



May 2015 BigHorn Gazette

Miss Closet Ball 2015 - Charity



Miss Closet Ball
Charlie's
Saturday April 11th, 2015



I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight to the Miss Closet Ball competition fundraiser! We raised \$906! Thank you all so much for your love! I would tag everyone but I don't want to leave anyone out! I want to thank the contestants Ken Wells, Robert DeGarmo and Jeremy Leckburg and the new Miss Closet Ball 2015, Charity, aka Jeremy Leckburg. All of you were wonderful! All of you were fabulous! I love you all from the bottom of my heart! I love and adore Taylor Trash for cohosting for me! For Ken Hruby and Laura Scott for assisting tonight! And all of my performers, Michael "Dawg" Yarbrough, Taylor Trash, A'Lotta Trash, Phil Lombardi, Vivianne Dumonde, Ida Slapther, Brain Porras, Freddie, aka Taj, Erica Matthews, Jason Dyer, Earl Coffman, Beryl Stanwyck and Winnie Baygo. Want to thank Johnny Bob Dalton and Gary Segal for helping with the game of chance. Vic R for helping with the Prize table. Jeffery for doing Beer Bust. Phil, Brain and Chad for selling shots and my photographers Jesse Guerrero and Chris Abby. And thank You Judges Vivianne Dumonde, Stephan Schuppert, Mary Bess Bohill, Ericka Matthews and Eddy Krien.

I love you all!
Joseph A Gurican
aka Ona'stagea

Miss Closet Ball 2015 - Charity with co-hostesses Ona'stagea and Taylor Trash



So I have another Title, Miss Closet Ball 2015. I really need to Thank: [Vera LaPorte](#), [Nikita Lafemme](#). Nikita painted me for the God's, and Vera made my costume. [#NikitaFlawless](#) [#WhoredOutCupcake](#)

Oh crap Thank you [Jesse Guerrero](#) my music, and to my wonderful MAMMA'S Wolf: [Scott Bullock](#) Scott and sister from another Mister Joseph aka Ona'stagea. For talking me into competing, And Finally to my sister [Mindy Leckburg-Fout](#) for giving me the suggestion for the song to perform. [#PleaseDontTouchMePlums](#)

Charity
Aka Jeremy Leckburg

Judges
Mary Bess Bohill, Ericka Matthews, Beryl Stanwyck,
Stephan Schuppert and Vivianne Dumonde



The Candidates





The Transformation



1 hour





1 hour



1 hour



The Performers



Thank you to those in NGRA who invited me out and allowed Beryl to come out last night! Specifically [Carolyn Jones](#), [Michael-Dawg Yarbrough](#), [Joseph A Gurican](#) and [Taylor Trash](#). It was a real treat to tote her out again and enjoyed the crowd there tons

Thank you to my coworkers who came too! You made it perfect! Special thank you to the kindness and generosity of [Douglas Graff](#), [Winnie Baygo](#)! Dream Designer to the Ho Stars! Now, resume normal activities.

Viva Las Vegas! Remember, without the FUN, it's just a bunch of 'draising. And who wants a night like that?

Another one done!

I wasn't competing for anything. Good God...a drag title???? Never!!!! Ever!!!!!! I was there as a judge of the competition and performed one lip sync song.

