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From your President

BigHorn Rodeo 2017

It's finally here. It's been 28 months in the making but BigHorn Rodeo has returned to the IGRA Circuit and is back in Sin City. There are a lot of people who made this possible, but it all starts with Brenda Alday, our Rodeo Director, and her team of volunteers who did an amazing job bringing gay rodeo back home — where it all began — to Nevada. Our Rodeo Director and the entire Rodeo Planning Committee have worked tirelessly to make sure you have a safe, fun-filled weekend, with events starting Wednesday night and going all the way through Sunday evening's Awards Ceremony.

For various reasons, a lot of our past sponsors, or vendors, were not available, so, to a large degree, the team had to reinvent rodeo in Southern Nevada. It wasn't as easy as picking up the phone and telling people when to show up. It was much more involved but, I think, the end result will be one of the best rodeos on the IGRA Circuit and one of the best rodeos that NGRA has put on, in a long, long time. This isn't rodeo in a box — this is rodeo reinvented and we're very proud of what's been planned.

Of course, if it wasn't for the competitors, officials, friends, family, and spectators, there'd be no reason to have a rodeo in the first place. I want to personally welcome each and every one of you to BigHorn Rodeo 2017. Please enjoy yourself and enjoy everything BigHorn Rodeo has to offer but please be safe and please look out for each other — especially those who, for whatever reason, may not be able to look out for themselves.

Welcome to BigHorn Rodeo 2017!!! The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is happy to have you, as our guests and is proud to have you as our friends.

Ken Hruby
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NGRA's Annual Election

I know it seems as though the annual election is far away (immediately after the November meeting); however, things have a way of creeping up on us so I wanted to submit an article now that will get everybody in the right frame of mind.

This year, the following positions are up for election:

- NGRA President (2-year term, starting January 1st, 2018)
- NGRA Secretary (2-year term, starting January 1st, 2018)
- Three (3) Director at Large Positions (1-year term, starting January 1st, 2018)

The cutoff for declaring your candidacy will be announced at a later date as will the start and stop dates of the election.

- To be eligible to run for the President or the Secretary positions, you must have been an NGRA member on, or before, May 25th, 2017.
- To be eligible to run for one of the three Director at Large positions, you must have been an NGRA member on, or before, Aug 23rd, 2017.

There's nothing to do right now, other than to start thinking of running for an NGRA Board Member Position. As the election draws closer, and the Board appoints an Election Coordinator, more information will be sent out.

Ken Hruby
NGRA President
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BigHorn Rodeo 2017
Horseman's Park
September 22nd – 24th

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Rodeo 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 20th at 6 PM
Early Birds Meet and Greet
at The Garage
1487 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas NV 89119



Wednesday, September 20th at 9 pm
Cowboy Karaoke at Flex
4371 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89102



Thursday, September 21st at 6 pm
Cowboy Bingo at Quadz Video Bar
4640 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89169



Friday, September 22nd from 6 pm to 9 pm
Registration Of Contestants at Horseman's Park
5800 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas NV 89122

Friday, September 22nd at 8 pm
The Roast of Phat Patty at Horseman's Park.

Saturday, September 23rd
Gates Open at 9 am
BigHorn Rodeo Begins at 10 am at Horseman's Park

Saturday, September 23rd at 8 pm
B Bear's Barnyard Shot Party
at Charlie's Las Vegas
5012 Arville St #4, Las Vegas NV 89118



Sunday, September 24th
Gates Open at 9 am
BigHorn Rodeo Begins at 10 am at Horseman's Park

Sunday, September 24th
BigHorn Rodeo Awards Ceremony
Approximately 8 pm at Horseman's Park



