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BIGHORN GAZETTE

In this issue... Rodeo Season begins! Roamin' with the Gnomie, and so much more!

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well we are now approaching rodeo season with Arizona Gay Rodeo Association getting ready to start us off with Road Runner Regional Rodeo. I wish safe travels to all that are planning on attending and making a NGRA presence. BigHorn Rodeo 14 is quickly approaching and

I ask everyone to help spread the word and help our Rodeo Director Laura Scott and Co-Rodeo Director Guy Puglisi and NGRA pull off a great rodeo.

Let's rodeo.

-David Blackwood, NGRA President

## NGRA DRAG-A-PALOOZA



Taylor Frash



Bootsy Carmichael



Sabel P'Zyre



**IGRA U  
2011  
(L: Gateway  
Arch  
R: At the  
Hooters,  
David & Chris  
at the  
airport**



### FROM THE EDITOR:

Well here we are, back in the swing of IGRA Rodeo Season with AGRA's Road Runner Regional Rodeo late this month. We will be picking back up the "Horse's Mouth" article featuring competitors from across the circuit in the coming issues. And we will again feature some of our new and old membership in the spotlight articles. Look for new articles by your 2011 Royalty Team starting with this issue. As always, your feedback is greatly encouraged. Now, let's rodeo!

**-JOEL CASTILLO  
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR**

Dear friends,

I am writing this from Maui, where many of you know Bob and I spend four or five weeks each winter. Well, this year there will be a change! Yesterday we signed a nine-month lease on a condo, starting May 1st. At the end of the nine months, if we still love it here, we'll stay on permanently. We'll be renting out our house in Vegas, so if anyone knows of someone who wants to rent there, let me know.

I hope to see most of you before we leave Vegas, but our Maui place is a two bedroom, and we love guests!

Love, Lorry King



## Fundraising Committee Report



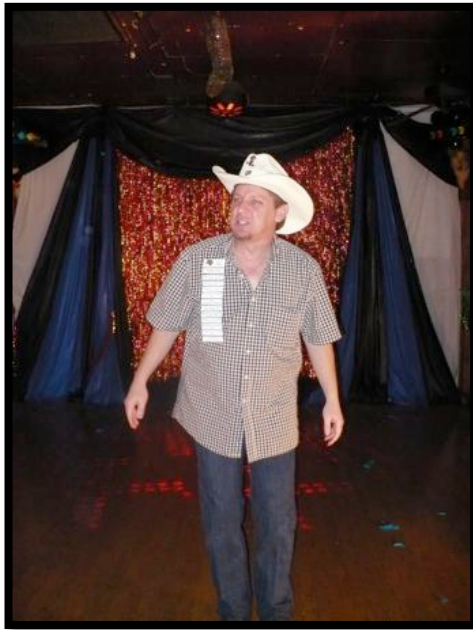
Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2011 Calendar of Events to get us through BigHorn 14 for our shows at Charlie's Las Vegas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month. January marks our return to Badlands in Commercial Center. Mark your calendars, because coming soon we have...

- NGRA BigHorn Weekend Giveaway: Will continue until May 3, 2011
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: "Hearts on Fire" @ Charlie's
- March 5<sup>th</sup>: Beneficiary for The Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest @ Charlie's
- March 12<sup>th</sup>: "Miss Cow Patty" @ Charlie's
- April 9<sup>th</sup>: "Miss Closet Ball" @ Charlie's
- April 16<sup>th</sup>: TBD (A joint fundraiser with Miss IGRA 2011 Kimberli Foxx & Miss NGRA 2011 Taylor Trash) @ Charlie's
- May 14<sup>th</sup>: "Sabel's Suicide Drag" @ Charlie's
- Upcoming shows: Cowboy & Cowgirl Fashion Show, "One Hit Wonders Show", "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda Show", Rodeo Kickoff Party at Badlands, "Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown", and so much more!!

You are always welcome to join us for our Fundraising Meetings at The Center. Our February meeting is on Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Center at 6:30 PM. All fresh ideas are always welcome. Come be a part of Fundraising for NGRA & BigHorn 14!

- NGRA Fundraising Committee

# NGRA is back at BADLANDS SALOON



**KEN WELLS**



**CHRIS REYNOLDS**



**DARREN WERNETTE**



**KATRINA**



**TAYLOR TRASH**



**MORMANIZER**

# News from NGRA

We have a few announcements for our membership this month. Please note the calendar and all the changes for meetings this month.