Eddy Jmk
aka Beryl Stanwyck

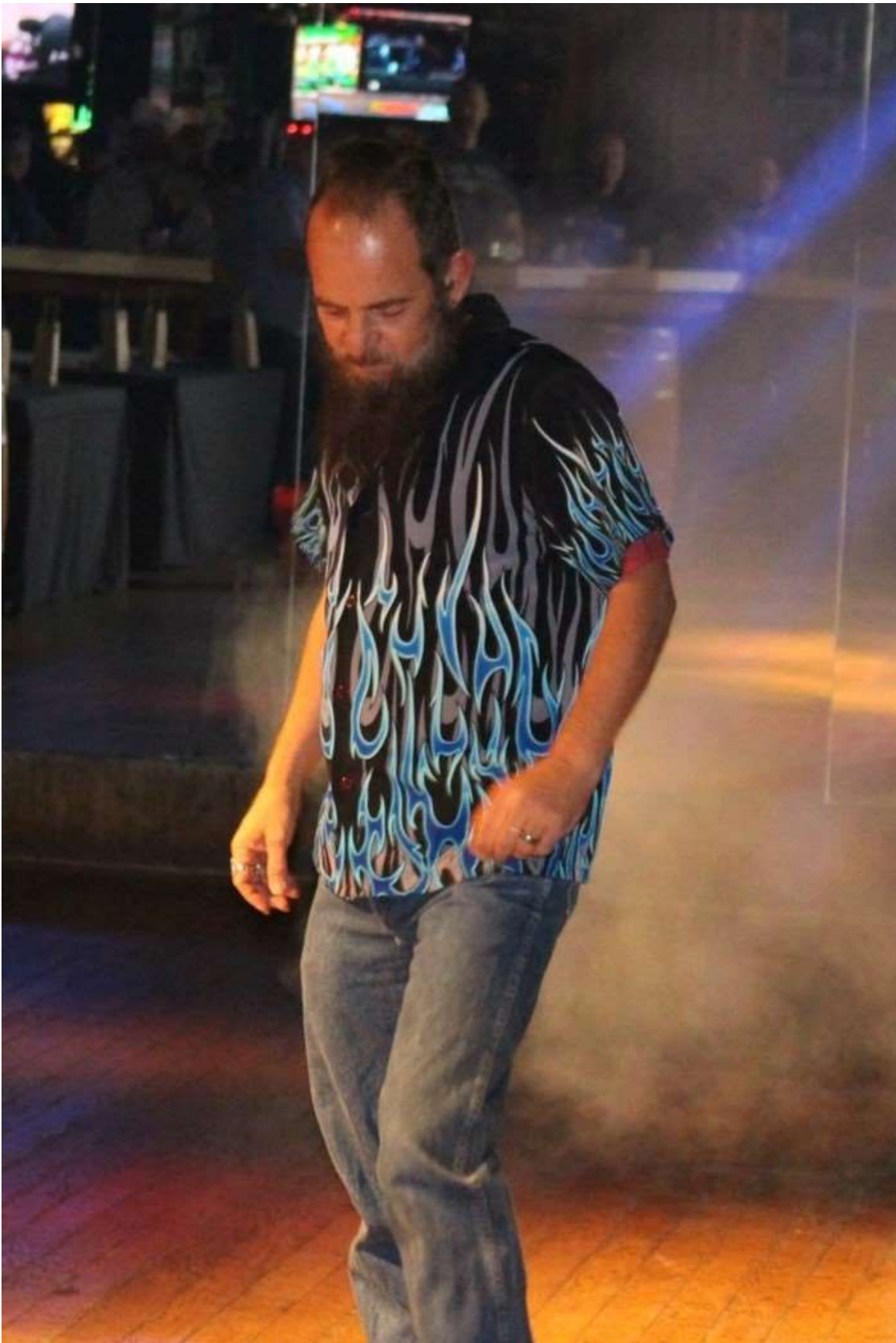




















Taylor Trash and Gary Segal promoting the Closet Balls



Johnny Bob Dalton and Gary Segal selling Closet Balls



Jeffery selling the Beer Bust



Well it was a fun night at Charlie's. I came in 3rd place. Out of 3. So I guess this means better luck next time. Thank you to [Terry Freeman](#), for painting me. To [Jimmy Emerson](#) for my new hair. And my husband [David Wells](#) for believing in me.



Ken Wells

Rodeo Director for BigHorn 2015



I can't believe it's almost here, I can taste it, smell it, I can feel the energy. Two weeks from the time I am writing this, all will be out of our hands. This is the time where you ask yourself in your sleep, did I remember to do..... Insert any word here and it would be true. I remind myself that this isn't my first rodeo, but I am human as well, and unfortunately we forget, the truth comes in how you adapt. I am proud to say I work with some great folks who know how to adapt.

Now it is time for you to enjoy the fruits of our labor. I sit here reminded of the first time I was

on the rodeo committee, back in 1996. The stock contractor pulled up in this huge rig, opened the back gate, brought the ramps down and here they came. I will never forget that moment, the smell, it was poetry and roses. Ok, it was bulls and steers and a whole lot of crap, but for me, it was heaven.

I am thrilled to have had so many great memories with NGRA as a Rodeo Director, and although I have said it before, it's time to step away and let someone else wrestle this rodeo. I am thrilled with my next chapter as one of the Directors for the World Gay Rodeo Finals. For now however, pull up your boot straps and get ready for BigHorn Rodeo 2015.











BigHorn Rodeo 2015 Weekend Event Schedule

Wednesday, May 6th

Pride Family Bingo, 7:00 pm

Alexis Park Resort – Athena Ballroom, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169

Thursday, May 7th

BigHorn Rodeo Scavenger Hunt, 5:00 pm

Location to be announced

Friday, May 8th

BigHorn Rodeo Pool Party, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Alexis Park Resort Pool, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Contestant Registration, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

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Party in the Park, 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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HomoRodeo.com Meet-n-Greet Beer Bust, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Badlands Saloon, Commercial Center District, 953 East Sahara Ave #22B, Las Vegas NV 89104

Saturday, May 9th

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, Jello Shots, Dancing and Chuck Wagon

Charlie's Las Vegas, 5012 Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Phoenix Heatwave Line Dance Performance, 10:00 pm

Charlie's Las Vegas, 5012 Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Sunday, May 10th

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

**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
rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com

Rodeo Event Descriptions

Rough Stock Events:

Bull Riding

The ultimate event of the rodeo, Bull Riding is an advanced version of Steer Riding, but with a one-half ton more beef to contend with and the added danger that many bulls turn back on the rider and attempt to get even for having their routine disrupted. Guaranteed, once you are on the bull and the gate opens, few riders ever leave this event without being slammed to the ground and scurrying for cover, as the Bull Fighter moves in to save the cowboy or cowgirl.

