



March 2017 BigHorn Gazette

Arizona Gay Rodeo



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From your President

The Revitalization of NGRA

It's been pointed out to me, and I've noticed on my own, that NGRA isn't what it used to be. Recently, I looked at some of the newsletters from 2008 and 2009 (which can be found at the NGRA Website) and looking at just the pictures, you can see the difference. In those pictures, it's evident that NGRA was more of a social group than it is today. The current NGRA puts on rodeos and puts on fundraisers but that's it. I want to change that. I'd love to have an NGRA Bowling Day, or an NGRA Hike, Picnic, Volleyball Game, or anything else that you and I (the members of NGRA) can come up with. NGRA definitely needs fundraisers, and we need the money that goes with them but I want NGRA to be more than just another bar event where we're asking for your money. Let's make NGRA a social group where people hang out (outside the bars) just to have fun and meet new people. I love Las Vegas; I've lived here for over 25 years, but it's an extremely difficult place to meet people – especially if you aren't a bar fly. I've got ideas and I know where I want to take NGRA but I can't do it alone. I need your help. I'm interested in hearing from everybody who has an idea but I'm especially interested in hearing from some of NGRA's past. I see past royalty, and board members, all over the place, still in town, just not active like they were in the past and I want to know why. Are they just burned out? I can understand that but if there's more than that – if NGRA isn't what you remember – then help me bring it back to where it used to be. Please, if you're reading this article, print it and put it in front of someone from NGRA's past. Let them know that I need their help and I need your help. If you have an idea, please contact me. I can't do this by myself but with the help of our members (past and present), we can make NGRA the social organization that it used to be.

Ken Hruby
 NGRA President
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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 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.

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

Convention Date: March 11th, 2017

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 5385 Wynn Road, Suite B, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Directions

Wynn Road is not accessible from West Hacienda Avenue.

From West Russell Road:

Go North on Wynn Road.

From West Tropicana Avenue:

Go South on South Valley View Boulevard, then turn right (West) onto West Ali Baba Lane which turns left and becomes Wynn Road.

5385 Wynn Road is just South of the Hacienda bridge crossing.

Thank you!

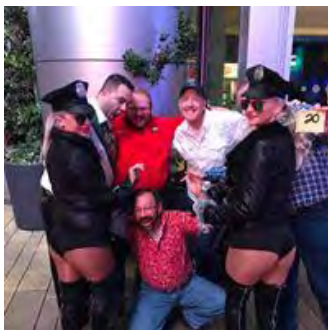
Roger Bergmann
Convention Committee Chair
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IGRA University Alexis Park All-Suite Resort January 13th – 15th

The International Gay Rodeo Association held its annual IGRA University in Las Vegas, on January 13th – 15th at the Alexis Park All-Suite Resort. With over 20 attendees, participants learned from subject-matter experts in a variety of rodeo-related fields. Students, faculty, and their guests participated in several fundraising activities as well, including The Match Game at the Locker Room, Barbarell's Strip Search (an interactive scavenger hunt at the Linq), and Katrina's 60th Birthday Show at the Pegasus Lounge inside the Alexis Park.

The IGRA University Committee and faculty members wish to acknowledge the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association for their support of IGRA University's activities this year. Whether participating as students, faculty, support staff, or just participating in the evening events, IGRA University would not have been a success without you!

Accompanying are some pictures from Barbarell's Strip Search.



Dr. Andrew Goodman
Chancellor
IGRA University

Arizona Gay Rodeo
 Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, Laveen, Arizona
 February 17th – 19th

Best Scores

All Around

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Bull Riding

Cowboy Dalton C
Cowgirl

Bareback / Bronc

Cowboy Cashion K
Cowgirl

Steer Riding

Cowboy CJ W
Cowgirl

Chute Dogging

Cowboy Rob S
Cowgirl

Calf Roping on Foot

Cowboy Rodeo J
Cowgirl Karen B

Mounted Breakaway Roping

Cowboy Jaimes L
Cowgirl Murmur T

Barrel Racing

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Pole Bending

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Flag Race

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Team Roping

Team

David L & Greg B

Steer Decorating

Team

Bob B & Rob S

Wild Drag Race

Team

Luke D, Jody C & Teri H

Goat Dressing

Team

Marco P & Rodeo J



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

LGBTQ *Vegas*

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!

