



## April 2014 BigHorn Gazette

Rodeo Education Day  
Henderson Saddle Association  
Saturday, March 29

Saturday March 29 was a first for NGRA. It was the day we held our first Rodeo Education Day. Unlike rodeo schools held all round the country, this was a day for volunteers to learn the background skills that make events run smoothly.



The event was held at the Henderson Saddle Association grounds in Henderson. The day started with a session on horse sense led by Chris Due and Devon Deeming and with a very biddable gelding called Diamond allowing everyone to approach, pat, and groom him and kindly raising a hoof for inspection by most folk there.



Chris loves his Diamond



Devon explains how to approach a horse



Julio makes friends with Diamond

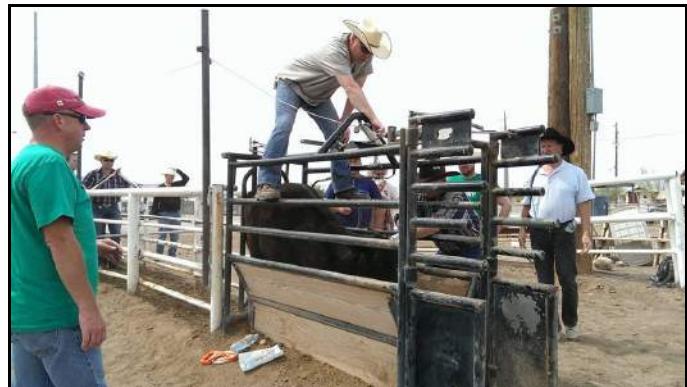


Inspecting a Hoof

This was followed by Scotty Shadix who had travelled from California to teach attendees a little about what it means to be a member of the chute crew. Real calves were sent through the chute with members positioning them and then releasing them into the arena.



Scotty explaining the Chute



Jeffrey – Don't Jump

This was followed by a demonstration of placing the harness on a goat (ably played by Brent Rosinski) for the goat dressing and on a steer (ably represented by Jason Metzger) for wild drag.



The practice session on calf roping came next lead by Richard Armstrong. After showing folks how to hold the rope and twirl it above their head he moved them on to rope a calf. To the relief of the learners it was a stuffed, immobile calf to be roped but still provided a fun challenge.

As volunteer Greg Roach said “NEVER EVER thought I would here these words come out of my mouth: Roped my first calf on the second try!! Had a memorable time”.

David Wright posted “Went to Rodeo School and learned how to rope a calf. Loved it so much got my own lasso, but my cats keep running from me and the rope keeps getting caught in the ceiling fan. Guess I have to practice outside on the neighbors’ dogs. I’ve learned how to rope and am hooked on it.”

Richard could not have had too hard a time as he said “Hope everyone had a great time, I feel very blessed to have been able to just be there”.



Then back to Scotty for a session on arena crew. Pole bending was his event of choice. With volunteers setting up crooked but well spaced poles and then being taught the signals for neatly aligning them and then getting them upright we learned a lot.

By this time everyone was hungry and looking forward to sitting down so the action was followed by a BBQ sponsored by HomoRodeo and beautifully cooked by Jeffrey Burke.

But the biggest thanks go to Laura Scott who can be justifiably proud of organising this first for NGRA. A lot of hard work paid off in a great time for all who attended. As Laura herself said “Thank you to Jeffrey Burke, Richard Armstrong, Chris Due and Devon Deming for your expertise and help at our rodeo school, to HomoRodeo.com for sponsoring the BBQ and to the Henderson Saddle Association for the great location. Had a wonderful time with great people. Thanks to all that came out to learn just a little bit about what we do.”

But the best news to come from the day is that Laura says we might be doing another Rodeo Education Day in October.

A very useful tool which Scotty Shadix gave us was a handout detailing who should do what for each event. Not only does it give very practical advice for those working but also advice, perhaps not quite so valid, for those not involved in an event. The handout is included below for your education.