Bareback Bronc Riding

A specially designed collection of leather and cinches used for this event is called a “bareback riggin.” Compared to the bull rope, this one is really tied on to the animal and has a built-in hand hold. Another difference is that the rider must start the ride with both of his or her feet extended forward over the horse’s shoulders and on the first leap out of the chute, “rake” backwards toward the horse’s rump. If the rider misses this, called “marking out”, it does not matter how great the rest of the ride is, he or she will receive a DQ. If the rider is lucky enough to make the 6 seconds, he or she may be plucked to safety as the two “pick-up men” move in and attempt to rescue the rider from his or her bucking mount. Contestants may elect to ride two-handed from start to finish, but will also receive a lower score.

Steer Riding

An entry level event for new cowboys and cowgirls. Contestant uses an approved rigging that has a braided flat rope with a flat braided hand grip, and a loop with a bell. This rigging is looped around the chest area of the animal. A steer is a less aggressive animal and skill set. The Stock Contractor flanks his animals with a soft cotton rope around the back end of the bull that signals the animal to buck. When contestant is tied in and ready, they signal for the Chute to be opened. They must stay mounted and in control for six seconds. They can only ride one handed, and the free hand cannot touch themselves or the animal. Rider is scored 50% on their ability and skill, and 50% on the skill of the animals. Spurs can be used to enhance the performance of the Bull, but they must not be sharp and must be locked rowels. Our Judges verify these on each contestant prior to their ride.

Chute Dogging

This event is designed to give even the novice a chance to compete in rough stock events. The steer and the contestant both start in the bucking chute and face a 60-second time limit. When the chute gate opens, the contestant must bring the steer out to a 10-foot line in front of the chute, and then attempt to wrestle, or “dog” the steer to the ground. The contestant will turn the steer’s head up and toward the steer’s shoulder, hoping the steer will fall over on its other shoulder, causing all four feet to point in the same direction as the head was turned. If the steer is contrary and falls the other way, it is termed a “dog fall” and the contestant can either attempt to turn the head the same direction or let the steer up and start over. In this event either the contestant “dogs” or gets “dogged”.

Roping Events:

Gay rodeo presents three roping events with one designed for beginners. The other two can be costly, because your success depends on a very good horse. Many roping horses sell for \$10,000 and up. These events always begin with the contestant in a “roping box.” An imaginary start line runs across the front of the roping box and the chute where the calf or steer is held. Should the contestant cross this line, called the “barrier”, before the calf or steer clears the chute, a 10-second penalty shall be assessed and added on to the time.

Calf Roping on Foot

This is the second step in a roper’s career. Most beginning ropers practice on fence posts or other stationary objects and then move in to the arena with a live animal. The contestant stands in the roping box and when the calf is released, attempts to throw the loop over the calf’s head. Once the loop passes over the calf’s head, the contestant must pull up the slack in the rope.

Mounted Break-Away Roping

The roper is mounted on horseback with one end of his or her rope tied to the saddle horn by a piece of string. When the calf is released from the chute, the roper will be in hot pursuit with lasso swirling above his or her head. When the loop is thrown, it must pass completely over the calf’s head. As the calf pulls away from the rider and horse, the rope grows taut and will break away from the saddle horn.

Team Roping

Hours of hard work go into the training for this event. This event is loaded with hazards, such as collisions, entanglements, and worst of all, possible loss of fingers. The team consists of two ropers and two well-trained horses. One roper is called the “header” and his or her responsibility is to catch the steer by the horns while the team mate, called the “heeler,” has the responsibility of catching the steer’s back legs, or heels. When the header makes the catch, he or she must wind the rope around the saddle horn, called “dallying off,” and turning the steer away from himself causes the steer’s heels to fly in the air for the heeler’s loop to catch. When both ropers have been successful in their tasks, they must turn their horses to face the steer and pull their ropes taut.

Speed Events:

Speed and agility are two highly prized qualities in these contestant's horses. These three speed events pit the horse, under the skillful hand of its rider, against the clock. Negotiating the prescribed pattern is a test of the rider's skill and the horse's speed and agility. A running start is permitted in these events and the fastest time wins.

Barrel Race

Contestants vie for the fastest time in running a triangular, cloverleaf pattern around three barrels. The horse and rider are allowed a running start and time begins and ends upon crossing a visible starting line. A 5-second penalty is assessed for knocking over a barrel. The pattern can be started either from the left or right, and contestants that go off the prescribed course are disqualified.

