



June 2014 BigHorn Gazette

Congratulations Stephanie



We are so proud of Stephanie Malone, NGRA Member, who got first on Friday and second on Saturday for Barrel Racing at BigHorn Rodeo 2014 and won the buckle.



Greetings from the Rodeo Director

Did You See It? -- Were You There?

We often joke that Rodeo comes through like a whirlwind.... But this year that statement was made so true. The event was here before we knew it... and in true Vegas fashion the weather both cooperated – and challenged us ending the weekend with nature’s version of “a bang”.

Set up took three people per banner (did I say I loved wind) and a lot of coordination but Friday brought us fair skies and we had a great registration. First day of rodeo ended on time and fun was had by all. The second day ended JUST in time as the storm front blew through right as rodeo ended. I don’t remember a time when the park has cleared so quickly. We are thankful that nobody was hurt and that we finished a safe rodeo which was approved by IGRA without issue. Clean up was a mixed bag as many of the banners were already down – and in the dog park – but thanks to Ken, David, Roger and Ken – everything was sorted, stored and done in short order.

There are many that need to be recognized for their parts in the process: Matt and Ken for their work as Assistant Rodeo Directors; Doug and Bill for coordinating the host hotel; Roger for work on sponsorship; Brent for tireless work on the media and publication aspects of the event and buckle sales; Laura and Devon for working the program and the barn; the Finance team of David, Bill, Andrew and Scott; Kathy and Brenda for handling our vendors; Jackie, Janessa, and Ken for handling our tickets/gate; Lorry for managing Registration; David for his tireless work in Contestant Hospitality; Ken for stepping in from Logistics to overall site control; Lin for handling the office; Barry for controlling Security; Carolyn for her tireless efforts on Volunteer Recruitment; the Entertainment team of David, Jim and John; and our Beverage coordinators Eric and Kyle. As you can see – there are way too many moving parts for any one person or even a small group of people to accomplish. There are no words to express how grateful I am to all of these people and to all those that helped but are not specifically listed. And we will find a time to celebrate the success in June.

So now we focus on wrapping things up – and starting the planning for next year’s event. As we close the books we will know the success of rodeo and how much we will be able to provide to our beneficiaries – The Sin Sity Sisters Drug Assistance Program and Opportunity Village. I hope to be able to present the financials at the next Board meeting on June 16th.

The next RPC meeting is June 9th – where we will have our Rodeo Wrap Up or “Rant & Rave” meeting. This is a chance to come together – share what worked and offer ways to fix what didn’t work so well. We will also begin to design new things to try for next year to grow the event and make it better. Everyone’s input is important so I hope you will all attend to review the feedback that is presented.

That said, I have spoken to key leadership at the Board and will be putting my name in to continue on as Rodeo Director for 2015. This does not mean that other interest is unwelcome. If you would like to be a part of the process – please discuss with me or any member of the Board so that we can have as much time to plan as possible for next year's event.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I hope you enjoyed the event. I hope you are proud of what we as a team have accomplished. I look forward to working with each of you to wrap up the current year – and kick start the new year to even bigger success.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Neal
Rodeo Director
BigHorn Rodeo 2014
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Rodeo Education



Rodeo is over and now it's time to start thinking about our next rodeo education day. I became painfully aware this year that although we know what jobs we have to do, the process of getting there is the hard part.

We have University, we have a Rodeo Resource Guide on how to put on a rodeo, but all the little information that pertains to our rodeo, isn't there. What size laminating pouches do we need for badges and where's an inexpensive place to get them, how many bales of hay should we order, what's a perfect set up for contestant registration?

This winter I want to hold a full day of classes teaching all of this and so much more. We will break down every aspect of rodeo in an easy and fun way.

I will keep you posted in the coming months on what date we have chosen for our second phase of Rodeo Education, will take place.