Chute Crew	Event	Arena Crew
Moves Fast 1 person per slider Watch for nod or call Wait for CC clearance Monitor Crowding	Chute Dogging	10' line
Be aware of animal in chute Safety/Pull only behind chute 90 degree pull generally	Bronc Riding	Dance, Dance....Dance!
Safety/Pull only bull must be looking out steady pull Be prepared for nod/call	Bull Riding	Tip a drag queen
Safety/Pull only quick pull/fling patience with new riders	Steer Riding	Support a vendor
keep calves tight watch for kicking haze as needed ask for contestant cue pop on command return gate stays open	Calf Roping	1' back and 2' out refresh line as needed
same as above "make a wall" call	Breakaway	Buy drink tickets for later
why horn wraps? tuck the straps guide head with your foot eyes on header always	Team Roping	Scout stands for prospects
Mani/pedi time	Barrels	15' sides, 30' back, 30' timing, 40' stopping 90' b/t 1 and 2 105' b/t 1/2 and 3 level and flour
Check your HomoRodeo act	Flag Race	same setup as barrels just move it 10' have buckets pre made sticks in to line bucket handles in level and flour be prepared for lefties

Chute Crew	Event	Arena Crew
Go pet the announcers	Pole Bending	21' is your friend 30' back, 40' stopping level and flour learn the "dance moves" VIP - run the pattern!!!
Fasten behind the ears drape the rope over shoulder	Wild Drag	10', 40' and the long 70' refresh as needed
Rope doesn't break check the tails chutes open until CC calls	Steer Deco	10' and 40' lines refresh as needed
Make a friend, give a hug	Goat Dressing	harness goats early stage back up goats close 50' from start to weight weight the weights hold goat until whistle wait for judges to check

### Helpful Hints

Chute Crew	Arena Crew
prod humanely with mini screw driver how to turn animals in chutes don't get kicked!! "they" love the light nose to hinge; ass to latch always keep them in tight rope around neck eases restlessness twist the tails to move wear gloves drink water / wear sunscreen look the look - ball caps ok lookout for you....and others Guac = grass and water only :)	Pre-plan and stage go early on speed events check flour/pellets often drink water/wear sunscreen look the look remember all eyes on you! lookout for you...and others

And a final thought from Scotty:

"THANK YOU!!!

Rodeo is not possible without the support of many just like you! Our competitors, officials, spectators and beneficiaries sincerely thank you for your time."

If you are interested in being part of our arena crew or chute crew contact your volunteer coordinator, Carolyn at

[volunteers@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:volunteers@bighornrodeo.com)

Or for more information on what is involved contact Scotty

[scottyshadix@yahoo.com](mailto:scottyshadix@yahoo.com)

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The very successful Rodeo Education Day was followed by a fun-filled evening, March Rodeo Madness, at Flex.

## 2013 NGRA Member of the Year Brent Rosinski



It is with great pride that all of NGRA congratulates Brent Rosinski on being voted the Member of the Year for 2014!

Anyone who knows Brent has learned that he is willing to lend a hand wherever needed. We are very proud of you. Your many efforts with NGRA have not gone unnoticed.

Brent has won the Alan Huss Volunteer buckle, Mr NGRA, as well as Member of the Year all in just his first year with NGRA.

His contributions have included almost every facet of involvement, from volunteering, to raffle sales, Jell-O shots, and performing. He has both volunteered and been a competitor on the IGRA circuit.

Brent attended IGRA University and has reached out to other organizations in our community.

Mostly, Brent has been a great example of how to treat others well. He has done great work, and then has moved humbly on to the next need.

Congratulations again, Brent, on your well-deserved honor!

## Board Elections

NGRA would like to thank you for participating in the 2014 Board of Directors election.

The voting process began on March 22, 2014 and will end at midnight on April 19, 2014. The results of the election will be announced at the NGRA General Membership Meeting on April 21, 2014.

On the following pages, you will see submissions from each of the candidates. Each candidate was asked to write a short biography containing information that they felt you should know prior to making an election decision. There were no expectations or limits given to the candidates so some of the biographies may be longer and contain more information than others.

Each of the Board of Directors seats is a One-Year Term.

Each of the candidates has met the necessary requirement as outlined in the NGRA bylaws (Article V, Section II).

### Candidates for Vice President

#### David Blackwood

David has been a member of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association since 2007 and currently serves as the Vice President. During this past year as Vice President, David has worked with the Royalty Team and is happy that one of his goals was met by getting the first MsTer for NGRA. Throughout his years with NGRA, he has held active rôles on the Board of Directors as well as the Rodeo Planning Committee. David has served as Assistant Rodeo Director, Secretary and President. You might also know his alter ego, Taylor Trash, Miss NGRA 2011 and Miss IGRA 2012 2nd Runner Up. David asks for your consideration and vote in re-electing him to the office NGRA's Vice President.

