

February 2017 BigHorn Gazette

Charli and Traci got Married



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From your President

NGRA's Upcoming Events

Ladies and Gentlemen, there's a lot going on right now so I thought I'd utilize my space, this month, just to list some of the upcoming events so you can mark your calendars:

NGRA Monthly Meetings: Board and General Membership Meetings are routinely scheduled for the 3rd Monday of every month so please mark your calendar; although, also please be on the lookout for NGRA-Wide emails that may be sent with changes, when applicable.

NGRA February Meetings: Speaking of changes to the Monthly Meeting, the February Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21st. We had to reschedule it, from Monday, because our meeting place (The Center) will be closed on Monday in observance of President's Day.

NGRA Monthly Fundraisers: Monthly Fundraising Events are routinely scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of every month, at Flex Cocktail Lounge, so please mark your calendar; although, also be on the lookout for NGRA-wide emails that may be sent with changes, when applicable.

NGRA Convention: This year's Convention will take place on Saturday, March 11th. The venue and time are still to be determined so please check www.ngra.com, and your email, for updates. We'll also advertise in the Newsletter and on Facebook when the final plans are solidified.

Men of Charlie's Supporting NGRA: As most of you know, every month Charlie's hosts its monthly Man of Charlie's competition, with the funds raised that night, to be donated to a local Charity. This year, NGRA has three evenings, where we are the beneficiary of the money raised. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4th; Saturday, Jul 1st; and Saturday, October 7th.

NGRA's Royalty Competition: Royalty Competition will be the evening of Saturday, November 25th. I'm fairly confident that we have the venue secured; however, until I get the final confirmation, I'm saying that the venue is "TBD."

BigHorn Rodeo 2017: This year, BigHorn Rodeo is moving to the Fall and will take place the weekend of September 22nd – 24th at Horseman's Park.

For various reasons, we sometimes have to make changes so please periodically go to www.ngra.com for updates or make sure you read the NGRA-wide emails that occasionally get sent out. As I stated earlier, there's a lot going on, right now and none of this happens by itself. We need people to step up and help us. Depending on what you want to do, there are different points of contact so for now, if you want to help, please email me at president@ngra.com and I'll put you in touch with the right person.

Ken Hruby NGRA President president@ngra.com

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

BigHorn Rodeo is back



We have the dates - September 22nd to 24th.

We have the venue - Horseman's Park.

We have the Director - Chris Due.

All we need are the people to make it happen. Are you in? If you want to help in any way, either organizing the event or on the day, please get in touch with either Chris or me. You can e-mail me at <u>volunteers@ngra.com</u>.

I look forward to hearing from you. Your support is essential to BigHorn's success.

Carolyn Jones Volunteer Coordinator volunteers@ngra.com

NGRA Convention

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.

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 <u>UNDERLINE any proposed deletion</u>, 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 <u>canyontrvl@aol.com</u>.

The current NGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on the NGRA website: <u>www.ngra.com</u>.

Convention Date: March 11th, 2017 Time: To Be Determined Location: To Be Determined

Thank you!

Roger Bergmann Convention Committee Chair <u>canyontrvl@aol.com</u>

We legally got married January 20th

On January 20th, we chose to celebrate Love and we legally got married. We wanted to share with our rodeo family who were unable to attend a few photos.



Traci, Jim McCoy and Charli



Traci, Charli and their Family

We love you all and wish we could have had everyone there, but life happens. From our family to all of you have a fabulous 2017. We love you and can't wait to see y'all out this rodeo season!

Charli and Traci Phillips

Dress your Decade Flex Cocktail Lounge Saturday, January 21st



Miss NGRA 2017, Phat Patty, and Mr NGRA 2017, Brian "B-Bear" Porras, at the end of the night hosting a fun evening of performances, raffles and trivia.

Mr NGRA 2017 Presents: BEARCHELLA The Locker Room Friday, January 27th

Hay Y'all.

This is B BEAR your Mr NGRA 2017.

I had my first show as Mr NGRA 2017 on Friday, January 27th. Here are a few pictures and my thank yous.

