



August 2009

David Hering, Editor

BIGHORN GAZETTE

## AUGUST TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The dog days of summer have arrived and we are approaching the end of the IGRA rodeo season.

Remaining 2009 events are:

- July 31-August 2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- August 21-23, Chicago, IL
- August 28-30, San Antonio, TX
- September 4-6, Kansas City, MO
- September 11-13, San Diego, CA
- September 18-20, Las Vegas, NV
- October 23-25, IGRA Finals - Albuquerque, NM
- November 11-15, IGRA Convention - Toronto, Canada

NGRA is also involved in the local rodeo community by co-producing the Summer 4-D Barrel Race Buckle Series at Horseman's Park. Our producing partner for this event is Western Heritage and Education, Inc. Contestants who participate in at least three of the four are eligible to win one of four champion buckles in addition to the usual cash payout. Schedule:

1. July 25 at 8pm: Open Barrel Race. \$200 added prize - No admission fee
2. August 29 at 8pm: Open Barrel Race. \$500 added prize - No admission fee
3. September 20 at 12noon: BigHorn Rodeo Barrel Race Classic. \$2,000 added prize - \$5 admission fee

4. October 2 at 6pm: Harvest Moon Barrel Race. \$2,000 added prize - \$5 admission fee

If you enjoy watching barrel racing, come on down and root them on. We also need volunteers to help run the event. If you are interested in volunteering to help us at one of these events, please contact me at [Trustee@ngra.com](mailto:Trustee@ngra.com).

Finally, IGRA Convention is coming up on November 12-15, 2009 in Toronto, Canada. We are seeking up to six delegates and 5 alternates to represent NGRA at this important annual meeting. Our representatives will attend the committee meetings on Friday and the convention sessions on Saturday and Sunday. This is where IGRA associations meet and consider changes to Bylaws and Rodeo Rules. The many standing and ad hoc committees of IGRA meet and recommend proposals which are considered by the entire assembly on Saturday and Sunday. Attending IGRA convention in Toronto is sure to be a trip you'll never forget. Please contact me no later than September 1st if you'd like to attend IGRA Convention with our delegation.

Save a Horse...  
Your Trustee



Michael Judkins, Bill Watkins & Lorry King



Chris Saldana & Darren Wernette



Sin Sity Sisters Loosy, Gloria & Sioux

# AN EVENING OF DUETS

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association Presents  
**THIS AWESOME EVENING OF SONG**

Hosted by Helen Twelvetrees and Tim Conroy

## Saturday August 8th

Event starts at 9:30 PM

*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

This event features a multiple selection of performers in our community pairing together to give us a great evening of duets. Join them in the fun of the evening.



# Fundraising Update

Hi Everyone,

To help DeShannon take a little off her plate while recovering and dealing with her health, the Board of Directors has asked me to pitch in with fundraising.

So often we state how we want to do different things but yet find ourselves in a rut.

My question to you, the membership at large, what type of things would you find successful? You have supported our organization so much in the fundraising efforts by passing that tip, buying that jell-o shot or raffle ticket. Do you know though, that you possibly have an even greater value of support? YOUR IDEAS! Please don't be bashful. We the fundraising committee, welcome your input and welcome you to join us. Help us to move beyond our comfort zone. Maybe every effort wouldn't make thousands of dollars but we really wouldn't know if we don't try. What we wouldn't do is have a deaf ear to your idea. We would work with you to make it as successful as it could be.

You are also a valuable resource in gathering items for raffle prizes. Take a look around your home. Is there a new unopened item you just thought you had to have, or that someone bought you and you were afraid to say I don't like this? Do you have a contact that you could approach to provide an item? Believe me, it doesn't have to be something spectacular. We have some very creative basket makers who can take an item and build upon it to make a wonderful prize.

Let me know, we are a team working together to make BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13 be a successful venture. We have 5 events coming up over the next 7 weeks leading up to the Rodeo (see the promo's throughout the newsletter). Yes its a lot, but your support of the committee will be greatly appreciated....

Be it in your dollars spent, help behind the scenes, supplying us with a raffle item. Ahead of time let me just say a big THANK YOU for your help!!!!!!!

Bill Trunzo  
Fundraising

# NGRA Member of the Month June 2009



NGRA's member of the month for July is Michael Judkins. Michael was selected for his Dirty and Desperate fundraiser at Charlie's on June 19th where we raised \$1143. As Mr. NGRA for 2008 and manager at Charlie's, he is a familiar, and pretty, face to the organization. He represented us well on the royalty team last year and his continuing fundraising efforts demonstrate his commitment to our organization. Congratulations Michael, this may not come with a sash, but it's a well deserved honor.



## Attention NGRA Members:

BigHorn Rodeo sponsor, Chapman Chrysler Jeep, along with NGRA Member Woody Allen, have offered to expand their sponsorship of BigHorn Rodeo with the following offer.

From now until BigHorn Rodeo, for every NGRA Member who purchases a vehicle from Chapman Chrysler Jeep and Woody Allen, Chapman will write a check to BigHorn Rodeo for \$200.