#### Joel Castillo

Hello, NGRA membership! Please allow me to introduce myself to you, I am Joel Castillo and I am a candidate for NGRA Vice President for the 2014-2015 year. Some of you may know me as Sabel D'Zyre, Miss NGRA 2012 / Miss IGRA 2013. I have been a member of NGRA since 2008 and in that time I have held many positions including Vice President, Fundraising Chairperson and Assistant Rodeo Director.

I am a native of Las Vegas and have been involved in the LGBT Community since I was 20 years old with my involvement with the Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Association – both at UNLV. I was a member of SNAPI for a short while after winning Miss Vegas Gay Pride 1993 & Mr Gay Pride 1998. I moved away and lived in Florida from 1998-2005. Upon my return to Las Vegas, I took some time to refocus, but began to miss being involved in my community. I became involved with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Annual Gala Dinner. I was involved from the Inaugural Dinner in 2006 on the Dinner Planning Committee and have had continuous involvement through the 2009 dinner. I became a member and got involved with NGRA in 2008 and have not looked back since! I have loved meeting all the amazing people through

NGRA, IGRA, & the various Rodeos I have had the opportunity to attend over the years. I believe in NGRA and want to be part of making it better and helping to create more fun and memorable rodeos for our Las Vegas Community and IGRA brothers and sisters. I look forward to being a voice for you in NGRA and thank you for continuing to support our organization. Thank you again.

## Candidate for Secretary

### Jeffrey Neal

Jeffrey has been a member of NGRA since 2003. He is currently serving his fifth consecutive term on the NGRA Board as Secretary. He has also served the organization as Ticket Coordinator, Assistant Rodeo Director, Rodeo Director, Host Hotel Coordinator, and Grand Entry Coordinator for BigHorn and other regional rodeos. Jeffrey has been a delegate or attended ten of the past eleven IGRA Conventions and has served the last two as the Convention Assistant. If elected, Jeffrey plans to continue support of the organization through minutes, records and interactions with membership and committee heads to record the official activities of the Board.

## Candidates for Director

### Christina DiGioia

My educational background is in business, real estate, and economics. I have work experience in sales, management, and small-business operations. Not only am I very involved with the LGBTQ community, but I'm an avid volunteer with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Las Vegas, for which I am the Volunteer Engagement Co-Chair. Through my involvement, I regularly volunteer my time at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, and The Center. If I were to be elected as an NGRA Director, I would dedicate as much time and effort as necessary to assist in fundraising, event organizing, and communications. I am also interested in running for Ms NGRA 2015 and a Director position would allow me the opportunity to further my goals.

### Jason Metzger

Hi my name is Jason Metzger and I am the current Mr NGRA 1st Runner Up. I have lived in Las Vegas for more than 5 Years. During that time I have also been involved with multiple organizations in the LGBT community. This includes the Men of Charlie's, the Imperial Court and NGRA over the past few years, while holding the titles of Mr Charlie's December 2012, the Topaz Prince, and being a contestant in IGRA sanctioned rodeos. I believe I could contribute to the Board in various ways including my background in Information Technology. Thank you for your consideration for Director at Large for the NGRA Board of Directors.

### Ryan McPherson

Ryan McPherson, aka A'Lotta Trash, is your current Miss NGRA 2014. Ryan has been active in NGRA for approximately 3 years attended rodeos in other cities as well as now representing NGRA as a member of the 2014 Royalty Team. During the last three years Ryan has been active in assisting the former Royalty as well as assisting all community organizations in Las Vegas with their fundraising efforts. Ryan has been active in both the Fundraising Committee as well as the

General Membership and Board Meetings. Ryan is proud to be able to represent NGRA as a member of the Royalty Team, and looks forward to representing NGRA as a Director on the Board.

### Brent Rosinski

If elected again to the NGRA Board, I would use the valuable experience gained during my previous partial term and work diligently to help guide NGRA's future, addressing issues and challenges facing our organization today. I would view all NGRA's matters impartially and work to maintain a high level of professionalism as Board Director. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served the past several months as Mr. NGRA 2014, Board Director, PR Director, and Webmaster. I have enjoyed creating event flyers, participating in our fundraising efforts, and maintaining our social media presence. I am fully committed to devoting the time required of the position. I hope you find me worthy enough to allow me a full term as Board Director.

