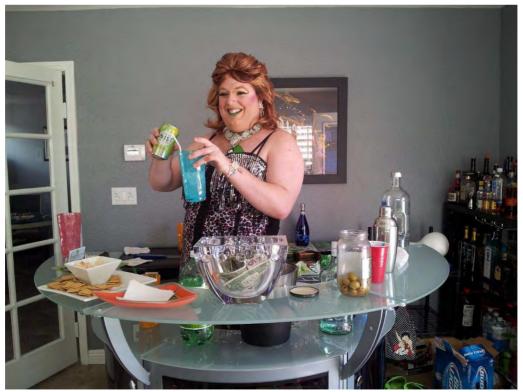


## March 2015 BigHorn Gazette

### Poker Tournament Baygo Heights Saturday, February 7

A big thank you to those who came out for the NGRA poker tournament. A special thanks to <u>Andrew Goodman</u> for the great food, <u>Douglas Graff</u> for putting this all together and <u>Christopher Sanders</u> and <u>Jason Dyer</u> for bartending and dealing respectively.



Phat Patty pours a mean cocktail



Sisters, sisters
There were never such devoted sisters



Eyes down for a Full House



Practice paid off



The Winner takes it all

# Arizona Gay Rodeo Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, Laveen, Arizona February 13-15

NGRA had a significant presence at this year's rodeo, both in terms of competitors and volunteers.

Lauren Dean won the buckle for Barrel Racing. Stephanie Malone, along with Greg B from AGRA and David L from GSGRA, won the buckle for Wild Drag Race.

The full contestant list for NGRA comprised:

Richard Armstrong; Courtney Cole; Lauren Dean; Chris Due; Curtis Fitzgerald, and Stephanie Malone.

NGRA also supported the Rodeo with a team of volunteers comprising:

Brent Rosinski

Douglas Graff and Adam Johnson
Guy Puglisi
Dawg
Timer;
Robert Honeycutt
Jason Metzger
Carolyn and Barry Jones
Announcers;
Scorekeeper;
Timer;
Timer;
Arena Crew;
Front Gate, and

Student Judging.

#### Well Done NGRA!



Lauren and Stephanie with their buckles



Stephanie and Team winning wild drag buckle



The boys and Stephanie initiating the new straight boy into NGRA

#### **Buckle Winners**

All Around

Cowboy Cowgirl Greg B Renita E

**Bull Riding** 

Cowboy Cowgirl Jason S Not Won

Steer Riding

Cowboy Cowgirl Jason S Not Won

**Chute Dogging** 

Cowboy Cowgirl Rob S Not Won

Calf Roping on Foot

Cowboy Cowgirl Rodeo J Shelly W

Mounted Breakaway Roping

Cowboy Cowgirl Greg B Renita E

**Barrel Racing** 

Cowboy Cowgirl Lorenzo D Lauren D Pole Bending

Cowboy David R Cowgirl Teri H

Flag Race

Cowboy Pepe L Cowgirl Wendy H

**Team Roping** 

Team Greg B & David L

**Steer Decorating** 

Team Pepe L & David R

Wild Drag Race

Team Greg B, David L & Stephanie M

**Goat Dressing** 

Team Greg B & David L

### Wild and Wooly Wodeo Charlie's Saturday, February 21

Once again we came together to raise money for NGRA and the BigHorn Rodeo. This time we celebrated with wacky wodeo games organized, if such a word can be used, by Norma Llyaman.

This was steer decorating as you have never seen it before. Well you've never seen a steer like this either. Two grapefruits in a pair of panty hose tied round the "Steer's" waist gave a good target for the blindfolded cowboy to aim for with his ribbon





"######s as big as grapefruits, sure I've never seen before"





"Oh, what a beauty, I've never seen one as big as it before!"

No goat in an arena has ever faced having to wear the vast array of apparel that Norma demanded. Teams of two contestant's blindfolded and carrying armfuls of clothing including wigs, dresses, scarves and boas chased volunteer "goats" around the dance floor. Once they caught a "goat" they had to dress it.