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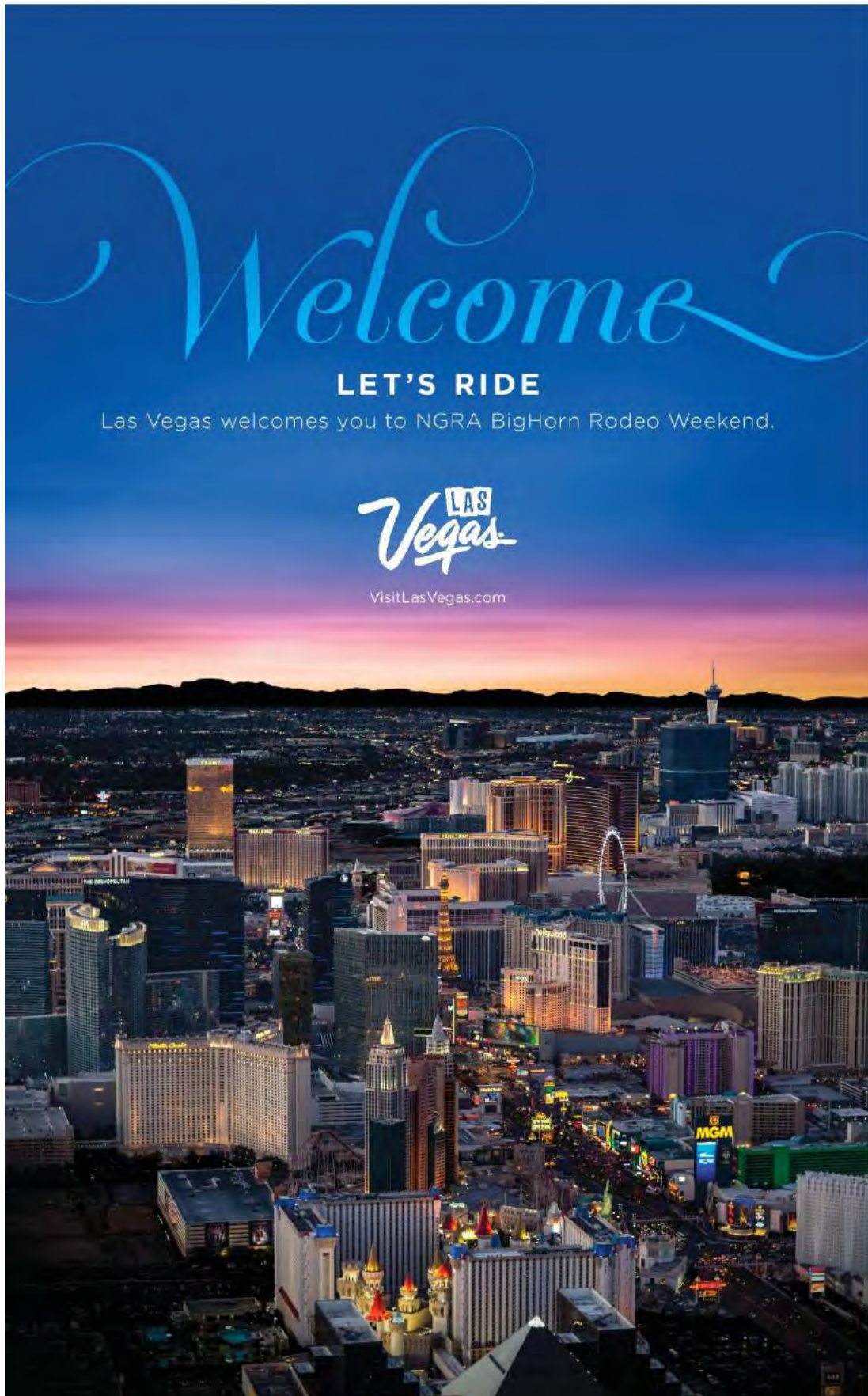
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Beneficiaries

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is pleased to announce that the Beneficiaries for BigHorn Rodeo 2017 will be The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth along with Windy's Ranch & Rescue – A Pig Sanctuary.



Homelessness among youth is a growing crisis in the Las Vegas Valley, the state of Nevada, and the United States. For more than a decade, the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth has provided Southern Nevada's unaccompanied homeless youth with help, hope, and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

NPHY is the most comprehensive service provider for the thousands of homeless youth in Southern Nevada. NPHY provides access to life-saving services for homeless youth 24 hours a day at virtually every street corner in Southern Nevada.

Their programs stabilize the lives of homeless teens, providing a safe, supportive environment and a path to self-sufficiency. Through their work with homeless youth, NPHY creates productive, healthy adults who contribute to society.

