

November 2017 BigHorn Gazette



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From your President: NGRA's Annual Election

NGRA's annual election is almost upon us. 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)

**We already know that the current President and current Secretary will not be re-running so these two, vital positions are open, and we need people to step up.

The cutoff for announcing your candidacy is noon on Monday, November 20th, and the election will begin shortly after the November 20th meeting.

To be eligible to run for the Presidency or the Secretary positions, you must have been an NGRA member on, or before, May 26th, 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, 24 August 24th, 2017.

If you're interested in running for one of these positions, please send an email to president@ngra.com. In that email, please be sure to indicate which position you're running for and please include a short (couple of paragraphs) biography that will help the NGRA membership understand your qualifications.

If you aren't quite ready to commit yet but have questions, please contact me at president@ngra.com. I look forward to hearing from everybody that's interested in helping to shape NGRA's future.

Ken Hruby NGRA President president@ngra.com

MESSAGE FROM THE RODEO DIRECTOR

BIGHORN RODEO 2017

WWW.NGRA.COM

Howdy NGRA Members,

Thank you to everyone who participated to make Bighorn Rodeo 2017 a huge success.

SPONSORS

What can we say, without our amazing sponsors we could not put on this outstanding BigHorn Rodeo. Thank you, Hop Valley Brewing, Miller Lite, Boyd Gaming, Choice Hotels, Findlay Cadillac, Findlay Honda & Tea of a Kind for your sponsorships. We appreciate your support and participation at this year's Bighorn Rodeo.



Thank you to the rest of the sponsors. Mercedes Benz of Henderson, Garage, Southwest Airlines, Charlie's, Phoenix, Bastille, Uberlube, Chippendales, Huntridge Family Clinic, Quadz, Cowgirl Tuff, Wet, Flex, TWC Construction, Gun Oil, Boot Barn, Pink, MedicWest, PrintFast, Breakthru Beverage, Toolbox, Get Booked, Xtreme Stitch, Cosmopolitan, Lions Den and SPI Entertainment.

https://www.ngra.com/index.php/sponsors



Upcoming Events

October 28

Volunteer After Party (Check Email for details)

November 8

2018 Bighorn Rodeo RPC Committee Meeting Orleans Food Court @ 6:30pm *If you would like to get involved please join us*

Awards 2017 Bighorn Rodeo

All Around Cowboy
David L.
All Around Cowgirl
Carla B.
Steer Riding – MEN
Wade E.
Chute Dogging – MEN
Chuck B.
Chute Dogging – WOMEN
Janet S.
Calf Roping on Foot-MEN
Drew O.
Calf Roping on FootWOMEN
Kirsten W.

MESSAGE FROM THE RODEO DIRECTOR

BigHorn Rodeo

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for all your support. It does take a village and without volunteers, we could not have done what we did. You are a large part of rodeo. I hope you all had fun. We would like to invite you next year.



CONTESTANTS

We would like to thank all of the contestants that participated in the BigHorn Rodeo. I must say we witnessed some outstanding talent and enjoyed every minute. Enjoy Finals, stay healthy and safe.



Awards 2017 Bighorn Rodeo (cont'd)

Mounted Breakaway Roping-MEN Grea B. Mounted Breakaway Roping-WOMEN Pam H. Team Roping Carla B. & Wade E. Barrel Race - MEN Travis N. Barrel Race - WOMEN Rhonda D. Pole Bending - MEN David L. Pole Bending - WOMEN Renita E. Flag Race - MEN Drew O. Flag Race - WOMEN Janet S. Steer Decorating Luke D. & Candy P. Wild Drag Race Greg B.& David L & Cynbad P. Goat Dressing David M. & BJ S.

MESSAGE FROM THE RODEO DIRECTOR

Officials and Staff

A big thanks to all the officials and staff, Arena Director and Assistant Arena Director, Arena Crew Coordinator, Assistant Arena Crew Coordinator, Chute Coordinator, Assistant Chute Coordinator, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Scorekeeper, Assistant Scorekeeper, All the Judges, Timers, Auditors and Announcers. We appreciate that you all have went the extra mile to obtain certification in specific areas and experience to coordinate and run these rodeos.



BENEFICIARIES

NGRA Bighorn Rodeo 2017 Beneficiaries Windy's Ranch & Rescue and Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, would like to say Thank you for your support and donations. This will make a large impact to their organization.

Please visit their websites and continue to support.

http://www.nphy.org/ http://www.windys.org/home.html



Men of Charlie's: Man of the Month Contest Charlie's Saturday, October 7th

October 7th saw The Men of Charlie's contest happen once again. For those that don't know, the Men of Charlie's program began in December 1985 with the idea of printing a calendar. Originally, each man was chosen by audience applause. In 1987, Charlie's of Phoenix, added the contest, and the program was changed to a community supported fundraising event. In 1993, with the opening of Charlie's Chicago, the tradition was continued and still holds true with the newest bar in Las Vegas.