Pole Bending

In this event, horse and rider compete for fastest time working a linear pattern through six equally spaced poles. The poles must be at least 6 feet in height and spaced 21 feet apart. A running start is allowed and a 5-second penalty will be assessed for knocking a pole down, and disqualification will take place if the team goes off course.

Flag Race

A triangular pattern similar to that of the barrel race is used, with the substitution of a pole in place of barrel number three. The two other barrels will have a bucket that is $\frac{3}{4}$ full of rabbit pellets placed on top of it, and a flag in one of these buckets. The rider may choose to run to the right or left and as they pass the first barrel, they pick up the flag, race past the pole, back to the second barrel, and attempt to place the flag in the second bucket. If the rider knocks over the first bucket or the pole, a 5-second penalty will be assessed. If the rider does not pick up the flag or misses the second bucket, no time will be given. If the second bucket or barrel is knocked over, the rider is disqualified. Looks easy, but try this at 30 plus miles per hour!

Camp Events:

Whenever a group of cowhands get together for a good time, hell is going to be raised! Cowhands generally have their own definition of fun and challenge. After a few beers and some serious ego pumping, it is amazing what a group of hands can come up with! Prerequisites for participation are a willingness to eat dirt and the ability to hold your own with an ornery steer or goat. Sixty percent of gay contestants get their start in these three events and the old-timers stay in because the payoffs (or winnings) are the best of all event.

Steer Decorating

This event requires a two-person team. One member stands ten feet from the chute gate holding the end of a 25 foot rope, which is looped around the steer's horns. The other team member stands 40 feet from the chute and has a 24-inch long ribbon. When the chute gate opens, the team must bring the steer out and across the ten-foot line. One team member tries to tie the ribbon on the steer's tail while the other team member tries to remove the rope from the steer's horns. When the ribbon is on the tail and the loop is off the horns, the ribbon-tier must tag the timer.

Wild Drag Race

The Wild Drag Race is an audience favorite all across the IGRA rodeo circuit. Even though the competition is serious and the payoffs sizable, a large number of competitors also believe this to be a very entertaining event for the audience. The drag costumes come from "Goodwill" stores, from second-hand stores, and many from raiding mom's closet. A team is made up of one male, one female, one "drag" (either male or female), and one wild steer. The steer, with a halter and a 25-foot lead rope, is in a bucking chute at the beginning of the event. The cowgirl holds the rope and the cowboy and drag stand 40 feet from the chute. When the chute gate opens, the team tries to direct (or harass) the steer toward the finish line, which is 70 feet from the chute. They must get the steer across the finish line, mount the "drag," and then ride back across the finish line. The "drag" must be mounted on the steer before the steer starts back across the finish line and must stay on the steer until all four feet of the steer have crossed back across the finish line. Sounds easy, but the "drag" may get bucked off several times before the event is ever completed!

Goat Dressing

This two-person event was created especially for gay rodeo. The team stands 50 feet from the point where the goat is tethered. One of the team members has a pair of jockey-style underwear worn over their forearms. When the whistle sounds, the team runs to the goat. The team member without the underwear picks up the goat's rear hooves, grabs the underwear from around the other member's arms, and pulls it up the legs of the goat. Both team members must then race back to the start/finish line and cross the finish line to stop the time. The underwear must stay over the goat's tail bone until the timer is tagged by both members.

Fundraising

Well I must first thank everyone who made Closet Ball the fun night it was. A great effort by you all and I am very grateful.

I am pleased to welcome our new Miss Closet Ball to the Fundraising Team along with Miss NGRA for 2015, Taylor Trash. New ideas and contacts are always welcome so if you feel you can contribute come along to a Fundraising Committee Meeting and join us.

For May we concentrate on making the events surrounding rodeo fun for everyone.

Friday night at Horseman's Park is your chance to watch barrel racing, and meet up with old friends and maybe make new ones over a convivial drink. Enjoy a pleasant Nevada evening under the stars with an almost full moon. And to make the evening more convivial the bar which will be open till 10 pm. So come along and Party in the Park.

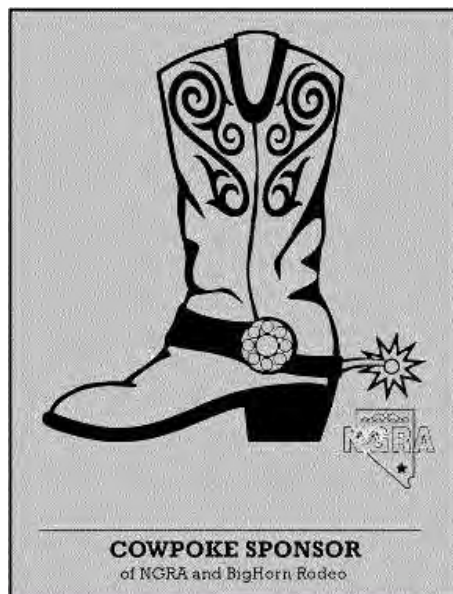
The Dance Party at Charlie's on Saturday 9th should be an amazing night with displays of line dancing by the dance group Phoenix Heatwave. If you have never seen them perform this is your chance to be staggered by their prowess. There will also be dance breaks giving you a chance to show off your skills as well. And don't forget that when you have worked up an appetite the food truck will be outside.

