October 2009 David Hering, Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

September was definitely a jam packed month with promoting and putting on NGRA's biggest event, BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13. As you all know, this was the year that NGRA decided to step out of the box and try something new and go with a different approach for rodeo. While we are still finalizing all of the numbers, I can say that we did get a lot of positive feedback on having our rodeo at night. It was nice to see a full grandstand at the start of the rodeo for calf roping on foot, an event that normally does not draw a crowd as it is usually done early in the morning before everyone wakes up. Grand Entry was truly amazing. For me, all I saw was a sea of lights as I was in the arena. The comments I heard were nothing but rave reviews. The biggest impact and impression was that of the rider-less horse under the dark sky with just a spotlight following. This was a very emotional presentation for everyone. What an amazing way to honor those we lost. The events ran smoothly and from what I gathered everyone enjoyed themselves.

In order to put on a rodeo it takes a great team, hard work and dedication. While the challenge this year had a few different aspects, the team worked hard to achieve what we do, put on a rodeo. I would personally like to thank Shaun Sewell, Rodeo Director and his team, the RPC, for taking on such a big challenge, nice job to all. It is bittersweet in a way that you work so hard all year long, putting in all the extra hours only to have it wrap up and wonder what to do with yourself. I now catch up on all the things that get put on the back burner the month before rodeo and take a breather. As everyone knows, the NGRA Board of Directors decided that in 2010 we will not produce BigHorn Rodeo so that we can focus our attention to hosting the World Gay Rodeo Finals at the Beautiful Avi Resort, in Laughlin, Nevada.

This year we didn't just sit back once BigHorn Rodeo was over, as on Tuesday, September 29th we partnered up with Terry Hernandez and the SinCityQSocials and ran the bar for his Trendy Tuesday Martini Mixer at the Fashion Show Mall. I can tell you, that was a great event and I have received numerous compliments on how well everything ran from Terry to the Marketing Director of the mall to those who attended. My hat goes off to all who attended, those who helped out and showed your support for NGRA. Way to go!

I am very proud to be part of NGRA, and it is because of all of you. Thank you for a great month.

BoBelly the Nelly, Rodeo Clown

Steve Sublett, a.k.a. Aspen Vail, Miss NGRA 2009 & Andrew Goodman, IGRA Vice President

Phillip, Jeffrey, Anthony, Don & Adam

NGRA

FALL FANTASY

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Saturday, October 10th

Bud Light $5 Beer Bust
starts at 9:00

Entertaiment starts at 10:00

Raffle Prizes and a lot of fun

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brian Rogers

Lucky 13 BigHorn Rodeo is history and I want to congratulate the Board and the Rodeo Planning Committee for producing an outstanding event. The record heat wave made it tough, but the event pulled beautifully. I heard nothing but praise for the night event format and Grand Entry was spectacular.

Remaining 2009 events are:

- October 23-25, Finals - Albuquerque, NM
- November 11-15, Convention, Toronto, Canada

The Summer 4-D Barrel Race Buckle Series with Western Heritage Education finishes out on October 2, 2009 at Horseman's Park with the Harvest Moon Barrel Race and a Team Roping event starting at 7PM. This event kicks off the Senior Pro Rodeo weekend in the same facilities. The Barrel Race takes place in the Flamingo Arena and the Team Roping is in the Main Arena. NGRA is running a bar on both sides and providing arena crew for the barrel race. Please contact me if you want to help out.

Also board member Richard Armstrong's Henderson Saddle Association is hosting a barrel race buckle series at their arena. The arena is located at 6490 Wiesner Way, Las Vegas NV 89014. For additional information contact HSA_Gymkhanan@aol.com. The schedule is:

Sun, Oct. 11 at 9:00 am
Sat, Nov. 7 at 9:00 am

I'm going to make this my briefest article ever to leave space for photos from the rodeo.

Save a Horse...
Your Trustee

Please visit the Gallery section of the NGRA website for more pictures from BigHorn Rodeo 2009

Contestant Update

Aside from all the many NGRA members who volunteered at last month's BigHorn Rodeo, and those who worked as Officials and RPC Committee Chairs, we also had six members who were contestants. They were: Richard Armstrong, Jeffrey Butler, Ted Caldwell, Chris Due, Sean Moroz, and Darren Wernette.