Please contact Woody Allen at woodysalescars@gmail.com or (702) 292-8745 for more information



# ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT



# AUGUST 15TH at FOCUS

**Time:**  
lessons  
start  
at 11:30,  
game starts at 1:00

**Cost:**  
\$20.00  
initial buy-in  
(100 chips)

Cocktails  
and beer  
will be available  
for purchase.

Raffle Prizes  
NGRA jell-o  
shots

**Tickets:**  
on-line at  
[www.ngra.com](http://www.ngra.com) or  
at the door.  
Also available at any  
NGRA event prior.

# From The President

My how this month has flown by, as it seems just like yesterday I was sitting down and writing my article for the newsletter. It is hard to believe we are entering the month of August. This means full speed ahead as we are coming down to the last two months before BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13. As we start gearing up for our biggest event of the year, we have packed a full month of August, keeping a lot of us very busy. We kickoff the month on with An Evening of Duets at Charlie's on August 8th. The following weekend, August 15th, NGRA will hold its annual Poker Tournament. The tournament will take place at FOCUS at 1pm. Later that evening, come help celebrate Mandy Barbarell's birthday at Charlie's as she and Miss Katrina host "Save the Whales". On August 22nd NGRA will hold its first of two Rodeo Kick-Off Parties at Badlands Saloon. The fun starts at 9:13pm. I do hope that you get a chance to come out during the month of August and show your support.

The reason that we all do this is first, to produce gay rodeo and thus enrich and enhance the western lifestyle; and second, to raise money for various local charities through ongoing fund raising. I am very grateful of the support that NGRA has gotten from other organizations as well as those within NGRA that have supported others. It is nice to hear the positive feedback on just how well thought of NGRA is in the community. It takes the work of everyone to make NGRA what it is. I thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication in continuing efforts to make NGRA the organization that we are.

David Blackwood  
NGRA President



## WE WANT YOU!

**The Rodeo Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help execute and produce BigHorn Rodeo 2009. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact this year's Volunteer Coordinator, Gene Person at [volunteers@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:volunteers@bighornrodeo.com) or plan to attend an RPC Meeting. Check the NGRA Calendar for dates.**

**NGRA  
Welcomes our  
Newest Members:**



**Ken Wells  
George Vierra  
Gary Klein**



**COME PLAY WITH US  
UNDER THE STARS  
AT OUR 13<sup>TH</sup> RODEO  
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2009**



**NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION**



*Charlie's welcomes the Sea World Road Show*  
A Celebration of Mandy Barbarell's birthday



# SAVE THE WHALES

Let us free YOUR Willy!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

AT  
*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

**Show time is at 9:30 PM**

**NGRA BigHorn Rodeo 13, MGRA Show-Me State Rodeo and NGRA**



# 2009 IGRA Rodeo / Event Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
January 16-18, 2009	Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix, Arizona
February 20-22, 2009	IGRA University	Las Vegas, Nevada
February 27-March 1, 2009	Cowtown Rodeo	Ft. Worth, Texas
April 3-5, 2009	Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
April 17-19, 2009	Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, Arkansas
May 1-3, 2009	Hot Rodeo	Palm Springs, California
May 22-24, 2009	Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 5-7, 2009	Sierra Stampede	Sacramento, California
June 25-28, 2009	Canadian Rockies International Rodeo	Calgary, Alberta Canada
June 26-28, 2009	Heartland Regional Rodeo	Omaha, Nebraska
July 10-12, 2009	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, Colorado
July 31-August 2, 2009	Liberty Stampede Rodeo	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 21-23, 2009	Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, Illinois
August 28-30, 2009	TGRA Rodeo	Sequin, Texas (San Antonio)
September 4-6, 2009	MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, Missouri
September 11-13, 2009	Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, California
September 18-20, 2009	BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, Nevada
October 23-25, 2009	23rd Annual Finals Rodeo	Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 12-15, 2009	25th Annual IGRA Convention	Toronto, Ontario Canada



# Celebrate NGRA's 13th Annual BigHorn Rodeo

# LUCKY 13

*It's better at night*  
**September 18 - 20, 2009**

## NGRA KICKOFF PARTIES



**Badlands  
Saloon**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Show starts  
at 9:13 PM**

*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

**September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Show starts  
at 9:13 PM**

Get ready for great fun and to hear  
what is in store at Horseman's Park and  
the Cannery East over Lucky 13 weekend.

All proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo 13 will benefit FOCUS Las Vegas



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# August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	8	6 BigHorn Rodeo RPC Meeting	7 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	8 A Night of Duets @ Charlies
9	10 Board of Directors Meeting	11	12	13	14 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	15 Poker Game  Save the Whales @ Charlies
16	17 Membership Meeting  RPC Meeting	18	19	20	21 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	22 Rodeo Kick-Off Party @ Badlands
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	29 NGRA/WHEI 4-D Barrel Race

For times, locations and additional details, please visit the NGRA calendar on the web at [www.ngra.com](http://www.ngra.com)

## NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in August:

Dane Bethea  
David McKenney  
Jack Morrison  
David Murie  
Andrew Goodman  
Joe McMullen  
Gary Douglas  
Frank Gardner  
Eric Hudson  
Brian Rogers

August 7  
August 9  
August 11  
August 12  
August 14  
August 16  
August 17  
August 18  
August 21  
August 26