- RPC Meeting Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at The Center @ 6:30 PM
- Fundraising Committee Meeting, Monday, February 14, 2011 at The Center @ 6:30 PM
- Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at The Center @ 6:30 PM

Also, all those interested in running for seats on the NGRA Board of Directors, elections are coming up in the next few months. All seats, except Trustee, are open. President and Treasurer are 2-year terms and the rest of the board has a 1-year term. Our 2011-2012 Elections Chair is Guy Puglisi ([trustee@ngra.com](mailto:trustee@ngra.com)) and you can email him for more information or to just let him know your intent to run for a seat on the 2011-2012 NGRA Board of Directors.

## 2010 NGRA Member of the Year

The purpose of the NGRA Member of the Year Selection process is to recognize members by naming a Member of the Year who has made exceptional contributions to NGRA within the calendar year. All 2010 Members of the Month will automatically be named as candidates. Nominations are also accepted by emailing them in to [vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com). Any member in good standing may nominate another member by submitting a written nomination that includes reasons for his or her consideration. All nominations are due no later than February 14, 2011. Nominees will be notified upon receipt of their nomination, and all bios are due by February 23, 2011. Ballots will be mailed out to all members February 25, 2011. All Ballots are due by March 17, 2011. Results of the vote will be announced at the March 2011 General Membership Meeting. The 2010 Member of the Year will receive a plaque and distinctive badge dangle. A feature article about them with a photo will run in the April issue of the BigHorn Gazette.

### 2010 Members of the Month:

- January 2010 - No Nominees
- February 2010 - Joel Castillo
- March 2010 - Michael Judkins
- April 2010 - Bill Watkins
- May 2010 - Jason C.
- June 2010 - Darren Wernette
- July 2010 - Shaun Sewell
- August 2010 - Darren Wernette
- September 2010 - Bill Trunzo aka Katrina
- October 2010 - James Crawford
- November 2010 - Joel Castillo
- December 2010 - Randy Grant aka Mormanizer

# TRUSTEE'S CORNER

by Guy Puglisi

NGRA Trustee 2011-2014



Howdy Members!

I cannot believe February is already upon us! IGRA University went off without a hitch in Saint Louis and was well-attended by NGRA; in fact, NGRA was the second largest contingency at University. I brought back a lot of information to share with the NGRA membership, which is bulleted on the right. Congratulations to our members, named elsewhere in the newsletter, who were awarded certificates of achievement, Associate's Degrees and Bachelor's Degrees. Mitch Gill, who recently moved to Iowa to get married and get the (V)IGRA association up and running, earned his Master's Degree in Rodeo Arts. Okay, in all seriousness, it is the Iowa Gay Rodeo Association (IAGRA) but that is not how we are referring to it on the circuit!

The next rodeo coming up, Regional Road Runner Rodeo (RRRR) in Phoenix is the only rodeo in February. I suspect we will see a lot of representation from NGRA and other folks from Las Vegas—including the Men of Charlie's Las Vegas. I will be the Rodeo Secretary again this year and I am really looking forward to having a great time—as always. Our very own Laura Scott is one of the Assistant Rodeo Directors for RRRR again this year. Rumor has it some big, tall Texan gal is coming all the way to Phoenix to visit her! I hope to see many of you down in Phoenix during their rodeo weekend, which is conveniently being held over the President's Day holiday, February 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. I will be going down on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> and staying until Monday night so I do not miss any of the action. Until next time, be good...or good at it!

Let's rodeo!!

## IGRA Board Meeting Highlights—St. Louis, Missouri—January 14, 2011

### IGRA President, Doug Graff Reported:

- Trustees and Certified Officials will now be the official contestant liaisons.
- Subsidies from IGRA will stop effective 2012 for IGRA University, Royalty Competition and Dance Competitions.
- Opportunities: IGRA website, NYC Trade Show, Gay Days in Orlando, corporate Bud Light sponsorship, IGRA Convention to be "owned" by IGRA, and better utilization of the online store. The online store will allow the purchase of IGRA merchandise, rule book requests and registration for IGRA Convention and University.
- President's priorities include: consolidation of association memberships, which will allow associations to setup memberships and renewals on the IGRA store site; Rodeo Resources will be moved within IGRA University; chairperson selection for IGRA Hall of Fame and Women's Outreach Committees and selection of an IGRA Media Spokesperson by the next board meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. Resumes will be accepted through February for any one interested in the IGRA Media Spokesperson position. In the interim, Doug Graff will handle these duties while the job description is better defined and a candidate is selected.
- Automatic shipments of rodeo rule books will stop effective this year. Until now, rule books were being mailed to all contestants who competed in the last two years. Going forward, contestants will have to request rule books from the IGRA website to have one mailed to them. There will be additional rule books available at the Phoenix rodeo in February to help us through the adjustment period while contestants become familiar with the new process. Associations will still be mailed 10 rule books at the beginning of the year and more right before their rodeo. Officials will continue to receive rule books and CDs as they have in the past.

