



BigHorn Gazette

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NGRA: Summer 2008!

By Eddy Krien

Hot Stuff going on for NGRA! Welcome to summer 08! First, please mark your calendars Sunday, July 20th. We will be having our annual state convention at 11am, at the GLBT Center in Commercial Center. This is an extremely important event, as board and general membership alike all meet to discuss revisions and clarifications to our by-laws. Being involved at this meeting means you are part of NGRA 'from the ground up' and are a part of building up and supporting the organization and our mission of putting on a great rodeo and giving back to the community. Please come ready to discuss and listen, in a positive, respectful, and productive way, and we can be very productive as an organization, and an effective voice within the larger gay/lesbian community.

Kudos to Darren Wernette for his work on revamping our website. Pics and things are still being added, but by and large, it is a 'done deal'. Take a look at ngra.com. Darren and the board worked long and hard on this updating, and it looks and works wonderfully for us.

Thank you to all who participated in June events. We are especially proud of the fact that all of our fundraisers last month went 'outside the lines' of usual fundraising methods. The Best Butt in Jeans and More contest, as well as the Cowboys and Leather Go Together events included games and other events to encourage participation. At the Cowboys and Leather

event at Badlands, we worked with The League of Gentlemen, proving again, that NGRA's mission is best when not an isolated one. Working with The League of Gentlemen, and other groups can only benefit NGRA and all involved. A special thank you to the League's founder and new NGRA member Chris Reynolds for hosting and making that event a great success.

Special Thanks to Miss NGRA 2008, Katrina and Mr NGRA 2008 Michael Judkins for their phenomenal 'Brunch on the Range' event. This was an event that fulfills IGRA qualifications for representing NGRA at royalty competition in October. The beneficiaries were the FOCUS (Winged Dragon Society) hot meal program and the Sin Sity Sisters. Again, we worked closely with other groups, and the overall outcome was not only monetarily profitable, but the goodwill that permeated the room was priceless. Thank you Michael and Katrina! You have done NGRA proud, and we are very proud to have you out there representing us.

Come out this month and join us for our annual Night of Wishes, as well as other events. Rodeo is looming up large, and weneed as much involvement as possible. Again, it is the positive, constructive, 'building up' efforts (not tearing down) of our members who move us forward, supporting each other and putting on a great rodeo, that is the heart and soul of our great organization. Thank you to all who make that their main concern. Let's Rodeo

Member of the Month for May 2008



Adam Johnson

Adam's indomitable energy and drive is unforgettable, and he has been a welcome and refreshing voice among our membership for a little over a year now. In May, Adam was a significant presence at our Pride Booth, and organized other volunteers to help out as well. He joined us at an early Sunday 7:30 am call at the AIDS walk, as well as for the PRIDE parade. He continues to be an uplifting force in NGRA, working for building NGRA up, and improving things through commitment and positive energy.

Celebrating NGRA MEMBERS'



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Rob Pierce	7/1
Sherrie Sedivy	7/1
Joel Castillo	7/4
Gene Fox	7/6
Donaciano Suazo	7/8
Joe Cervantes	7/9

Paul McAlister-Cameron 7/31 1

TRUSTEE CORNER

Brian Rogers

Lorry King served as our Alternate Trustee in LA last weekend (thank you Lorry as always). She reports the following:

L.A. WAS HOT! And there was no shade to be found! Despite that, all four of our Royalty were there to represent NGRA, along with Colin, Adam, David H, Gary M, Todd, and few other NGRA members, besides the officials and contestants from here. Unfortunately, the rodeo was running long and the park required us to be done by 6:00, so Grand Entry consisted of only the required elements -- flags and anthems, so no marching of our Association. All four of our Royalty volunteered long hours in the sun, at security and tickets, and were thanked for it at Awards. The arena was sandy and a lot of horses slipped. The dance was great. Our Royalty entertained. There were no fines.

