



# February 2016 BigHorn Gazette

## Sabino Canyon, Tucson



Did you relax in Sabino Canyon after University? Just 20 miles / 45 minutes away.

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## From your President

### My Goals for 2016

2016 is here and I wanted to share my goals for the year with you. I haven't presented these to the Board so they aren't NGRA's goals — they're my goals. Additionally, they aren't even my goals for the entire year. Because some items just can't wait until December, these are my goals for the first half of the year. I hope to accomplish these items by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016:

- Have a venue set for BigHorn Rodeo 2017;
- Have a Rodeo Director selected for BigHorn Rodeo 2017;
- Have at least three non-fundraising/social events for NGRA's members, and
- Have at least 120 NGRA members.

That's it, just four goals. To some they may seem easy but realistically, they are all pretty ambitious, especially considering I can't do any of them by myself. I need your help. I need the men and women of NGRA to step up and help us make NGRA a better organization. If you've got past experience as a Rodeo Director, or even as an Assistant, maybe it's time to consider getting more involved again. If you've got friends that want to join but need that little nudge to actually do it, then please, give them that nudge or bring them to an NGRA Fundraising event and point them out to me — I'll give them the nudge they need. NGRA has a long history of doing amazing things and, as far as I'm concerned, we've only just begun. Our best days are ahead of us but we need your help to get us there. Please consider volunteering, however you think is best. If you want to get involved but can't commit to a lot of work, then arrange one of the social events I discussed. Organize a hike, a picnic, or an NGRA trip to a local tourist attraction. It doesn't matter, just please get involved and help make NGRA as great as I know it can be.

Ken Hruby  
 NGRA President, [president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com)

## NGRA 2016 Fundraising Director Appointment

A letter of intent for the post of Fundraising Director has been received by the Board of Directors. The Board will interview the candidate at the Board and General Membership Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The interviews will take place in front of those members who are present.

Following the interview, [and in Executive Session,] the Board will select a candidate by majority vote and announce the successful candidate immediately [ after the Executive Session].

## NGRA Pre-Rodeo Committee

At the Board and General Membership Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, the Board voted to create a Pre-Rodeo Committee (PRC) to start doing some research and leg work towards the planning of our next Rodeo so that when a Rodeo Director is finally named they are not starting from scratch. The committee will not be an "RPC" and the person in charge will not be a "Rodeo Director" or fill the rôle of a voting Board Member as our Bylaws would state. The Committee and its Chair, Richard Armstrong, will be charged to research options, dates, locations, and event formats suited for a 2017 rodeo. There is no budget and the PRC will not be authorized to obligate NGRA in any way related to contract or expenditure. The PRC charter will be simply to do research so that our eventual Rodeo Director will be further ahead in the process than they otherwise would be. The PRC will report to Jeffrey Neal, who has been a Rodeo Director and will be the Board Liaison for the PRC.

## NGRA Membership Renewal

There's still time to renew your NGRA Membership.

Renewal payments made between February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee (\$34.00). Memberships not renewed prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> will be cancelled.

Membership Renewal payments can be made on the NGRA website at [www.ngra.com](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Thank you for your continued support of NGRA.

David Hering  
NGRA Treasurer  
[treasurer@ngra.com](mailto:treasurer@ngra.com)

## NGRA Annual Convention 2016

If any NGRA Member has been considering a change to the NGRA Bylaws or Standing Rules, this is the time of year to let your idea be heard. The NGRA Annual Convention is the only time of the year that the Bylaws can be modified, and it is also an opportune time to consider changes to the Standing Rules. The convention is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, with a location and start time still to be determined.

I invite you to submit your proposals to me as soon as possible, so that all proposed changes can be compiled and sent out to all members to review prior to the convention date.

When preparing any recommended changes, please copy the existing section of the Bylaw or Standing Rule. Then UNDERLINE any proposed deletion, and **BOLD any proposed addition**. By doing this it makes it easier for everyone to quickly understand what you are trying to achieve with your proposal.

If you need help in writing up your proposal, please send me your idea and I will work with you to get your idea into the proper wording and format. The sooner the better, as it takes some time to properly write any proposed changes. Send to Roger via email at [canyontrvl@aol.com](mailto:canyontrvl@aol.com).

The current NGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on the NGRA website: [www.ngra.com](http://www.ngra.com).

**Convention Date:** March 12, 2016

**Time:** To Be Determined

**Location:** To Be Determined

Thank you!