NPHY is not just a standalone shelter or drop-in center, but rather offers a carefully crafted grouping of programs and services that meet homeless youths' needs wherever they are on their journeys beyond the streets. Together, NPHY's programs meet homeless youths' survival needs while building a path to self-sufficiency and success. Some of their programs include:

- Outreach;
- Safe Place;
- Drop-In Center;
- Emergency Shelter;
- Operation Go Home;
- Independent Living Programs, and
- Referrals.

NPHY is only able to provide critical services for homeless youth with the involvement and support of our community. You can change the lives of homeless youth by volunteering, raising awareness about youth homelessness and NPHY's work, or contributing resources. Please visit their [website](#) to learn more about how you can help end youth homelessness in Southern Nevada.



Windy's Ranch & Rescue is home to more than meets the eye. While pigs are their main focus, they have rescued horses, ducks, chickens, cats, a dog or two, and an EMU.

The rescue began right after the financial downturn, when lots of animals were being dumped. It's taken a lot of love, hard work and dedication, but the animals make every day a joy for all involved.

Windy's is committed to finding safe, loving homes for their rescued potbellied pigs, but are also cautious and need the new owner to make an informed decision. For the right people, PBP's make wonderful companion animals

For more information about Windy's Ranch & Rescue, please visit their [website](#).

Rodeo Event Descriptions

Rough-Stock Events:

Mounted on top or standing beside an animal many times their size and weight, it's contestant against beast. In these events, the contestant attempts to out balance or out maneuver the animal's natural instinct to rid itself of an unusual weight on its back or to escape from the clutches of the contestant. These events require a great deal of skill and experience before a contestant can become a champion. Many IGRA sanctioned rodeos will hold rodeo schools before a rodeo or during the year, where experienced competitors can give the new contestant good instruction and suggestions as to how to improve.

Bull Riding

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Bull Riding

Bareback Bronc Riding

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Bareback Bronc Riding

Steer Riding

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Steer Riding

Chute Dogging

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Chute Dogging

Roping Events:

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

Calf Roping on Foot

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Calf Roping on Foot

Mounted Break-Away Roping

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Break-Away Roping

Team Roping

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Team Roping

Speed Events:

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

Barrel Racing

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Barrel Racing

Pole Bending

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Pole Bending

Flag Racing

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Flag Racing

Camp Events

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

Steer Decorating

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Steer Decorating

Wild Drag Race

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Wild Drag Race

Goat Dressing

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch Goat Dressing

*All videos courtesy of Cowboy Frank Harrell

Zia Regional Rodeo Santa Fe, New Mexico August 11th – 13th

August 10th was the start to a very busy and fun weekend in New Mexico! Jason and I flew down to Albuquerque where our wonderful host, Tre, picked us up and whisked us off to get food. Later that evening we met up with fellow royalty members from across the IGRA circuit to do what we do best, raise money! It started off with Tre's Plinko Challenge which was a hoot and a half! That lead into The Roast of Mr NMGRA Tre. I was the roast master and brought all the good seasonings!

Friday was registration and social time with all the wonderful contestants. Jason and I were set up to work arena crew for the weekend and at the last minute was asked to also be timers! We gladly accepted. Brian competed in Calf Roping on Foot and almost got that calf.

Jason and I sponsored a buckle for Barrel Racing which David Lawson won. Overall, it was a fun and busy weekend with lots to do to help the NMGRA, and to help Tre who has been very helpful to NGRA. Enjoy some pictures of the weekend.



B-Bear performing during the Plinko Show



Gary, Marie and Patty were just some of the roasters for Mr NMGRA, Tre



Patty takes a selfie with Tre during the roast



Texas and Nevada teamed up during the Plinko Show



Alina, Jason and Patty



Chris, Patty and Jason



Patty, Mac, and Jason



Patty, Alina and Gia taking a break during Zia Rodeo



Salina and Patty make a great duo



Patty and Cameron



Texas and Nevada taking selfies



Phat Patty was the Roast Master for Tre's roast



Patty and B-Bear



Chad, Gia and Patty take a picture at the Plinko Show

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Ryan, Dewberry, Mahllon and Mark



B-Bear and Tre



Gia, Emmett and Tamara



B-Bear, Tennant, Black Widow, Nikki, Ryan, Mark and Dewberry



B-Bear, Mark, Yolanda, Mahllon, Alina and Nikki





B-Bear and Mahllon





B-Bear, Jim, Tamara, Tennant and Black Widow



Brian Porras
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Phat Patty, Miss NGRA 2017, and Lorry King, NGRA Trustee.

