



Big Horn Gazette

FEBRUARY 2007 ISSUE

CALLING ALL MEMBERS! BOARD ELECTION NOTICE

The following Positions are up for Election

- President - Two-Year Term
- Vice-President - One-Year Term
- Secretary - One-Year Term
- Treasurer - Two Year Term concurrent with term of President
- Four (4) Members-at-Large - One-Year Term

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any fully paid active member who has been a member for at least ninety

(90) calendar days is eligible to run by notifying the Chairman of the nomination committee no later than the close of the March General Membership meeting. This year's Chairman is Winsor Cooper.

The Chairman of the Nominating committee will request a photo and brief bio from each candidate to include with the election mail packet. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties on June 1.

Important Membership Renewals information

*Winsor Cooper
Vice President/Membership Co-Chair*

Hi, everyone. This is Winsor and Dave from the Membership Committee. OK, so some of you missed the renewal deadline, now what? Well, all is not lost. You can still maintain your membership by paying \$24 plus a \$10 late fee for a total of \$34 until February 28th, 2007. If you miss that deadline, your membership will be treated as a new membership and your "member since" date will start over.

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Report from the President

Brian Rogers

First, I want to welcome our newest Board member – Ken Wells. Ken was appointed by me to complete the term of Dick Casola who is moving to Phoenix to take a new job. Ken has served NGRA in many capacities over the years and is a welcome addition to our board.

I must also announce the resignation of Board Member Richard Schlegel who has contributed immensely to the success of this organization. His resignation means that NGRA needs to fill an open Member at Large position. The term ends in June of this year.

On February 23-25, NGRA hosts IGRA members from across the country for IGRA University. The board recently approved payment of tuition for up to 10 NGRA members who complete at least three courses or volunteer for two hours and complete at least two courses. Sign up online at

www.igra.com. There are still a few spots left, so if you're interested in learning from the best and brightest in IGRA – jump on this opportunity to attend IGRA University without the expense of travel OR tuition.

That weekend, we will host public events that should be a huge blast for our out-of-town guests and the locals as well. Friday night, we treat our guests to the annual Wild N Wooley Wodeo at Charlie's. At this hysterical and fun evening, folks can register for wild "wodeo" events and win real ribbons. On Saturday, Melissa Lorence hosts Boogie Wonderland. Dance to the sounds of the 70's and 80's and wear your funkier disco outfits and enjoy super hot disco entertainers!

On Sunday, The Pinnacle Las Vegas sponsors "A Night with Oscar!" The Pinnacle Bus will pick up University

attendees at The Tuscany Hotel and convey them to The Pinnacle offices on Tropicana just west of The Orleans where a "Red Carpet" cocktail reception will be held at 3:30 PM. While the bus will be filled by University attendees, NGRA members are welcome to drive over and enjoy the red carpet reception and cocktail party and learn about our newest sponsor, The Pinnacle Las Vegas!

Following the cocktail reception, the IGRA U bus and NGRA members will depart the Pinnacle offices for Charlie's Las Vegas where we will all enjoy a live broadcast of the Academy Awards on large projection screens. The bus will return IGRA U attendees to the Tuscany.

Make your plans to come out and welcome IGRA in a big Las Vegas way!!

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King - Trustee

The first rodeo of 2007 was in Phoenix on January 13-14. Unfortunately, it was freezing, and many of us ended up with wind-burned faces and wishing we had warmer clothes! NGRA had four contestants: Richard Armstrong, Pete Dube, Lee Hale, and Cindy Edlund. All four tried their best in the bitter cold, but only Richard earned points. He scored a 7th place in Pole Bending on Saturday and a 6th in Flag Racing on Sunday, along with a 3rd in Barrel Racing on Saturday and a 5th on Sunday. This placed him in 3rd overall for Barrels, which earned him added purse money.