Roger Bergmann  
Convention Committee Chair  
[canyontrvl@aol.com](mailto:canyontrvl@aol.com)

## Open Position at NGRA: Public Relations Spokesperson

NGRA is looking for a Public Relations Spokesperson. People interested in promoting NGRA, our events, and our people to the public should contact Ken Hruby at [president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com).

### Rôle of the Public Relations Spokesperson

The Public Relations Spokesperson shall:

- A. be responsible for arranging publicity for the Corporation's events, through the creation and timely issuance of news releases and through other activities;
- B. be responsible for the external dissemination of information, whether written or verbal, as directed by the needs of the Corporation, and
- C. keep complete and accurate lists of appropriate media for news releases, along with a complete and accurate list of the other IGRA associations.

## From your Vice President

Happy beginning of the 2016 IGRA rodeo season! As you may be aware, the NGRA Board decided against holding a 2016 Bighorn Rodeo, but we are actively seeking those persons interested in being the Rodeo Director for 2017. We are hoping to get a “jump” on next year’s rodeo planning. This month we encourage everyone to attend the Road Runner Regional Rodeo hosted by AGRA February the 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. The RRRR is being held at the Corona Ranch, which a great little rodeo venue just south of Phoenix. AGRA and the RRRR have managed to book a Country Music Superstar; Ty Herndon will be performing Saturday night! While you are there to see all the hot cowboys and cowgirls, make sure you stop by the actual rodeo arena and cheer on your NGRA contestants! We work hard all year long to make a good showing for our NGRA brothers and sisters, and to make you proud of your contestants!



Diamond on Command (Big D) – AGRA 2015



Make It So Sir (Perry)– AGRA 2015

Let's Rodeo!

Chris Due  
NGRA Vice President  
[vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com)

## Hollywood Night Charlie's Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

As Hollywood itself gets overheated about the Oscars NGRA paid tribute to the world of movies. NGRA Royalty put on a show based on movies songs to entertain the customers at one of our favorite bars, Charlie's.



Taylor Trash (Miss IGRA First Runner Up) and Dawg (Mr. IGRA Second Runner Up) donned their finery to take part.



The luscious Vivianne Du Monde used all her talents to sing for us while looking adorable as ever.



The effervescent Bootsy Carmichael giving it all she's got to raise a smile and a dollar playing for the crowd.



We took over the pool table to display all our prizes. Peace Bear looked all cuddly but did people really want the Charlie's \$25 Bar Tabs or the Bottles of Liquor. Who knows? Which would you prefer?





Miss Kitty sold chance cards while Gary Segal manned the beer bust for us.



Well this lady got one of the bottles of vodka that were up for grabs.



Stalwart cowboy, David Wright, seen here with another lucky winner, had the pleasant job of handing out the prizes



Well no vodka for this guy but this smiling winner at least has the glasses if he wins some in February.



This chap walked off with the lovely cowboy boot shaped shot glasses. I really like these but they are hard to find.



Mr NGRA 2016 singing his heart out.



And another vodka winner.



And another. Our current Miss Cow Patty looks set up for the cold winter nights. The 2016 Cow Patty contest is next month and if you would like the title be sure to see the flyer later on in this edition and get your entry in to [fundraising@ngra.com](mailto:fundraising@ngra.com) as soon as possible.



Well Crown Royal makes a change from vodka and now they can go and use that Charlie's bar tab to make sure they have a really great night.