### Laura Scott

Joined NGRA in 1995, I have been a Board Member in many different capacities: Member at Large; Vice President, and Fund Raising Director (when it was a Board position). I served as Ms NGRA in 1998 and Ms IGRA in 1999. I was Assistant Rodeo Director for Vegas in 2000 and became Rodeo Director for the first time in 2002. I was also Rodeo Director for Vegas in 2011, 2012 and 2013. As well I was Assistant Rodeo Director for Phoenix Gay Rodeo in 2010, 2011 and 2012 as well as Assistant Rodeo Director for IGRA finals in 2011 and 2012. I believe my voice as a Board Member of NGRA is a valuable one to help move us in a positive direction. As well as the many Board positions and Rodeo Director terms, I have as well been a competitor and I have worked Chute Crew and Arena Crew at various rodeos throughout the years. It would be my honor to serve in a Director position for NGRA.

Thank you if you have already cast your vote for the 2014 NGRA Board of Directors, or thank you in advance if you intend to do so.

Remember voting will end at midnight on April 19, 2014

If you have questions about this ballot or the election process in general, please contact our Election Chairperson, David Hering at [elections@ngra.com](mailto:elections@ngra.com)

## Miss Cow Patty Charlie's Saturday, March 8

Two competitions were held on the night, Miss Cow Patty All Stars for past winners and the Miss Cow Patty 2014 for those who haven't won the title. The All Stars title was won by Saltiva Cracker and Miss Cow Patty 2014 is Phat Patty.

This from Brent

"We had a fantastic time last night at Charlie's Las Vegas for our Miss Cow Patty 2014 contest."

Saltiva Cracker had some stiff competition from Beryl Stanwyck, Faydeway, and Mormonizer, but Saltiva came out a head winning the Battle of the Bovines: All-Stars title.

For our second set, we watched two contestants vie for the title of Miss Cow Patty 2014, Lotta Gouch and Phat Patty. Winning the title of Miss Cow Patty 2014 was Phat Patty. Bootsy CarMichael, Miss Cow Patty 2013, hosted the Miss Cow Patty Contest.

Thank you to all the contestants, our raffle prize and live auction donors, our judges: Doug Graff; Laura Scott; Jim McMichael, Diversity & Cultural Manager Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; Bronc Sing; Bert Wadsworth; Bill Trunzo; Contest Auditor, David Blackwood; Bartender and General Manager of Charlie's, Shawn Dunlap, Bartender Jason, DJ Scott, the trio of Brent Rosinski, Guy Puglisi, and Russell Ervin for selling drunken gummies; Scott Bullock for selling raffle tickets; Mark Smith for working the beer bust; Fundraising Chair, Joel Castillo; and the 2014 NGRA Royalty Team for doing a great job.

Thank you to the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc. and Mr. Nude Las Vegas 2014, Paul Pratt, for gracing us with your presence.

We sold out of drunken gummy bears (gummy bears drowned in vodka overnight).

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported our fundraising efforts. We raised \$1059.

If we forgot to mention anyone, we apologize. All of you are extremely appreciated!

From Phat Patty AKA Christopher Saunders:

"I want to thank everyone for coming tonight as well as those who helped me. I am Miss Cow Patty 2014. Thank you to all who cheered all who tipped to NGRA and especially to my husband."

This from Eddie Krien:

"Congratulations to Saltiva Cracker and Christopher Sanders as Phat Patty, winners of tonight's NGRA Miss Cow Patty titles. You really 'brought it'. For anyone who has sat through the endless

Deadly Serious Drag stuff we are fed you proved that at its best, drag is fun, inviting, and humorous. Thank you for a great night of what it's SUPPOSED to be about!"

David Heckman says:

"Last night was an amazing time at NGRA's Cow Patty contest. It was nice to see a lot of people there both current and past NGRA ROYALTY as well as Past Miss Cow Pattys. I'm still recovering from my opening performance and know I rocked it out there. Congrats to [Christopher Sanders](#) aka Phat Patty the newest Cow Patty. So should we call her Cow Phat Patty squared. A little math humor."



Phat Patty aka Christopher Sanders won the Miss Cow Patty 2014 title.

## Katrina's "All Among Friends" IGRA Fundraiser Charlie's Saturday, March 22

There was a packed house at Charlie's on March 22.to watch an impressive line up of entertainers too many to mention.