Looking further ahead we shall be returning to holding quarterly events at Flex and starting up quarterly events at Badlands. Look out for notices for these events.

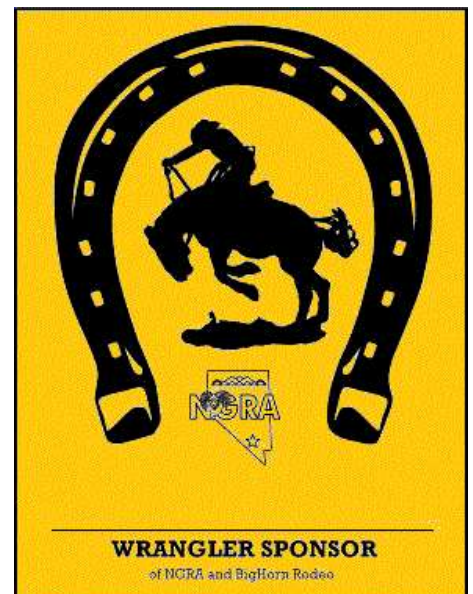
\$5



\$10



\$20



If you have not yet bought your Friends of NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo token yet please do so. This is a very affordable way to show your support for all that NGRA does in the community. If you have not seen one of the fundraising team selling them you can go to the website and buy online.

<http://www.ngra.com/index.php/ngra-store/fundraising>

Your name will go on the token you buy and, if you wish to be publically recognized, your token will be displayed on our 'Walls of Appreciation' at BigHorn Rodeo. We sold our first on line token at the beginning of March and so please keep the orders coming in.

So buy a token and demonstrate your support.

Our next Fundraising Team Meeting is on April 30th, 6:30 dinner for 7:00 pm meeting at my home.

Carolyn Jones
Fundraising Chair
fundraising@ngra.com

Presidential Ramblings

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors for NGRA...new AND old...you are all special We won't always again and from time to time we'll need each other to set us back on the good path. I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you Bill Trunzo for stepping up again when NGRA needed you.

Speaking of stepping up when NGRA needs you, thank you Taylor Trash for stepping forward to serve us again. Not like you haven't been doing all the work anyway! I'm looking forward to working with you as Miss NGRA 2015.

The rich history here at NGRA doesn't just happen. It is the result of the hard work of many people. As we approach the biggest event of the year for us, please remember to take a few minutes between now and end of the rodeo weekend to enjoy "the party". Grab some memories...hell grab a lot of memories and tuck them away.

Finally, I want to send my personal thanks to Laura and Ken and their production team for meeting the demands of BigHorn Rodeo 2015 head on. We have a huge party train coming our way because of your efforts. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!

Sincerely

Doug Graff
NGRA President
president@ngra.com

From Your Volunteer Coordinator



As some of you may have seen on Facebook one of our staunchest volunteers, Lin Hansen, passed away on April 13th. Lin was always cheerful and ready to help and did a great job in the rodeo office last year. I am sure we shall all miss her contribution and I personally will miss her ability to always calm me down, make me laugh and help me out when I got stressed at BigHorn.

Turning now to the future, volunteers will get together at Horseman's Park on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 pm for a quick orientation and a final chat and briefing. If you can possibly attend please do so as your questions can be answered and concerns addressed. If you are planning to attend the Strip Search event please do but make sure you arrive early for your work slot so you can be shown around.

By now you should have received an e-mail detailing your personal work slots. If you have not please get in touch. Most positions are filled but I still need people. I particularly still need arena crew. This is an exciting job in the thick of the action. Newcomers can pick this up on the day with a little help from experienced hands

so if you think you can cowboy up and use a tape measure with ease this might be for you. Let me know.

Thanks to the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire Inc. for offering to sell drink tickets, The Las Vegas Boys of Leather for controlling public access to working areas and the Men of Charlie's for manning contestant registration. Their help is much appreciated.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering and the jobs that still need to be filled, get in touch. We can always use a willing pair of hands. Brief job descriptions are available at:

<http://www.ngra.com/bighornrodeo/volunteer/>

Once you have decided to volunteer fill in the form on the website.

Any questions, contact me:

volunteers@bighornrodeo.com

This is a very important time to publicize rodeo. Tell your friends and colleagues and maybe bring them along. Remember entry is half price if you are an NGRA member and if, as a member, you bring a guest you will get in for free. So bring your membership card and wear your NGRA badge.