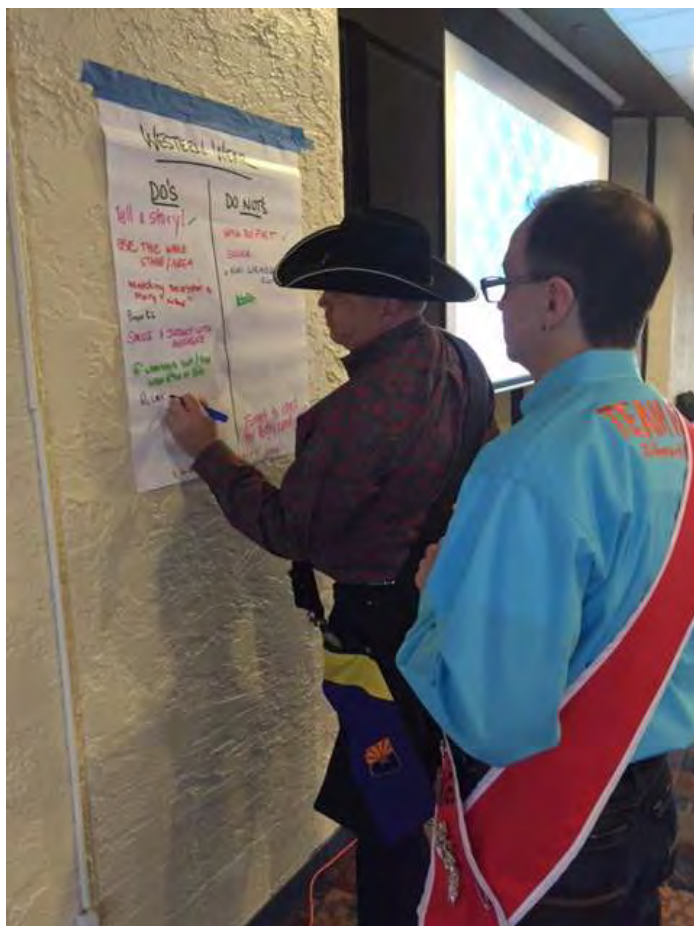
## IGRA University Tucson, Arizona January 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

### Review by Andrew Goodman

IGRA University was held January 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, in Tucson, Arizona. Members from IGRA associations across the United States and Canada attended the event and studied with instructors on a variety of topics from rodeo production to royalty to understanding the IGRA insurance policy to recruiting rodeo volunteers.

Although primarily focused on the evolution and longevity of gay rodeo, IGRA Chancellor Andrew Goodman (NGRA) said, "This year marks one of the first times IGRA University has offered coursework to help develop 'people skills'.". Being your authentic self was the topic of the Royalty Master Class with Michael Vrooman (CGRA) and the Rodeo Forum. Many said the highlight of the weekend was a Ted Talk-style presentation from Barbara Bug (FGRA) about taking the high road when faced with a dilemma.

Nearly 50 people attended IGRA University, including NGRA members Ken Hruby, Michael Yarbrough, David Blackwood, and Jeffrey Neal. NGRA members Laura Scott, Douglas Graff, Benjamin Avant, and Andrew Goodman were also instructors at the event.









The next IGRA University will be held in Las Vegas at the Alexis Park All Suite Resort  
January 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Andrew Goodman

## Review by Jeffrey Neal

No Regrets – Look to the Future.

These are two phrases that I took away from the IGRA University in Tucson, Arizona this month. Seemingly simple. But extremely important. As always, I took an administrative rôle for the event assisting in any way that I could so that other attendees would learn more about themselves and about how IGRA is integrated into their own Associations.

What I didn't expect is to be touched by the deep feelings and emotions of others that have been through so much in their own lives.

No Regrets: How many times have we each spoken to another – “I wish I had....”, or “I need to do more with.....”. Well, the wishing needs to become action and the hoping needs to become doing. If we choose now to take part in life – we will have no regrets later when we look back on all we have accomplished together.

I see small groups of people engaged in NGRA. Sometimes tired people. Tired because they live their daily lives for work and home, and then they come to help NGRA run the Board, or host a Show, or raise funds, or hold a Rodeo. And while nobody is expected to do all of these together – the few that do participate openly – are thrust into that position. I find myself thinking, “How can we ask for more help?” and “How can others find worth in what we are here to do?”

We have just completed two months of meetings which could not be complete because we did not have the Board or Membership present to conduct business. This is not a good position to be in. If we cannot vote to make decisions, or complete the ratifications of what the Board does by agreement by the membership – then as an organization we will have a very bleak future indeed. All you need to do is come spend a couple of hours with us on our Board Meeting night to provide your feedback and input. And you might find there are things that you could easily help do that would not be a high burden on your daily routine.

Look to the Future: I am starting my seventh term as the NGRA Secretary. This new term will be for two years instead of the traditional annual period. I look to this to be my last term in this position as I know that there are others that should have the opportunity to help NGRA grow to new levels. But we need to know who is out there. Who has a vision for our leadership? Who has ideas for our growth. It is hard for me as a business manager not to have a succession plan in place to know that what I know has been passed down. One thing I do know is that it has been very hard on the Board of Directors to have all the knowledge and experience leave at one time – so that new leaders have to try the same old things again to come to the same old conclusions. So I encourage all of you, our members, to find a way to make NGRA greater than just those that serve as Board or Committee heads. Be the support. Be the future. And learn something of yourself along the way.

