



January 2010



BIGHORN GAZETTE

David Hering, Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard for me to believe that it is a new year 2010, where did 2009 go? It seems like just yesterday we were ringing in 2009. As a child growing up days seemed like an eternity, now as we are older, they seem to just fly by. The traditional New Year's resolutions are now upon us, giving us yet another opportunity to succeed with what we set out to achieve. Yes the typical I am going to drink less, work out more and lose weight seem to always make the top of list for resolutions. Although living in Las Vegas, the land of the all you can eat buffets and no last call for alcohol tend to be an obstacle for achieving some resolutions. If you set your mind to it, you can easily achieve your goals.

As we move into the New Year, we are given the opportunity to focus on different opportunities. Taking a year off from producing BigHorn Rodeo is a big change, but allows us to focus on working with IGRA and having a very successful Finals 2010. University is a month earlier this year, the 15th of January to be exact, a time for us to learn from others how we make our organization stronger, what has worked for other associations,

what didn't really work etc. As well as getting a chance to catch up with our rodeo family from all over.

January is going to be a packed month, filled with events starting with a Beer Bust on Friday, January 8th at Fun Hog Ranch, followed by our Charlie's fundraiser on Saturday, January 9th. Then we have the IGRA University Back to School Show on Thursday, January 14th. IGRA University will run from January 15th thru 17th and our own Royalty Competition will take place at Charlie's on the evening of January 15th. We will end out the month with our fundraiser at Badlands Saloon on Saturday, January 23rd. In between all of this, don't forget the Board of Directors meet on Monday, January 11th and our General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18th. Following the General membership Meeting will be the first meeting of the NGRA Finals Planning Committee. Who said things slow down after the holidays?

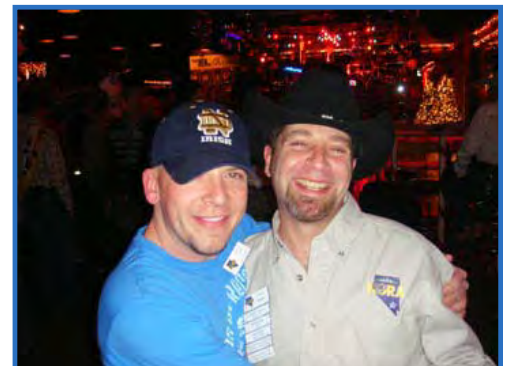
As we start the year I look forward to seeing everyone come out and support NGRA in whatever way you can.



Sin City Sisters accept a check from BigHorn Rodeo 2009 & NGRA



NGRA Member, Jason Loring & NGRA President, David Blackwood



NGRA Member, Jason Crocetti and NGRA Past President, Shaun Sewell celebrate a Country Christmas



NGRA Presents its NEW Monthly event:
First Fridays at FUN HOG RANCH!

THE HOG GOES COUNTRY

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH*
*STARTING JANUARY 8, 2010

\$5 BEER BUST
TILL 2 A.M.

RAFFLES
PRIZES

FUN HOG RANCH
las vegas nevada



495 E. Twain • Las Vegas • Nevada

1/08/10 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
2/05/10 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
3/05/10 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
4/02/10 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Fundraiser to benefit the NGRA & the
World Gay Rodeo Finals 2010 * Laughlin, NV