Court, it was great to have you a part of last night. Your Majesties; Bill Schramm and Leslie Michaels thank you. Leslie so appreciated your number and I know what it is like with your extensive travel schedule to still come out when you're home to support the causes! Thanks and continue the great job you too are doing representing Las Vegas! To all the others in the Court who were there... thank you!!!! You helped show last night how we all work together!!!! Not to really to single one person out but Noxie Jensen thank you... between you and Douglas Graff you help give the physical presence of someone very special who is missing.

Before the Fundraiser Katrina thanked the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, saying:

"I'd like to stop and take a second to do just a plain old heartfelt thank you. To the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc; their Majesties Bill Schramm and Leslie Michaels and the Board of Directors I greatly appreciate your rescheduling of an event which was set to conflict with my fundraiser as Miss IGRA 2014 on March 22. Again with the greatest appreciation ----  
-- Thank You!"

Katrina said afterwards:

"Another separate and special thank you goes out to my other family the Imperial Royal Sovereign

Bill Schramm and Leslie

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Moreover it was Will's Glenn's birthday and he was game for a spanking, firstly by a member of the audience who paid handsomely for the privilege and after that by Sister Loosy who was paid to carry out this onerous task by a number of the audience. Winnie Baygo, aka NGRA President Doug Graff, conducted the very successful [spanking] auctions and in all raised hundreds of dollars.



Winnie Baygo watches on as Will Glen is prepared for spanking by Mother Loosy Lust Bea Lady



Spanking over and Will is still smiling

Diana Prince commented: "Thank you, Katrina Davenport for a fabulous night at Charlie's Vegas! It was great to see a great representation by the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court in support of one of our own. Way to go Reign 16!"



Beryl Stanwyck and Bill Schramm



Bootsy CarMichael

Eddy Krien who performed as Beryl Stanwyck said: "We raised over \$1400 for IGRA charities! What a great night! Good times with some of my best friends and the best people in Las Vegas, I love being here and part of making a difference. And this IS one of Beryl's favorite outfits."



Brent, A'Lotta , Taylor, Beryl and Jason conducting one of many raffles



Mr NGRA 2014 – Brent Rosinski with [his] Dance Team



Norma – The “Lady” in Red



Diana and Matt



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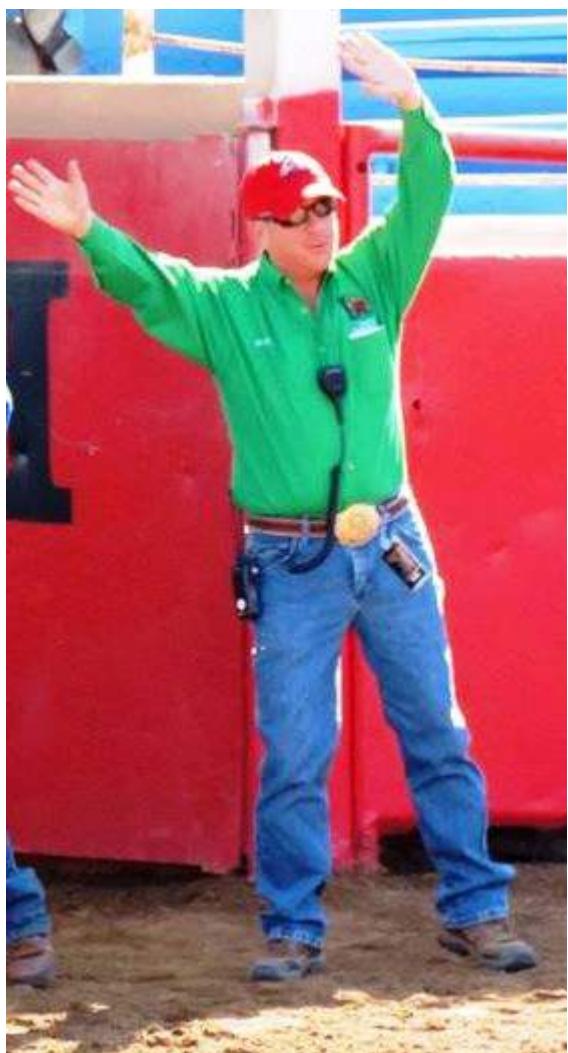