Pete carried our flag on horseback in Grand Entry both days and a good-sized contingent, led by our Mr. NGRA and Mr. NGRA 1st Runner-Up marching with our banner in Grand Entry on Saturday.

There are no rodeos in February, but March brings us the Big D Rodeo, March 2-4, in Dallas.

NGRA is looking for creative, artistic people to submit artwork for our "BigHorn Rodeo 2007" which takes place September 21-23, 2008.

Entry deadline is April 2, 2007, at which time the submission will be presented to the Rodeo Planning Committee for consideration.

Design Guidelines

1. The poster must contain the name of our organization, Nevada Gay Rodeo Association.
2. The poster must contain the brand name logo of the event. BigHorn Rodeo.
3. The post must contain the NGRA logo.
4. Since this is an IGRA-sanctioned event, the IGRA logo must be included on the poster.
5. There must be space available on the poster to include the location for the rodeo, which is Horseman's Park on E. Flamingo.
6. There must be space available on the poster for national and local sponsors for this event.
7. The poster must include the prices and location of the host hotel.
8. The artwork must be high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) and must be able to facilitate printing from a 5" X 7" card to a 20" x 30" poster.
9. Required logos may be found on NGRA website: BigHornRodeo.com

Submission Rules

1. All artwork submitted for consideration becomes the property of Nevada Gay Rodeo Association.
2. NGRA reserves the right to use, in whole or in part, the submitted artwork for this event and reserves the right to modify the original design.
3. The artwork must be submitted to us in the original, editable formats in case we need to include any additional information in the artwork. Examples: Photoshop (PSD), Illustrator, etc.
4. Because the file sizes contained in high-resolution artwork tend to be quite large, please copy the artwork to CD and mail it to, Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, PO Box 1933, Las Vegas, NV, 19105, postmarked no later than April 2, 2007.
5. Only two entry's per person.

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Membership fees can be paid on our website at www.ngra.com using a Paypal account. If you want to use Paypal without going on to our site, you can send money to treasurer@ngra.com. Checks or money orders can be mailed to NGRA/Membership Renewal, P O Box 96055, Las Vegas, NV 89193.

If you have any questions about your membership, please feel free to email us at ngravolunteers@aol.com or call me at 515-1093.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Scott Crowell
Jeff Germany

Michael Greene (Michelle Holiday)

Eddy Krein
H. Dale Loftin
Randy Meadows
Colin Moulten
Robert Taylor

CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBERS' FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS

Byron Burgess	1
Nicholas "MJ" Jordan	3
Kirtus Veater	3
Victor Lane-Evans	4
Stuart May	5
Marcus Toliver	5
Daniel Roybal	8
James Christopher Hunter	9
H Dale Loftin	9
Bruce Parrott	12
Johnnie Lingo	14
Michael Simonelli	15
Jim St. Marie	17
Mark Thompson	18
Richard Marshall	19
Gerry Gomez	20
Albert King	20
Robert Salcedo	20
2 Dale Tims	23

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, February 10th
“Board of Directors Show” at Charlie’s

Friday, February 23rd
“Wild ‘N Wooley” at Charlie’s

Saturday, February 24th
“Disco Ball” at Badlands Saloon

Sunday, February 25th
Pinnical presents A Night With Oscar
at Charlie’s

See details on these February events on
pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter

Saturday, March 10th
“Closet Ball” at Charlie’s

Sunday, March 18th
Laughlin Bus Trip

Saturday, March 24th
“March Madness” at Badlands Saloon

Saturday, April 14th
“Miss Cowpatty Contest” at Charlie’s

Saturday. April 28
“Redneck Riviera” at Badlands Saloon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	3
4	5 NGRA Board Meeting at The Center 6:30	6	7	8 NGRA fundraisng meeting The Center 6:30	9 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	10 NGRA General Membership Meeting Board of Director's Show
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18	19 NGRA RPC Meeting	20 The Court 's Fat Tuesday Party at Badlands 6:30 PM	21	22 IGRA University - Las Vegas 	23 IGRA University - Las Vegas Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night Wild N Wooley Wodeo	24 IGRA University - Las Vegas Disco Ball at Badlands
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Fundraising Report

Lawrence Guerra



NGRA held two great events in January bringing in a total of \$1,449. At Charlie's Las Vegas we held our 2nd annual "Best Butt in Jeans Contest". As you can see from the picture shown the selection was diverse and not a bad set in the lot. Although a lot of members and customers of Charlies were in Phoenix for the Road Runner Regional Rodeo there was a great showing of guest and entertainers.