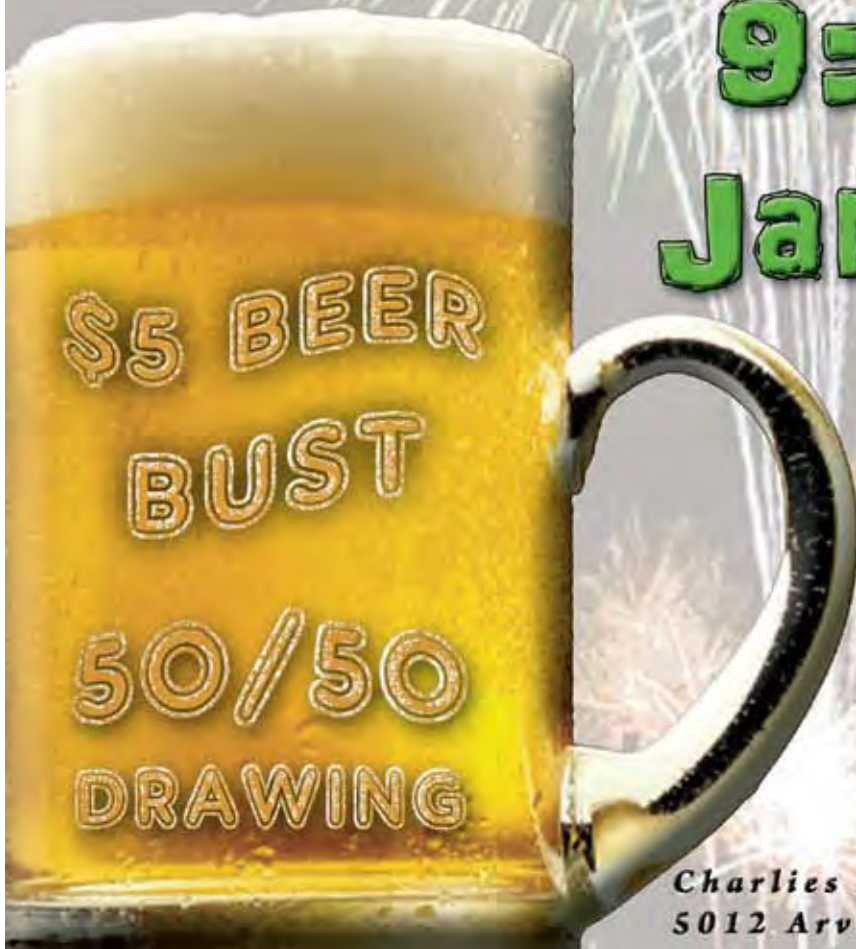




Start THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

**CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH
NGRA FOR OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!**

**9:00 P.M.
January 9,
2010**



Charlie's
Las Vegas

Charlie's Las Vegas
5012 Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brian Rogers

It's been an eventful and exciting year for NGRA, but I have to say that I am glad to see 2009 come to a close. For many of our members and friends this has been a very challenging year. Let's hope 2010 brings better prosperity to all.

First off for 2010, we are all excited to be hosting IGRA University at the Tuscany in January. IGRA-U will kick off the rodeo year for IGRA. It's always an exciting time as we welcome so many IGRA visitors from around the country and Canada. In addition to attending IGRA-U and our NGRA Royalty Competition, we will be hosting the IGRA Board of Directors and Finals Rodeo committees that weekend. Word has it that there will also be 1,500 gay softball players at the Tuscany that weekend for a big softball tournament called the Sin City Shootout. Come join the fun!

The big event for NGRA in 2010 is the World Gay Rodeo Finals, which we will be hosting in Laughlin in October. NGRA is forming a planning committee which will meet monthly to coordinate NGRA's involvement and support of the event. Watch for an membership email blast shortly with your invitation to attend and get involved.

Here's wishing you and yours a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

Save a Horse...
Your Trustee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 8, 2010
The Hog Goes Country
@ Fun Hog Ranch

January 9, 2010
NGRA Fundraiser @ Charlie's

January 14, 2010
Back To School Party @ Badlands

January 15, 2010
NGRA 2010 Royalty Competition

January 15-17, 2010
IGRA University

January 16, 2010
IGRA Dance Competition

January 23, 2010
NGRA Winter Olympics Preview
Celebration & Show @ Badlands

February 23, 2010
NGRA Winter Break @ Badlands

Every Friday Night
NGRA Appreciation Night
@ Charlie's



NGRA ANNOUNCES THE FORMATION OF THE NGRA **F**INALS **P**LANNING **C**OMMITTEE.

Come be a part of history as NGRA prepares to stage the best ever World Gay Rodeo Finals! The NGRA Finals Planning Committee will meet monthly immediately following the General Membership meeting and everyone is welcome. Although IGRA produces this annual event, the host association is ultimately highly involved in the production. The FPC will plan and execute NGRA's support and involvement in this great and exciting event.

