

# The Barbed Wire



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**Next Meeting**  
**September 11th 1:00 PM**  
**Phil's House.**

**October 1st 4 PM**  
**Meeting will be at Lakota**  
**Stables See Directions on**  
**Barn Dance Poster.**

## From The President

Dear Friends,

As I write this newsletter article, I see far too many leaves turning yellow on the tree outside my window. It's not even September, and yet Fall is already upon us. This has been an incredible year of transition for HGRA, and the year has gone much too fast. Although HGRA did not host a rodeo in 2005, the year has been far from quiet!



As the end of 2005 approaches, we begin to look forward to 2006 and our next Heartland Rodeo. As you read the news from our Rodeo Directors Terri and Kathy, you will notice that the dates have changed from our original announcements. Unfortunately, our June rodeo weekend conflicted with the College World Series, and this created some difficult obstacles. We are happy to announce that the new dates for the 8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo are May 19-21, and we are happy to be returning to the Sarpy County Fairgrounds.

Take a look inside this issue of the Barbed Wire and get all the latest information on the 2006 rodeo and other HGRA events planned for the remainder of 2005.

Rodeo On!

Phil

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## RODEO UP!

Greetings from your 2006 Rodeo Co- Directors Terri R. and Kathy W

We have exciting news for all rodeo fans and HGRA members; we are back for 2006! We have booked May 19-21, 2006 for the 8<sup>th</sup> HGRA Rodeo to return to the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield, NE. We are looking forward to putting on a fantastic rodeo, one that will be long remembered Phil L. and Jim R. have signed on as our Assistant Rodeo Directors and we have a great team of support people helping us as Rodeo Committee Chairpersons. Once again we can 't do it without your help. If you are interested in helping out with our 2006 Rodeo, please contact us through the HGRA web site. We are looking for committee members for Hospitality, PR & Marketing, Rodeo Operations, Registration, Buckle Sales, Program, Sponsorship, Grand Entry, Barns, Vendors, Beverage, Silent Auction, Sound Equipment, Security, Volunteers, Camping, Front Gate, Ticket Sales and ground clean up. Our Committee Chairpersons would appreciate your input and help. Let 's make the 8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo a huge success for our fans and our charities.

## RODEO POSTER CONTEST

Calling all artists and creative people to throw your hat into the ring! We are looking for a new poster for the 8<sup>th</sup> HGRA Rodeo and would love to consider your ideas. All entries need to include the following Information:

8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo

May 19 -21, 2006

Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Springfield, NE

Submission Deadline: **October 1, 2005**. All submissions will become the property of HGRA.

Submit to: Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

P.O. Box 3354

Omaha, NE 68103-0354

Or northgirl65@yahoo.com

Please consider in your design that HGRA will want to put their logo and the IGRA logo into the Poster.

All submissions will become property of HGRA. The winner will receive a prize of \$75.00. We look forward to seeing your submissions.

## Royalty news

The royalty team has been very busy with fundraisers since the last newsletter. We are also working on several new events for the upcoming months.

July started with royalty representation at the Denver Rodeo. All had a very fun time. On July 17<sup>th</sup> the Bingo BBQ and Ammies Show was held at the Max. We suffered threw the heat and had a good turn out. The next event was Cowboy games and Grub held at D.C's on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Only one event was held in August.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we held the Pool party and BBQ at the Panic. The show was a big success. Our Secretary made her debut and did an awesome job. I think she has done this before. Thank you Kathy.

September will start with royalty and several HGRA members helping out at the K.C Rodeo over Labor Day weekend. Then on September 10<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Football Fiesta with a taco bar and beer buckets at Connections. We will start serving food at 500pm the game starts at 600pm.

We are working on future events such as a golden oldies night and monster ball along with other surprises. Keep looking for up coming shows and events at your local bar, the gazette and from HGRA.

**GREAT!!  
HOW'S A HORSE  
SUPPOSE TO GET  
ANY SLEEP?**



## **BARN DANCE AND HAYRIDE**

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**LAKOTA STABLES**

**8PM - MIDNIGHT**

**COME OUT AND SPEND A NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY.**



**HAYRIDES~RAFFLE PRIZES  
FOOD~DANCING~ENTERTAINMENT**

COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND TEA WILL BE PROVIDED  
(BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGES AND LAWNCHAIRS)



**\$10 ADMISSION**

FROM OMAHA TAKE I-80 WEST TO EXIT 426. GO LEFT AT THE TOP OF EXIT AND GO APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO 310<sup>TH</sup> ST. TURN RIGHT ON 310<sup>TH</sup> AND GO 1 MILE. LAKOTA STABLES WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT. FROM LINCOLN GO I-80 EAST TO EXIT 426. GO RIGHT AT TOP OF EXIT AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ABOVE.