Laura Scott

BigHorn Rodeo 2014 Buckle Winners

All Around

Cowboy	David Lawson
Cowgirl	Stefani Curtis

Bull Riding

Cowboy	Jason Strand
Cowgirl	Not Won

Steer Riding

Cowboy	John Payton
Cowgirl	Not Won

Chute Dogging

Cowboy	Chuck Browning
Cowgirl	Stefani Curtis

Calf Roping on Foot

Cowboy	John Beck
Cowgirl	Bernice Reeve

Mounted Breakaway Roping

Cowboy	Greg Begay
Cowgirl	Shelda Wilde

Barrel Racing

Cowboy	David Lawson
Cowgirl	Stephanie Malone

Pole Bending

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Pepe
Christina Lee

Flag Race

Cowboy
Cowgirl

Kevin Ruser
Cynbad

Team Roping

Team

Greg Begay & David Lawson

Steer Decorating

Team

Brian Helander & Chuck Browning

Wild Drag Race

Team

Pepe, Renee Rettstatt & David Renier

Goat Dressing

Team

Pepe & David Renier

From your President

Hey NGRA!

What a great rodeo! Congratulations and Thank You to the Production Team on a job well done! Despite the wind on Saturday night everyone had a great time and we proved once again that Vegas knows Rodeo!!! And to all of our volunteers...you ROCK! It was so much fun for me to see our contestants, new and old, competing and enjoying rodeo as much as I do.



My real job has had me doing quite a bit of travelling lately. As much as I love seeing other parts of the world, it only reminds me how wonderful Vegas and the US are. It can be easy to take all of our privileges and rights for granted. I hope we all know just how good we have it.

It's also awesome to know that if we get down on our luck, our friends are here to help. Last weekend, I

witnessed an amazing act of kindness. One of our members has been ill and unable to tend to some basic needs. A group of NGRA members took it upon themselves to show up at the member's house and pitch in. You all know who you are and I thank you. I know our member thanks you too. This was truly a day of "what it's all about." Selflessly giving to help a friend in need.

Just a quick reminder that our annual convention is coming up in June. Now is the time to review our By-laws and make suggestions for changes.

Finally, I just received word that the IGRA will be hosting the World Gay Rodeo Finals in 2015, right here in Las Vegas at the South Point!!!! Thank you Laura, Guy, Bill (aka Katrina) for working so diligently on the data that was needed for IGRA to make this dream a reality. Now it's time to get to work and make WGRF 2015 the first of many amazing finals in Las Vegas.

Regards
Douglas Graff
NGRA President
president@ngra.com

From Your Royalty Team

Well, another Rodeo has come and gone and we would like to personally congratulate Rodeo Director, Jeffrey Neal, and Assistant Rodeo Directors, Matt Cox & Ken Hruby, on putting on a great rodeo for our community.

Our newly elected Board of Directors are now in office. Many thanks to the 2013-2014 BOD, and we look forward to many great things from the 2014-2015 Board.

A huge thank you to The Garage, Flex, Share & Charlie's Las Vegas for hosting our visiting Cowboys & Cowgirls all weekend long!

We look forward to seeing everyone out and about for our next two fundraisers – Trailer Park Hoedown on June 14 at Charlie's and Hot Rodeo Pride on June 21 at Flex Cocktail Lounge.

Your 2014 NGRA Royalty Team:

Mr NGRA – Brent Rosinski
Miss NGRA – A'Lotta Trash
MsTer NGRA – Preston
Mr. NGRA 1st Runner-Up – Jason Metzger

Out West at the Library

Out West at the Library - Buffalo Bill, Oscar Wilde, Rosa Bohneur
Thursday, June 5th, 7 pm
Jewel Box Theatre, Las Vegas Clark County Library
1401 East Flamingo Road

I Hope you can join me for my talk at the Las Vegas Clark County Library about the remarkable Buffalo Bill Cody's interactions with Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde and French artist, Rosa Bohneur when he brought the Wild West to Europe in 1887-1889. I delivered portions of this lecture at the LGBTQ Session of the American Alliance of Museum Expo in Seattle in May and received a standing ovation.

The event is FREE.

Gregory Hinton

Member of the Month

The May Member of the Month will be nominated at the June Board and General Membership Meeting.

NGRA Convention

NGRA Convention has been scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd at 11:00 am at The Center. This is the only time of year when the Bylaws can be changed and is one of the opportunities to change Standing Rules.