On the 4th Saturday of the month our Country Fair was held at our home bar, Badlands Saloon. This was a fun event and the games we played made for a great evening of entertainment. Just imagine guys hopping around with there legs stuck in gold threaded lame gunnysacks trying to pick up Cow Patties. Then we witnessed the flexibility of those that participated in NGRA's jumbo twister game. It's really amazing the contortion one strives for in order to become a winner.

NGRA thanks all those members and guest who volunteered their time and contributions to having a successful fundraising month. Look throughout this newsletter or go to our website ngra.com for up coming events.



TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Lorry King

After I spent the weekend of January 12-14 at the Phoenix rodeo as Assistant Secretary, I stayed on in freezing Phoenix to attend the IGRA Board Meeting. Thank heavens that was held in a warm hotel! I thought I would turn into an icicle at the rodeo grounds! You know us desert rats can't take that cold weather! Of course, you had freezing weather here in Las Vegas while I was gone, but at least you could stay inside your warm houses!

Two rodeo dates for 2007 were changed, so if you were thinking about attending Little Rock or Kansas City, check the IGRA website or this newsletter for the new dates. If you're planning on going to Denver or Ft. Lauderdale, make your hotel reservations soon; they are filling up fast and Denver will not be allowed to extend their rate.

As you know, Finals 2007 will be in Denver. Well, so will Finals 2008! Denver was the only association that submitted a bid for 2008, so that Finals will take place October 10-12.

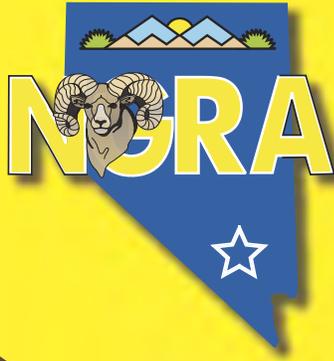
Since IGRA lost Bud Light as an international sponsor we have had challenges getting a sponsorship program in place. Currently, each association is responsible for bringing in sponsors, so if you work for a national company, or know someone who does and have any contacts, please let me know. We have an informational package and people to present it, so you won't have to do more than give us the contact if you don't want to, but please pass along any helpful ideas.

NGRA MEMBERS

Are you in need of a service or do you have a service for sale. Maybe you're having a garage sale or possibly a car you want to get rid of. What ever your need you can place an ad here in NGRA's newsletter.

Just let Bill Watkins (b0424@mindspring.com) know your needs and they'll work with you in making it happen.

If you would be interested in have an ad placed in BigHorn Rodeo 2006 program please contact QVegas advertising sales at 702.650.0636



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 4th ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday • February 10th

AT

Charlie's
Las Vegas



Show starts at 9:45 following the General Membership Meeting

If you have never seen this show, here's your chance to see some very memorable performances. This is one time where Board Members who are not so inclined to perform have an opportunity to show their talents.

NOT!

OK Guys - show me your stuff and put a smile on my face.

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$1 JELL - O SHOTS

\$5.00 BUD LIGHT BEER BUST Starts at 9:00.

Proceeds Benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo



READIN', WRITIN', PARTYIN'!