My mind is still sorting through all the things that I experienced in just this one University event. The awesome news is that IGRA University will be in Las Vegas next January. A whole year to plan to attend classes, be inspired, meet people, and find new ways to show success for all community within Rodeo and even more.

I sincerely hope to see you at one of the monthly events that NGRA holds each month – and especially at our Board meetings where the input of the General Membership has a voice, a rôle, and a purpose for the life of our organization.

See you soon.

Jeffrey Neal  
NGRA Secretary - 2016

## IGRA Board of Directors



The Board of Directors was back in session in Tucson, Arizona — with David Hill, Bruce Gros, Lisa Smith, Terry Covington, Gene Fraikes, David Lawson, Brian Helander, Barbara J Bugg, Bob Pimentel, Lize MacDonald, Chuck Browning, Rob Somers, Truck Dyal and Guy Puglisi at DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Tucson Airport

## Laura Scott – IGRA University Class



My Rodeo Production class. Thank you all for making it special

## IGRA Royalty



Madison Deveroux with Taylor Trash, Thomas McCarthy, Mary Honeycutt, Terry Covington, Lize MacDonald and Michael-Dawg Yarbrough.

IGRA University participants had an opportunity to see the work of Blake Little up close and personal on Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to the Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation for underwriting the transportation, admission and refreshments that our participants enjoyed. Plans are already being made for next year's University in Las Vegas.



The Golden Days of Hollywood  
Flex Cocktail Lounge  
Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>



## Fundraising

At the November Board we decided that the Member of the Month award could go not only to someone who had made a tremendous effort for NGRA in one particular month but to someone who had supported NGRA's efforts in many areas steadily through the year. Consequently, I was pleased to nominate Buzz Green for the unstinting support he has given since his arrival in Las Vegas at two rodeos, Pride and at almost all fundraising meetings and events. I was pleased to see others agreed and Buzz was voted Member of the Month for October. In December I nominated Vic Raquel for similar reasons for Member of the Month for November and in January David Wright was nominated as Member of the Month for December for all the above as well as his work looking after the cabinet in Charlie's. You would think I would be pleased that so many of my most dedicated helpers were thus recognized. But Buzz is the only one to have his award. Not because the others were not deserving or voted down but because not enough of the general membership came out to the meeting to enable a vote to be considered. This inability to come to a decision means we cannot move on to select a Member of the Year.

It seems a huge shame to me that while these people and others work so hard all year to keep your Association a going concern so few can make it for an hour a month to find out what is happening, express your thought and reward those who deserve it.

You have a chance to make your mark in several ways. If you don't like what is happening come and say your piece at a Board and General Membership Meeting. If you think the way we work needs changing come to Convention for an hour or two and take your chance to change the rules.

If all of this is too much hard work at least come out and support NGRA at one of our events. In February we have two nights for you to enjoy. On February 13<sup>th</sup> we are holding our first event at the Phoenix Bar and Lounge. This is a non-smoking bar with smoking confined to an outdoor terrace. So those of you who complain about not wanting to be in a smoky atmosphere have no excuse. They have in-house food service and comfy seats. Best of all you will be entertained, amongst others, by Vivianne Du Monde and Sheila Del Monte. The next weekend we shall be at Charlie's to listen to Fairy Tales told by our Royalty Team and other entertainers. Make the effort, meet your friends and support all the work of your Fundraising Team.

### Miss Cow Patty

Moving on to March we shall be selecting Miss Cow Patty 2016. Some of you will know all about this camp, funny title. Others may not. The workload of Miss Cow Patty is not onerous like Royalty but you get the sash, the title and the chance to help out when you can. The more outlandish and amusing the costume and performance the better. If you want to find out more get in touch.

### Miss/Mr Closet Ball

If you have not appeared in drag for a year and prefer a more elegant approach you may wish to wait for the Closet Ball contest in April. Again ask for more information

Carolyn Jones  
Fundraising Chair  
[fundraising@ngra.com](mailto:fundraising@ngra.com)



## From your Volunteer Coordinator

Just a thought but if anyone is going to Phoenix for the Road Runner Rodeo don't forget you can volunteer to help out for an hour or two. If you would like to do this let me know. It's your chance to find out how another rodeo works.