Phat Patty was on the Arena Crew and Lorry was Assistant Rodeo Secretary.

Best Scores

All Around

	Cowboy	David L
	Cowgirl	Carla B

Bull Riding

	Cowboy	
	Cowgirl	

Bareback / Bronc

	Cowboy	
	Cowgirl	

Steer Riding

	Cowboy	
	Cowgirl	

Chute Dogging

	Cowboy	Chuck B
	Cowgirl	Will H

Calf Roping on Foot

	Cowboy	Gene F
	Cowgirl	Kirsten W

Mounted Breakaway Roping

	Cowboy	Greg B
	Cowgirl	Carla B

Barrel Racing

	Cowboy	BJ S
	Cowgirl	Carla B

Pole Bending

Cowboy
Cowgirl

David L
Carla B

Flag Race

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Randy F
Carla B

Team Roping

Team

Renita E & Justin D

Steer Decorating

Team

Bob B & David L

Wild Drag Race

Team

Teeny C, Kevin E & BJ S

Goat Dressing

Team

Kevin E & BJ S

A Royal Hoedown Flex Cocktail Lounge Saturday, August 19th

On August 19th, the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire Inc. and the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association came together to produce one event that would benefit both organizations. David Heckman from the Court and Phat Patty from NGRA co-emceed this wonderful event full of great performances and wonderful friendship throughout the night. Everyone was having so much fun that there are only a few pictures from the event. Check them out below.



Kimberli Foxx, Miss IGRA 2011, and Phat Patty get ready for a Royal Hoedown



Mia performing



Jason performing



Phat Patty and Shaun Franklin-Sewell



Phat Patty and David Heckman

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Annual Miss Cow Patty Contest Charlie's Saturday, August 26th

The Annual Cow Patty Contest started off with a bang! Phat Patty opened the show with the number that won her Miss Cow Patty 2014 and set a nice comedic and campy tone for the evening.



Phat Patty opens the Miss Cow Patty Contest



Tre is shocked at Patty's performance

Phat Patty and Vivianne DuMonde co-emceed for the third time in a row and had a blast doing so. The Board of Directors was on hand for the evening to help make sure the event went smoothly as well as to present Tre Brewbaker with an Honorary Membership to NGRA for the rest of 2017, thanks for all his help with fundraising this year, seeing as this was his fifth time coming out for our fundraisers.



Patty calls the Board of Directors to the stage to present Tre with something special



Patty announces that Tre is being awarded with an Honorary Membership to NGRA for 2017

We had two lovely contestants in ShaDixie Cup and Felinda Bush.



ShaDixie Cup performing as part of the Competition



Phat Patty Barbie aka ShaDixie Cup performing as part of the Competition



Felinda Bush performing as part of the Competition

We had five wonderful judges in Saltiva Cracker, Winsor Cooper, Lorry King, Tre Brewbaker and Jonathon Tackett (Tre's husband).

ShaDixie Cup became our Miss Cow Patty 2017 and if she looks familiar, it is because out of drag it is Scottie Shadix, who is our Arena Director for BigHorn Rodeo.