Volunteer Coordinator

Carolyn Jones

volunteers@bighornrodeo.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.

Remember to bring your membership card or wear your badge to receive the discount.



All NGRA Members get 15% off at both Sheplers locations. Remember to bring your membership card to receive the discount.

Look out for the Sheplers advertisement on another page of the Newsletter.

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 11th for the rest of the year.



Every meal bought means a donation to NGRA from the food vendor



Nevada Gay Rodeo Association









2 Locations

SAHARA • 4700 W Sahara Ave
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(702) 258-2000

SAM'S TOWN • 5111 Boulder Highway
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Editor's Bits and Pieces

Henry relocated from the City and bought a little spread just outside Pahrump. Now Henry was a city guy and didn't really know much about the country scene but he wanted to learn and fit in the neighborhood.

One day, Henry got in his truck and drove down to the local cattle market, intending to buy some stock. He walked around the market but didn't really have a clue what it was all about. Frankly, he could have been sold anything.

He wandered into the poultry section. Finally he bucked up courage and approached a farmer. "I want to buy a chicken", Henry said. "Ah, you don't want a chicken", the farmer said, "You want a pullet". So Henry did the deal and walked off with the pullet under his arm.

Henry was thinking that the pullet would be awfully lonely on its own so he decided to look out for a rooster. Henry went back to where he had bought the pullet and, with much more courage this time, said "I want to buy a rooster". "Ah, you don't want a rooster", the farmer said, "You want a cock". So Henry bought a cock. Off he walked, pullet under one arm, and cock under the other.

On his way past the corrals, Henry thought, "If I had a donkey, we could all ride back to the truck, and back home the donkey could help with all sorts of jobs". He beckoned a cowboy and said, "I want to buy a donkey". Now the cowboy had lots of animals and, sensing that Henry was a bit of a muppet, saw an opportunity to shift a rather nervous animal. "Ah, you don't want a donkey", the cowboy said, "You want an ass, and I've just the one for, and you can have it at a snip of a price". "Mind you", the cowboy added, "It's a bit jumpy but just tickle it behind its ear and it'll calm down". Henry bought the ass and the cowboy helped Henry climb on its back. The cock and pullet sat behind Henry and they all set off back to Henry's truck.

Henry was just coming into the parking lot and he could see his truck. Just then an eighteen wheeler came round the corner; the driver blasted his horn for Henry to get out of the way. Everyone was startled; the cock and pullet flew into the air; the ass bucked and Henry fell to the ground holding onto its rope. Just as Henry staggered to his feet, a little old lady spoke, "Can I help you sonny". "Oh, thank you my dear" gasped Henry, "Would you just hold my cock and pullet while I tickle my ass". The little old lady kicked Henry in the #####s and went on her way.

Next week, Henry moved back to the city.

Barry J Jones
Newsletter Editor
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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.

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in May:

1	David Blackwood
	Johann Kristinsson
5	Stacey Barnett
16	David Heckman
20	Cristina DiGioia
	Eugene Godina
24	Patricia Hicks
25	Victor Raquel

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Ricky Beltran

Member of the Month

Gary Wiens (Stephan)

Gary Wiens was nominated as March Member of the Month for his work with the Miss Cow Patty Contest.

Congratulations and thanks to Gary.

Member of the Year

Joseph Gurican was the winner of the election for the 2014 Member of the Year.

Congratulations and thanks to Joseph.

Results of the Board Elections

President

Doug Graff

Vice President

Ken Hruby

Secretary

Jeffrey Neal

Treasurer

David Hering

Directors

Joseph Gurican;
Phil Lombardi;
Michael Yarbrough, and
Carolyn Jones

NGRA Convention

During the April meeting, the Board selected a date, and location, for this year's Annual Convention. Convention will take place on Sunday, June 7th, at 10:30 am.

Convention will be held at:

D Bar J Hat Company,
5960 Topaz Street,
Las Vegas NV 89120

All NGRA Members are invited, and encouraged to attend. Convention is the one time a year, when the NGRA Bylaws can be modified. The Board would like to thank "D Bar J Hat Company" for offering their space for us to hold this year's Convention.

Ken Hruby
NGRA Vice President
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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.



WE WANT YOU!
FOR THE MEN OF CHARLIE'S
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE MR. MAY?
SATURDAY MAY 2 @ 10:30 PM

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.