"The Dressers"





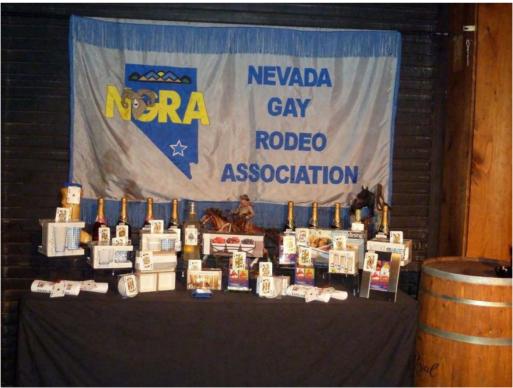
"The Goats"



The winners of both games won a weekend pass for two to BigHorn Rodeo 2015.

The current Miss Cow Patty, Phat Patty, aka Chris Saunders and her partner, Jason Dyer, did a wonderful job of persuading punters to purchase a playing card for \$5. Every face card was a winner with aces getting a star prize. What a great array of prizes.











Not only did Jason and Phat Patty sell the playing cards but both performed as only they can joining an amazing cast gathered for the night by Mr NGRA, Dawg.







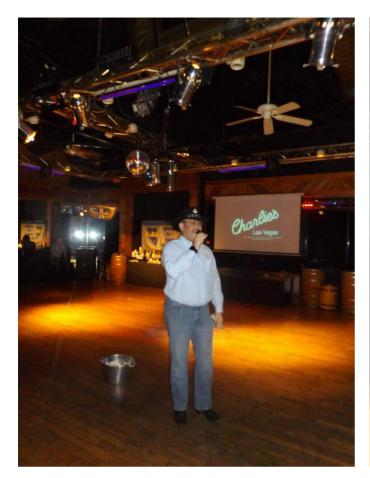


















Ken Hruby once again manned the beer bust and welcomed people into our event.



Stephan Shuppert and Vic Raquel toured around the bar selling tootsie pop shots.



#### Happy Birthday Joseph Gurican

What else can you expect on your birthday from Norma?









Overall we made a total of over \$760 for our funds. I must thank everyone who worked to make this a successful night: Norma; Dawg, all the entertainers and helpers as well as the bar staff who look after us so well.



Don't forget the fun and games continue on March 14<sup>th</sup> for our annual Cow Patty Contest. Make sure you check out the contestants or, better, yet, compete yourself and show us how it's done. We shall have edible "cow patties" for sale, some with a hidden number for a grand prize, as well as the contest itself.

Carolyn Jones Fundraising Chair fundraising@ngra.com

#### Food at Fundraisers



Ever felt hungry at Charlie's during a NGRA fundraiser?



Food for sale at all our Charlie's based fundraisers from our Closet Ball contest on April 11<sup>th</sup> for the rest of the year.



Every meal bought means a donation to NGRA



#### Editor's Bits and Pieces

The top bull in the herd had three sons. Recognising that his sons were approaching maturity, the top bull asked his sons what each one of them envisaged as a future.

The first sons replied: "I want to be a bull in the rodeo".



The second son replied: "I want to be a bull in a china shop".



The third son replied: "I just want to stay here for heifer and heifer".



#### Fundraising

Well yet again we had a great night at Charlie's on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The event was a week later than usual to allow so many of us to be at the Phoenix rodeo the weekend before. I must thank everyone who helped out so willingly.

Yes I did buy a playing card, yes I drew an Ace and what did I win? A weekend pass for two to Bighorn Rodeo 2015! Well as Volunteer Coordinator as well I guess I've got that anyway.



But now our attention changes to focus on the next events. Miss Cow Patty on March 14<sup>th</sup> and Closet Ball on April 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the Yard Sale on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you feel you are overflowing with cow pattiness, sign up now to enter the contest and maybe wear the striking sash. The evening will be full of activity with delicious cow patties for sale. Some patties will have a winning number concealed in their wrapping and you can see from the write ups of previous events how enviable our prizes are. There will be real shots for sale as well as our beer bust. And, if enough money is forthcoming to persuade the current title holder, Phat Patty to go ahead, the highlight of the evening should be when the newly crowned Miss Cow Patty gets the chance to fling a soft and squidgy cow patty into Phat Patty's face. You've got to be there to see that.

We are also looking for contestants for our Closet Ball event on April 11<sup>th</sup>. In this contest participants who do not normally perform in the guise of the opposite sex will be given 1 hour to be transformed with the help of a mentor and then perform for the judges and the audience. Again there will be prizes to be won, shots to buy and a beer bust.