Carolyn Jones  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[volunteers@ngra.com](mailto:volunteers@ngra.com)

## Editor's Bits and Pieces

As I write my two cents worth, I feel a bit like Bill Murray in Groundhog Day. Didn't I write most of this last month. Anyway, here we go.

You may ask why there is no announcement of the November or December Members of the Month? Well although the Board did nominate someone for each month there were not enough members present to meet quorum for the General Membership Meetings so no further suggestions could be tabled and no votes could be taken. The matter, together with the choice of the January Member of the Month will come up at the February Board and General Membership Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>. If you can make it go along, find out what is happening and make sure there are enough people there to choose those deserving members.

The Men of Charlie's contest on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> is for the benefit of NGRA. Please make sure you come along and support the contestants as they raise money for your Association. If all goes to plan, there will plenty of line dancing and two-stepping to pass the night away. BTW, have any of you Men of NGRA thought of being a contestant and competing to become a Man of Charlie's.

Note that the February Board and General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> to facilitate attendance by members travelling back from the Roadrunner Rodeo in Phoenix.

Barry J Jones  
Newsletter Editor  
[news@ngra.com](mailto:news@ngra.com)

## Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in February:

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

## 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).

## 2015 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 2014 Member of the Year:

Carolyn Jones	January 2015 Member of the Month
Bill Watkins	February 2015 Member of the Month
Gary Wiens	March 2015 Member of the Month
Gary Segal	April 2015 Member of the Month
David Wells	May 2015 Member of the Month
Barry Jones	June 2015 Member of the Month
Mathew Martinez	July 2015 Member of the Month
Efrain Cervantes	August 2015 Members of the Month
Julio Cesar	
Matthew Todd	September 2015 Member of the Month
Buzz Green	October 2015 Member of the Month
	November 2015 Member of the Month
	December 2015 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 2016 Board and General Membership 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 29<sup>th</sup> deadline will be included in the 2015 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](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com) no later than February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Be on the lookout for the 2015 NGRA Member of the Year Ballot which will be sent via email at the beginning of March.

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

Chris Due  
NGRA Vice President

## From your Royalty

Traci Foxx

2016 Plan of Action:

- Build more community support between NGRA and other organizations;
- Schedule shows with new fun themes done in enough time for thorough advertisement in goes off exceeding the monthly fundraising goal;
- Try to do a few fundraisers outside of bars, maybe on alternating months if it proves to be successful;
- Reach out to other bars to open our venue, possibly interest potential members into becoming part of NGRA;
- Increase female membership;
- Be a visible Royalty member at as many out of town rodeos as financially possible, and try to increase community involvement in Rodeo events;
- Raise more awareness for Rodeo School;
- Try to get more membership involved in Fundraising Committee & Rodeo Planning Committee, and
- Advertise for opportunities to become a volunteer: shots, raffles, decorations, RPC, Arena Crew, Chute Crew, Time Keeping, Security, are just a few examples.