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Heatwave Dance Group
Beer Bust, Shots
Dancing and Chuck Wagon
Charlie's Las Vegas,
5012 Arville Street
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Sunday, May 10th

BigHorn Rodeo 2015, 11:00 am
BigHorn Rodeo 2015
Awards Ceremony, 8:00 pm

Events at Horseman's Park
5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
unless otherwise stated



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BigHorn Rodeo 2015 Programa del Fin de Semana

Miercoles 6 de Mayo

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

Jueves 7 de Mayo

BigHorn Rodeo Busqueda del Tesoro a las 5 pm
El lugar sera anunciado
Las Vegas, NV 8910

Viernes 8 de Mayo

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



Two chicks 4D Carrera con Barriles 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Registracion de Participantes, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Fiesta en el Parque, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

HomoRodeo.com Meet-n-Greet
Beer Bust 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Badlands Saloon 953 East Sahara Ave #22B,



Sabado 9 de Mayo

BigHorn Rodeo 2015, 11:00 am
NGRA Fiesta con Baile, 9:00 pm
Heatwave dance group
Cerveza ilimitada, Shots
Baile y Chuck Wagon
Charlie's Las Vegas,
5012 Arville Street
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Domingo 10 de Mayo

BigHorn Rodeo 2015, 11:00 am
BigHorn Rodeo 2015
Ceremonia de Entrega de Premios, 8:00 pm

Los eventos son en Horseman's Park
5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
salvo se indique lo contrario



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Big Horn Rodeo

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375 E HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 WWW.BIGHORNRODEO.COM

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Big Horn Rodeo
LAS VEGAS

POOL PARTY & Fashion Show

May 8th, 2015
Noon to 5PM at the
Alexis Park All Suite Resort
375 E Harmon Ave Las Vegas, NV

**Fashion show at 3PM Sponsored by,
HomoRodeo.com & Boot Barn**

Hosted by, Douglas Graff, Taylor Trash
& HomoRodeo.com model, Charlie Roberts

Charlie Roberts

Taylor Trash

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PARTY IN THE PARK

Mosey up to the Bar Guys
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Day One of BigHorn Rodeo ★



Come to watch the Two Chicks 4D Barrel Racing. Come to register as a contestant? Stay to catch up with old friends and maybe make new ones. The bar is open. The Chuck Wagon is throbbing. Everything you need for a great night in the Park.

Friday Evening
May 8th from
5 PM till 11:00 PM

Horseman's Park • 5800 E. Flamingo Las Vegas, Nevada






BIGHORN RODEO

Saturday & Sunday May 9th-10th 2015

Horseman's Park 5800 E. Flamingo
Las Vegas, Nevada

NSRA Rodeo start time 11:00am

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

**\$10 per day
or weekend
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DANCE PARTY
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Saturday May 9th
from 9 PM til' Midnight

Stop on by after the Big Horn Rodeo
Enjoy the performace of Phoenix Heatwave.
A contemporary line dance group affiliated
with Charlie's Phoenix. There will be a Food
Truck there along with a Beer Bust and
Jello Shots. O' Yeah dancing too.

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Phoenix HEATWAVE

Inspiring the art of line dancing.

Line Dance Performance

Saturday, May 9th @ 10:00 PM

Charlie's Las Vegas



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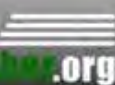
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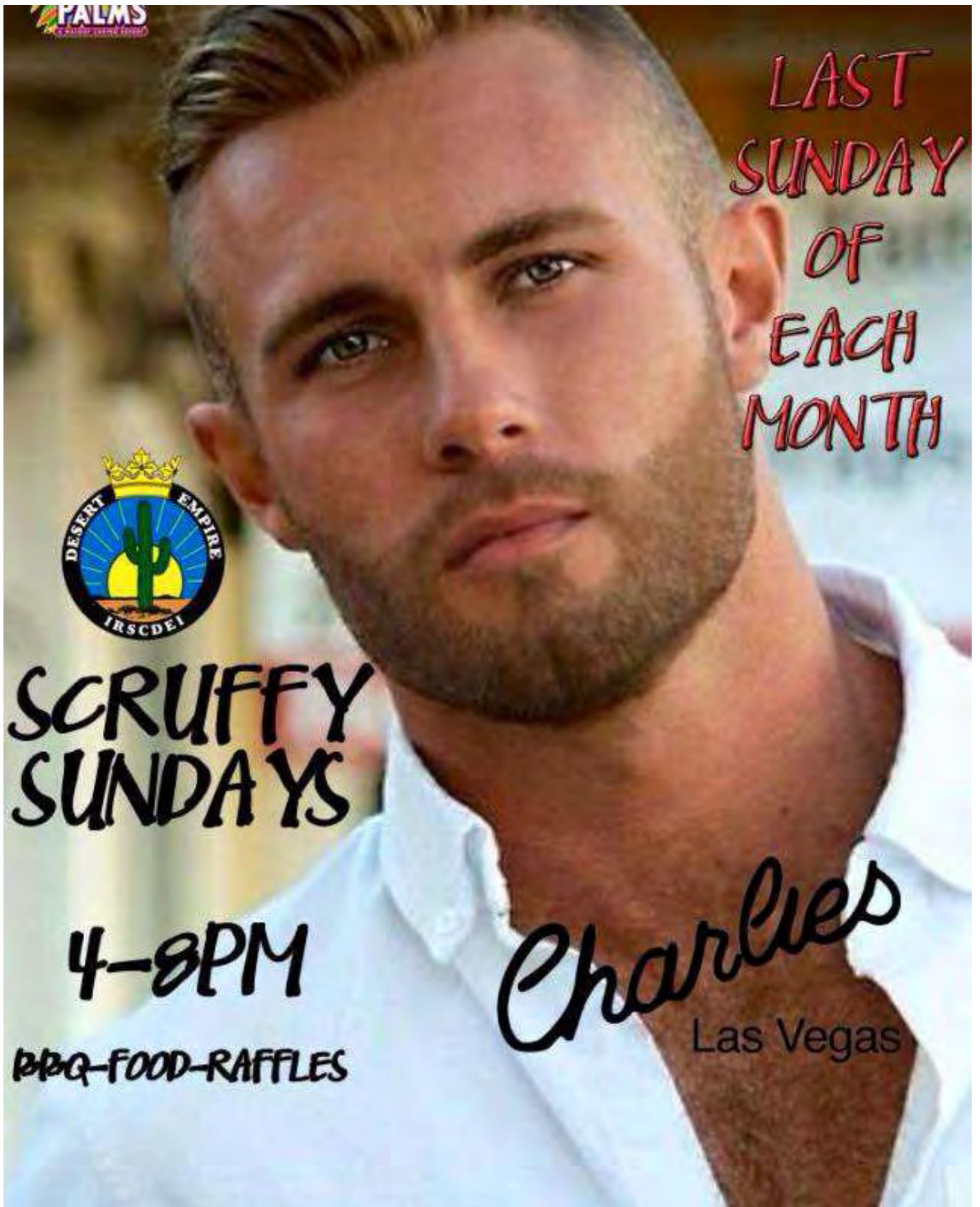
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SCRUFFY SUNDAYS