### Other Info:

Ed Barry was appointed as corporate auditor as he is a CPA and has an extensive financial background.

### IGRA Vice President, Andrew Goodman Reported:

- The fundraising goals for the IGRA royalty team are being increased to be more in-line with the new budget, which excludes \$5K in funding for the royalty competition in 2012. The new goals for the team are \$12,200 for IGRA and \$2,800 for charity, totaling \$15K.
- One of the main goals of the IGRA royalty team this year is to focus on community outreach, which includes increasing membership, getting new contestants on-board for the royalty program, rodeos and the dance competition.

### IGRA Administrative Assistant, Tommy Channel Reported:

- The WGRF committee would like to be given a one-page ad in each rodeo program when possible.
- The IGRA liability insurance policy was discussed and each association will be billed based on whether they are having a rodeo, rodeo school or neither. The cost is about \$420 for associations hosting a rodeo, about \$210 for those not hosting a rodeo and about \$110 for a stand-alone rodeo school. Rodeo schools held during the same rodeo weekend will be insured under the rodeo policy. The additional insured forms are available on the IGRA website.

### IGRA University Bids for 2012 and 2013:

- Bids were accepted from GWGRA, NGRA, and SGRA. GWGRA won the bid for both years and IGRA-U will be held in St. Louis the next two years.

### Trustee Meeting Highlights

- ARGRA was granted a variance to buck heifers instead of junior bulls.
- The finals committee was granted a variance for their arena size of 100 x 200, where 120 x 195 is required. The finals committee was also granted a variance for their date change to Oct 7-9, 2011.
- The Rodeo Review Process was discussed. When >1/3 of the trustees are present, the Rodeo Review Committee will consist of the Division Chairs and the Rodeo Review Trustee; when ≤1/3 are present, it will consist of all trustees who are present.
- The rodeo checklist was revised and accepted.



## Rodeo Round-Up...

BigHorn 14 News from  
Laura Scott, Rodeo Director

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

THE POWER OF RODEO

THE FUTURE IS NOW

**BIGHORN  
RODEO 14**

**May 20 - 22, 2011**

2 exciting days of great action  
Horsemen's Park and  
East Side Cannery Hotel & Casino

Contact us at:  
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PRIDE BUD LIGHT NSRA

Howdy folks, your Bighorn Rodeo Planning Committee is hard at work preparing for, what we hope is, one of the best rodeos we have put on.

Everything is going as planned with BigHorn 14. Starting Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, our Pool party will be from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM, hosted by the lovely Victoria London, at our host hotel, The East Side Cannery followed by Contestant Registration from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Horseman's Park.

Rodeo all day Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and the biggest dance under the stars is scheduled for Saturday night. We hope to have some surprises for you that night.

Rodeo all day Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then our BBQ and awards ceremony Sunday night. \$20.00 gets you both days at the rodeo plus the dance Saturday night. Pool party is free. Please come out and support Bighorn Rodeo 14 as all proceeds this year go to the Sin City Sisters SADAP Program.

Visit our website at [www.bighornrodeo.com](http://www.bighornrodeo.com) for more information.

