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NGRA

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BIGHORN GAZETTE

In this issue... 2011 Membership & Renewal Drive is underway!!!

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WELCOME LAS VEGAS NEVADA

NGRA Membership Renewals

FOR 2011 ARE NOW UNDERWAY AT WWW.NGRA.COM

NGRA Your Name Here

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

RENEW BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2011 TO AVOID ADDITIONAL PENALTIES

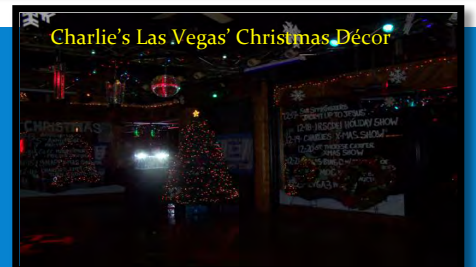
Taylor Trash & Sabel D'Zyre present Chris Saldaña his IGRA Award



NGRA Community Auction Wreaths



Charlie's Las Vegas' Christmas Décor



Alex Michaels & Mandy Barbarell



Jason C. is Man of the Year for the Men of Charlie's



BigHorn 14 Rodeo Director, Laura Scott



FROM THE EDITOR:

Another year has come and gone and NGRA is 5 months away from producing BigHorn 14. If you have a little extra time or money, please donate your time and some money to help make it a HUGE success!

Don't forget renewals for your Membership.

-JOEL CASTILLO
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To NGRA Member, Bill Trunzo aka Katrina, on being elected Empress 13 of all Las Vegas.

Congratulations to Mitch Gill aka DeShannon on her upcoming nuptials!

Congratulations to Jason C. for winning Man of the Year for the Men of Charlie's 2010!



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 2nd Saturday of the Month. January marks our return to Badlands in Commercial Center. Mark your calendars, because coming soon we have...

January 29th: "1st in 10" @ Badlands

February 12th: "Hearts on Fire" @ Charlie's

March 12th: "Miss Cow Patty" @ Charlie's

April 9th: "Miss Closet Ball" @ Charlie's

May 14th: "Sabel's Suicide Drag" @ Charlie's

You are always welcome to join us for our Fundraising Meetings at The Center. Our January meeting is on Wednesday, January 12, 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

2011 IGRA University St. Louis, MO

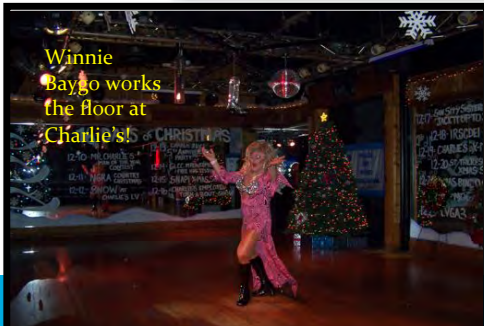


ATTENTION NGRA MEMBERS

Are you interested in attending IGRA University in St. Louis, MO January 14-16, 2011? Well NGRA is sponsoring the tuition for up to 10 currently active members. You are covered for the amount of pre-registration (\$75.00) and will be reimbursed after University. Pre-Registration deadline is December 31, 2010. If you register after this date, NGRA will still only reimburse you up to \$75.00 of your total registration.

Please contact NGRA Trustee Elect, Guy Puglisi at trustee@ngra.com to secure your spot on the NGRA IGRA-U Student Roster. You must register on your own at www.igra.com for classes. You will receive confirmation via email and send a copy to Guy for proof of registration to confirm your tuition is paid by NGRA.

See you at University!



Winnie Baygo works the floor at Charlie's Christmas



Mandy Barbarell works hard for the money!



Andrew Ryan dazzles the crowd!

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Howdy Members!

As most of us begin winding down from the holidays and prepare to say goodbye to 2010, the new rodeo year is quickly approaching. After taking several years off from holding any board positions so I could finish my degree and focus on my career, I am proud to say I am ready to get back in the saddle. As the newly-elected NGRA Trustee for 2011-2013 and Co-Rodeo Director for BigHorn 14, I will have plenty to keep me busy on a local and international level when combined with my duties as an IGRA-Certified Secretary and Scorekeeper.