4-8PM

BBQ-FOOD-RAFFLES

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Calendar

April

Wed 29	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Thu 30	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Meeting Dinner Fundraising Committee Meeting	Carolyn's Home

May

1		5D Barrel Race	Fair Park 1438 Coliseum Drive, Dallas, TX 75210
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	10:30 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
Tue 5	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Wed 6	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Trailer Trash Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Thu 7	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Scavenger Hunt Volunteer Orientation	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169 Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122
8-10		BigHorn Rodeo (NGRA)	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122
Fri 8	12 noon 5:00 pm	BigHorn Rodeo Pool Party Contestant Registration	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort Pool, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169 Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

Calendar (continued)

May (continued)

Fri 8	5:00 pm	Two Chicks 4D Barrel Race Party in the Park	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122
	8:00 pm	HomoRodeo.com Meet-n-Greet Beer Bust	Badlands Saloon, Commercial Center District, 953 East Sahara Ave #22B, Las Vegas NV 89104
Sat 9	9:00 pm	Dance Party	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
	10:00 pm	Phoenix Heatwave Line Dance Performance	
Sun 10	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
	8:00 pm	BigHorn Rodeo 2015 Awards Ceremony	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122
Sat 16	9:00 pm	King & Queen of Spades IRSCDE Inc Event	Goodtimes Bar & Nightclub, 1775 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Sun 17	2:00 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting	Carolyn's Home
	4:00 pm	Volunteer Pool Party	
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
Sun 31	4:00 pm	Scruffy Sundays IRSCDE Inc Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Calendar (continued)

June

Wed 3	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Wedding Bells Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 6	10:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the Sin City Sisters	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 7	10:30 am	NGRA Convention	D Bar J Hat Company, 5960 Topaz Street Las Vegas, NV 89120
Sat 13	9.00 pm	School's Out	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 14	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 15	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri 19	9:00 pm	Mr & Mrs Firecracker IRSCDE Inc Event	The Phoenix Bar & Lounge, 4213 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Fri 26		ARGRA Rodeo School	Strathmore Agricultural Grounds, 122 Brent Boulevard, Stathmore, AB T1P 1EP, Canada
Sat 27	9.00 pm	Summer School	Badlands, 953 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
26-28		Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (ARGRA)	Strathmore Agricultural Grounds, 122 Brent Boulevard, Stathmore, AB T1P 1EP, Canada

Calendar (continued)

July

Wed 1	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 4	10:30 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
10-12		Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (CGRA)	Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West 6 th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401
Sat 11	2:00 pm	A Royal Chocolate Cherub / Underwear Auction IRSCDE Inc Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 18	9.00 pm	Red, White and Blue	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
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		Great Northern Shindig (NSGRA)	Dead Broke Arena, 5676 170 th Street North, Hugo, MN 55038
Sat 25	9.00 pm	Drag Queen Roulette	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102

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