The first organizational meeting will take place at The Center on January 18 at approximately 7:30 PM. *Come Join the Fun!*

IGRA University 2010

ACADEMY OF RODEO ARTS

Las Vegas Campus ~ January 15-17, 2010

Back to School



Beer Bust & Show

Thursday, January 14, 2010 * 9:00 p.m.

Meet your classmates and start the weekend off with \$6 Beer Bust, Jello Shots, and great performances!

Proceeds from the "Back to School" event will benefit NGRA & IGRA University



Badlands Saloon * Commercial Center
953 E Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

How many of you have read NGRA's Mission Statement? Probably most of you, as it's on both the membership application as well as on our web site.

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit social organization dedicated to preserving the western lifestyle and producing gay rodeos with a commitment to raise funds for charitable organizations within our community.

Note the highlighted text. That's right, RAISING FUNDS, or as more commonly called, FUNDRAISING.

Each of us is a member of the fundraising team. We can choose to be an active member or a passive member. Both are important in our quest to raise funds.

You can ACTIVELY be a member by attending fundraising meetings, participating in fundraisers, or by helping come up with new and innovative ways of parting folks from their money.

You can PASSIVELY be a member simply by making your presence be known at our fundraisers. Come on out and show support, buy some raffle tickets, enjoy our BudLight beer busts, tip the entertainers.

Every bit of support, no matter how small, does help us out. New ideas are always welcome.

We do have set days for events. This is done so that we can all know where we can be found on a given day. The second Saturday of each month we'll be at Charlie's Las Vegas, the fourth Saturday we'll be at Badlands Saloon. Starting in February, we'll be hosting the First Friday Beer Bust at Fun Hog Ranch.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Events are posted on our website, www.ngra.com.

WANTED:

Editor/Publisher

NGRA is seeking a qualified individual to assume the responsibility of editing and publishing the monthly BigHorn Gazette (Newsletter). If you think you have what it takes, and are interested in assuming the position of Newsletter Editor/Publisher, please contact NGRA President, David Blackwood via e-mail @ president@ngra.com

**Official NGRA
Embroidered
Shirts at
Reduced
Cost!**

After researching various companies, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering our official NGRA shirt now in 2 different fabrics at a reduced cost! Both long sleeve stone colored shirts have the current design with the multicolored NGRA logo on the left chest and blue NGRA letters on the right sleeve. One shirt is a heavier 100% cotton twill identical to the current one and the other is a lighter weight wrinkle resistant 55/45 cotton/poly twill. The heavier shirt will be priced at \$39.99 compared with the current price of \$50.00. The lighter shirt will be priced at \$29.99.

Please stay tuned as we update our NGRA online store to reflect these upcoming changes. Full detailed shirt specifications will be listed as well as purchase options. Get ready to replace your worn out shirts and stock up on our 2 new shirts at a more affordable price! Just in time for the new year... Yee-haw and happy holidays!



*NGRA Presents it's
18th Annual*



*Royalty
Competition
2010*



*Mr. NGRA Candidate
JD Jensen
&*

*Miss NGRA Candidate
Kimberli Foxx*



Friday, January 15, 2010

Beginning @ 8:30 p.m.

*Charlies Las Vegas
5012 Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118*

Charlies
Las Vegas



Vancouver 2010



**\$6
Beer Bust**

**Participate in the
NGRA Bar Games**

***January 23, 2010
9:00 p.m.***

**Get the scoop on our
US Olympic Athletes**

**Badlands Saloon * Commercial Center
953 E Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104**

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 1 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	2	
3	4	5 NGRA Fundraising Meeting	6	7	8 Hog Goes Country @ FunHog	9 NGRA Event & Fundraiser @ Charlie's
10	11 Board of Directors Meeting	12	13	14 Back To School Event @ Badlands	15 NGRA Royalty Competition @ Charlie's	16 IGRA University & Dance Competition
17 IGRA University	18 Membership Meeting & Final's Committee Meeting	19	20	21	22 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	23 NGRA Event & Fundraiser @ Badlands
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	30

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

NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in January:

Ted Caldwell
 Gene Person
 Frank Maloone
 Ken Wells
 Jeffrey Neal
 Ryan Gagen
 Bill Trunzo
 Jimmy Gattis

January 1
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 January 4
 January 6
 January 10
 January 12
 January 15
 January 26