Three of our contestants placed in their events. Ted earned an 8th place in Chute Dogging, Richard earned a 4th place in Flag Racing, and he and Chris partnered to a 5th place in Steer Deco.

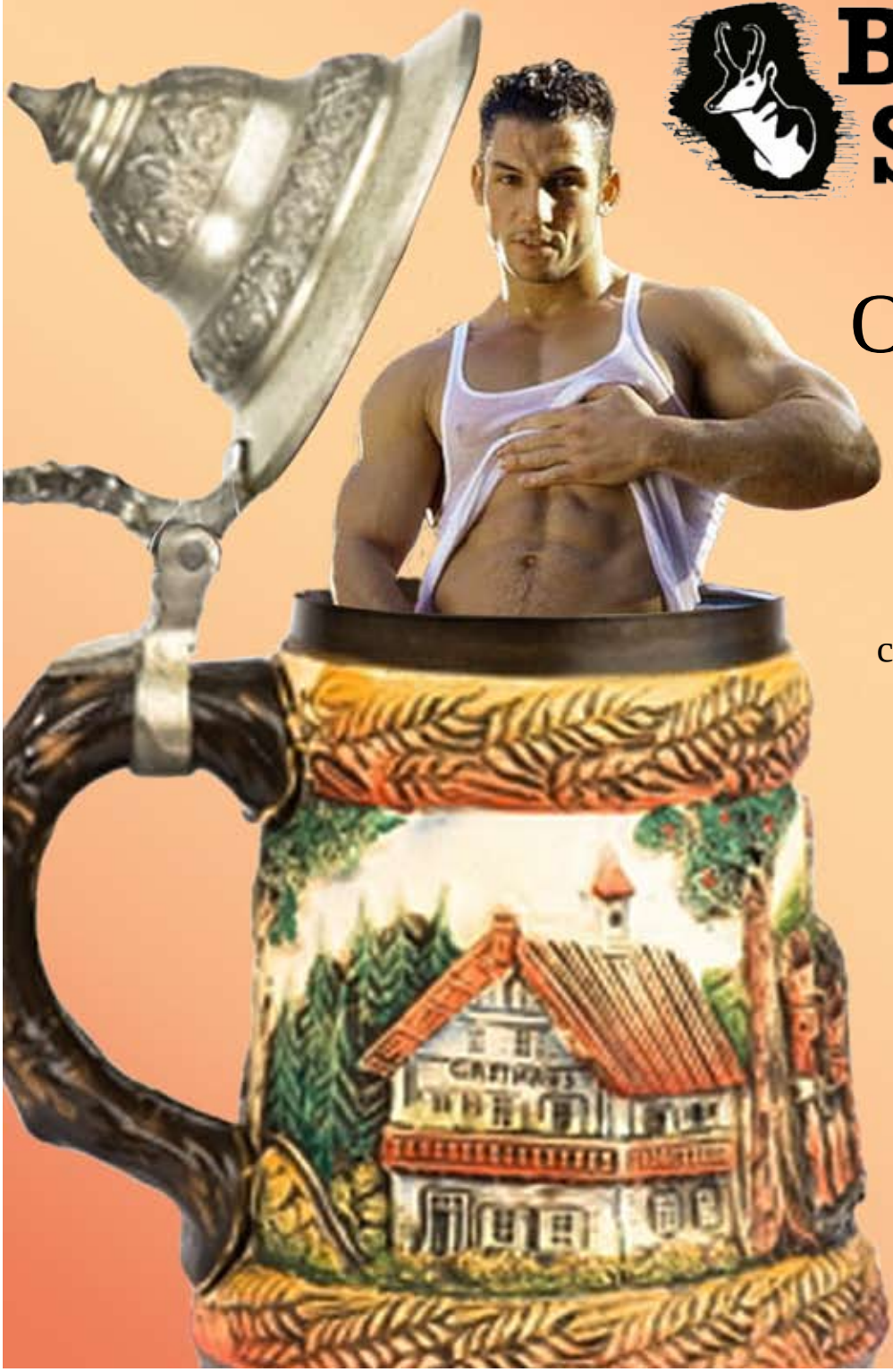
Next season starts in Phoenix with the Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR) on February 12-14, 2010. This year, they will have a rodeo school the day before rodeo, for anyone who wants to learn a new skill, or improve on what you already know. See you all on the circuit in 2010!