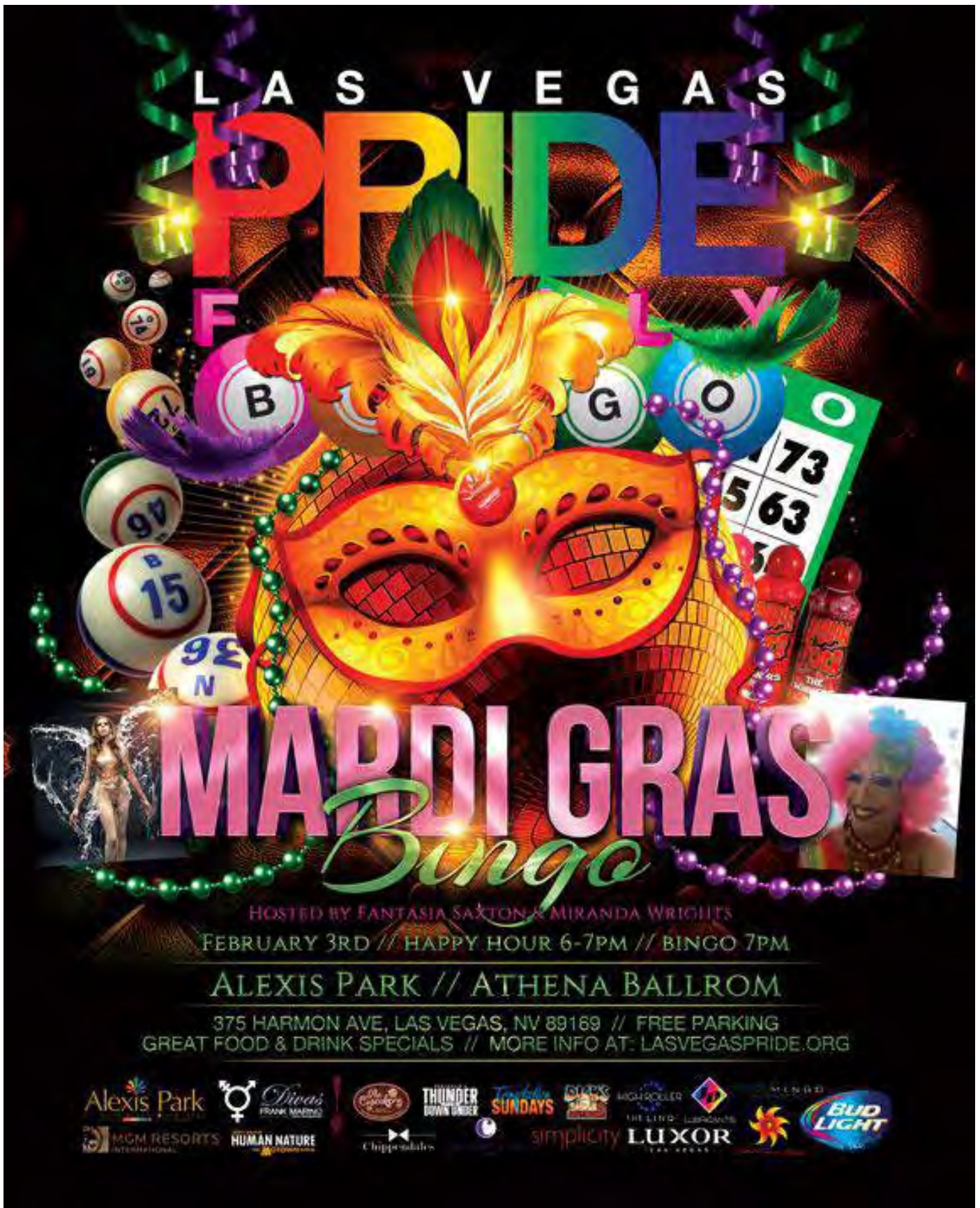
Ms NGRA – Traci Foxx, [msngra@ngra.com](mailto:msngra@ngra.com)

Phillip Lombardi

2016 Plan of Action:

- To further the Visibility and Name of NGRA within the LGBT Community and the Community of Las Vegas itself;
- To work with members of NGRA and other community groups to help raise monies for local charities and help get each groups name out there for future events;
- To promote Big Horn Rodeo here in Nevada and get more recognition for the Rodeo itself and the athletes that compete;
- To strengthen our ties with IGRA and help promote WGRF that will be returning to Las Vegas;
- To put on events in local establishments and help raise money for the Royalty Team Selected Charity with the help of Local Performers from all spectrums;
- To travel to other IGRA Sanctioned Rodeos and promote NGRA and Big Horn across the country with all opportunities that I get, and
- To strengthen myself and gain knowledge and experience that will lead to IGRA Success and Success in my own life.

Mr NGRA – Phil Lombardi, [mrngra@ngra.com](mailto:mrngra@ngra.com)



A vibrant, colorful poster for a Las Vegas Pride event. The top features the word "LAS VEGAS" in white, followed by "PRIDE" in large, multi-colored letters. Below this, "FLY" is written in pink, and "BINGO" is written in blue and green. The central focus is a large, ornate Mardi Gras mask with a feathered headdress. Surrounding the mask are various items: a bingo card with numbers 73 and 63, several bingo balls with numbers like 15, 92, and 94, and a small photo of a person with a colorful wig. The bottom section contains event details in white and green text.