In Cowgirl Pride,

*Laura Scott*

# NGRA FUNDRAISERS!!!

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**Saturday • February 12**

at

*Charlie's*

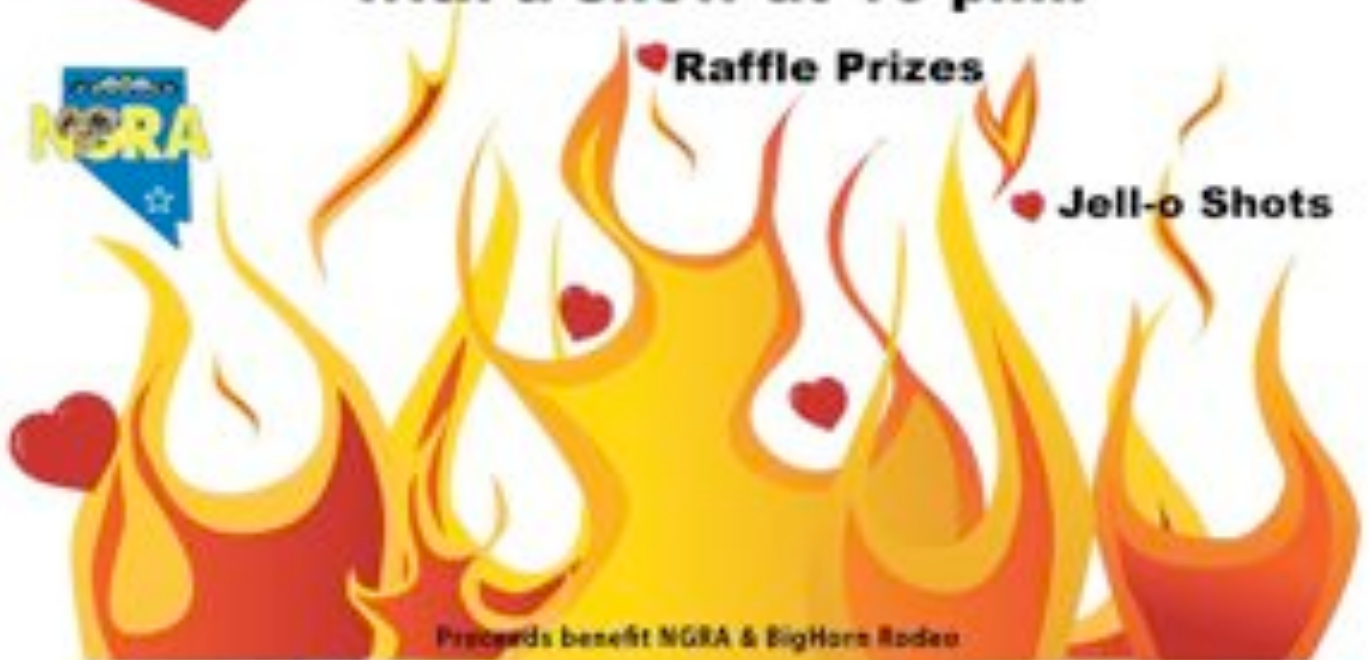
Las Vegas

**Beer Bust at 9 p.m.  
with a show at 10 p.m.**



♥ Raffle Prizes

♥ Jell-o Shots



Proceeds benefit NGRA & Big Horn Rodeo

# FROM MISS IGRA 2011, KIMBERLI FOXX

QVegas and Charlie's Las Vegas proudly present Kimberli Foxx's 2nd Annual Red Ribbon Review. This is the official kickoff party for the Sin City Sisters' Red Dress Weekend. Proceeds from the evening's festivities directly benefit the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Hosted by Kimberli Foxx and J.son with special guest adult film superstar Michael Brandon. The evening will include jello shots, raffle prizes, games, a kissing booth hosted by Michael Brandon and a show with special guests:

Syren Vaughn, Taylor Trash Miss NGRA 2011, JewDi Vine, Diana Prince, the Boyz of Charlie's, Chris Reynold's Mr. NGRA 2011, Alex Michaels, Xenovia Savage and many many more!

HOT GO-GO dancers will be entertaining the masses during the dance breaks!

Red Attire Is Suggested and Requested!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

QVEGAS AND CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS PROUDLY PRESENT  
KIMBERLI FOXX'S 2ND ANNUAL RED RIBBON REVIEW  
THE OFFICIAL KICKOFF PARTY FOR THE SIN CITY SISTER'S CHERRY POPPIN RED DRESS WEEKEND  
AT CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, 2011  
9PM-1AM  
HOSTED BY KIMBERLI FOXX  
MISS INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION 2011  
AND J.SON  
EDITOR OF QVEGAS AND HOST OF NAKEDBOYNEWS.COM  
COME CELEBRATE LIFE AND REMEMBER THE RED RIBBON!  
THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE A SHOW WITH SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY, RED JELLO SHOTS, AND AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES!  
ALSO STOP BY THE KISSING BOOTH HOSTED BY HONORARY HOST ADULT FILM SUPERSTAR  
MICHAEL BRANDON  
PHOTO BY: KENT TAYLOR  
ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE REVIEW WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE SIN CITY SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE AND THEIR AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM!  
(RED ATTIRE IS APPRECIATED AND ENCOURAGED)  
Blue Moon  
QVEGAS  
Charlie's Las Vegas  
SIN CITY SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE





## ROAMIN WITH THE GNOMIE

This year is off and running and this article will keep you up to date on the goings on and travelings of our resident Gnome, MR NGRA 2011, Chris Reynolds along with the rest of the 2011 Royalty team.