WELCOME TO IGRA-U

NGRA hosts three nights of exciting entertainment – Las Vegas Style

Friday, February 23

WILD 'N WOOLEY WODEO



Charlie's
Las Vegas

Starts at 9PM

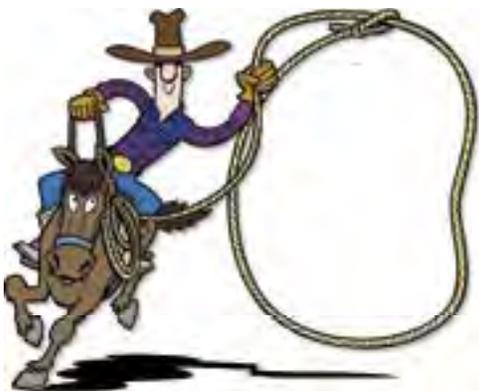
Join the fun of entering
our wacky bar rodeo.

The Wildest

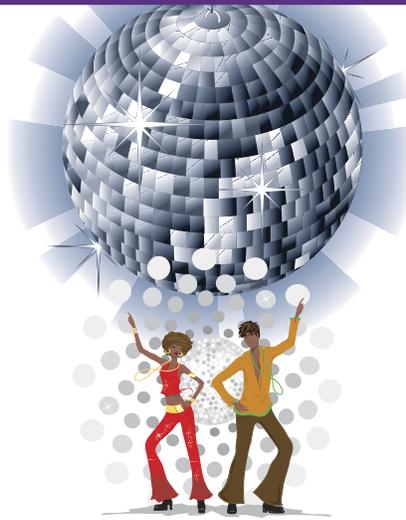
Camp Events Ever!

Win Rodeo Ribbons!

Great Drink Specials!



Saturday, February 24



Melissa Lorence

presents

"BOOGIE WONDERLAND"



Starts at 8PM

- Bud Light Beer Bust \$5
- Dance to the hottest sounds of the 70's and 80's
- Wear your funkiest Disco outfits
- Super Hot Disco entertainment by Las Vegas' finest performers



Sunday, February 25

The Pinnacle

Presents

A Night With Oscar at Charlie's Las Vegas

Meet at The Pinnacle Offices
one block west of The Orleans
at 3:30 PM

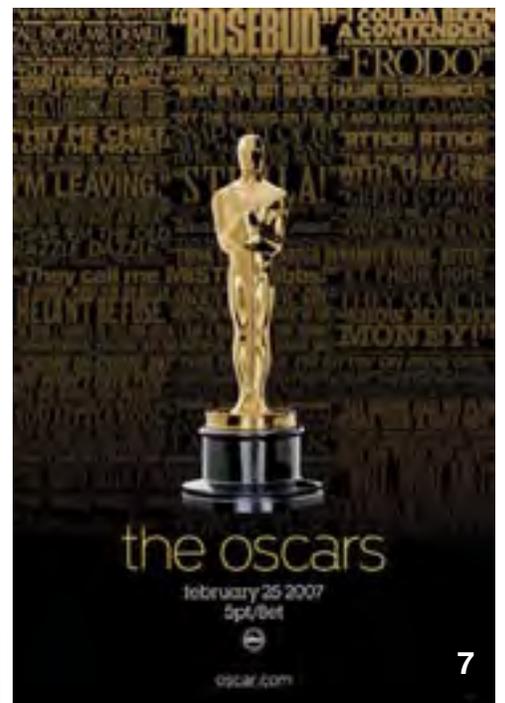


Red Carpet Pre-Oscar

Cocktail Party at

The Pinnacle Offices

Followed by Oscar Broadcast
on a Large Screen at Charlie's.



CLOSET BALL - MARCH 10TH

On March 10th NGRA will be holding their annual Miss Closet Ball Contest. This event is open to all. NGRA would like to see a big field of contestants so...get the word out to those you feel might be interested. We will be offering a cash prize of 100.00 to the winner. If you or anyone you know would like the opportunity to be King or Queen of Closet Ball 2007 please get in contact with David Murie at - djlock33@aol.com or 702-515-1095.