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

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in March:

4	James Morgan
6	John King
7	Bryan Shields
13	Laurie Banks
27	John Perez
28	Darren Wernette

Member of the Month

Andrew Goodman

Andrew Goodman was nominated as January Member of the Month for his work on IGRA University.

Congratulations and thanks to Andrew.

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).

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Last month I told you that Chris Due would be our Rodeo Director and this month I can tell you that Brenda Lee Luce-Alday will be the Assistant Rodeo Director with responsibility for all non-cow side activities.

Volunteer forms will appear shortly on the NGRA website so look out for that.

Some of you will already have had an e-mailed invitation to volunteer at Pride this year. Look out for news on NGRA's activities in Pride 2017 in due course.

Thank you for your support.

Carolyn Jones
Volunteer Coordinator
volunteers@ngra.com

Trustee's News

IGRA pins are now available. They are the image of the IGRA logo and cost \$5.00 each. They are available on the igra.com website.

I now have more details on the IGRA Dance that I mentioned last month. It will be held in Dallas on June 8th – 11th. There will be social dancing, workshops, competitions and exhibitions. Top instructors and choreographers from across the country will be there and both line dancing and couples dancing will be featured. The committee hopes that this will revitalize IGRA Dance and serve as the first step in making it great again!

As always, be sure to contact me with any IGRA-related questions or concerns.

Lorry King
Trustee
trustee@ngra.com

Editor's Bits and Pieces

The image is a promotional poster for a contest. It features a muscular man in a cowboy hat and chaps, holding a lasso. The text on the poster includes the 'Charlie's Las Vegas' logo in the top left, a logo for 'THE MEN OF CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS' in the top right, and the main text 'WILL YOU BE MR. MARCH?' in large red letters. Below that, it says 'Saturday, March 4th at 9:30 PM' in white text with a black outline.

The Men of Charlie's contest on Saturday March 4th 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?

Barry J Jones
Newsletter Editor
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Patty's Ponderings

Hey all! February was jammed packed! I started the month going with Taylor Trash to Arizona, a week before their rodeo, to be a judge for their Royalty Competition. It was a great weekend of conversations and learning. Then the very next week we went back to Arizona for Rodeo! It was the first rodeo of the season and it was a memorable one at that. The weather was not working with us. We tried to push through but at the end, the IGRA safety committee decided to cancel the 2nd day of Rodeo due to safety concerns for the competitors, volunteers and animals. It was great meeting a ton of people while there. There is a new-found excitement for BigHorn Rodeo. They are really looking forward to see Nevada come back and have a fun rodeo weekend. Coming back to town we had the Sin City Sisters Red Dress weekend. It started with Kimberli Foxx Annual Red Ribbon review. I did not make it to the Red Dress event on Saturday because I tripped and fell down some stairs at work which messed my leg up. I am perfectly fine, no breaks just over stretched the muscles and needed to rest for a little bit.

With all of that, it was a great month. I look forward to the coming months. I wanted to reach out to remind everyone that if you have any ideas for fundraising or rodeo to message me at missngra2017@ngra.com and I will make sure you are heard if you cannot come to meetings. I hope to see everyone out at Luck of the Cowboy on March 11th at Flex.

Hope you enjoy just some pictures I have included of this past month. If you want to see more, check out Brian's, Jason's or my Facebook for many more pictures at AGRA Rodeo.