L A S V E G A S  
PRIDE  
FLY  
BINGO  
MARDI GRAS  
*Bungee*

HOSTED BY FANTASIA SAXTON & MIRANDA WRIGHTS  
FEBRUARY 3RD // HAPPY HOUR 6-7PM // BINGO 7PM  
ALEXIS PARK // ATHENA BALLROOM  
375 HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 // FREE PARKING  
GREAT FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS // MORE INFO AT: LASVEGASPRIDE.ORG

Alexis Park  
MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL  
Tivoli's FRANK MANNING  
HUMAN NATURE  
Thunder DOWN UNDER  
Chippendales  
Tropicana SUNDAYS  
Simplicity  
HIGHROLLER THE LINDY LUBRICANTS  
LUXOR  
BUD LIGHT

**NGRA**

# Phab Phifties

*Saturday  
February 13th*

**The Phoenix**

Benefiting NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

**Leather  
CHURCH**

4pm to 8pm

Beer Bust  
\$5 Domestic \$8 Premium  
Jello Shots

Second Sunday  
of Every Month

Raffles, Demonstrations,  
& Bootblacking

*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS  
gayall leather.org

LUC OF LV  
LUCOFLV.COM

The poster features a dark brick wall background. At the top, a white sign reads "Leather CHURCH". Below it is a stone archway containing a colorful stained glass window. Text boxes provide event details: "4pm to 8pm", "Beer Bust \$5 Domestic \$8 Premium Jello Shots", "Second Sunday of Every Month", and "Raffles, Demonstrations, & Bootblacking". The central image shows a man in a black leather vest and cap on the left, and a woman in a black corset on the right, with a red heart between them. The background behind them has vertical stripes of blue, green, and white. At the bottom are logos for "LAS VEGAS gayall leather.org", "Charlie's Las Vegas", and "LUC OF LV LUCOFLV.COM".



# February Fairy Tales

Saturday  
February 20



*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

Benefiting NGRA and  
BigHorn Rodeo







L A S V E G A S

PRIDE

FLAMINGO

BINGO

LET'S MAKE A DEAL BINGO

FLAMINGO

BINGO

MARCH 2ND HAPPY HOUR 6-7PM // BINGO STARTS AT 7PM

ALEXIS PARK | ATHENA BALLROOM

375 HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169  
FREE PARKING // GREAT FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS  
MORE INFO AT [WWW.LASVEGASPRIDE.ORG](http://WWW.LASVEGASPRIDE.ORG)

HOSTED BY FANTASIA SAXTON & MIRANDA WRIGHTS

Alexis Park  
Divine  
THUNDER  
LUXOR  
BUD LIGHT

# NGRA'S ANNUAL COW PATTY CONTEST

You have to see it to believe it.  
A handsome Bull performing  
as a Prize Winning Cow.

**Saturday March 12 at 9:30**

Mathew Martinez the bull



Miss Cow Patty 2015



This competition is open to everyone in our community. It is a fun camp drag event where people dress up and perform to a fun, silly or even serious song. Judging will cover talent (performance) and Cow Patty-ness! The winner is CROWNED as Miss Cow Patty

Here is your chance to take the spotlight. If you're interested in competing for Miss Cow Patty 2016 Contact [fundraising@ngra.com](mailto:fundraising@ngra.com) We would love to see you there



*Charlie's*  
**Las Vegas**

Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

# Calendar

## February

Wed 3	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Mardi Gras Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 6	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits St Therese	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
12-14		Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo (AGRA)	Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, 7611 South 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Baseline Road, Laveen, AZ 85339
<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>Phab Phifties</b>	<b>Phoenix Bar &amp; Lounge, 4213 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102</b>
Sun 14	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Gay &amp; Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101</b>
Feb 19	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>February Fairy Tales</b>	<b>Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118</b>
Sat 20	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 27		Sin Sity Sisters Red Dress Xtravaganza A 10 Year Celebration	Rendezvous LV Nightclub, 4740 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

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## March

Wed 2	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Flamingo Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
<b>Sat 5</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the NGRA</b>	<b>Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118</b>
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>tbd</b> <b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>NGRA Annual Convention 2016</b> <b>Miss Cow Patty</b>	<b>To be determined</b> <b>Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118</b>
Sun 13	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Fri 18	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 19	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
<b>Mon 21</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Gay &amp; Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101</b>
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>10:00 pm</b>	<b>Mad Hatter</b>	<b>Quadz Bar, 4640 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89169</b>

# Calendar (continued)

## April

Fri 1	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Bastille on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1402 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Las Vegas, NV 89104
Sat 2	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the Gay & Lesbian Community Center	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
<b>Sat 9</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>Closet Ball</b>	<b>Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118</b>
Sun 10	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 16	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
<b>Mon 18</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Gay &amp; Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101</b>
Fri 22	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
29 - 1		A Texas Tradition Rodeo (TGRA)	Texas Horse Park Inc., 811 Pemberton Hill Road, Dallas, TX 75217
<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>Broadway Melodies</b>	<b>Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102</b>

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## Effective November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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