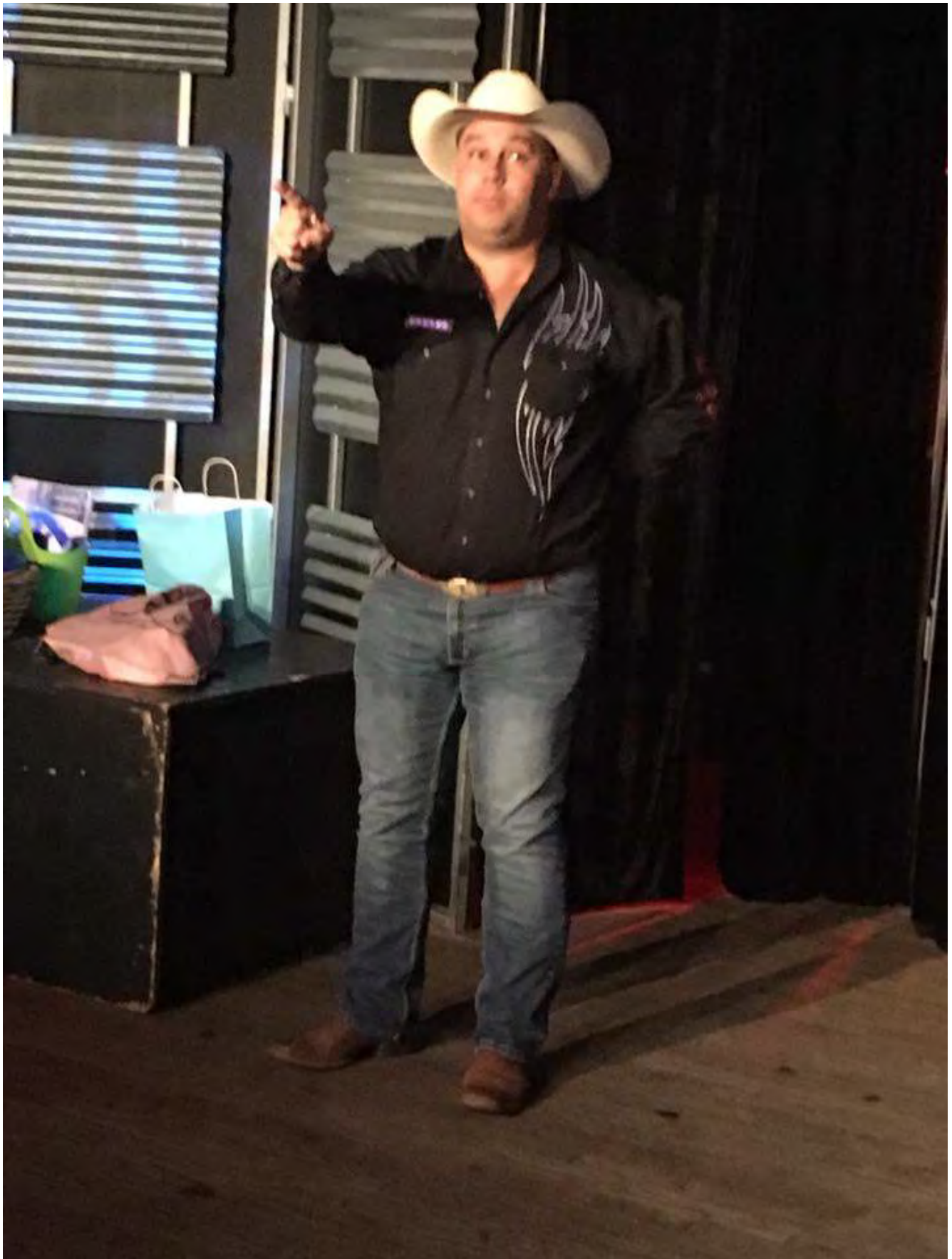


Congratulations to ShaDixie Cup, our Miss Cow Patty 2017

All our entertainers: Vivianne DuMonde; Aiden Wolfe; Jason Dyer; Winsor Cooper; Saltiva Cracker; David Heckman; Taylor Trash; Tre Brewbaker; Jonathon Tackett and Phat Patty kept the entertainment alive.



Aiden performing live for the Miss Cow Patty contest



Tre thinks Taylor Swift is stalking him



Jonathon Tackett came with Tre from New Mexico just for the Cow Patty Contest



Saltiva taking us to the moon to dance



Patty and Laura, our Barn Manager for BigHorn Rodeo 2017

Thanks to all who came out for a fun filled night!

Phat Patty
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Remember, there's no cost to participate in this program, and you'll still earn fuel points on eligible purchases every time you shop.

*0.5% based on eligible purchases. See Helpful Information for exclusions.