Matt and Diana



Winnie Baygo

## Scotty Shadix



I went to my first gay rodeo in 2005 in LA. I played blackjack most of the day with the Sisters and ended up winning a BBQ grill. When I went to pick it up the next week from Greg Brown, he asked me if I knew how to deal Texas Hold 'em. After responding yes, I was recruited to deal such at Oil Can Harry's the following Friday night for a LA rodeo fundraiser. My partner, Chris, and I fell in love with the people and joined immediately. After being the Rodeo Director for the "infamous" 2008 LA Rodeo, I began working on the chute with Thom Brennan and David Hallwood. At the 2009 BigHorn Rodeo, Thom invited me into the Chute Coordinator program. I accepted and completed it in a year. I was certified in 2010 following my rookie at the 2010 Ft. Lauderdale rodeo.

I formed the "Chute Stars" as my way of recognizing the amazing group of volunteers who travel across the country working chutes for rodeos in which I was the Chute Coordinator. I never imagined how this would literally change my life as these fine folks quickly became much more than volunteers at rodeos, they literally became my family.

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## Greetings from the Rodeo Director

One Month Left!

That's right, BigHorn Rodeo will be here in just one month... and we are getting excited.

We hope that you have all made plans to attend. And to bring friends. And to share in the fun and camaraderie that has become a staple of NGRA and the Rodeo.

There are so many people that we will have to thank but I will wait until next month to start doing that... but it takes a village.

So what is happening? Well, first, we have a Thursday night planned for the showroom of the Alexis Park Hotel that is our host hotel this year. The place to be to come together with all of our out of town rodeo family and to enjoy a fun-filled night. Watch the Website for all the details of the event.

Friday morning is Registration at Horseman's Park from 9 am to Noon. And then at 3 pm we have a fun filled two days of rodeo, play and fun. Friday night after Rodeo we will be going to The Garage for a little hang out time and a post-rodeo celebration after day one of Rodeo.

Saturday we have a poker tournament at the Alexis Park and will be hanging out by the pool relaxing as we get ready for Rodeo Day 2 which starts again at 3 pm. Saturday night after we finish at the grounds is a cowboy bash at Charlie's Las Vegas.

And finally Sunday, we will close out the weekend with our Awards Brunch poolside at Alexis Park followed by a Survivor's Pool Party.

So many things and so many ways to enjoy and support our wonderful charities, sponsors, and community.

See you May 9-11 at one of the many events and don't forget to get involved with us at any of our rodeo shows and events this month and in all the months after. Rodeo can't happen without your support. And we appreciate everything you will do to participate and invite your friends to a great event benefiting great causes in the Las Vegas community.

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## From Your Royalty Team

Happy Spring!

We are getting excited about our upcoming BigHorn Rodeo 2014 on May 9-10 and hope to see all of you there. We will also be hosting a pool party next month at our rodeo host hotel, Alexis Park, on May 11 to raise funds for our IGRA candidacy. Get those swim suits ready!

March started with the crowning of the new Miss Cow Patty. Congratulations to Phat Patty! We then had two events back-to-back: Rodeo Education Day at Henderson Saddle Association and March Rodeo Madness at Flex Cocktail Lounge. We had a great time at Rodeo Education Day learning how to rope calves, ride a horse, clean horses' hooves, and the many facets of being on the Chute Crew and the Arena Crew. We also enjoyed a barbecue lunch sponsored by homorodeo.com. Many thanks to Laura Scott, Scotty Shadix, Chris Due, Devon Deming, Richard Armstrong, and Jeffrey Burke for a wonderful event! Although our event at Flex didn't run as long as we had planned, we still raised \$307 in about an hour. Thank you Miss IGRA Katrina Davenport, Boy Earl, Vivianne Dumonde, and Taylor Trash for performing with us.

We look forward to seeing you at Charlie's Las Vegas for Closet Ball on April 12 from 9pm-midnight and The Garage on April 26 from 5pm-8pm for City Slickers and Country Kickers.

Lastly, we want to remind everyone about the NGRA Board of Directors Elections going on as we speak. We, as an association, elect individuals to the Board of Directors who are responsible for making very important decisions that keep our organization on track. Please take some time out of your busy schedule to vote, because as the old saying goes "If you don't vote, don't complain."

