

September 2009

David Hering, Editor

BIGHORN GAZETTE

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well we have finally made it to September, and with that comes BigHorn Rodeo - Lucky 13. Yes after months of planning, organizing, and working together, NGRA is about to saddle up and put on BigHorn Rodeo - Lucky 13 under the stars in Las Vegas. Mark your calendars for the weekend of Friday, September 18th - Sunday, September 20th. Once again BigHorn Rodeo will be held at Horseman's Park located at 5800 E. Flamingo Road, just behind Sam's Town and the Eastside Cannery. As with everything that has gone on in the world this year, NGRA is no exception as we are trying something new. This year will be our first ever nighttime rodeo being held Saturday, September 19th. On Sunday, we will be hosting the BigHorn Barrel Race Classic as we partner up with WHEI (Western Heritage Education Inc). I invite everyone to attend and show your support for the great organization that we are.

It takes a lot of hard work and support in order to put on a rodeo and I am happy with all the sponsors that have joined in supporting us this year. I would like to recognize Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. (SNAPI) for their support this year

and sponsoring BigHorn Rodeo. Along with our Rodeo Director Shaun Sewell, Mr. NGRA Darren Wernette, Miss NGRA DeShannon - aka Mitch Gill, Member at Large Jimmy Gattis and myself, SNAPI presented NGRA a check for \$6500 on Tuesday, September 21st. The money that we received from SNAPI was broken down into 2 categories with \$1510 coming from the "LOVE" program at PRIDE where NGRA ran all aspects of the front gate, the remaining \$4990 in sponsorship money. While this month is all about BigHorn Rodeo, I ask that you mark your calendars and Save the Date of May 1st 2010 for Las Vegas PRIDE.

NGRA is proud to have FOCUS (Finding Our Clients Useful Solutions) as its beneficiary for this BigHorn Rodeo - Lucky 13. We are also happy to have the support of other organizations within the community. BigHorn Rodeo is a time where you set your feelings aside, support one another and have a fun time.

I look forward to seeing everyone out at BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13.

Let's Rodeo!



Miss Sabel D'Zyre & Adam Johnson



Miss Winnebago & Joel Castillo



Mother Loosy Lust Bea Lady & BigHorn Rodeo Director, Shaun Sewell

# Royalty Report

Hey there NGRA!

Greetings from hot and dusty Texas! Your royalty team is doing a whirlwind tour of the Midwest, representing NGRA at several rodeos in August.


I'm here in Seguin, Texas at the TGRA Rodeo, after attending the Chicago Rodeo last weekend. Our Miss, DeShannon, is in Kansas City representing us at their rodeo.

Although we have our own rodeo coming up much too quickly, with lots on our plates for BigHorn Rodeo weekend, it's important that we are visible throughout the circuit. Mitch and I are proud to let the country know about the best rodeo association in the country - NGRA. We are well received and welcomed everywhere we go.

Speaking of BigHorn Rodeo weekend, Mitch and I are organizing entertainment for both our rodeo and the WHEI Barrel race. We are still in need of "Vegas quality" entertainment. If you have connections who could help us out please have them contact us directly or on the website. We've got to put on a party that won't soon be forgotten.

We're looking forward to seeing ALL of NGRA, along with your friends and family at our BigHorn Rodeo weekend events. BigHorn Rodeo 2009 - it's better at night!

Darren Wernette, Mr. NGRA 2009

 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](http://www.ngra.com).

# NGRA Member of the Month JULY 2009



(Katrina)

For the month of July 2009, NGRA honors Bill Trunzo as its member of the month. Bill was awarded the title for his tireless fundraising efforts not only for the month of July but for the entire year. For those who attended Katrina's South of the Border Brunch, you know the efforts for which he is being honored. Bill raised more than \$800 in just a few hours. In addition to the money raised, a good time was had by all who attended.

We look forward to several more successful events with Bill now at the helm of the Fundraising Committee.

Congratulation Bill – And thank you for everything you do!



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

 NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION 



# BigHorn Volunteer Appreciation Night

Saturday  
September 26th 9:30pm



NGRA takes this night to THANK our volunteers who helped make BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13 a success.

The evening festivities will center around good friends, good company and *NGRA's first Salsa and Dip cook off*. Pull out your favorite recipe or get creative with a new concoction.... you just might win a fabulous prize. We'll furnish the chips and veggies.



**Bud Light \$6  
Beer Bust  
starts at  
9:00 pm.**



**SALSA  
&  
DIP**

*Cook off*

# TRUSTEE REPORT

*Brian Rogers*

Summer is almost over and we are approaching the end of the IGRA rodeo season. See the schedule in this newsletter for the remaining events.

The Summer 4-D Barrel Race Buckle Series with Western Heritage is going well. Our first event ran smoothly and we received a lot of compliments on how well organized it was. Our second event is in two days as I write this. Join in for one of the remaining events:

1. September 20 at 12noon: BigHorn Rodeo Barrel Race Classic. \$2,000 added prize - \$5 admission fee
2. October 2-6pm: Harvest Moon Barrel Race. \$2,000 added prize - \$5 admission fee

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 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be held in Albuquerque, NM October 23-25. Make plans now if you want to see the best of the best compete to be the champions of the IGRA circuit. Visit the IGRA website for complete information. We are seeking volunteers as well and you can sign up online.

Finally, IGRA Convention is coming up on November 12-15 in Toronto, Canada. We are seeking up to six delegates and 5 alternates to represent NGRA at this important annual meeting. NGRA will pay the registration fee for our representatives who 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 and NGRA is offering a \$100 travel stipend. Please contact Lorry King no later than September 14 if you'd like to attend IGRA Convention with our delegation.



## 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.**



### 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](mailto:woodysalescars@gmail.com) or (702) 292-8745 for more information



# 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

# 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, September 23**  
**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)



# September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	12 Rodeo Kick-Off Party @ Charlie's
13	14 Board of Directors Meeting  RPC Meeting	15	16	17	18 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	19 
20 	21 NGRA General Membership Meeting	22	23 Community Support Night	24	25 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	26 Rodeo Volunteer Appreciation Night @ Badlands
27	28	29 SinCityQ Martini Mixer	30		NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	

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 September:

Jeffrey Butler  
Johnathan Polizzi  
Hank Williams  
Robert Haggard-Bunting  
Billy Peirro  
Mike Windsor  
Eddie Sherbert

September 7  
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