Let me start this by saying thank you to The Locker Room (Mark and Joe) for letting me have the space to have my first show as Mr NGRA 2017. And to the bartender, Sunshine, thank you for keeping the drinks going.

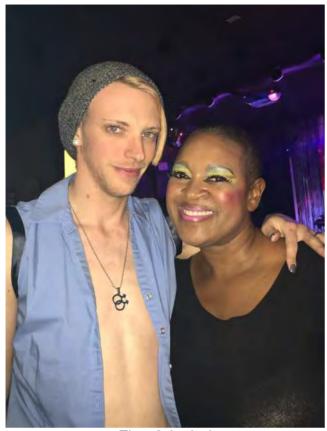
Next I would like to thank all the people that came out to support: members of the Las Vegas IRSCDI Inc., NGRA, the Sin Sity Sisters, Bonnie Knosp, Lani Espiritu (thank you for the raffle basket), Neda Dufour, Britton Oviedo and his husband, Tracy Dean Skinner (Mother Loosey), Gloria Areola (Sister Glo), Sister Emma, Mark and Scott Bullock, Amity Que, Erin Que, Carolyn Jones, Miss Kitty (Barry Jones), Maryalice, David, Sean Roesch, Gary Capone, James Johnson-Norwood, Lexx Rhino Razo, Kayce' Carrasco (hope that Afghan keeps you warm), Wuicho Luigi Orso, Adam Patasky, and DJ Eric Meehl. Sorry if I forgot anyone. Much love.

Now, thank you to all my performers: Christina Wayves, Daniel Ciacci (Midori Ice), Aiden Wolfe, Phil Lombardi (Wolfy), Chad Hinerman (C Bear), Justine Marie Smith (Baby Doll), Mike Row Wayves), I.P. Freely and Finn Anthony.

With everyone's help and support we raised over \$500!! I couldn't have done it without your help and support. Thank you everybody. This money will help me run for the title of Mr IGRA 2018 and will help my charity, Soldiers Angels, <u>www.soldiersangels.org</u>. Please look them up and donate if you can.

Thank you B Bear Mr NGRA 2017

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Finn & Isabel



B Bear



Lani & C Bear



Lani, Finn & Wolfy

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Midori Ice



Lani & Isabel



Christina Wayves



Lani & Kayce'





David & Justine





B Bear

B Bear & Lani



Gary & Kayce'



Wolfy, B Bear & Finn



Finn & Aiden

Discover events that make it worth getting out in the Summer heat!

LGBTQ-*legas*

WWW.LGBTQ.VEGAS is a new community calendar dedicated to letting our local LGBTQ population know exactly what's happening in Las Vegas just for us – from family-friendly fun to fundraisers, social groups to support groups and everything in-between!

Mobile-friendly!

LCBTQ.VEGAS is managed by The Center. Questions? Email events@lgbtq.vegas

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in February:

4	Barry Jones
12	George Vierra
13	Kirtus Veater

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Daniel Knosp Reynaldo Martinez John Perez

Member of the Month

Joshua Gunter-Shields

Joshua Gunter-Shields was nominated as December Member of the Month for his support of NGRA prior to membership, also for assisting with Monday Night Football.

Congratulations and thanks to Joshua.

Benefits of being a Member of NGRA

Charlies Las Vegas

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

Fundraising

First off I would like to thank the NGRA Board of Directors for appointing me as the new Fundraising Director. Although I am not new to charities and fundraising I am kind of new to Nevada as well as NGRA.

I moved here in April 2016 from St Petersburg FL and joined the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association in July. I served on the Florida Gay Rodeo Association, Board of Directors as well as the Gold Coast Gay Rodeo Association. I have been doing fundraising since the late 90s and have been a member of several charities in New York and Florida.

As most of you may know, 2017 is the 25th Anniversary for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and also the 21st year for Big Horn Rodeo. So this year will be packed with fundraising as well as other events in the coming months.

The Fundraising Committee and I met on January 25th 2017. It was a great meeting and a lot of ideas and plans were shared amongst the members. I am excited by the enthusiasm and dedication that this committee brings to NGRA for the coming year. We have our work cut out for us but with the Board and all the members for NGRA, I am expecting it to be a fun filled, well attended and active year for all.