This January, Taylor and I hopped on the wonderful Southwest Airlines and headed back east to the snow and ice covered streets of St Louis for IGRA University. It was a great time and to know that NGRA was the third largest representatives there was even better. Classes were great, the dance competition was fun, with a big Congrats to our own Doug Graff for winning a buckle for first time Couples dancing with Kimberly Kay. Both Taylor and I performed that night and got to know some of the other royalty from around the country. The lunch outing to Hooters was a blast. Hooters had the Bikers against Child Abuse and IGRA in the house all together. Fried pickles, covered tots, new friends and beer... what could be better?

We headed out to see the local sites on Fri night and the St Louis Hat Society made its first appearance at Uncle Bill's. Pics are on Facebook. On Saturday night, I headed back out to JJ's Saloon, the local bear bar, with Miss OGRA, Anita Rider, Miss IGRA Kimberli Foxx and a local resident, Chad, for a BLAST of an evening with all the hot Cowboys and Bears. And that night, we learned a valuable lesson when you travel with people, if you share a room, make sure your key works before they head out and make sure your name is on the room...Just ask Taylor (LOL). The team is off next to Phoenix Rodeo to kick off the Rodeo Season. Arizona better watch out, NGRA is on its way in full force! Till next month, Safe travels to all and never forget, Never Roam without your Gnome!

-Chris Reynolds, Mr. NGRA 2011

One might wonder what goes on in the life of being Miss Nevada Gay Rodeo Association 2011 and, well at times, I ask myself the same question. As I look at what is planned on my calendar for this year, I can see that it will require a lot of make-up. Since being crowned, I have made some rounds with my husband for the year, Chris Reynolds Mr. Nevada Gay Rodeo Association 2011, and some without. I am fortunate to have two wonder runner-ups that have helped me out greatly, Mormanizer, Miss NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up and Veronica DeBaygo Miss NGRA 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up. I look forward to this year as a team.



I can say that you have to always be prepared and learn from your lessons. With that, a few of the lessons that have been learned so far is "make sure you have a back-up outfit". Yes, as skinny as I am, I ran into a zipper problem and not enough fabric to zip up a beautiful blue dress, as I popped the fastener. [Editor's Note: I lost an eye in the incident] On my recent trip to St. Louis, I went to get ready and found out that the shaving cream that I purchased had no top to dispense the shaving cream. Lucky for me Chris had packed shaving cream. Now the biggest lesson learned thus far is "when you check into a hotel for the weekend, make sure your name is also added to the room". Somehow, the room card decided to not work and allow me to get back into my room. With my name not being on the room reservation, I could not get back in, being locked out of the room until Chris returned. This will definitely be remembered.

February will begin the start of the Rodeo Season with the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Arizona. This should be a fun weekend as the Royalty Team will be out in force that weekend. Who knows what will happen so stay tuned.

This is my life to the T-list.

Taylor Trash

# NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in February:



|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Chris Cope        | February 5  |
| Sister Glo        | February 8  |
| Daniel Roybal     | February 8  |
| Dale Loftin       | February 9  |
| Rolando Rodriguez | February 9  |
| David Cash        | February 10 |
| George Vierra     | February 12 |
| KirkMichael Kanie | February 13 |
| Sister Sioux      | February 17 |
| Jim St. Marie     | February 17 |
| Cory Trujillo     | February 28 |



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed   | Thu | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|-----|---|-----|---|---|
|   |   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5<br>*Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM   |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9<br>*BigHorn RPC Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center   | 10  | 11  | 12<br>*NGRA "Hearts on Fire" @ Charlie's 9:00PM   |
| 13  | 14<br>*Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center. All are welcome.<br><br>Happy Valentine's Day!! | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18<br>AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix AZ | 19<br>AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix AZ |
| 20<br>AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix AZ<br><br><br><br>3 Months until BigHorn Rodeo! | 21  | 22  | 23<br>*Deadline for August Newsletter<br><br>*NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership Begins at 6:30 PM at The Center | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  |     |   |     |   |   |