Contact me if you are interested in competing in either pageant.

If you are looking for somewhere to spend the night on March 7<sup>th</sup> remember the proceeds from the Men of Charlie's competition for March benefits NGRA. Go along and support your favorite man and NGRA as well. Or maybe you can be a Man of Charlie's yourself.

If you want to support NGRA but are not a bar person we have two ways in which you can do that. Get rid of your unwanted goodies and buy wonderful stuff others have donated at our President's Yard Sale on March 28th.

Finally we have designed a range of tokens for you to buy for display at Rodeo. Whilst many people may wish to sponsor NGRA and rodeo, the full price of a buckle may be too much. Therefore we have to set up the "Friends of NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo" to sponsor for smaller amounts. We have produced tokens which will sell for \$5, \$10 and \$20. You can sign these tokens adding a dedication if you wish. Once signed they will be displayed 'en masse' on a wall of recognition at BigHorn Rodeo. Look out for volunteers selling these around town. If you think you can sell some please contact me

\$5

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\$20



I would like to thank Bill Watkins for producing the tokens for me.

So buy a token and demonstrate your support. Or go on line to:

www.shopngra.com

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of NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

Carolyn Jones
Fundraising Chair
fundraising@ngra.com

#### Benefits of being a Member of NGRA



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).



NGRA Members get half off the price of admission to BigHorn Rodeo 2015.

If a Member brings a guest, then the Member gets in for FREE.

#### From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Well, offers of help with BigHorn Rodeo are coming in from as far as Boise, Idaho so have you stepped up yet. The form is on the NGRA website. Here is the link

#### http://ngra.com/index.php/bighornrodeo/volunteer/volunteer-form

Completed volunteer forms are starting to arrive in my mail. Thanks to those who have already completed theirs.

Taking advantage of working the front gate in Phoenix and signing in all their volunteers, I placed a volunteer sign-up sheet for BigHorn on the table and managed to persuade some of the volunteers there to sign up.

Many thanks to the Court for offering to sell drinks tickets again and to the Las Vegas Boys of Leather for taking on access control to keep our spectators safe. Also thanks to the Men of Charlie's for running contestant registration on Friday night.

We shall be having one of my famous get-togethers in March so sign up now for an invitation. Many folk who volunteered last year have said they plan to help again. Just make sure I know you wish to be included. Again, if you have volunteered before and none of your details have changed you need not fill in the whole form but just let me know when you would like to work and what you would like to do.

If your contact details have changed or you have a friend or colleague who would like to come along here is a link to the form.

http://www.ngra.com/index.php/bighornrodeo/volunteer/volunteer-form

So if you want to be part of a fun team, see rodeo close up and for free get in touch.

Thanks again for all your help.

Volunteer Coordinator Carolyn Jones volunteers@bighornrodeo.com

#### Rodeo Director for BigHorn 2015



As of this writing (Sunday, February 22), it is 74 days, 23 hours and 33 minutes until BigHorn Rodeo is here. Many hours of sitting at the computer writing letters to potential sponsors, working out deals with vendors, procuring golf carts, toilets, hay, stock, radios, ice and so much more. Writing letters to officials and setting up hotel rooms. This and so much more are what it takes to run a rodeo.

The most important element you could have is passion, passion for this crazy thing called rodeo. I love it, deep down to my core. I love the people and the action associated with

rodeo. I love when the stock truck pulls up and starts releasing the animals. The sound of a nicker from a horse, the bellow of a bull and yes, even the bleat of a goat. It's at that moment that I know it's time to rodeo!

During the next 74 days, we as a team may ask you if you want to sponsor a buckle or maybe even volunteer your time, don't be afraid, I was asked once too, 24 years ago, and look at me now.

I am so grateful for this amazing group of people. Ken Hruby, our Assistant Rodeo Director and someone I have really grown quite fond of as a person, I could not be happier that you're by my side. Our Rodeo Planning Team, this next 74 days will be like a blink of an eye. Let's make this not only a great rodeo, but let's make the next 74 days the best ever.