So a little update on where we are heading in the next few months. We started off in January with an event at Flex Cocktail Lounge - "Dress Your Decade". It was a fun filled evening with a variety of performers, games and raffle baskets. We raised \$600.00 that evening. On February 11th, we have "Get Your Heart On" and on, March 11th we have "Luck of the Cowboy". Both events are at Flex Cocktail Lounge as well, with Cocktails at 8 pm and Show at 9 pm.

Some other events coming down the trail:

April 8th "April Showers";

May 13th "One Hit Wonders", and

June 10th "A Night on Broadway".

These events will all take place at Flex Cocktail Lounge, with Cocktails at 8 pm and Show at 9 pm.

In the planning are some big events which will be held during mid-year, as we get organized with dates and locale. I will follow up with the details over the next couple of months.

We hope to see y'all at our future events as well as our Big Finale "The 2017 Big Horn Rodeo Event being held September 22nd thru September 24th at Horseman's Park Arena.

Much Appreciation for your dedication and support.

RJ Frank Fundraising Director fundraising@ngra.com

Trustee's News

Hello NGRA Members! I am your new Trustee and my intention is to write a report in each month's newsletter, keeping you up to date on IGRA's goings-on. If you have any questions about IGRA's rules or traditions, or want me to bring up an issue, please feel free to talk to me when you see me at any meeting or event or by email.

On January 13th, the IGRA Board of Directors had its first meeting of 2017. They announced that there will be an IGRA-wide dance in Dallas in June. I will pass on more details as I get them. As many of you know, Jason Bernard, our IGRA Vice President, had to resign due to health issues. Per the By-laws, a new VP was elected by the Board and he is Anthony Valdez. He will complete Jason's term ending December 31st, 2017.

There will be three rodeo schools this year, so if you wish to learn new skills or improve on others, these are the places to do so:

- Phoenix rodeo, February 17th;
- Little Rock rodeo, April 28th, and
- Santa Fe rodeo, August 11th.

Lorry King Trustee <u>trustee@ngra.com</u>

From Your Royalty

Hello Everyone! Phat Patty here, and I thought I would start the year off with the first edition of Patty's Ponderings! So here goes nothing.

We all have a love of rodeo. We all have a love of family, blood and/or chosen. I love that I have added to my family through the rodeo. This past month has been wonderful. Meeting so many different people at the IGRA University and listening to each one of them talk about their love of rodeo, their struggles they have from time to time and how they overcame them, and the wonderful speakers who opened my mind to many different things. One of the main things I took away from that weekend is that we are all truly a family. This is the topic that I wanted to write about for the first Patty's Ponderings.

We truly are all family. We may have disagreements, differences of opinions, have fun, have laughs, have lots of passion. Going into this year I am excited. I am excited that we are having rodeo this year, I am excited to be able to help represent the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association across the United States in my travels, and I am excited to work with each and every one of you. NGRA needs you to be involved. Too many times have I heard people say they have ideas, but they never go to a meeting or send an email to express their ideas and then get upset thinking people are not listening to them. That stops now. If you have an idea, any idea, and cannot make a meeting please email me personally so I make sure that your idea is heard and discussed. Email missngra2017@ngra.com and I will make sure you are heard. I am excited to work with the newly seated Board of Directors and Fundraising Director of this next year. My two main goals are to have fun and raise as much money as possible. Right now, we hold shows every second Saturday at Flex Cocktail Lounge, I would love to see everyone come out, have fun, drink, and enjoy each other's company. I have met a lot of new people over the past couple of months and want to meet more! Bring a friend or two. Let us show them we can have fun! We are a family, let us all be there for one another and stand up for one another. There is enough hate in this world, let us come together and shine a light into that hate with love and the love of RODEO!

Below are some pictures over the past month. It includes the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire Inc's Investitures, IGRA University weekend, and our Dress Your Decade Show.