I'd like to remind everyone to start making you plans now if you're planning on going to IGRA Finals, which will take place in Denver, Colorado October 10-12. Your Finals Committee has been working hard to stage a first-class event and things are shaping up well. In addition to all the exciting rodeo action, we just confirmed our Entertainment line-up for Saturday night and I am pleased to announce the following entertainers:

- **Randy Jones:** Multi-Platinum recording artist and American Music Award winner. Original Village People Cowboy Rand Jones helped define a pop era and he is back! "He's a legend, a Disco icon and one of the coolest cowboys in town...Randy Jones was cowboy before cowboy was cool."
- **Valerie James:** Singer/Songwriter Valerie James, PBR and BigHorn Rodeo Entertainer - Straight to Denver from Las Vegas
- **The Demented Divas with Nuclia Waste:** Denver's famously bearded comedy queens voted "best drag show" by Westword

The host hotel is the Red Lion – Central Denver and the room rate is only \$89.00 per night. There's lots of additional information available on the IGRA website. I am hoping for a BIG Nevada turn-out.

Upcoming rodeos include Calgary, AB - June 27-29, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN - July 4-6, Denver, CO - July 11-13, Sacramento, CA - July 25-27, Albuquerque, NM – August 15-17, San Francisco – August 15-17, Chicago – August 22-24, St. Louis – August 29-31.

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King

The weekend of June 20-22 was a HOT one in the Los Angeles area. Did the Vegas contingent take the heat with us? We were certainly accused of it, but we'll never tell! NGRA fielded a team of five contestants that weekend at the LA Rodeo -- Richard Armstrong, Chris Due, Lee Hale, Darren Wernette, and in his first rodeo competition, Adam Johnson.

Richard earned 2nd place Saturday in Calf Roping on Foot, a 7th in Barrels, and on Sunday a 1st in Barrels. Chris took a 5th in Calf Roping on Saturday and a 7th in Poles. As a team, they won a 5th in Steer Deco on Saturday and a 7th on Sunday.

Lee won 1st place in Calf Roping on Sunday, placing 3rd overall.

Saturday's Goat Dressing was Adam's first time and unfortunately, the underwear fell off. I guess Adam is more used to taking underwear off than putting it on!! On Sunday he got the hang of it and he and Darren placed 10th.

Our contestants together earned enough points to rank NGRA 6th of the eight teams competing.



INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
FINALS
IGRA
2008
DENVER COLORADO
OCTOBER 10 - 12
Make plans to attend the fun and action of rodeo at the **Indooz/ Heated National Western Stock Show Event Center**
Visit IGRA.com for more information

IGRA Finals Rodeo Entertainment Party
Saturday, October 11, Red Lion Hotel - Central Denver
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM • Ticket price \$15.00

STRAIGHT FROM LAS VEGAS, SINGER - SONGWRITER
VALERIE JAMES
"Valerie has an amazing voice"
- Actor Russell Crowe

AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD WINNER AND MULTI-PLATINUM RECORDING ARTIST
RANDY JONES
(Original Village People Cowboy)
"Exuberant- A wildly entertaining performance!"
- New York Daily News

VOTED "BEST DRAG SHOW" BY WESTWORD, DENVER'S FAMOUSLY BEARDED COMEDY QUEENS
"This is definitely a real Vegas-style comedy revue."
- Lannie Garret

For more information and to purchase tickets online visit IGRA.com

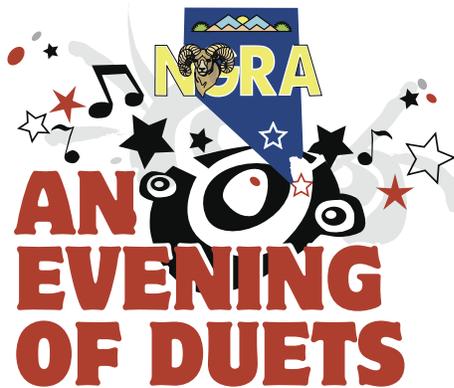
Visit <http://www.RandyJonesWorld.com> and check out Randy Jones now CO "TICKET TO THE WORLD".

BUD LIGHT

Royalty and Fundraising

Katrina, Miss NGRA 2008

A huge thank you for those who took time out of their busy schedules to come and support the Brunch on the Range. It was truly a pleasure putting something together that was outside the box as to the usual fundraisers. Hopefully this will be a stimulus to think of other opportunities or events which can bring new life to our efforts to raise money for our community. I do encourage each of you to help us, even though you may not be on a committee remember your input is just as valuable and you never know when a thought might blossom into something spectacular. Remember our upcoming events Night of Wishes (Charlie's) and Summer Party (Badlands), we hope to see you there! Also if you have pleasure please come out to support the August 1st "Night of Duets" which will be a benefit for the IGRA Contestant Fund.