AGRA Rodeo



BBear & Patty



Being Goofy at AGRA Rodeo



Being Goofy



Chad, Patty and BBear



Different Royalty Members at AGRA Rodeo



Kimberli Foxx, Miss IGRA 2011, and Phat Patty at Red Ribbon Review



Phat Patty and Kelly O'Neil, Miss IGRA 2017, at AGRA Rodeo



Phat Patty and Miss AGRA 2017, Mipsy Mikels



Phat Patty and Miss NSGRA, Gosh Alice Jones



Phat Patty, Ginger Grant & BBear at Red Ribbon Review



Phat Patty and Taylor Trash at Red Ribbon Review



Phat Patty, Mipsy Mikels and Gosh Alice Jones



Phat Patty, Taylor Trash and Miss IGRA 2010, Iownna Doublewide at AGRA Royalty Competition



Phat Patty was taken to Hawaii by the AGRA Royalty at AGRA Rodeo



Tony, Mr NSGRA, pinning Phat Patty

LAS VEGAS
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MR. LAS VEGAS PRIDE 2016

MORE INFO: LASVEGASPRIDE.ORG

Alexis Park **Nevea** **Circle Zoo** **LIFFINCANTL** **SPI ENTERTAINMENT** **Tommy's SUNDAYS** **Charlies** **THUNDER DOWN UNDER**
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MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL **LUXOR** **THE LING** **THE COSMOPOLITAN**



NGRA

Charlie's
Las Vegas

WE WANT YOU!
FOR THE MEN OF CHARLIE'S
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE MR. MARCH?
Saturday, March 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 NGRA

THE MEN OF

Charlie's
LAS VEGAS



LUCK OF THE COWBOY

Saturday, March 11th

Cocktails start
at 8:00
Show starts
at 9:00

Drink Specials



Games

Prizes



FLEX
COCKTAIL LOUNGE

4371 W. Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 702•876•3355
Proceed benefit 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

LAS VEGAS
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Las Vegas

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**Interested
Individuals
Can Contact
Stephanie @
7022753246**



**Desertempire.org
Facebook.com/irscede**

KING & QUEEN OF CLUBS COMPETITION



**MARCH 18TH
DOOR @ 8:00PM
SHOW @ 8:30PM**



FLEX
COCKTAIL LOUNGE
4371 W CHARLESTON BLVD.
LAS VEGAS, NV 89102
(702) 878-3355

N2 The Looking Glass
Lisa West Charleston # 14
702-275-3246



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\$100 IN PRIZES

PRIDE **FLEX** COCKTAIL LOUNGE

N2 The Looking Glass



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BIGHORN RODEO

September 22, 23, 24

2017

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

March

Wed 1	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Trailer Trash Bingo	
Sat 4	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits NGRA	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Wed 8	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 11	10:00 am	2017 NGRA State Convention	5385 Wynn Road, Suite B, Las Vegas, NV 89118
	9:00 pm	Luck of the Cowboy	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 18	9:00 pm	King & Queen of Clubs IRSCDE Inc 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
Mon 20	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 25	8:00 pm	Mis Behavin	The Space 3460 Cavaretta Court Las Vegas, NV 89103
31 – 2		A Texas Tradition Rodeo TGRA	Diamond T Arena 6900 East Sherman Drive, Denton, TX 76208

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April

Sat 1	9:00 pm	King & Queen of Diamonds IRSCDE Inc Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
	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 5	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	
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, 2600 Howard Street, Little Rock, AR 72206

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May

Wed 3	6:00 pm 6:30 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 6	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits Saint Therese Center	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 13	9:00 pm	One Hit Wonders	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
12 – 14		Palm Springs Hot Rodeo 2017 GSGRA	Palm Springs, CA
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
Sat 20	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
26 – 28		Great Plains Rodeo GPRA	State Fair Park, 3001 General Pershing Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73107

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Calendar

Looking ahead to key events

June

8 - 11		IGRA Dance	Dallas, TX
Sat 10	9:00 pm	A Night on Broadway	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102

July

Sat 1	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits NGRA	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
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September

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

Sat 7	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits NGRA	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, 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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Mr NGRA 1 st Runner Up	Jason Dyer	

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