Katrina's Birthday Bash



Mr. NGRA 2017 Brian "B Bear", Miss New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association 2017 Marie Antoinette Du Barry and Miss NGRA 2017 Phat Patty



Brian, Mr NMGRA 2017 Tre Brewbaker, Phil, Miss NMGRA 2017 Marie and Phat Patty



New friends: Phat Patty and Marie



Brian, Phat Patty, Jason Dyer and Chad welcoming guests



Mr and Miss NGRA with Mr and Miss NMGRA



Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire Inc's Investitures

Alex Brooks, Phat Patty and Jason Dyer



Phat Patty with out of town guest, Fabrique, at Investitures



Phat Patty, Alex Brooks and Ginger Grant



Alex Brooks, Jason Dyer, Phat Patty and Taylor Trash



Miss NGRA 2017 and Mr NGRA 2017 Phat Patty and Brian



Brian and Phat Patty being named Ambassadors to NGRA

Match Game Fundraiser for IGRA University



Miss IGRA 2017 2nd Runner-Up Yolanda Deherrera, Miss IGRA 2017 1st Runner-Up Nikki Star, Miss NGRA 2017 Phat Patty and Miss IGRA 2016 1st Runner-Up Taylor Trash



Brian, Taylor and Patty



Phat Patty and Taylor Trash

As you can see we have a lot of fun! I hope to be taking a picture with you soon!

Submitted respectfully, Phat Patty, Miss NGRA 2017 missngra2107@ngra.com

HOSTED BY ANDREW RYAN WITH BINGO BABES JOLENE & LAWHATEVER MENDEZ

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AND THE CAST: ANNA MARTINEZ FRANCESCA CAMUS NAKAZE HARRIS STEPHANIE SANCHEZ KEITH DOTSON NICHOLAS FOOTE TRACY VIETMEIR FOOTE

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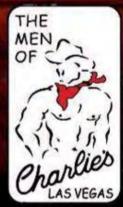
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EXAMPLE 1 INTERVENTION OF CHARLIE'S DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE MR. FEBRUARY? Saturday, February 4th at 9:30 PM

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.