Your 2014 NGRA Royalty Team:

Mr NGRA - Brent Rosinski

Miss NGRA - A'Lotta Trash

MsTer NGRA - Preston

Mr. NGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up - Jason Metzger

## Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in April:

3	Patrick Schreier
	Jon Wall
5	Russ McCurdy
6	Scott Fieux
	Russell Ervin
11	Marsella Sanders
13	Chase Cavazos
15	Adam Johnson
17	Julio Cesar Heredia Paz
18	Roger Bergmann
21	Tracy Skinner
23	Winsor Cooper
24	Bill Watkins
30	Guy Puglisi

## Member of the Month

David Blackwood

David Blackwood was nominated as March Member of the Month for creating the Royalty Team's outfits for Red Dress. Congratulations David.

## From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Our rodeo is getting close and I hope your excitement is getting higher as the day approaches. Volunteers continue to sign up but there are still vacancies. I still need arena crew. This is an exciting job in the thick of the action. Newcomers can pick this up on the day with a little help from experienced hands so if you think this might be for you let me know.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering and the jobs that still need to be filled get in touch. We can always use a willing pair of hands. I still have sitting down jobs to be filled. Brief job descriptions are available at

<http://www.ngra.com/bighornrodeo/volunteer/>

Once you have decided to volunteer fill in the form on the website. Any questions, contact me.

[Volunteers@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:Volunteers@bighornrodeo.com)

Rather than have a normal volunteer gathering this month a number of volunteers attended the Rodeo Education Day held on March 29 at the Henderson Saddle Association grounds. For those who had never taken part it was a great opportunity to see what went on behind the scenes at rodeo.



Last month I asked for volunteers to help publicise BigHorn Rodeo to those attending the annual AIDS walk in Las Vegas. This is on May 4, the Sunday before BigHorn Rodeo, so is an ideal time to hand out flyers after folks have finished their walk. If you are free that morning and would like to help again please contact me at: Thanks to those who have volunteered to do this. If anyone else would like more information just get in touch.

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Thanks to you all and have a good Easter.  
Carolyn Jones, Volunteer Coordinator

## Editor's Bits and Pieces

This edition of your newsletter is arriving with you a little later than usual for some very good reasons.

March was a very busy month for NGRA. The Rodeo Education Day came at the very end of the month but it was such an amazingly successful day that it had to be reported in this edition.

Katrina's Amongst Friends and the Miss Cow Patty and the Miss Cow Patty All Stars contests were very successful nights.

This meant there was a lot of copy some of which came in past the deadline but which I felt was too good to leave out.

Also the rundown of entertainment at BigHorn rodeo is just in but I felt it was a really important item to include.

Please get all your excellent contributions for the May edition in as soon as possible as we shall all be focussing on BigHorn Rodeo 2014 in the coming weeks.

The poster features a split image. The left side shows a close-up of a man's face, and the right side shows a close-up of a woman's face with red hair and makeup. The text is centered over the middle of the poster.

**It's about the transformation**  
Where boys become girls and girls become boys—in just one hour

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association Presents:

# Closet Ball

Saturday, April 12

Beer Bust at 9pm  
Contest and Show at 10pm

Drunken Bears      *Charlies*      Live Auction  
Raffle                  Las Vegas      Jell-O Shots

Beer Bust

Will you be the next Closet Ball King?

5012 Arville St, Las Vegas, NV 89118  
proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo 2014

Will you be the next Closet Ball Queen?

**NGRA**

**BigHorn Rodeo**

**NGRA** presents  
**City Slickers**  
&  
**Country Kickers**

**Saturday April 26**  
**5:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Signature Shot Specials**  
**\$5 Domestic Beer Bust**  
**\$8 Premium Beer Bust**  
**50/50 Raffle**  
**Jell-O shots**



**The Garage**  
**1487 East Flamingo Road**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89119**

**Proceeds benefit NGRA, BigHorn Rodeo**

**BIG HORN**  
RODEO

**JOIN THE FUN!**  

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ALL SUITE RESORT • LAS VEGAS  
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**FRI - SAT NIGHT**  
**MAY**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2014**

**Gates at 3pm**  
**\$10 Per Day**  
Children 12 and under free

**Findlay TOYOTA** **DREAMING TREE** **REX-GOLIATH** **SVEDKA IMPORTED VODKA**  
**JACK DANIEL'S OLD NO 7 BRAND** **Vegas** **ROCKSTAR ENERGY DRINKS** **Charlies Las Vegas** **GUN OIL**  
**THE GARAGE** **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE** **FLEX COCKTAIL LOUNGE** **Blue Moon** **THE MEN OF Charles Las Vegas**

