

The Barbed Wire

2005 April Edition

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HGRA is a Charitable and social organization. Our purpose is to promote the country western lifestyle in the Gay and Lesbian community; to encourage member participation in local, national, and international rodeos; and to perform charitable duties. HGRA is one of the 27 member associations of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA).

From The President

First of all let me wish everyone a Happy Spring!

While writing this article I happened to glance out my window and I see a bit of snow falling on the now greening grass, a sign that Spring is arriving in the Heartland. Once again rodeo season is upon us and picking up steam.

Plans are already in the motion for our 2006 rodeo. At the general March 5th meeting the members in attendance elected to return to Springfield, Nebraska and the Sarpy County Fairgrounds for our next rodeo. Sarpy County is updating their facilities and they are excited to have HGRA coming back to continue the wonderful relationship we have shared with them over the years. Although there was discussion of having our rodeo in October, a suggestion was made to continue having it in the month of June and once again we can look forward to a nice warm favorable weekend in summer. Let's hope the tornados decide to stay away during rodeo for those of us who remember well the scary one in 2000!!!! Once the dates in June have been voted on for the 2006 rodeo we will turn our focus on finding a Rodeo Director. Some individuals have expressed an interest, and once a Director has been chosen we will be putting our support behind them for another successful Rodeo Year.

Other important news to share is that DC's was voted as the "Home Bar" for Omaha. We look forward to having a supportive relationship with the staff and patrons of DC's through the upcoming years. In addition, Nebraska AIDS Project, Child Saving Institute, Merlin's Animal Refuge, and Youth Emergency Services have been approved as the charity partners for HGRA in 2005, and a few personal charities of our Royalty Team include MCC, Child Respite Care Center, YWCA, and NAP.

In addition I'd like to congratulate Team Heartland on their winnings at Cowtown Rodeo in Ft Worth Texas. There were 2 buckles won, Teeny Buckingham for chute dogging, and Chuck Hildebrandt for Goat Dressing and overall the team placed 4th in the team standings.

Our next meeting is April 16th at DC's at 12:00 hope to see you there, or at one of our up and coming events!

It's Rodeo Time!
Phil Lister
President, HGRA



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Royalty Team News

A Big Heartland Howdy from your Royalty Team!!!
 Another rodeo year is off and running, and the Royalty Team has headed south to the Cowtown Rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas.
 Pete (Mr. HGRA) entertained the crowds, and helped with barn Security. Terri (Ms. HGRA) competed in calf roping on foot, chute dogging, and took 5th place in wild drag. HGRA received a big roar from the crowd during Grand Entry, thanks to Rodeo HO Mikey and Rodeo Trick John for there Texas hospitality. The highlight of the trip was "trailing" a horse back for our former president, which is always an adventure. After the Cowtown Rodeo in Fort Worth, the Royalty Team hosted there first show at the Panic Bar, in Lincoln. The Beach Party was a big success, and the Royalty Team would like to thank all the performers and Kelly and her staff. Almost \$700.00 was raised by the Beach Party event in Lincoln. The funds will be distributed to MCC Omaha Pete's personal charity, and the YWCA Terri's personal charity. April 16 the Royalty Team will be heading to Topeka, KS for a "Wild Wild West Show" being hosted jointly by KGRA and MGRA. Pete and Terri will be performing and would love to see some HGRA faces in the crowd!!!

Finally,
 Ammie Zahn (Miss HGRA) is scheduling fundraising shows at the MAX. Her first show will be May 22nd, and the proceeds will go to her personal charity selection, the Children's Respite Care Center. Please keep checking the HGRA online calendar at hgra.net for upcoming shows from your most wanted Royalty Team.

- Terri (Ms. HGRA)
- Pete (Mr. HGRA)
- Susan (Mster HGRA)
- Diana (Mster HGRA 1st Runner-up)
- Ammie (Miss HGRA)



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RODEO RESULTS – FT WORTH

Team Heartland headed off to the Cowtown Rodeo in Ft Worth this past weekend. HGRA placed 4th out of 12 teams and 2 members brought home championship buckles.

Teeny B. won her second chute-dogging buckle of 2005 placing 1st on Saturday and 4th on Sunday. Chuck H. won the goat-dressing buckle and also placed 4th overall in steer deco. Tim K and Rich P. teamed up to place 7th overall in steer deco and wild drag and 5th in goat dressing. Tim also captured 8th in chute dogging and 7th in flag racing.

April will be a busy month with 3 rodeos. The next rodeo date on the IGRA rodeo schedule is April 8-10 in Tulsa. Little Rock and Las Vegas will both host rodeos April 22-24th. For more information on these rodeos, go to igra.com.










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 our home bar
 And be sure to have an
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April





Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Daylight Savings Set clock ahead</p> 					<p>1 April Fools Day</p> 	<p>2</p> 
<p>10 T-Town Rodeo Tulsa Oklahoma SSRA</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>8 T-Town Rodeo Tulsa Oklahoma SSRA</p> 	<p>9 T-Town Rodeo Tulsa Oklahoma SSRA</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  	<p>15</p>	<p>16 HGRA General Meeting 12:00 PM DC's Wild Wild West Show In Topeka</p>
<p>24 Rodeo In The Rock Little Rock AK DSRRA</p> <p>Big Horn Rodeo Las Vegas NV NVRA</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>22 Rodeo In The Rock Little Rock AK DSRRA</p> <p>Big Horn Rodeo Las Vegas NV NVRA</p>	<p>23 Rodeo In The Rock Little Rock AK DSRRA</p> <p>Big Horn Rodeo Las Vegas NV NVRA</p>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Rodeo Wichita Wichita Kansas KGRA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>HGRA General Meeting 3 PM at MCC</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>Great Planes Rodeo Oklahoma City OK OGRA</p> 	<p>30</p>	