



April 2016 BigHorn Gazette



From your President

NGRA's 2016 Convention

I would like to thank everybody that came to the Center to participate in this year's NGRA Convention. We had 13 members attend, out of 78 total members, so about 16% of our current membership. Obviously I would have preferred all 78 members attended but realistically, I knew that wasn't going to happen. I was especially happy with some of the people who did attend though. Most of the Board Members were there, and that was expected, but it was good to see some of our newer NGRA Members taking an interest in the organization. I think everybody in attendance was amazed at how much we accomplished in a relatively short amount of time. If you've ever attended a previous year's Convention, you know they can drag on for quite a while but this year's was different. If I remember correctly, we discussed 27 proposals and amazingly enough, we finished within 2 hours — actually closer to an hour and a half because we didn't get started until 10:15 and we took a 10-minute break at 11:00 — the meeting was adjourned at 11:57. It wasn't a fluke that Convention was so quick this year and it wasn't because people were tired and wanted to go home. Convention went so well this year because of the hard work of Roger Bergman, prior to the Convention. Roger was this year's Convention Chair and had spent the last few weeks organizing everybody's proposals into one, easy-to-read document that encompassed all the bylaw and standing rule proposals. All the work Roger put into this, prior to the Convention, was evident and for that I am extremely thankful to Roger. He did a great job with his prep work and the fact that we got out of there by noon, and had a Saturday afternoon is all thanks to Roger. I'd also like to thank all the NGRA Members who attended, for two reasons. 1) You attended. You took time out of your busy schedule and gave up a Saturday morning to help make NGRA a better organization. 2) Everybody brought their "A" game to the Convention. I must admit, I was a little concerned, regarding the varying personalities. I mean, we had 13 people who care enough about this organization to show up, that's 13 strong personalities and 13 people who are passionate about NGRA and its future. I was a little concerned that Convention could become loud and heated but it didn't — just the opposite happened. We had 13 people who care enough about this organization that they wanted to hear everybody's opinions and, in some cases, offer a different viewpoint, but always in a professional manner. I'm always proud of NGRA but after such a successful Convention, I feel renewed and am looking forward to working with such great NGRA Members, in making NGRA even better than it already is.

Ken Hruby
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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 Hruba at president@ngra.com.

Role 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

March was a busy month for NGRA. Between State Convention and the fundraising events, the members of NGRA kept moving most of the month. A huge thank you goes out to Roger Bergmann for his leadership at the State Convention. We had over 20 proposals to be heard during Convention and the meeting went smoothly and only took about two hours. Be sure to stay informed and brush up on any changes that may have happened during Convention. A big congratulation also goes out to Kitty Litter for the annual Miss Cow Patty Pageant. We had some fun contestants and great entertainment.

On Sunday, March 20th, a new NGRA member came into this world. Richard Armstrong's multi-champion mare, Eyes A Silver Bullet (Eyesa), gave birth to a beautiful, happy and healthy baby girl. This baby is one of the next generation of horses that will compete on the IGRA circuit for NGRA.



Congratulations to Richard Armstrong and Jeffrey Burke on their beautiful baby girl! I cannot wait to see her blaze through the rodeo arena!

Chris Due
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Miss Cow Patty Charlie's Saturday, March 12th

That well-loved annual event the camp and crazy Miss Cow Patty competition was held once again at Charlie's.

This year attempts were made to take some of the craziness out of the night as the contest actually had RULES. Written for us by Roger Bergmann. Thanks Roger. How much this removed the general air of camp and craziness we are not sure. In truth it probably made it crazier.

In what has become a tradition the competition was organized by Miss Cow Patty 2015, Erica G Mathews (aka Mathew Martinez).



Judges

Thanks to all the judges who gave so willingly of their time and grappled with the new rules.

These were Miss Cow Patty 2013 (Miss Bootsy Carmichael), Sister Lucy, Scott Bullock, Mary Bess Bohall and Martin, one of the Deputy Managers at Charlie's.



Marcus persuaded his brother Mike and his good friend Troy Peters to both run. It seems that they both had a great time.





The title was eventually won by Ms FeFe (aka Michael Tomlin). Congratulations.

This year, in a break with tradition, the contestant tips went to a local charity, the Sin City Sisters.

Supporting Cast

B Bear and C Bear used all their talents selling both the Game of Chance cards and shots. Great Job and thank you.

Once again we saw David Wright getting the prize table ready and keeping track of the totals.

Also thanks to Peter for selling the beer bust.

Thanks to former Miss Cow Patty Bootsy Carmichael (aka David Heckman) for making the very smart sash in the now easily recognizable Cow Patty colors of Black and White.

Bootsy was also one of the performers so thanks for that as well.