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 September:

5	Phillip Lombardi
11	Gene Dockins
13	Brent Rosinski
18	Mike Windsor

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Tre' Brewbaker
Richard Broeker
Joseph Gurican

Welcome back Joseph, Board Director 2015, and your sister, Ona'stagea, Miss Closet Ball 2014.

Member of the Month

David C Wright

David C Wright was nominated as July Member of the Month for the outstanding Get Booked window.

Congratulations and thanks to David.

Fundraising

We have been pretty busy lately, doing everything we can to raise money for NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo! We held a Car Wash at the end of July which raised \$625 for NGRA. It was a hot day, but we had fun, sprayed each other with water, had great music playing, oh and washed some cars! While the Royalty Team was in New Mexico for Zia Rodeo, Taylor Trash stepped up to emcee the Trailer Trash Review at Flex. Even though there were only 3 performers, everyone had a nice time relaxing and using this opportunity to talk with each other and foster a bigger relationship with each other. Thanks to Taylor, Kimberli Foxx and Felinda Bush for performing and board members Kathy Alday and David Hering for going out and helping where you could. That show raised \$350 for NGRA! The following week we joined the Court and had a Royal Hoedown! That raised \$200 for both organizations. Then we held our Annual Cow Patty Contest! With the help of the entire board of directors, Jason Dyer, Tre Brewbaker, Jonathon Tackett, Vivianne DuMonde, Felinda Bush, ShaDixie Cup, Winsor Cooper, Saltiva Cracker, David Heckman, Taylor Trash and Aiden Wolf, we raised \$640.50 for NGRA.

That brings the total since last publication to \$1,815.50 (roughly) for NGRA! We cannot do it without all the wonderful people who volunteer their time and talent to help us achieve our goals!

We are starting to plan the 2018 calendar with added events, like a beer garden or BBQ in the park, so please come out to our meetings or email me at fundraising@ngra.com to make sure your input is heard.

The next fundraising meeting is at 7pm on September 7th at the Orleans Food Court.

Thanks everyone who has helped with our fundraising efforts!

Submitted respectfully,
Chris Sanders
Fundraising Director
fundraising@ngra.com

Trustee's News

I know we have a lot going on at this time of the year, what with our Rodeo in September and IGRA Finals in October, but it's time to also think about IGRA Convention, which is November 10th through 12th in Little Rock, Arkansas. If you are interested in being a Delegate, or want to know what it entails before committing, please contact me. Also, this is the time of year to change IGRA Bylaws, Standing Rules and Rodeo Rules. So, if there are any changes you would like to see, those proposals are due September 11th. If you need help with the format or wording, please contact me.

Red River Rodeo Association is holding another Rodeo School in Aubrey, Texas on October 7th. If you want to learn a rodeo skill or improve on one, this is the best place to go. Every event is taught and individual attention is given.

The Zia Rodeo in Santa Fe was well attended by NGRA folks. I sat through seven hours of IGRA Board meetings on Friday (yes, seven!) and then worked as the Assistant Rodeo Secretary. Our entire Royalty Team was there performing, Jason and Patty working in the Arena Crew and as timers, and Brian competed in Calf Roping on Foot, although he did not catch his calf either day. However, NGRA's newest horse competitor, Matt Fain, competed and won a 1st place on Sunday in Breakaway Roping and a 2nd place Saturday in Barrels. Yeah, Matt! A note to all contestants: please remember to change your address with IGRA when you move. Most of the time when an online entry is rejected it is because the credit card address and the one on file with IGRA do not match.

Lorry King
Trustee
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From Your Volunteer Coordinator

As I said in the last edition Board has decided not to go forward with an entry in the Pride Parade. The Board has chosen to concentrate on raising money by asking you all to join the Pride Love Program and choose NGRA as your nominated charity. The Festival is again at Sunset Park on October 21st and 22nd. As yet, NGRA has not been given a dedicated task to undertake as a group but, if this changes, I'll let you know.

Here is a link to the Pride website where you can volunteer your time.

<http://lasvegaspride.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

When you have signed up with Pride please let me know and when you have completed your work slot again let me know. This will enable me to ensure that NGRA knows how much you have all earned to support us.