If there is something you think should be deleted or reworded, or if you feel we need some new guidance in a particular area, please come and voice your opinion. Please submit any ideas you have for changes, along with the section to bylaws@ngra.com by May 31st. These will then be formatted in the proper format for presentation and voting. Also these will be sent out via email in advance before NGRA Convention so that you will have time to study and discuss them.

NGRA's Bylaws can be found at NGRA.com under About NGRA and look for Bylaws.

David Blackwood

Text Message Service

Howdy

We are trying out a new SMS messaging service. We hope you find the service both useful and convenient.

Be sure to subscribe now. The benefits include: event invites, meeting reminders, promotions, and may include a chance to win something.

Simply text NGRA to 77948

We will never send more than 6 texts a month. Msg and Data rates may apply.

Thanks
Jason Metzger, Director

Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in June:

2	Tony Clark
3	Kip Kipilla
4	Johnny Bob Dalton
12	Ric Franklin-Sewell
14	Ken Wong
15	Curtiss Lewis
17	Jason Dyer
	David Hering
	David Wright
21	Matt Hedin
22	Richard Armstrong
27	Chris Due
	Michael Yarbrough
28	Darwin Trotter
30	Jacqueline Janessa Martin

Welcome to the NGRA Corral

Terry Freeman
Kimberly Gora
David Heckman
Robert Honeycutt
Stephanie Malone
Gary Segal

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

BigHorn 2014

Well you did it once again. All our volunteers worked hard at rodeo and you all did very professional jobs. I was complemented by many on your performances and I must say I feel very proud of you all. I hope you all enjoyed meeting your fellow volunteers as much as I did.

Look out for details of the "Thank You" event being organised for you all. You will get an e-mail in due course.



Many of you have returned your feedback forms and there are some very interesting comments in them. If you have not got back to me please do. Your comments are always welcome. If you cannot make the form work just e-mail me your comments so they can be taken into account. Just one thought. In answer to the question "What did you least enjoy about rodeo?" please don't anyone else complain about the sandstorm. My hotline to Him upstairs was not so good and I can't promise anything about the weather next year.

Things people did say:

Question

What did you enjoy most?

Answers

- The friendly people and spirit of fun competition.
- The events and old friends.
- Got to watch a lot of rodeo. Work stations were within visible range of the arena.
- Meeting people.
- Being able to help and enjoy some of the events.
- The camaraderie.
- Meeting a large group of people.
- The few occasions I had to interact with other staff (judges, chute crew, etc). Also very much like the schedule (evening rodeo)!
- Working with friends and meeting new people and checking out the Hot Cowboys!
- Meeting everyone and learning about how a rodeo works.
- The help that other volunteers offered when I felt lost.

And in other comments

- “I had a great time and enjoyed meeting and working with so many different people.”
- “The grounds were well prepared when I arrived on Friday morning for registration and the running of the stock. (Chute crew member).”
- “Enjoyed the rodeo. Had a good time. All NGRA staff were friendly.”

Of course things where we need to improve were also pointed out. I know I really need to recruit more people willing to take a turn at arena control. So keep the comments coming, please.

Pride

And so where next?

NGRA is looking to enter a stunning float on the Pride Parade in September. This means we need people with a wide variety of talents and contacts to help design, build and decorate the float as well as to walk with it in the Parade. So if you are not busy, have any talent, even just walking, and are in Las Vegas at the start of September get in touch.

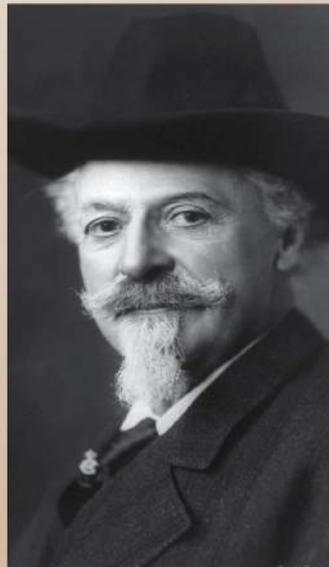
Thanks again for all your sterling efforts at BigHorn 2014. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

Carolyn Jones, Volunteer Coordinator
volunteers@ngra.com

OUT WEST WITH BUFFALO BILL

The words "heterosexual" and "homosexual" did not surface in the cultural vernacular until the early 1900s. William F. Cody was as "unprejudiced as a man could be" according to prominent western historians. Was Buffalo Bill "gay" friendly before the word existed?

