigHorn Rodeo 2015 to life...but they need help. You may think you don't have the time or you've been there, done that, but we need you now. Maybe we need you now more than ever. Please look at your schedules and find a way to help us. If you're on the sidelines thinking you have nothing to contribute, you are dead wrong. Being present and being a sounding board, giving a pat on the back or participating in a conversation...it all helps.

Please, reach out to Laura Scott (rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com) and lend a hand.

See you all soon,

Doug Graff
NGRA President
president@ngra.com

Win a Quilt



Heavy duty king sized quilt made up of old GSGRA Rodeo T-shirts. \$10 per raffle ticket. Money raised goes to the Gold & Silver Rush Days. Extra prize money for contestants at Palm Springs Hot Rodeo and Las Vegas BigHorn Rodeo. Need not be present to win.

Email rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com for more information.

From Your Royalty



Thank you to the community for supporting NGRA last month. We had an amazing show at Charlie's Las Vegas. Thank you to Will and to the staff for helping make this a success. Also I wanted to thank Bootsy Carmichael for hosting the event and to thank my performers that came to support us: Mster IGRA 2015 – Preston; Miss IGRA 1st Runner Up - A'Lotta Trash; Traci Foxx; Boy Earl; Felisha; Taylor Trash; Reynaldo Martinez; Doug Graff; Mandy Barbarell, and Alex Michaels.

Thanks to all of the support we are receiving and we are gearing up for the start of Rodeo season.

I hope to see everyone out for Las Vegas BigHorn Rodeo May 8, 9, and 10 at Horseman's Park as well as at World Gay Finals Rodeo held here in Las Vegas on October 8, 9, and 10 as well.

Again thank you to everyone.

Your 2015 NGRA Royalty

Mr NGRA – Michael "Dawg" Yarbrough
mrngra@ngra.com

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in February:

4	Barry Jones
5	Efrain Cervantes
8	Daniel Roybal (Sister Glo)
12	George Vierra
13	Kirtus Veater
14	Jason Metzger
17	Jim St. Marie (Sister Sioux)
22	Joseph Gurican

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Will Glenn

Member of the Month

Joseph Gurican

Joseph Gurican was nominated as December Member of the Month for helping present the cakes at the December Fundraiser – Stetsons and Stockings.

Congratulations Joseph.

Miss Cow Patty 2015

Hey all! NGRA Miss Cow Patty 2015 competition is coming up! March 14th is the day! Soooo if you love having fun and love doing campy drag you should run!!!! Hit me up for info! I'll be hosting and stepping down as Phat Patty Miss Cow Patty 2014! See yall on March 14th!

Christopher Saunders
Aka Phat Patty
Miss Cow Patty 2014

NGRA's Member of the Year Nominations Due by the end of February

Ladies and Gentlemen, It's time again for NGRA to begin naming the best of the best - our Member of the Year. The 2014 Members of the Month are automatically nominated but current members, in good standing, can also make nominations. If you know of an NGRA Member who you feel should be recognized as Member of the Year, please send an email to me at vicepresident@ngra.com. Along with the individual's name, please send some background information, explaining why you think this particular individual is so deserving. The cutoff date for submitting nominations is midnight on Saturday, February 28. In March, a mass email will be sent out, inviting NGRA members to cast their votes for "NGRA Member of the Year." To refresh your memory, here are the names of the 2014 Members of the Month who are automatically nominated:

Guy Puglisi	January 2014 Member of the Month
David Hering	February 2014 Member of the Month
David Blackwood	March 2014 Member of the Month
David Hering	April 2014 Members of the Month
Brent Rosinski	
Ken Hruby	May 2014 Member of the Month
David Heckman	June 2014 Member of the Month
Brian Rogers	July 2014 Member of the Month
David Blackwood	August 2014 Member of the Month
Phil Lombardi	September 2014 Member of the Month
Joseph Gurican	October 2014 Member of the Month
Gary Segal	November 2014 Member of the Month
David Blackwood	December 2014 Member of the Month

Ken Hruby
NGRA Vice President
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WINNIE BAYGO'S

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TOURNAMENT

\$50 BUY IN 11AM - 3PM
SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
3701 BRIDGE GLEN DRIVE 89108