If you have any questions please come back to me at the address below.

Carolyn Jones
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Historian's Update

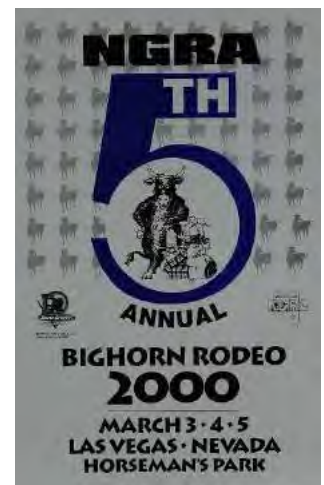
In the US Navy, a plank owner was a special name given to the members of the crew of a brand-new ship. Just because we knew how to build a ship didn't necessary mean that it would float when it was first launched. And it didn't necessary mean that it was sailable until the original crew learned her unique characteristics and the flaws that need to be fixed. This was also true for modern ships and I am proud to say that my Father was a plank owner, and I have the special certificates to prove it, of two ships commissioned during WW II.

At our August Board and General Meeting, we had two 'plank owners' present. Bob Edwards and Andy Larson had no idea that the vessel they had launched with such effort would survive 25 years. They shall play a special role in The Bighorn Rodeo this September. Bob promised that they would play their part to the hilt. As they seem to be older than me, I would put nothing past them. Be there.

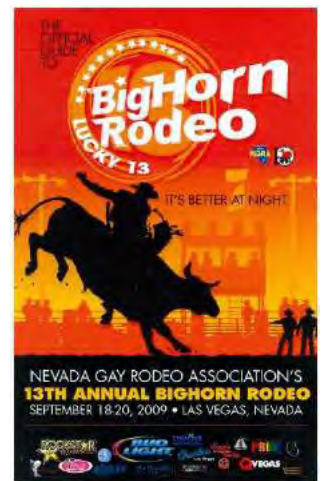


The NGRA was organized in 1992-1993 and was able to produce its first Rodeo, though non-sanctioned by the IGRA in 1994 and because it did not follow all of the rules and regulations set forth by the IGRA was called a GYMKANA.

However, by 1996 we had learned and gathered the strength and knowledge to meet all of the qualifications to be an IGRA instituted and recognized Rodeo.



However, in 2001 we did not have what was necessary to put on a Rodeo and I sure that the feeling was what we felt in 2016 when we did not have the resources necessary to continue with our Rodeo series. A feeling of failure as a viable organization. But in 2002 we regained our strength and mission of purpose.



In 2010, we were the host of the IGRA Finals in Laughlin and as this was the usual time of our Big Horn Rodeo we opted not to do it so we could concentrate all our energy and resources to make sure IGRA Finals was a success and it was.

In 2011, we resumed our Rodeo series.





Once again in 2016 we found ourselves unable to put on our annual Rodeo. But we overcame those difficulties and with a lot of teamwork and hustling are back in business for our 25th Anniversary Year.

Come join us for “We Are The Champions”.



David C Wright
Historian and Story Teller
history@ngra.com

Director - David Wright

I would like to thank Ken Hruby and the Board for the appointment I received as a Director on the Board and hope to live up to my obligations. One of them being the obligatory task of writing a message in the monthly newsletter. A task I am familiar with for in the past I have held positions in other organizations in which I was obligated to write such messages. I am also your Historian which means two articles.

This September Newsletter is very important as it is the month of our BIGHORN RODEO. So, I went to the swimming pool in my 55+ trailer park that they allowed me to stay in being 14yrs older than the age limit. I go in mid-afternoon when the temperature is the hottest and there is least likely to be anyone there, as I like to wear the swim suits I had when I was 20, but rather not have anyone see me in them. As luck would have it there was a gentleman there who seemed older than me with a loud radio playing the stock exchange readings with occasional music. But I decided to stay and took a hearty swig of my "non" alcoholic beverage in a paper bag and blew up my floating device that people my age are allowed to have in public pools and figure out what I was going to write about that might be poignant, but still interesting. I first thought about the Historian article when I heard on the radio Queen's. "We Are The Champions" and that we are. Read the Historians Article. Having formalized that I had the harder task as to what to write about as a Director and the God of Gay Rodeos came to my rescue with "Anyway I Want, Just The Way I Want It" by Steve Perry and Neal Schon. So here we go.