In Cowgirl Pride,



#### BigHorn Rodeo 2015 Weekend Event Schedule

#### Wednesday, May 6th

Pride Family Bingo, 7:00 pm Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169

#### Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

BigHorn Rodeo Scavenger Hunt, 5:00 pm Yard House Restaurant, 3545 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89109

#### Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

BigHorn Rodeo Pool Party, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Alexis Park Resort Pool, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Two Chicks 4D Barrel Race, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

Contestant Registration, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

Party in the Park, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

#### Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

BigHorn Rodeo 2015, 11:00 am Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

NGRA Dance Party, 9:00 pm Beer Bust, Shots and Dancing Charlie's Las Vegas, 5012 Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

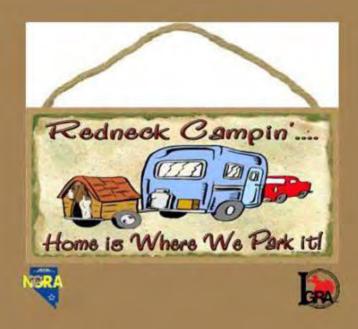
#### Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

BigHorn Rodeo 2015, 11:00 am Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

BigHorn Rodeo 2015 Awards Ceremony, 8:00 pm Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122



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 book-ups. There are restroom and shower facilities available in the RV/stall area.

Email: assistant@bighornrodeo.com for more information

Laura Scott
Rodeo Director
rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.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 <u>rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com</u> for more information.

#### Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in March:

4	James Morgan
4	Charli Phillips
6	John King
13	Laurie Banks
16	Carlos Garcia
22	Will Glenn
28	Darren Wernette

#### Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Scott Benton
Courtney Cole
Lauren Dean
Curtis Fitzgerald
Dale Loftin
Victor Raquel
Gary Wiens

#### Member of the Month

#### Carolyn Jones

Carolyn Jones was nominated as January Member of the Month for her work on the January fundraising event - Resolutions Meltdown.

Congratulations Carolyn.

#### From Carolyn

I would like to thank those who gave me this honor but really it goes to all those who helped put on this and all the other fundraising events. Thanks to you all.

#### 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 Board of Directors Elections

Election time is quickly approaching and NGRA needs you! If you have never held a board position with NGRA, this is a great time to consider putting your name in the hat to have a chance to make a difference and play an active part in the decision-making process!

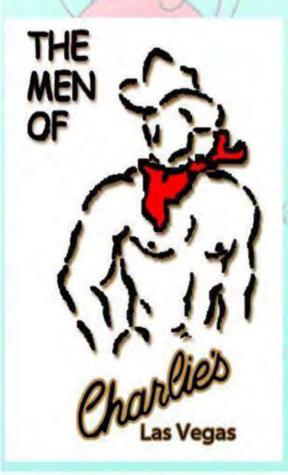
Ballots will be going out immediately after the March Board and General Membership Meeting on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> where nominations will officially close. All positions except Trustee are up for election. There are four executive board positions: President; Vice President; Secretary and Treasurer, in addition to four Director positions. The terms for President and Treasurer are two years and all others up for election are one year. To be eligible to run for the executive board, you must have been a member for at least 180 days; to run for a Director position, you must have been a member for 90 days. If you are interested in or considering running for the board, please contact our Election Coordinator and Trustee, Guy Puglisi at <a href="mailto:trustee@ngra.com">trustee@ngra.com</a> as soon as possible.

Those running for election will need to provide a brief biography with a little personal and/or professional background including any accomplishments or qualifications they wish to share with our membership. If you have any questions about the duties, you can find this information in the <a href="NGRA">NGRA</a> Bylaws which are available on the NGRA website at <a href="www.ngra.com">www.ngra.com</a>, or feel free to contact Guy or any other current board member.

Members who have provided an email address will receive their ballots via email using Survey Monkey. In the event we do not have an email address on file, a ballot will be mailed to you.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MEN OF CHARLIE'S

Saturday March 7th at
Charlie's Las Vegas
During the Man of the Month
Contest
10:30 pm - ?