Proceeds Benefit Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach



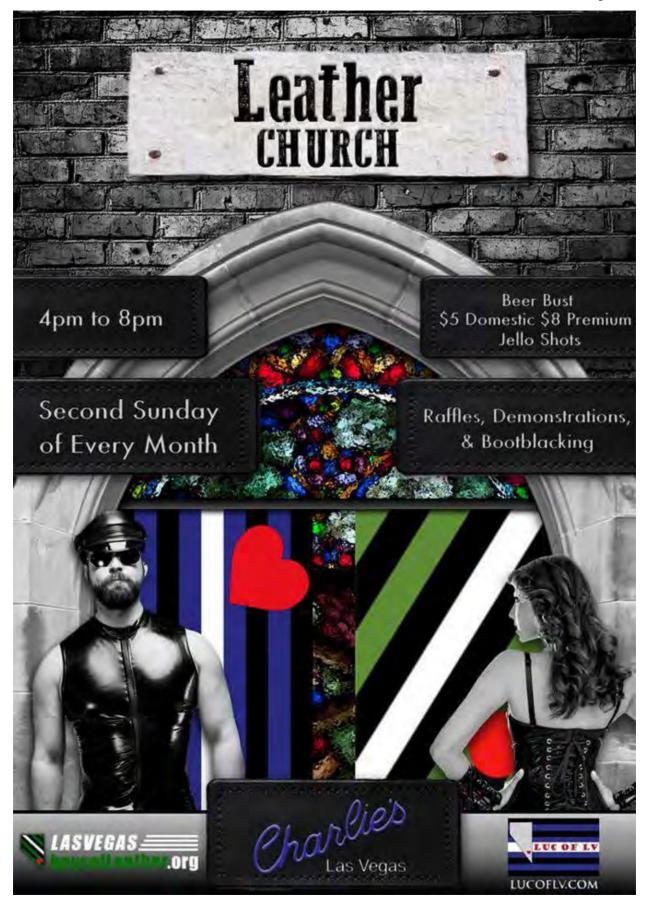


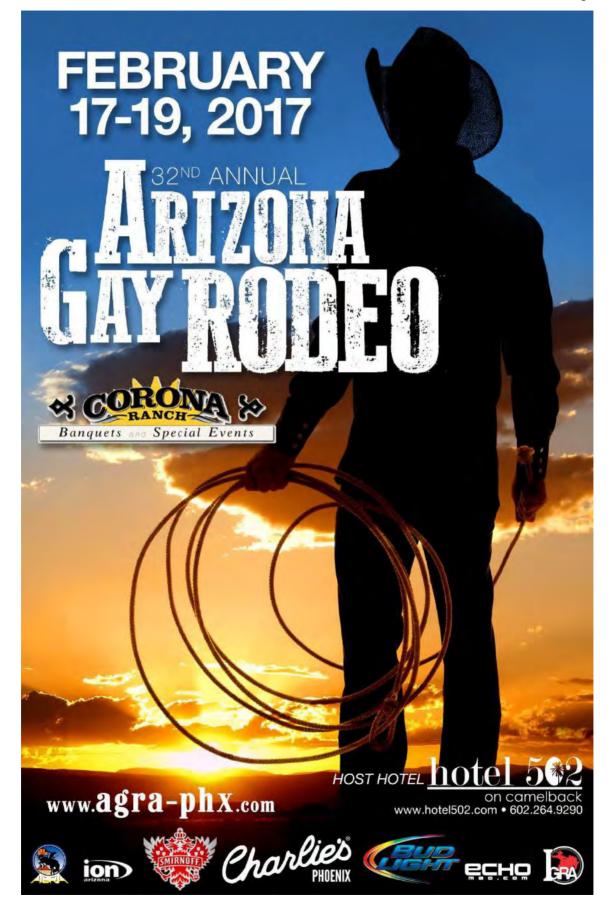
GET YOUR HEART ON February 11th Cocktails at 8pm show at 9pm

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

Raffles Drink Specials

Entertaiment











\$50 VIP Reception : 8pm \$30 Main Event : 10pm TICKETS ON SALE AT sinsitysisters.org/reddress For more info or sponsor opportunities contact Sister Loosy at tskin702@aol.com



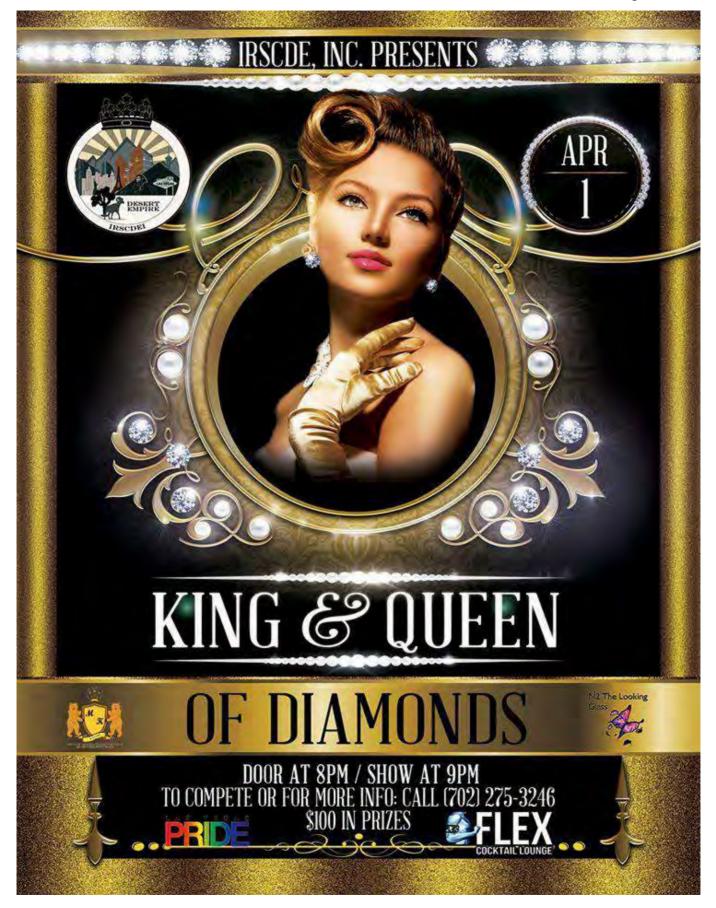
COUCK OF THE COUBOY Saturday, March 11th