Each location continues to be committed to raising money for non-profit organizations within their community. They do this through the Man of the Month contest held each month and donating their time to organizations such as 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.

Any man over the age of 21 can run for the Man of Charlie's. This tradition now holds over 250 members in the four locations and has given over \$1,000,000 back to the community.

On this occasion the event benefitted NGRA BigHorn Rodeo. The contestants were introduced by Jason Ramirez, the local coordinator and vied for the honor of becoming a Man of Charlie's. by collecting money from patrons throughout the night. The contestant collecting the most being made the Man of Charlie's for October 2017. The contestants raised \$347.13 and Michael Scott Farner was declared Man of Charlie's for October 2017.

Announcement of IGRA 2018 Royalty Team

Mipsy Mikels – Miss IGRA 2018

Marie Antoinette Du Barry – 1st Runner up

Christopher Sanders (Phat Patty) – 2nd Runner up

Tre Brewbaker – Mr IGRA 2018 Christopher Tobin – 1st Runner up Tony Schwartz – 2nd Runner up

Tamara Kelly – Ms IGRA 2018 Christine Fairbrother – 1st Runner up

RJ Mikels - MsTer IGRA 2018

World Gay Rodeo Finals 2017 World Expo NM Indoor Horse Arena, Albuquerque October 20th – 22nd

Best Scores

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Cowboy Todd Tee T Cowgirl Candy P

Bull Riding

Cowboy Russell S Cowgirl

Bareback / Bronc

Cowboy Dalton C Cowgirl Dedee S

Steer Riding

Cowboy Nicholas L Cowgirl Julia D

Chute Dogging

Cowboy Jaimes L Cowgirl Kami B

Calf Roping on Foot

Cowboy Drew O Cowgirl Ronda Y

Mounted Breakaway Roping

Cowboy Greg B Cowgirl Carla B **Barrel Racing**

Cowboy Daryll K
Cowgirl Kirsten W

Pole Bending

Cowboy Pepe L Cowgirl Kirsten W

Flag Race

Cowboy Todd Tee T Cowgirl Candy P

Team Roping

Team David L & Greg B

Steer Decorating

Team Brian H & Chuck B

Wild Drag Race

Team Teeny C, Kevin E & BJ S

Goat Dressing

Team Brian H & Chuck B



Support Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) every time you shop at Smith's.

Signing up is free and easy!

- 1. Go to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire
- Sign into your digital account or choose "Create an Account" and fill in the information.
- Link your Rewards Card to your organization: Enter your organization's number "RN731" or at least 3 letters of your organization's name and click 'Search', select the organization and choose 'Save'.

Then, every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, they donate 0.5% of your total order to our nonprofit.*

Helpful Information

What purchases qualify?

Just about everything you purchase during your regular shopping trips! The only exclusions are alcohol, tobacco, postage stamps, Smith's Gift Cards, re-loadable Gift Cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, Western Union, fuel and sales tax.

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.



Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in November:

1	Lorry King
1	Randy Larsen
3	Mathew Martinez
4	Shaun Franklin-Sewell
4	Gary Segal
7	Chad Hinerman
9	Matthew Fain
11	Tre' Brewbaker
17	Richard Broeker
18	Barry Cluff
20	Benjamin Avant
29	Max Wells

Member of the Month

Kathy Alday

Kathy Alday was nominated as September Member of the Month for all her work up to and during BigHorn Rodeo.

Congratulations and thanks to Kathy.

Trustee's News

We still need one Delegate to represent NGRA at the IGRA Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 10th – 12th. If you need more information on duties or would like to volunteer, please contact me.

Besides our three Royalty contestants that competed at Finals for spots on the IGRA Royalty Team, three other NGRA members worked at Finals. Laura Scott was our Alternate Trustee and David Hering and Andrew Goodman ran the Financial Office. In addition, Andrew was one of the Judges for the Entertainment portion of the Royalty Competition.

Lorry King Trustee trustee@ngra.com

Director - David Wright

Well, our BIGHORN Rodeo Director Chris Due set the ball rolling. Chris subsequently resigned whereupon Brenda Lee Luce-Alday and her wife Kathy, together with Jeffrey Neal, did the impossible. With such a very late start they pulled off a fantastic Rodeo for us. A lot of us had our doubts that it could be done, but Brenda and her whole team did it. And had a nice net income to distribute to our charities this year. And they did it without charging an entrance fee for the spectators. Unheard of! And better yet, Brenda wants to be Rodeo Director for 2018 and Kathy has not considered a divorce. How's that for stick-to-it-ness.

Our year is coming rapidly to a close. Our Royalty Team competed for the IGRA Royalty Team. Phat Patty got Miss IGRA 2nd Runner up.

Our Royalty Team this year was also top notch with Phat Patty and her husband Jason Dryer, and B-Bear leading the way. Their fundraisers were fun, fast paced, entertaining and financially very successful. Congratulations to you all.

In November we once again have our NGRA Royalty Competition and elections for our Board of Directors, both very important to keep our NGRA operating on an even higher level this up-coming year. So, attend the competition and also vote for your Board.