Closet Ball 2007 Rules

1. All contestants and sponsors must be at least 21 years old.
2. Pageant fees are \$10 for all contestants and are non-refundable.
3. Applications and contestant fees must be turned into a member of the pageant committee at the advertised location of the pageant at least (1) hour prior to show time.
4. Each contestant and sponsor is required to be at Closet Ball at least (1) hour prior to the start time. This is to allow each contestant time to prepare for the pageant, draw numbers for order etc... If a contestant is not there (1) hour prior, and without prior arrangements made, he or she will not be able to enter the contest. The only exception to this rule would be in the case of an emergency beyond the contestant's control. If a contestant arrives late, a decision by the pageant committee chair will be made as to whether they will be allowed to compete.
5. Each contestant will draw a number before the pageant begins. You will mainly be known by this number and then your drag name will follow. For exp: Contestant #1 Sofonda Peters.
6. Any contestant, competing in Closet Ball, cannot have appeared in serious drag (male or female) for at least (1) year prior to the date of the pageant. (Exception: Halloween)
7. All contestants must have (1) Drag Queen / King Sponsor for Closet Ball. Contestants are not allowed to apply their own makeup. 25 points will be deducted by the monitor if this rule is broken
8. Contestants cannot have ANY makeup of any kind on their face before the beginning of transformation. The transformation will begin when the timekeeper starts the clock. You will be checked for makeup before your first appearance.
9. Each contestant will be judged on the following:
 - Male or Female Presentation (before transformation) – 5 Points
 - Transformation from Male to Female or Female to Male – 50 Points
 - Performance – 45 PointsThe highest and lowest score for each category will be eliminated and the remaining scores totaled.
10. Contestants and sponsors will have (1) hour to complete the transformation. You will be timed.
11. Any talent presentation is acceptable except those which may cause injury to the audience or any other person(s). No fire or water may be used in any talent presentation. You will be judged on your performance only.
12. In the event of a tie, the tied contestants will have to answer an on stage question individually and that score will be added to each contestants total score.
13. Any contestant, contestants dancer(s) or sponsor caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another contestant's possessions will be immediately disqualified and removed from the premises.
14. Contestants and sponsors are responsible for furnishing and cleaning up all Materials such as makeup, razors, extra lighting or props or drag clothing.

I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2007

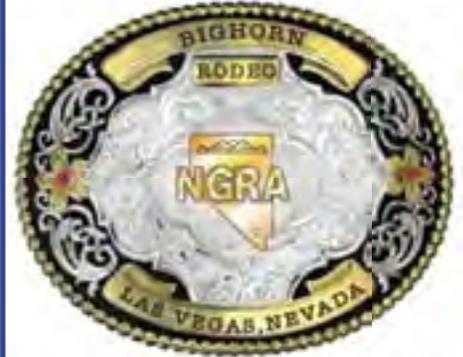
For more detail information on these events you may go to
http://igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm#top2007



EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
IGRA University	Las Vegas, NV	February 22 - 26 2007
Big D Rodeo	Dallas, TX	March 2 - 4, 2007
Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, FL	April 12 - 15, 2007
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, AR	April 20 - 22, 2007
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St. Louis, MO	May 4 - 6, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Boise, ID	May 11 - 13, 2007
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 25 - 27, 2007
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA	June 1 - 3, 2007
North Star Regional	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Canadian Rockies Rodeo	Calgary Alberta	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, CO	July 13 - 15, 2007
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 3 - 5, 2007
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 17 - 19, 2007
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 24 - 26, 2007
Atlantic Stampede	Washington, DC	September 7 - 9, 2007
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO	September 14 - 16, 2007
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	September 14 - 16, 2007
BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	September 21 - 23, 2007
Capital City Rodeo	Austin, TX	September 21 - 23, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Portland, OR	September 21 - 23, 2007
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver, CO	October 11 - 14, 2007
IGRA Convention	Kansas City, MO	November 7 - 11, 2007

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