NGRA Welcomes our Newest Members:

Robert Presby
Sean Moroz
Pam Kazmarek
Dennis Shaull
Steven Bennett

OCTOBERFEST

IT'S HAPPENING AT



Badlands Saloon

Satuday
October 24th

Join the fun filled festivities
starting at 9 PM with
A $6.00 Bud Light Beer Bust.

Jump into your lederhosen
or your dirndl and join us in
celebrating the change in season.

Jell-O Shots
Raffles

NGRA

Fundraising Report

Wow, we're through another production year of a successful BigHorn Rodeo, thank you for your support and help in raising funds to help support this massive effort. Through the next few months we will be focusing our efforts on the operating account and assuring the smooth operation of the organization. As our new royalty team takes position working with the Board of Directors and with us not holding a BigHorn Rodeo in 2010 we have and can be creative with our fundraising direction.

As we head into the last quarter of the year many of you are exhausted from the efforts over the past year, we ask as you begin your holiday preparations to still always keep NGRA in mind and know that your support of our events is still so appreciated to what extent you can participate. We will again hold our bi-monthly events and hope to see you out at either/both Charlie's on October 10th (Fall Fantasy) or for those of you not going to Finals, at Badlands on October 24th (Octoberfest). We also have another dining night scheduled for Claim Jumper's in Town Square on October 28th. Although we have a large window of when to go to receive benefit from this program, it was suggested to offer a specific time for NGRA seating. This way someone may know when other members might be there to tag along and sit with. I offer a suggested time to us to gear for 6:00 – 7:00 pm; lets fill the restaurant with cowboys and cowgirls! Also keep in mind that this program encompasses merchandise sales, which include gift certificates. If you have that "hard to buy" person on your Christmas list, here is an opportunity to purchase a gift everyone should love and still help our organization raise funds. Take out is also available if your schedule that day is to filled to take the time for sit down service!

Again thanks to everyone for your help and support of Nevada Gay Rodeo Association!
Bill

NGRA Member of the Month August 2009

Congratulations to the member of the month for August 2009, Doug Graff, a.k.a. Winnie Baygo.

Doug is a new member to NGRA, but not new to gay rodeo. Doug comes to us from the GSGRA Bay Area chapter (Baygo/Bay area – get it).

Doug is being recognized for all his help with the Save the Whales show produced by Katrina and Mandy, which was a very big success. Winnie and Doug have both performed at several NGRA fundraisers in the past and he was our announcer at this past BigHorn rodeo.

Great job Doug, we're glad you are a member of NGRA and welcome once again to Las Vegas (also known as the IGRA retirement community – see Mandy for your canasta seating chart).

Reminder:

If you're considering competing in the Royalty Competition to be part of the 2010 Royalty Team, the deadline to apply is October 15th, 2009. The application can be found on-line at www.ngra.com.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NIGHT

Hosted By

CLAIM JUMPER RESTAURANTS

The Staff of Claim Jumper Town Square will host an evening to benefit the

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association

Claim Jumper will proudly donate 15% of your Pre-Tax food and beverage purchase to the

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association!

We hope that you can join us for a night of great food, fun, and fundraising!

(All flyers must be distributed prior to the event date)

Where: Claim Jumper Town Square

6629 Las Vegas Blvd. South (Town Square shopping center)

For Reservations, please call

(702) 270-2509

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2009

3pm – 10pm

*****Join us for Dinner, Happy Hour, or Take-Out*****

REDEMPTION FLYER

*Flyer Must be Presented When Ordering

(Please No Flyer Distribution Outside of Restaurant)

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	10 NGRA Fall Fantasy @ Charlie's
11	12 Board of Directors Meeting	13	14	15	16 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	17
18	19 NGRA General Membership Meeting	20	21	22	23 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	24 NGRA Octoberfest Celebration @ Badlands
25	26	27	28 Community Support Night	29	30 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	31

For times, locations and additional details, please visit the NGRA calendar on the web at www.ngra.com

NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in October:

Lance Coss	October 7
Aaron Stanford	October 7
Michael Judkins ♥	October 8
Lize MacDnald	October 8
Woody Allen	October 10
Shawn Dunlap	October 13
Brandon Johnson	October 16
Gina LaRock	October 17
Dennis Shaull	October 17
John Gomes	October 19
Eddy Krien	October 20
Gene Forsgren	October 30