Winner to receive two tickets to Chippendales

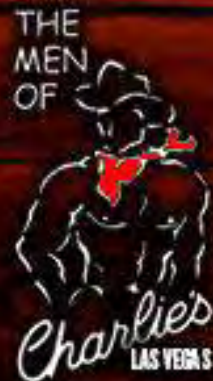
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MISS LAS VEGAS GAY RODEO - FEBRUARY
WINNIE BAYGO





WE WANT YOU!
FOR THE MEN OF CHARLIE'S
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE MR. FEBRUARY?
SATURDAY FEB 7, 2015 @ 9PM

The Men of Charlie's is a social group that donates to various charity organizations. The first Saturday of every month, contestants participate in raising money, playing games, and just plain ol' having fun. The contestant that raises the most money becomes Mr. Charlie's of that month.



THE MEN OF CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS

Beneficiary: The St Therese Center

NGRA PRESENTS

SATURDAY
FEB 21

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Charlie's
Las Vegas

NGRA

| CHARLIE'S | 5012 ARVILLE STREET | LAS VEGAS, NV |
| 9:30PM-12AM | WACKY WODEO GAMES | SHOTS | BEER BUST |

ENTERTAINMENT BY NORMA LLYAMAN | PROCEEDS BENEFIT NGRA & BIGHORN RODEO



BIGHORN RODEO

Saturday & Sunday
May 9th-10th 2015

Horseman's Park 5800 E. Flamingo
Las Vegas, Nevada
Rodeo start time 11:00am

\$10 per day
or weekend
for \$15

Pool Party Alexis Park Friday May 8th Noon - 5pm

Host Hotel Alexis Park All Suite Hotel 800-582-2228 for discount mention ngra015

www.bighornrodeo.com



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\$4,100
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BIGHORN RODEO
MAY 8-10**
www.bighornrodeo.com

Eligibility:

- 1.) The Contestant must be in compliance with all IGRA Rules.
- 2.) The Contestant must compete in both the Palms Springs Hot Rodeo, May 1, 2, 3, 2015 and BigHorn Rodeo Las Vegas, May 8, 9, 10, 2015.
- 3.) To qualify for a category award, the contestant must compete in at least one event in a category at each rodeo. The events do not need to be the same at each rodeo.
- 4.) To qualify for the Over-All award, the contestant must compete in 3 of the 4 categories at each rodeo.

Calendar

February

Sat 7	11:00 am -	Poker Tournament	Baygo Heights, 3701 Bridge Glen Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108
	3:00 pm		
	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the St Therese Center	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 9	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Tue 10	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri 13		AGRA Rodeo School	Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, 7611 South 29 th Avenue, Laveen, AZ 85339
13-15		Arizona Gay Rodeo (AGRA)	Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, 7611 South 29 th Avenue, Laveen, AZ 85339
Wed 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri 20	9:00 pm	King & Queen of Hearts Competition IRSCDE Inc Event	The Phoenix Bar & Lounge, 4213 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 21	9:00 pm	Wild Wooly Wodeo	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 28	8:00 pm	Red Dress: Steam Punky Funky Sin Sity Sisters Event	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Calendar (continued)

March

Mon 2	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Venue TBC
Sat 7	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the NGRA	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 9	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 14	9:00 pm	Miss Cow Patty	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 16	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 21	9:00 pm	Island King & Queen of Clubs Competition IRSCDE Inc Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 28	9:00 am	1 st Annual Yard Sale & Bloody Mary Luncheon	Baygo Heights, 3701 Bridge Glen Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108
Tue 31	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Venue TBC

Calendar (continued)

April

Sat 4	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the LGBT Center	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Fri 10		FGRA Rodeo School	Bergeron Rodeo Grounds 4271 Davie Rd, Davie, FL 33314
10-12		Sunshine Stampede (FGRA)	Bergeron Rodeo Grounds 4271 Davie Rd, Davie, FL 33314
Sat 11	9:00 pm	Miss Closet Ball	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 13	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Mon 20	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
24-26		Rodeo in the Rock (DSRA)	Arkansas State Fairgrounds 2600 Howard Street Little Rock AR 72206

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Effective November 29, 2014

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