Performers



More Happy Prize Winners









Gallery of some of our Guests







Mad Hatter QuadZ Bar Saturday, March 26th

March 26th saw NGRA hold its first event at QuadZ Bar. All our usual favorites, beer bust manned by Miss Kitty and Carolyn, prizes and shots. But with no stage there was no lip syncing but rather two new concepts organized by your new fundraising director Marcus.

Pool Contest

At the start of the evening he ran a Pool Contest. This was a knockout contest with prizes for the 3 leading players including cash for the winner.



Posing for this photo gave both contestants time to eye up their shots as both hole their balls with ease once it had been taken.



Hat Contest

Later in the night an amazing array of mad hats gathered for the contest. The categories were for best, worst and what the hell is that HAT.

Best Hat



The finalists



It was not surprising that, despite some stiff competition, Jim McCoy won Best Hat, in a flower filled creation that he could hardly get through the door.

What the Hell was that Hat



David Wells triumphed in the What the Hell category

Worst Hat

Perhaps that best kept between those that were there. But our President was a strong contender for this.



Prize Winners



The Fundraising Team compiled a wonderful selection of prizes for the Raffle.





Winning this bottle, another gift from the bar, one might have thought this chap would look happier







Back in his more normal, comfortable hat, this prize, a gift from Quadz, made up for the embarrassment of that red queen hat worn earlier.



Two keen pool players won a bag filled with Rockstar to keep them going through the night.





Well worth Matt Cox turning out to go home with this basket.



Just in case the bar stools weren't comfy this lucky patron walked out with his own folding chair.





Our new Miss Cow Patty 2016 proudly wearing the very smart sash.
And the back of the What the Hell category stunning entry.

IGRA's Presentation to the Court



During the evening our President, Ken Hruby, presented to the Imperial Royal Court of the Desert Empire, represented by the current Emperor and Empress Matt Cox and Diana Prince (aka Jon Jones), the IGRA Appreciation Award for significant contributions to NGRA 2015. They were joined in receiving the award by that well known celebrity entertainer Michelle Holiday cheerfully celebrating her birthday.

Supporting Cast



Two of your Board Members enticing patrons to part with their money as they entered the bar and buy a Beer Bust.

Happy Birthday Michelle



Looks like it was a good one!

Thanks to QuadZ

This was a relaxed and entertaining evening in a very pleasant new location for NGRA. Many thanks to the manager of QuadZ, Mark, and his staff for welcoming us in and making the evening such a success for us.

AFAN Las Vegas AIDS Walk

The AFAN Las Vegas AIDS Walk is Sunday, April 17th.

This year, there will be an NGRA Team and we'd love to have as many NGRA Members, and guests, walking with our Team as possible. To register, please visit AFAN's Registration Page:

<http://afanlv.donordrive.com/>

Click on "Register Now." Then click on "I am walking with a team" and "Join a team." Click on "Search," type "NGRA" then click on the "NGRA" that appears and then continue the registration process. Trust me, it's much easier than it sounds here, with me typing it out. When you walk, please consider wearing a cowboy hat to show your NGRA Pride and to show AFAN that we're there to support them. If you have any questions, or need help, please email me at president@ngra.com.

Thanks,

Ken Hruby
NGRA President
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Member of the Month

Roger Bergmann

Roger Bergmann was nominated as February Member of the Month for his work on NGRA State Convention.

Congratulations and thanks to Roger.

Editors Bits and Pieces

As you will have seen a good number turned out to attend the State Convention last month and made it a productive morning. It's good to see Members care about what happens to the Association.

If you were not able to attend and share your views don't worry you will have a chance with our "Letters to the Editor" spot, starting next month. If you have feelings about how NGRA is run, things it should be doing, events or activities you would like to see organized put pen to paper, or hit the keyboard and get your views aired. It's your turn to complain about or praise your Association.

Barry J Jones
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No BigHorn 2016!

Where will you meet up with your rodeo buddies?

Fed up with smoke-filled bar events?

Fed up with fundraisers?

Where can you get free food and drink?

Where can you play games with your friends?

How can you avoid more lip-syncing?

The answer to all your wants (well most of them) is

**NGRA's Garden Party
on Sunday, May 22.
from 11 am**

Free entry to card carrying members and their friends.

Plenty of parking.

Save the day

More coming soon or if you can't wait contact
director1@ngra.com.

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in April:

1	Stephanie Malone
3	Patrick Schreier
3	Jon Wall
11	Russell Ervin
15	Adam Johnson
18	Roger Bergmann
21	Tracy Skinner
23	Winsor Cooper
23	Buzz Green
24	Bill Watkins
30	Guy Puglisi

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Brenda Alday
Kathy Alday
Jodi Toll

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).



Nevada Gay Rodeo Association
ANNUAL

Closet Ball

Saturday April 9th
at Charlie's



Show starts 9:30

Prizes

Beer Bust and shots
along with
great entertainment

Here is your chance
to make the transformation
that you once thought about
and to show others your talent.
Guys into Girls. Girls into Guys.
Those who compete have one
hour to make their
transformation and show
their stuff.