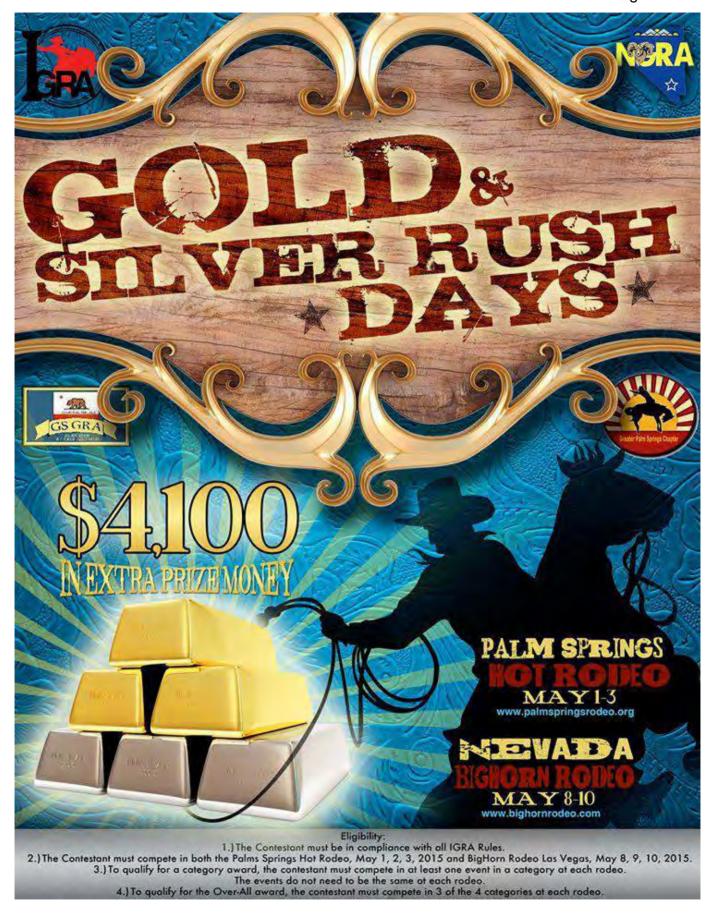
Come help us
celebrate 9 years
of fundraising and
community support
while helping us
raise money for one
of our local Charities
NGRA











## Calendar

### March

Mon	6:30 pm	Pre-Meeting Dinner	- Carolyn's Home
2	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Carolyn's Home
Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	_ Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
4	7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Luau Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 7	10:00 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
Wed 25	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 28	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Yard Sale & Bloody Mary Luncheon	Baygo Heights, 3701 Bridge Glen Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108
Tue 31	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101

## Calendar (continued)

## April

Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
1	7:00 nm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue,
	7:00 pm	Bunny Bingo	Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat		Men of Charlie's	Charlie's,
3at	10:00 pm	Man of the Month Contest	5012 South Arville Street,
4		Benefits the LGBT Center	Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat			Charlie's,
11	9:00 pm	Miss Closet Ball	5012 South Arville Street,
			Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon			Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
13	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	401 South Maryland Parkway,
13	-	Las Vegas, NV 89101	
Mon 20 6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,	
	6:30 pm		401 South Maryland Parkway,
	Membership Meeting	Las Vegas, NV 89101	
			Arkansas State Fairgrounds
24-26		Rodeo in the Rock	2600 Howard Street
		(DSRA)	Little Rock AR 72206
Mad			Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
Wed	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	401 South Maryland Parkway,
29		-	Las Vegas, NV 89101

## Calendar (continued)

## May

1-3		Palm Springs Hot Rodeo (GSGRA)	AC Dysart Equestrian Park, 2101 West Victory Avenue Banning, CA 92220
1-3		Texas Tradition Rodeo (TGRA)	Texas Horse Park 811 Pemberton Hill Road Dallas, TX 75217
Sat 2	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Tue 5	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
\	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
Wed 6	7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Thu 7		Scavenger Hunt	
8-10		BigHorn Rodeo (NGRA)	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122
	5 to 9 pm	Registration	
	5 pm	Bar opens	Hamanania Davis
Fri	5 pm	Chuck wagon opens	— Horseman's Park,
8	5 pm	Two Chicks Barrel Race	— 5800 East Flamingo Road,
		Beer Pong	— Las Vegas, NV 89122
	10.pm	Drink ticket sales end	
Sat 9	9:00 pm	Dance Party	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
22-24		Great Plains Rodeo (OGRA)	Oklahoma State Fair Park 333 Gordon Cooper Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73117

## **NGRA Board of Directors**

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