The first IGRA event of the year is IGRA University, which will be hosted in Saint Louis, Missouri this year over Martin Luther King weekend in January. An email was recently sent out as a reminder that NGRA will reimburse \$75 in tuition costs for up to 10 members who attend rodeo seminars. If you are planning to attend, be sure to email me at trustee@ngra.com as soon as possible before we run out of slots! University has a reputation for being a lot of fun after hours once all the serious business is taken care of during the day. I will be attending the first IGRA Board of Directors and Board of Trustee meetings on Friday and plan to have a lot of fun the rest of the weekend. This little Porkchop plans to go "Weeeeeeeee, weeeeeeeee, weeeeeeeee" all the way to the nighttime parties!

One of the things I have noticed since I started getting more involved again is the need to get more members actively involved in our organization and the events we put on. One of my goals is to reach out to our membership, past and present, to get more folks involved or bring them back into the mix. I personally know sometimes we all need a break from our routines no matter what they are. With the recent state of the economy, fundraising has really been a struggle for our hardworking Fundraising Committee members and royalty team. I am very excited to see our new royalty team meet the challenges the Rodeo Planning Committee (RPC) has given them in regard to raising the necessary funds to but on our main event of the year, BigHorn Rodeo.

With our rodeo around the corner in less than five months, it is critical to get as many people involved in its production as we possibly can. Having many people involved to participate or help put on events lessens the burden for all of us and allows us all to unite, do a little work and have a great time doing it! Putting on events with the same small handful of folks can be exhausting for everybody and can cause the organization to lose perspective. NGRA needs involvement and ideas from a wide range of its membership and community at large. I encourage you to participate as often as you can and to encourage others to do the same. The success of our organization and events depends on all of us. I hope to see you all soon, whether it is at IGRA University or at our NGRA meetings and fundraisers. Be good...or good at it! Let's rodeo!!

-Guy Puglisi, 2011-2013 Trustee





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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Guy Puglisi: corodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com
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For more information bighornrodeo.com

PRIDE NGRA

NGRA FUNDRAISERS!!!

NGRA

**THE AMAZINGLY
F A B U L O U S
R A C E**

SATURDAY JANUARY 8TH AT

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Jello Shots

NGRA Membership Drive
New & Renewals

Scavenger Hunt
Prize for Scavenger Hunt Winner

Fabulous Show

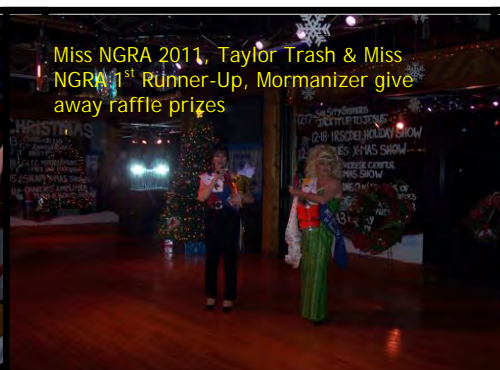
Raffle Prizes

9:00 PM Bud Light
Beer Bust

9:30 PM Sign-Ups
for Scavenger Hunt

10:00 PM Show

Proceeds benefit NGRA & Big Horn Rodeo



NGRA FUNDRAISERS!!!

1st & Tom :

On our way to a Great Year
and The Big Game



Saturday - Jan 29



NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in December:



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| Ted Caldwell | January 1 |
| Gene Person | January 1 |
| Frank Maione | January 4 |
| Ken Wells | January 6 |
| Jeffrey Neal | January 10 |
| Ryan Gagen | January 12 |
| Bill Trunzo | January 15 |
| Jimmy Gattis | January 26 |



Miss NGRA 2nd Runner-Up,
Veronica Debaygo



Sabel D'Zyre & Katrina



Chris Saldaña, Taylor Trash &
Sabel D'Zyre



The incomparable Miss
Winnie Baygo!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 *Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 *NGRA "Amazingly Fabulous Race" @ Charlie's 9:00PM
9	10 *BigHorn RPC Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center	11	12 *Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at Charlie's All are welcome.	13	14 IGRA University in St. Louis, MO	15 IGRA University in St. Louis, MO
16 IGRA University in St. Louis, MO	17 *NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership Begins at 6:30 PM at The Center	18	19	20	21	22
23 *Deadline for August Newsletter	24	25	26	27	28	29 "1 st in 10 Show" @ Badlands 9:00PM
30	31					