Cocktails start at 8:00 Show starts at 9:00 Drink Specials Games Prizes



4371 W. Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 702•876•3355 Proceed benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

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September 22, 23, 24

Speed Events Barrel Racing Pole Bending Flag Racing

Camp Events Steer Decorating Wild Drag Goat Dressing

Horseman's Park: 5800 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas NV 89122 For more information, visit www.ngra.com Rough Stock Events Bull Riding Bare Bronc Riding Chute Dogging Steer Riding

Roping Events Calf Roping on Foot Mounted Break-Away Roping Team Roping

Calendar

February

	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort.
Wed		Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue,
1	6:30 pm	Moulin Rouge Musical Bingo	Las Vegas, NV 89169
Cat		Men of Charlie's	Charlie's,
Sat	9:30 pm	Man of the Month Contest	5012 South Arville Street,
4	-	Benefits Saint Therese Center	Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun		THE BIG GAME PARTY,	The Locker Room,
5	3:30 pm	hosted by Brenda, Kathy &	700 East Naples Drive,
5		Joshua	Las Vegas, NV 89119
Sat			Flex Cocktail Lounge,
11	9:00 pm	Get your Heart on	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
			Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun			Charlie's,
12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	5012 South Arville Street,
			Las Vegas, NV 89118
17 10		Arizona Gay Rodeo	Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds
17 – 19		AGRA	7611 South 29th Avenue
			Laveen, AZ 85339
	0.00	King & Queen of Hearts	Flex Cocktail Lounge,
0	9:00 pm	IRSCDE Inc Event	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
Sat			Las Vegas, NV 89102
18	10.00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch,
	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	495 East Twain Avenue,
			Las Vegas, NV 89169
Tue	6:20 pm	NGRA Board and General	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
21	6:30 pm	Membership Meeting	401 South Maryland Parkway,
			Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat	7:00 pm	11 th Annual Red Dress Event: Art is Sin	The Space 3460 Cavaretta Court,
25			Las Vegas, NV 89103
			Las vegas, inv 03105

Note date change from the January BigHorn Gazette for the NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting.

Calendar (continued)

March

Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
1	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue,
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Sat		Men of Charlie's	Charlie's,
_	9:30 pm	Man of the Month Contest	5012 South Arville Street,
4		Benefits NGRA	Las Vegas, NV 89118
	TBD	State Convention	TBD
Sat			Flex Cocktail Lounge,
11	9:00 pm	Luck of the Cowboy	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
	-	-	Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sup			Charlie's,
Sun 12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	5012 South Arville Street,
12			Las Vegas, NV 89118
Set			Fun Hog Ranch,
Sat	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	495 East Twain Avenue,
18		-	Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon		NGRA Board and General	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
-	6:30 pm		401 South Maryland Parkway,
20	-	Membership Meeting	Las Vegas, NV 89101
24 2		A Texas Tradition Rodeo	Diamond T Arena
31 – 2		TGRA	Denton, TX

Calendar (continued)

April

Sat	9:00 pm	King & Queen of Diamonds IRSCDE Inc Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
1	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits Gay & Lesbian Community Center	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
5	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 8	9:00 pm	April Showers	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 9	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 15	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 17	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
28 – 30		Rodeo in the Rock DSRA	Arkansas State Fairgrounds, Little Rock, AR

Calendar Looking ahead to key events

May

Sat 9:00 pm One Hit Wonders	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
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June

Sat			Flex Cocktail Lounge,
10	9:00 pm	A Night on Broadway	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
10	_		Las Vegas, NV 89102

July

Sat		Men of Charlie's	Charlie's,
Sat	9:30 pm	Man of the Month Contest	5012 South Arville Street,
I	_	Benefits NGRA	Las Vegas, NV 89118

September

22 - 24	BigHorn 2017 NGRA	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road,
		Las Vegas, NV 89122

October

Sat 7	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street,
		Benefits NGRA	Las Vegas, NV 89118
20 - 22		World Gay Rodeo Finals	Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM

November

9 - 12		IGRA Convention	Little Rock, AR
Sat 25	TBD	Royalty Competition	TBD

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NGRA 2017 Royalty Effective January 1st, 2017

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