Charlie's
Las Vegas

To find out more about getting into the
spotlight contact fundraising@NGRA.com

Proceeds 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

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Charlie's
Las Vegas

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The poster features a brick wall background with a central arched stained glass window. Text boxes are placed around the window. At the bottom, a man in a black leather vest and cap stands on the left, and a woman in a black corset stands on the right. A red heart is positioned between them. Logos for Las Vegas Gay Coll Leather, Charlie's Las Vegas, and Luc of LV are at the bottom.

Mr. NGRA Phil Lombardi Presents:

The Unexpected

Friday April 16th

8pm-11pm at Flex Cocktail Lounge

Benefitting
The Sin City Sisters

Drink Specials
Shots
Raffles

With Co-Host
Nikita LaFemme





BROADWAY MELODIES

Saturday
April 30
9 til 11



4371 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 702-878-3355
Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

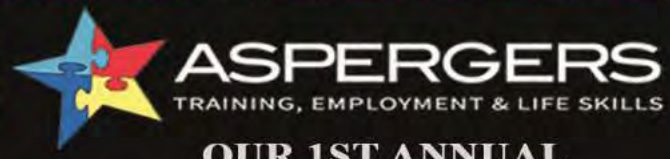


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**OUR 1ST ANNUAL
COW CHIP SQUARES
& COWBOY FAIR
(A FUNDRAISER RAFFLE)**

- U** Cow Chip Squares (4 games)
- U** Local Banks Goat Dressing Competition
- U** Face Painting, Balloon Twisting
- U** Cowboy Games and Food
- U** Potato Sack Races
- U** Petting Zoo
- U** Business Vendors
- U** Live Country Music by Sunset Ridge



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NGRA

DANCE PARTY

May 14th 9PM

"Get on the floor and dance"

Charlie's
Las Vegas

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charlieslasvegas.com
Benefiting NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

Join Us June 1st

"BEACH BLANKET"

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Great Prizes!

**Wear your best Beachwear
and enter our costume contest.
Best Costume and Best Group**

6:00pm Alexis Park- www.lasvegaspride.org

Calendar

April

Fri 1	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Bastille on 3 rd 1402 South 3 rd Street Las Vegas, NV 89104
Sat 2	9:00 pm	April Showers Singing ion the Rain IRSCDE Inc. Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
	10:30 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
Wed 6	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
	7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo I Wanna Lei Ya Bingo	
Sat 9	9:00 pm	Closet Ball	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
	9:00 pm	Men of Burlesque IRSCDE Inc. Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 10	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 16	Noon	Fundraising Meeting	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
	8:00 pm	The Unexpected Mr NGRA 2016 Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sun 17	8:00 am	AIDS Walk Las Vegas	Town Square, 6605 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri 22	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Calendar (continued)

April (continued)

Sun 24	Noon	Meet & Greet	Spotlight Lounge, 975 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
29 - 1		A Texas Tradition Rodeo (TGRA)	Texas Horse Park Inc., 811 Pemberton Hill Road, Dallas, TX 75217
Sat 30	9:00 pm	Broadway Melodies	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
	9:00 pm	Saturday Night Fever Party IRSCDE Inc. Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

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May

Wed 4	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Muy Caliente Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
6 - 8		Hot Rodeo (GSGRA)	A C Dysart Equestrian Center 2101 West Victory Avenue, Banning, CA 92220
		NGRA's Sexy Drag Queen Car Wash	
Sat 7	11:00 am	ASPERGERS 1 st Annual Cow Chip Squares & Cowboy Fair	Horseman's Park 5800 East Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV89122
	10:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits St Therese	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 8	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 14	9:00 pm	Dance Party	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
	9:00 pm	King & Queen of Diamonds IRSCDE Inc. Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Mon 16	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri 20	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	Phoenix Bar & Lounge, 4213 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 21	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sun 22	11:00 am	NGRA Garden Party	
27 - 29		Great Plains Rodeo (OGRA)	Oklahoma City, OK
Sat 28	9:00 pm	NGRA Event	Phoenix Bar & Lounge, 4213 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 29	Noon	Meet & Greet	Spotlight Lounge, 975 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

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June

Wed 1	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Beach Blanket Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Fri 3		Homo Rodeo Fashion Show	
		Homo Rodeo Pool Party	
Sat 4		Homo Rodeo Auction of Outfits	Spotlight Lounge, 975 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
	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
Sat 11	9:00 pm	NGRA 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	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 20	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri 24	4:30 pm	Happy Hour IRSCDE Inc. Event	The Garage, 1487 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Sat 25	9:00 pm	NGRA Event	
Sun 26	Noon	Meet & Greet	Spotlight Lounge, 975 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

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