

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July festivities with friends and family. I also hope you all are staying as cool as possible as we are well into our triple digit temperatures. I am really excited to announce that we had a great turnout for our distribution of funds to our charities. All but one charity was on sight to collect over \$14,000.00. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!!

The Gay Games will be hosted in Cleveland the week of Aug 9-17th, last I heard we have 96 contestants competing in the rodeo portion. I know we Greg Begay will be competing on behalf of AGRA. Please wish him well!!

All of our delegates and alternates for the 2014 IGRA convention have been selected and congrats to all of you! I know AGRA will be represented well.

See you all at the August membership meeting,

Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President



# TRUSTEE

The degree programs for IGRA University are being restructured, and new course descriptions are being developed. The 2015 university will be in San Antonio, Texas January 2015.

I want to remind everyone that the 2014 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be in Fort Worth, Texas October 16-19. The host hotel is the Hilton Arlington with a room rate of \$109.00 plus tax per night. Information is now available on the IGRA website. I encourage you to make hotel reservations now.

The 2014 IGRA Annual Convention will be November 14-16 in Denver, Colorado. An early arrivals cocktail party is scheduled for Wednesday-November 12; early delegate registration and delegate cocktail party are scheduled for Thursday-November 13. The host hotel is the Doubletree Denver Stapleton North at 4040 Quebec Street with a room rate of \$86.00 plus tax per night. This rate includes a free breakfast for two people per room. The room rate is available till November 1 or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first. More information is available on the CGRA website at [www.cgra.us](http://www.cgra.us). If you are planning to go to convention, I encourage you to make hotel reservations now.

In the July 20 membership meeting, voting for IGRA Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates took place. Results are:

## Delegates

Bob Hitchcock  
Jai Crystal  
John King  
Marcos Sandoval

## Alternate Delegates

Dan Iversen  
Todd Wyckoff  
Patrick Roe  
Bob Pimentel  
Michael Chavez

And, in accordance with AGRA Bylaws, Ron Trusley-Trustee and Michael Weidmann-President are also delegates. All delegates and alternate delegates should plan to arrive early enough to participate in committee meetings on Friday. Then the convention business sessions are Saturday and Sunday. Delegates and alternate delegates will be assigned to specific committee meetings so AGRA is represented in all meetings. If you are a delegate or alternate delegate and are unable to attend convention for any reason, please let me know as soon as possible.

I want to share some rodeo contestant results from the Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs, BigHorn Rodeo in Las Vegas, and Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver. Results are on following pages.

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### Hot Rodeo – Palm Springs

#### Greg Begay

Calf Roping on Foot	2nd place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Break-Away Roping	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Barrel Racing		2 <sup>nd</sup> place Sunday	
Pole Bending	6 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Flag Race	5 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Team Roping	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Team Roping	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday		
Steer Decorating		6 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Wild Drag Race	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Goat Dressing		4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
<b>All-Around Cowboy</b>			

#### Lorenzo Dell'Aquila

Barrel Racing	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Pole Bending	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Wild Drag Race		1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	

#### Keenan Allen

Barrel Racing	7 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Pole Bending		5 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Flag Race	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Wild Drag Race	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Goat Dressing	6 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	

#### Charlie Thompson

Barrel Racing	6 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday		
Pole Bending	4 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday		

Sixty-nine contestants competed in the Hot Rodeo with 5 of them AGRA members. Total AGRA team points – 1,217.

### BigHorn Rodeo – Las Vegas

#### Greg Begay

Calf Roping on Foot		3 <sup>rd</sup> place Sunday	
Break-Away Roping	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Barrel Racing	5 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday		
Pole Bending	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Flag Race	6 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Team Roping	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Team Roping	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Saturday		
Steer Decorating	5 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Sunday	
Wild Drag Race	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Goat Dressing	6 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up All-Around Cowboy</b>			

#### Jaimes Loughery

Calf Roping on Foot	1 <sup>st</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Barrel Racing	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Pole Bending	5 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Wild Drag Race	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	

#### Dan Oldenburg

Calf Roping on Foot		8 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Steer Decorating	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Goat Dressing	7 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	

#### Keenan Allen

Flag Race	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Saturday		
Steer Decorating		4 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Wild Drag Race	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
Goat Dressing		5 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	

Sixty-three contestants competed in the BigHorn Rodeo with 4 of them AGRA members. Total AGRA team points – 1,187.

### Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo - Denver

#### Greg Begay

Calf Roping Foot	2 <sup>nd</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	Buckle
Break-Away Roping	5 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> place Sunday	
Barrel Racing	5 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday		
Pole Bending	8 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday		
Flag Race	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday		
Team Roping	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Saturday		
Steer Decorating	6 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday		
Goat Dressing	4 <sup>th</sup> place Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> place Sunday	
<b>All-Around Cowboy</b>			

Seventy-six contestants competed in the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Total AGRA team points = 437.