(ps. I'm also running for election for Director of the Board. You spell my last name W_R_I_G_H_T.

David C Wright
Director
director1@ngra.com

Historian's Update

"Should I wear my jeans inside or outside of my boots?"

This is a question I get a lot working at Boot Barn and one that I have asked since adopting the Western Lifestyle. And here are some of the things I have learned about that. Now I haven't done any formal research on this, but these are some of the explanations I have run across.

First of all, it seems to be a regional thing, at least now. Around here we wear them outside the boot, but I have seen a lot of cowboys from Montana, Idaho and Wyoming who seem to prefer them inside the boot.

Inside the boot seems reasonable as so much work has gone into fancy stitching and leather inlays on the shaft of the boot that it seems a shame not to show it off. I have also heard that this was a way in which old time ranchers would advertise their wealth. For example, if he had 1,000 cattle or so, he would wear one leg tucked in and if he perhaps had more that say 3,000 he would wear both legs tucked in. Now I have also heard that ranchers don't want folks to know how much they have so the do neither. Another argument was that it was easier to clean mud and yuck off the leather shaft than off the legs of your jeans.

Now wearing the jeans on the outside of the boot has a very practical aspect to it. While riding the range you don't want dust, dirt and rain getting on your boots and while riding through shrubbery and tall grass you don't want bugs and burrs having access to your feet making life very uncomfortable till you get the chance to empty your boots. But then why pay for all the fancy work.

I've come to the conclusion that both ways are fine. If you want to show off your boots, tuck your jeans in, and if you're out working leave your jeans out.

However, at the last Bighorn Rodeo I came across one seasoned cowpoke who had the inside half of his jeans tucked in and the outside left out. When I questioned him why, his response was, "I don't know, we just always wore them that way".

So, there you have it, the choice is yours. Just remember that the "King of The Cowboys" always had his jeans tucked in. At least in all his movies and TV shows.

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



Benefits of being a Member of NGRA



25% off 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).

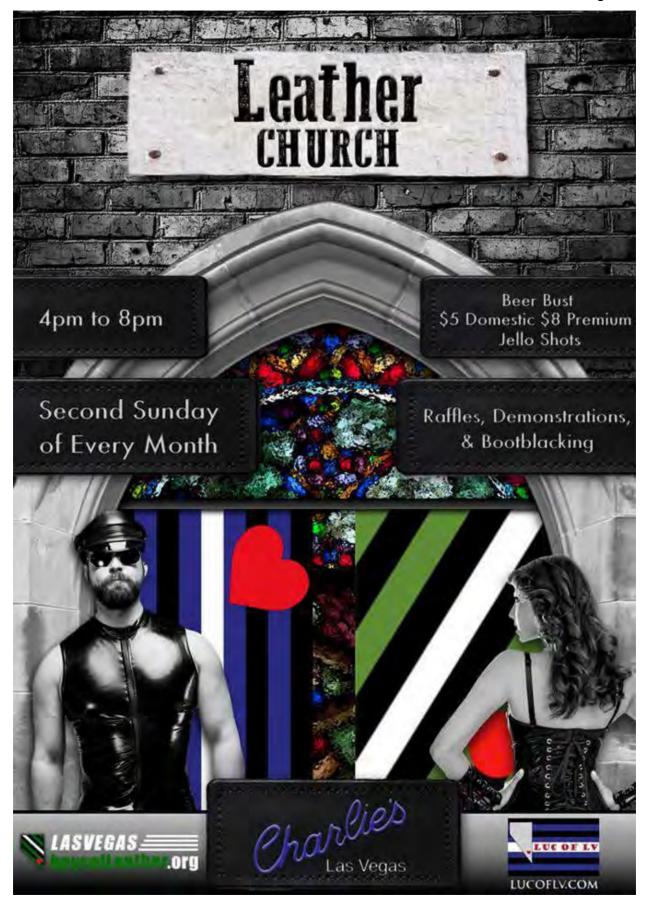


NGRA Members get 10% off on Full Price Items.

















Calendar

November

Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
1	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Day of the Dead Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Thu 2	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
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	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Bar Crawl	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun	3:00 pm	Chili/Salsa/Corn Bread Competition IRSCDE Inc Event	Badlands Saloon, 953 East Sahara Avenue #22B, Las Vegas, NV 89104
12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat	9:00 pm	11 th Annual Entertainer of the Year IRSCDE Inc Event	Las Vegas Eagle 3430 East Tropicana Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89121
11	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	Royalty Competition	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

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December

Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 16	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain 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
Sun 10	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
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 9	9:00 pm	Not So Silent Night	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Thu 7	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
6	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Onesie Holiday Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
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

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January

Thu 4	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 6	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
12 – 14		IGRA University	Oklahoma City, OK
Sat 13	9:00 pm	NGRA Event	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
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

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Calendar Looking ahead to key events

October 2018

25 – 28 World Gay Rodeo Finals	Scottsdale, AZ
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