**NGRA's Royalty members Darren and Katrina will
HOST THIS AWESOME
EVENING OF SONG
FRIDAY • AUGUST 1ST**



This event features a multiple selection of performers in our community, invited by our hosts, pairing together to give us a great evening of duets. Join them in the fun of the evening. Raffles and Jell-O shots will be part of this great night.



The proceeds for this event will be given to the IGRA Contestant Fund and will help to fullfill NGRA's contestants commiment in competing for the titles of Mr. and Miss IGRA 2009

NGRA's Upcoming Events

July 26	Summer Party	Badland
August 9	Hot August Nights	Charlie's
August 23	BigHorn Celebration	Badlands
September 13	BigHorn Celebration	Charlie's
September 27	Survivor's Party	Badlands
October 11	IGRA finials in Denver	
October. 25	Fright Night / Costumes	Badlands
November 8	Holiday Trims and Delights	Charlie's
November 22	Thanksgiving / Christmas	Badlands
December 13	Charlies' Christmas Celebraton	Charlie's
December 27	Celebrating Years End?	Badlands



Spotlighting Member Barry Cluff

This month we are spotlighting a resent member of NGRA. Barry Cluff joined NGRA in April during our annual Cow Patty Contest. Some of our members first got to meet Barry during the Helldorado Parade. Since then he has appeared at most of our events. Barry grew up in Springville, UT and has made Las Vegas his home for the past 10 years.

6 years ago Barry attended his first BigHorn Rodeo and has been a fan ever since. His love of rodeo goes back to his childhood. He made the most of the rodeo circuit in Utah during the summer months and although he never grow up on a ranch nor had a horse his enjoyment for the sport of rodeo is in him. He loves being out in nature so the places he likes to visit our Yellowstone, Mesa Verde and Arches.

Barry's enjoys cooking but due to his work schedule he has not been able to find the time to surprises his roommates with his talents. Another joy that Barry has done is working on the Board of Directors of the Springville World Folk Fest. The planning and work of this event was always rewarding. His main duties were order merchandise for the concessions stand.

Barry feels that NGRA plans towards helping The Sin Sity Sisters and the Focus group as the benefactors of BigHorn rodeo 2008 is something this community can benefit by and his happy to be a part of. **3**

NGRA presents a

Night of Wishes

At
Charlie's
Las Vegas

**Saturday, July 12th
event starts at 10 PM**

**A variety show and party
to benefit our local charities.**

★ The Sin Sity Sisters

★ The Saint Therese Center

★ Men of Charlie's Las Vegas

★ Winged Dragon Society Inc.

★ NGRA BigHorn Rodeo

★ Imperial Royal Sovereign Court
of the Desert Empire, Inc.