# HGRA is Proud to Announce

The Heartland Rodeo  
Returns to Springfield  
May 20th - 21st 2006

Bud Light Rodeo Series



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [HGRA.NET](http://HGRA.NET)



## TRUSTEE NEWS – BRYN GEERDES

I have assumed the position of Trustee until the end of 2005. We would like to thank Kim Dawson for representing HGRA over the past 8 months.

Kim had to resign due to some major unexpected changes in her career. Kim will continue to be active in HGRA and we wish her the best in her new home, Atlanta Georgia.

I will be heading off to Chicago for the quarterly IGRA Board meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Some of the items that will be discussed will be:

- \* Approval of the 2006 rodeo schedule
- \* International Sponsors
- \* Committee reports
- \* Finals 2005

I will be summarizing a report on the Board meeting at our next membership meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

IGRA has received notice from Bud Light that they will not be picking up their sponsorship for 2006. As many of you know their sponsorship represents a significant contribution which helped pay for our annual rodeo. We are hopeful that another International Sponsor will come on board in 2006.

The 2005 rodeo year is slowly coming to an end. Many of our HGRA contestants are working hard to qualify for Finals in Dallas TX. The IGRA Finals committee will be sending out a major mailing soon to all contestants with information that they will need to know concerning Finals. If you are interested in going to the Finals website, it can be found at:

<http://finalsrodeo.com/home/>

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions about IGRA.

## 2006 HEARTLAND RODEO SPONSORSHIP REPORT

Our first platinum sponsor for our 2006 Heartland Rodeo has come on board. Mr. LongArm, who has helped sponsor our rodeo for the past 4 years has once again stepped up and made a significant contribution. Thank you Dere' Newman for your support.

We have also received commitments for 3 Buckle sponsorships from the Imperial Court of NE and 4 Buckle Sponsorships from No Doubt Transportation. Thank you ICON and John Easley for your support. If you are interested in getting information about sponsorships, please contact Bryn at [bq15732@alltel.net](mailto:bq15732@alltel.net)

## HEARTLAND COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS CAPTURE TOP HONORS

Team Heartland traveled to New Mexico, Minnesota, Denver and Atlanta since our last newsletter. Here are the overall results.

**New Mexico - Buckle Winner** – Chuck H. wild drag

**Minnesota** – Heartland placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 teams – 7 buckle winners

**Buckle Winner** – Bryn Geerdes captured the triple crown in speed events by winning barrels, poles, and flag racing. She also won All – Around Cowgirl

Rich Parker won calf roping, 4<sup>th</sup> runner up to all around cowboy

Tim K. won flag racing, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up to all around cowboy

Chuck H won steer deco

### Top 8

Rich Parker 4<sup>th</sup> chute dogging, 8<sup>th</sup> barrel racing, 7<sup>th</sup> pole bending, 3<sup>rd</sup> in steer deco and wild drag, 4<sup>th</sup> goat dressing

Rich P. 2<sup>nd</sup> chute dogging, 3<sup>rd</sup> in steer deco and wild drag, 4<sup>th</sup> goat dressing

Kurt R. 6<sup>th</sup> barrel racing

Roger P. 3<sup>rd</sup> pole bending, 5<sup>th</sup> steer deco

Dave E. 5<sup>th</sup> steer deco

**Denver** – Heartland placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams

### Top 8

Teeny C. 4<sup>th</sup> wild drag and 7<sup>th</sup> goat dressing

Marv P. 5<sup>th</sup> poles and 8<sup>th</sup> in wild drag

Chuck H. 8<sup>th</sup> steer deco, 6<sup>th</sup> wild drag, 6<sup>th</sup> in goat dressing

Bryn G. 6<sup>th</sup> in barrels and 5<sup>th</sup> in poles

Kim L. 8<sup>th</sup> wild drag

**Atlanta** – Heartland placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 teams.

**Buckle Winners** - Tim K. – Flag Racing, Wild Drag, and Goat Dressing

Rich P. – Wild Drag and Goat Dressing.

### Top 8

Tim and Rich also were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the All Around.

Sam K. place 5<sup>th</sup> in barrels, 4<sup>th</sup> in poles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in flag racing and 2<sup>nd</sup> in wild drag. She also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the All Around.

Look for upcoming rodeos in Chicago, Kansas City, Washington DC,

San Francisco and Houston. IGRA Finals will be held in Dallas TX

November 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>



PSSSST You forgot about Mackie winning her first and only 2nd Place Ribbon in MN. For Wild Drag, and the really nice souvenir she got.