Proceeds benefit Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and Opportunity Village

# BigHorn Rodeo 2014

## Entertainment Line-Up

### (Provisional)

**Friday May 9**

Time	Function	Location
4:30	Demonstrations: Horse Shoein' / Roping / Milking	Prairie Stage
5:00	Michael Celso	Arena Stage
5:30	Watermelon Eating Contest	Prairie Stage
6:00	Michelle Rohl	Arena Stage
6:30	National Anthem – Jonathan Wiley	Arena Stage
6:30	Rope a Twink / Rope a Bear / Rope a Gal	Prairie Stage
7:00	Katrina Davenport	Arena Stage
7:30	Twister Lube Wrestling	Prairie Stage
8:00	Trio	Arena Stage
9:00	Jonathan Wiley	Arena Stage
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TBD	Aussie Pop	Dance Tent

**Saturday May 10**

Time	Function	Location
4:30	Demonstrations: Horse Shoein' / Roping / Milking	Prairie Stage
5:00	Taylor Trash / A'Lotta Trash	Arena Stage
5:30	Phoenix Heatwave	Dance Tent
5:30	Hot Dog Eating Contest	Prairie Stage
6:00	Jonathan Wiley	Arena Stage
6:30	Norma's You Think You Got Talent - Stupid Human Tricks	Prairie Stage
7:00	Sabel D' Zyre	Arena Stage
7:30	Twister Lube Wrestling	Prairie Stage
8:00	Leslie Michaels	Arena Stage
9:00	Trio	Arena Stage

**BUD LIGHT**

**BIGHORN RODEO 2014 PRESENTS**

**SVEDKA IMPORTED VODKA**

**BigHorn Rodeo LAS VEGAS**

**POOL PARTY**

**LOCATION:**

Alexis Park  
ALL SUITE RESORT • LAS VEGAS

**MAY 11TH**

**FREE**

**DJ ROYL**

COMING TO YOU ON

ADMISSION

MUSIC PROVIDED BY

**IGRA**

GAMES | RAFFLES | DRUNKEN BEARS | STARTS AT 1 PM | ENDS AT 5 PM

SWIMSUIT AUCTION | IGRA FUNDRAISER | [WWW.BIGHORNRODEO.COM](http://WWW.BIGHORNRODEO.COM)

PRODUCED BY THE 2014 NGRA ROYALTY TEAM

Proceeds benefit the 2014 NGRA Royalty Team's IGRA candidacy, NGRA, and BigHorn Rodeo 2014



# Photographers

**WANTED**

Seeking photographers to capture  
live events for NGRA at local bars, casinos, rodeos,  
and fundraising events. Digital camera required.

Email Brent Rosinski: [pr@ngra.com](mailto:pr@ngra.com)

# Calendar

## April

4-6	Sunshine Stampede (FGRA)	Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, 4271 Davie Road, Davie, FL 33314
Sat 12	9:00 pm	Closet Ball King & Queen
Mon 14	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting
Thurs 17	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting
Mon 21	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting
Tues 22	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting
Sat 26	5:00 pm	City Slickers and Country Kickers
		The Garage

## May

2-4	Hot Rodeo 2014 (GSGRA)	AC Dysart Equestrian Park 2101 West Victory Avenue, Banning, CA 92220
Sun 4	10:30 am	24th Annual AIDS Walk Las Vegas
9-10	BigHorn Rodeo 2014 (NGRA)	UNLV Grassy courtyard north of Student Union 4505 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154
Thurs 15	6:30 pm	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122
Mon 19	6:30 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting
23-25	Great Plains Rodeo (OGRA)	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
		Gay & Lesbian Community Center
		Oklahoma State Fair Park, 333 Gordon Cooper Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73117

# Calendar (continued)

June

Sat 14	9:00 pm	Charlie's Monthly Fundraiser	Charlie's
Mon 16	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Sat 21	9:00 pm	Hot Rodeo Pride	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
27-29		Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo (ARGRA)	Strathmore Agricultural Grounds 122 Brent Boulevard Strathmore, AB T1P 1E9, Canada

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