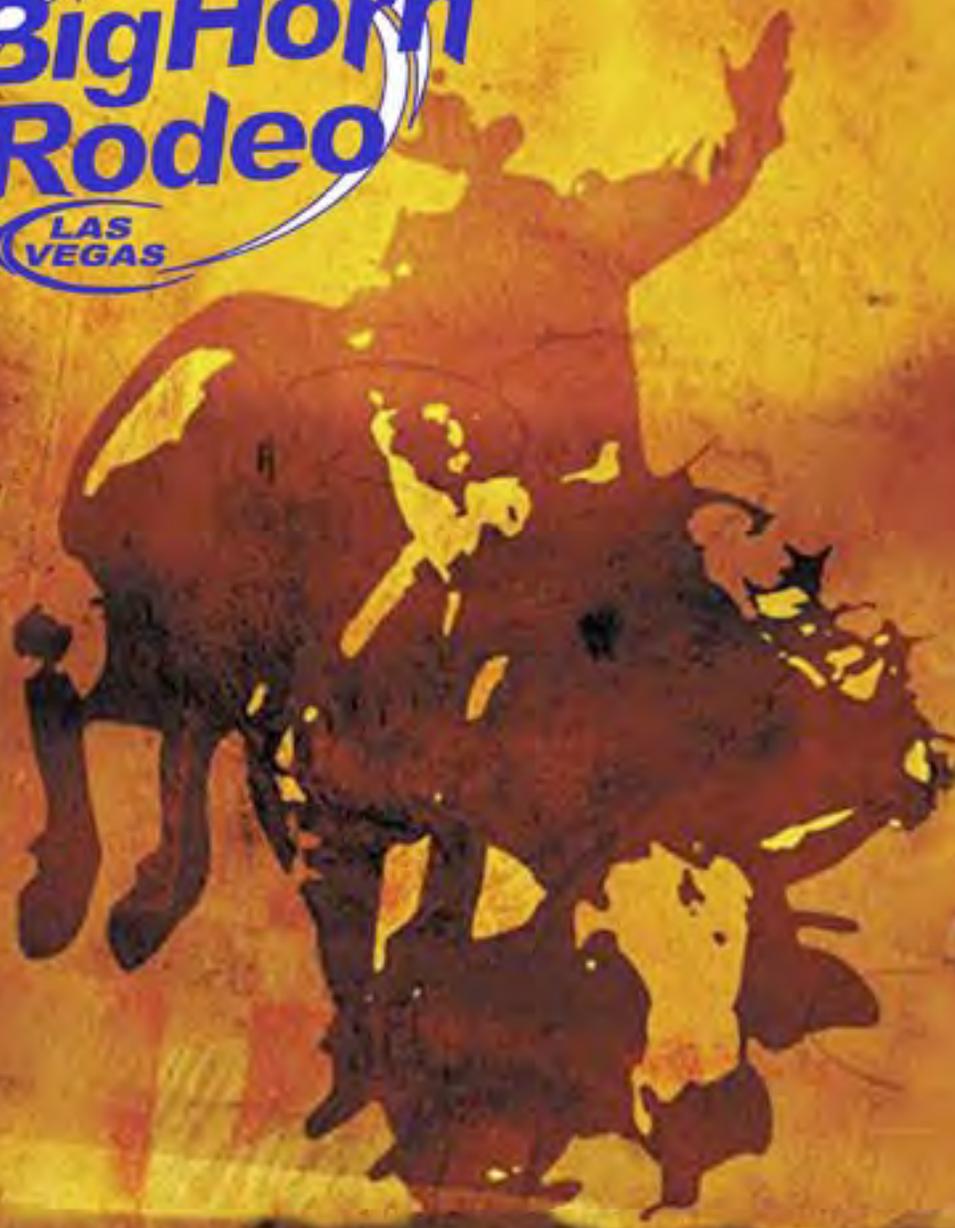
Help support these community leaders as they each present their own
"mini-benefit" to raise money for their organizations.

\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust and \$1.00 Jell-O shots start at 9:00 - so come early.



BigHorn Rodeo

LAS VEGAS



BIG TOUGH MEAT

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2008

**Come join the fun and action at Horseman's Park
one mile from our host hotel, Sam's Town**

Net proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo 2008 will be divided equally between
the FOCUS Hot Meals Program and The Sin Sity Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program.





Chuck Wagon Brunch



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 State convention purposal due Gay Days and Nights	4 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	5
6	7	8	9 RPC meeting 6:30	10	11 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	12 Night of Wishes 10:00 PM at Charlie's
13	14 NGRA Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	15	16	17	18 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	19
20 State Convention 11:00 at the Center	21 General Membership Meeting 6:30	22 RPC Meeting	23	24	25 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	26 Summer Party at Badlands 9:30 PM
27	28	29	30	31		



I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2008

For more detail information on these events you may visit igra.com

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 11-13	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, CO
July 25-27	Capital Crossroads Rodeo	Sacramento, CA
Aug. 15-17	More Bucks by the Bay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA
Aug. 15-17	Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM
Aug. 22-24	Windy City Rodeo *	Chicago, IL
Sept 4 - 7	Texas 25 Rodeo	Austin, TX
Sept. 5-7	Atlantic Stampede 2008	Washington, DC
Sept. 12-14	Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA
Sept. 19-21	BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV
Oct. 10-12	IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver, CO
Oct. 30- Nov. 2	IGRA 24th Annual Convention / IGRA Royalty competition	New Orleans

Please remember to support those who support our efforts within the community and BigHorn Rodeo