Based on Gregory Hinton's scholarship as a 2011 Buffalo Bill Historical Center's Resident Fellow, this program examines Cody's cordial acquaintanceships with flamboyant Irish poet, lecturer and playwright Oscar Wilde and acclaimed 19th century French painter Rosa Bonheur, who carried a government permit to dress like a man.



Buffalo Bill Cody



Thursday, June 5 at 7 p.m.
Clark County Library
1401 E. Flamingo Rd.

The program is part of the
Out West @ the Library Series
and is co-sponsored by Out West.

Free and open to the public. For more
information, please call 702.507.3459.



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Join NGRA at Gay Games 9 Rodeo in Ohio

The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation is one of the biggest sports & cultural festivals in the world and comes to Cleveland and Akron, Ohio on August 9-16. International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) is honored to be part of this year's festivities by participating in the Opening Ceremonies on August 9 and hosting a rodeo on August 10-11. We invite you to join your fellow NGRA members in helping make this possible.

The Games are open to all adults - regardless of sexual orientation or athletic ability. With more than 35 sports (from darts to triathlon, bowling to softball), and for the first time in the history of Gay Games, an IGRA sanctioned rodeo, there's sure to be something for everybody.

At the opening ceremonies held the evening of August 9, NGRA members will be a part of the IGRA contingent, all marching into the stadium in western wear with matching shirts. The Men of Charlie's have accepted the important task of carrying all 50 state flags in the ceremonies and will be dressed in their trademark black and whites. The rodeo will be held August 10 and 11, starting each day at 9:00 am and ending at approximately 5:00 pm. Entertainment will be offered both days from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm, with a dance on August 10 starting at 8:00 pm.

We want to thank all of the following NGRA members who will be working hard to produce this historic event:

- Guy Puglisi, Assistant Scorekeeper;
- Brian Rogers, Sponsor and Logistics Chair;
- Lorry King, Dance, Entertainment and Vendor Co-Chair;
- Bill Watkins, Dance, Entertainment and Vendor Co-Chair;
- Miss IGRA 2014, Katrina Davenport, Entertainment MC, and
- Doug Graff, Announcer

Visit gaygames.org for more information.



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HARD DOWN

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LAS VEGAS, NV 89118

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RAFFLE
JELLO SHOTS

SHOW AT 10PM

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JUN

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SHOW . RAFFLES . JELLO SHOTS . GAMES . GREAT DRINKS

COCKTAILS: 9PM - SHOW: 10PM

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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

Calendar

June

Thu 5	7:00 pm	OUT WEST WITH BUFFALO BILL	Jewel Box Theater, Clark County Library, 1401 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Mon 9	6:30 pm	Rodeo Wrap Up / Rant & Rave	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
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
Sun 22	11:00 am	NGRA Convention	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
27-29		Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo (ARGRA)	Strathmore Agricultural Grounds 122 Brent Boulevard Strathmore, AB T1P 1E9, Canada

July

11-13		Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (CGRA)	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 West 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401
Sat 19	5:00 pm	City Slickers and Country Kickers	The Garage
Mon 21	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Fri 25	9:00 pm	Men of Charlie's Christmas in July	Charlie's
25-27		Zia Regional Rodeo (NMGRA)	Rodeo de Santa Fe 3237 Rodeo Road Santa Fe, NM 87507

Calendar (continued)

August

Sat 2	9:30	Man of Charlie's Contest Beneficiary: NGRA	Charlie's
9-16		Gay Games	Cleveland + Akron, Ohio
10-11		Gay Games 9 Rodeo	800 North Avenue, Tallmadge, OH 44278
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
29-31		Show-Me State Rodeo (MGRA)	Lone Wolf Ranch Arena 22801 South State Line Road Cleveland, MO 64734
Sat 30	9:00 pm	Flex Quarterly	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102

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