As gay and lesbian, etc, people we are/have been made to feel we are less of a person than 'regular' people, while the opposite is true. 'Regular' people are confined by hundreds of years of social conditioning. Granted in times where a 'tribe' or 'nation' depended on their numbers for survival against other tribes, etc, this was logical and true. But we have numerically, politically and socially passed that point if only we admit it. If we ALL admitted it. Rodeo is one of the last bastions of this belief. Men do not compete in 'speed' competitions as this was a female's contest which did not involve physical strength. Yea, sure! And women were not involved in a contest where physical strength was considered the primary requirement. But that time has passed. In one sense, we have women who identify themselves as male and men who identify themselves as female or just simply a preference for someone of the same sex. We have passed the time when men were men and the sheep were afraid and recognized that women were women and the bulls are afraid.

Did you know that the International Gay Rodeo Association has some requirements that are more stringent than those in the more recognized rodeo associations? How are we 'less than' when men do "women's" contests and women to "men's" contests?

In the IGRA recognized Rodeos all these prejudices do not exist. We do not recognize their exclusionism. All are permitted to participate in whatever contest they prefer. And this includes regular people.

The NGRA is celebrating it's 25th year of existence. Come join us in our celebration and come join us at our BIGHORN RODEO.

David C Wright

Director

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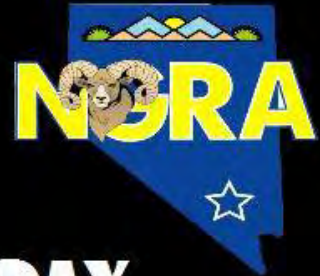
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September

1 – 3		Show Me State Rodeo MGRA	The Lone Wolf Ranch Arena and Training Center 22801 State Line Road Cleveland, MO 64734
Sat 2	9:00 pm	Here We Go Again!!!	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 2	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Tues 5	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee (RPC) Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Wed 6	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 Luau Bingo	
Thu 7	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 9	9:00 pm	A Silver Anniversary: Celebrating 25 years of NGRA	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
15 – 17		Best Buck in the Bay GSGRA	Russian River Rodeo Grounds, 23450 Moscow Rd, Duncans Mills, CA 95430
Sat 16	8:00 pm	King & Queen of the Desert Competition IRSCDE Inc Event	FLAIR Nightclub, 1700 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Sat 16	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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

Wed 4	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Hollywood Halloween Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Thu 5	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 7	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits The NGRA	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	Masquerade Ball	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
20 – 22		World Gay Rodeo Finals	Expo NM Indoor Horse Arena 300 San Pedro Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
Fri 20	8:00 pm	Pride Parade	South 4 th Street & East Bridger Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101
21 & 22		Pride Festival	Sunset Park 2601 East Sunset Road Las Vegas, NV 89120
Sat 21	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169

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November

Thu 2	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 4	8:00 pm	Miss NGRA Contestant Fundraiser for Christina Wayves	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 4	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits The Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
9 – 12		IGRA Convention	Holiday Inn Airport Conference/Hotel, 3201 Bankhead Drive, Little Rock, AR 72206
Sat 11	9:00 pm	Armed Forces Salute	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 11		Men of Charlie's Bar Crawl	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 12	3:00 pm	Chili/Salsa/Corn Bread Competition IRSCDE Inc Event	Badlands Saloon, 953 East Sahara Avenue #22B, Las Vegas, NV 89104
	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
Sat 25	9:00 pm	Royalty Competition	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

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Looking ahead to key events

December

Sat 9	9:00 pm	Not So Silent Night	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 9		Coronation XX: Big Trouble in Little Vegas IRSCDE Inc Event	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 16	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Year Contest Benefits The Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, the NGRA – Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada and The Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

January 2018

12 – 14	IGRA University	Oklahoma City, OK
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October 2018

25 – 28	World Gay Rodeo Finals	Scottsdale, AZ
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