# TREASURER REPORT

June : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$21,894.73
Checking	\$21,894.73
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$174.05
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2014 Rodeo Net Income	\$14,042.40
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Membership Due \$25	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$127.95
Fundraisers \$377	General Expenses \$100
July : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$8,739.36
Checking	\$8,739.36
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$987.03
Rodeo	(\$14,042.40)
Year to Date 2014 Rodeo Net Income	\$0.00
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
	Charities \$14042.40
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Membership Due \$150	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$130.30
Fundraisers \$1369	Pride Booth \$50
Merchandise \$295	Merchandise \$1017.41
Donation \$1000	Sponsorship \$300
	Website \$179.40
	Telephone \$149.86



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

I'm happy to report a surge in our membership. We have received a number of new applications since last month's report, bringing our membership total to 81 members, including seven champion members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following members for the month of August:

August 1st	Andrew
August 11th	Jesse
August 18th	Walt Hutter
August 28th	Ashleigh
August 29th	Janet

Thank you to everyone who showed up for our last membership meeting. It was wonderful to see so many members and to have so many representatives present from our recipient charities. The month when we're finally able to give away the money we've worked so hard to raise is probably my favorite besides rodeo month.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe  
Secretary



# PUBLIC RELATIONS

Hello AGRA -

Plans for the 30th Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo are well underway. I am excited to share with you the poster that you will be seeing all over town to promote the rodeo. As more items are finalized we will be updating the poster to ensure all the necessary info is on it.

Also wanted to share with you the passing of two former members of the IGRA and NGRA royalty team.

Joel Castillo, aka Sable D' Zyre was Miss IGRA 2103, Miss NGRA 2012, and an amazing soul that was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. Joel passed away Saturday morning July 26th. 2014. Please keep Joel and his family and friends in your thoughts.

Curtiss Lewis Mr. IGRA 2nd Runner-Up 2013 and Mr. NGRA 1st Runner-Up 2012 passed away unexpectedly Friday July 18, 2014. He was a close friend to many and had a presence that can never be replaced in any of the lives that he touched. Please keep him, his friends and family in your thoughts.

Have a great day!

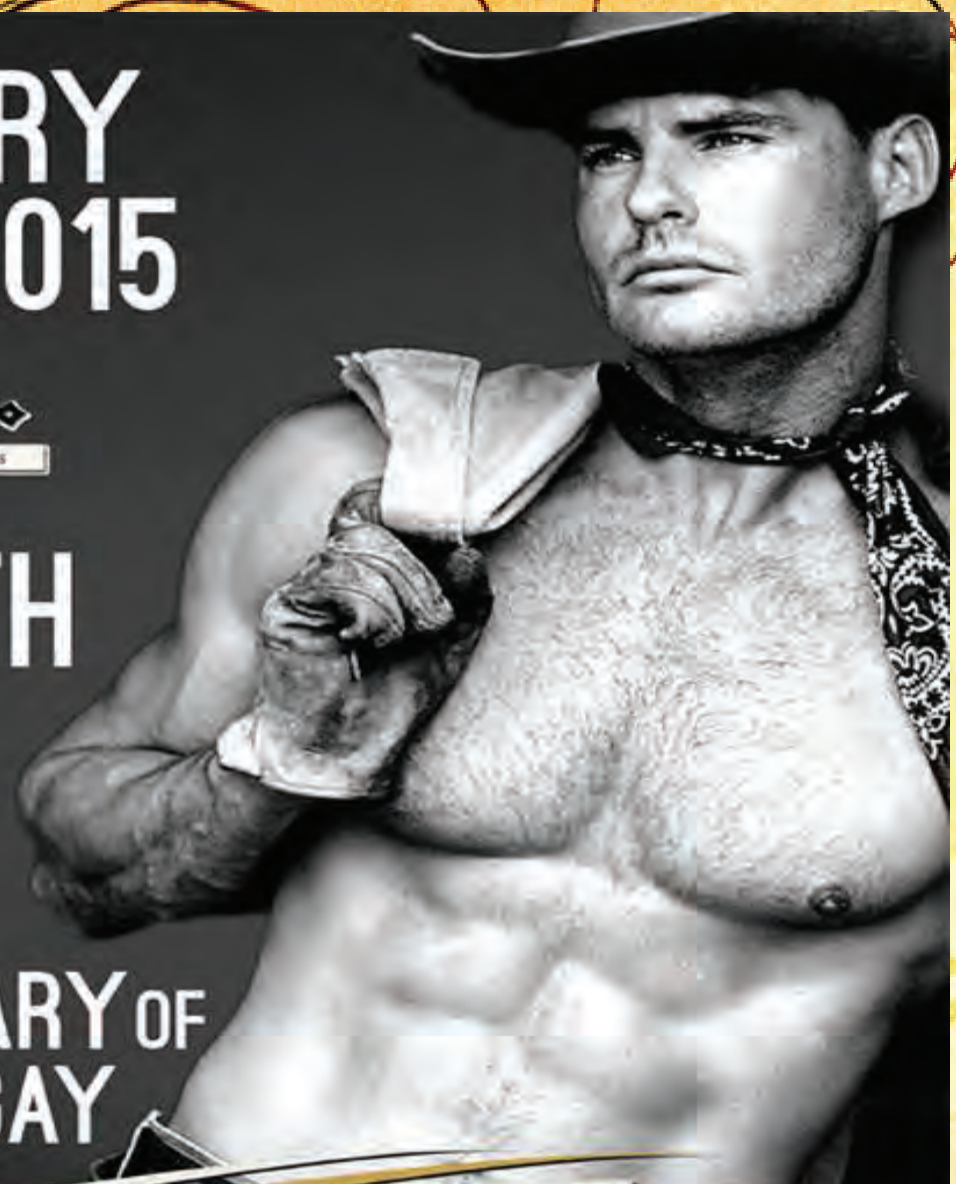
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