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BIGHORN GAZETTE

In this issue... Meet the 2013 NGRA Royalty Contestants, Haunted Hayride Show, & IGRA Finals!!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



For the third year, IGRA University will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, January 11-13, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Downtown. It's a great way to learn all about rodeo and rodeo associations. NGRA will reimburse the registration fees of up to ten members who verify that they attended at least two classes at IGRA U.

If you're planning on going to IGRA University, please let Trustee Guy Puglisi know by e-mailing trustee@ngra.com.

-Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell

NGRA President

*The 2013 NGRA Royalty Competition date has been slated for
Saturday, December 8, 2012
at Charlie's Las Vegas*

*For information, please contact our 2013 Royalty Competition
Director, Chris Reynolds at bubba4behr@gmail.com*

FROM THE EDITOR:

Hello Friends! The Fall is upon us and we are gearing up for some fun-filled events over the next few months. From Halloween, to Thanksgiving, to the Holidays, and crowning the 21st NGRA Royalty Team.

We have 3 awesome contestants running this year and I encourage all of you to get to know them and come out to their fundraisers and events.

You can always email me at: BigHornEditor@ngra.com at any time!

Thank you!

-JOEL CASTILLO
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

NGRA presents
**City Slickers
&
Country Kickers**

Saturday October 13th
7:00 to 10:00 PM
Beer Bust
Jell-O Shots
Raffle Prizes
&
BBQ Food

The Garage
1487 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the NGRA Royalty Team



Fundraising Committee Report



Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2012 Calendar. Please join us on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 7-10PM at The Garage (1487 E. Flamingo Rd.) for City Slickers & Country Kickers! We will have Beer Bust, Food, Raffles, and the hottest "Mechanics" in Vegas! We also have the "Haunted Hyride Show" at Charlie's Las Vegas on Saturday, October 27, 2012 with Beer Bust at 9PM and show at 10PM. This promises to be a Howling good time. Costumes are strongly encouraged!

We have so many things coming up in our community, and are hopeful that our NGRA Membership will show up en masse and help us raise the money we need! We hope to see old and new faces out and about. Every dollar helps! So come join us for some fun!

Our next meeting is TBD. Stay tuned to the webpage for updates on the next meeting. All are encouraged to attend!

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



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October 4, 2012

Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation Announces First Paladin Award Dinner

It is time to dust off your best cowboy and cowgirl duds and attend the 2012 Paladin Award Dinner to support the Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation™.

This dress up western award dinner will honor one individual or group with the first ever “Paladin” Award. The Paladin term has long been used to recognize the “hero of a cause” and in this case it has a western heritage theme. The winner of the recognition is a closely guarded secret and will be announced at the dinner event, following a presentation of “Pride in the Saddle”, the history of gay rodeo in Nevada.

The Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation™ (GLRHF) was established in 2009 and has federal 501(c)3 status. A portion of your ticket to the dinner is tax deductible. As a charitable organization, the Mission of the GLRHF is to serve the broader community by preserving, maintaining, promoting and communicating the role of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals in the sport of rodeo and the western lifestyle.

This Mission is achieved through private donations, application for grants and hosting educational and cultural events. Funds raised will be used to support projects designed to document and preserve relevant historical events, rodeo training schools, scholarships, lectures, workshops and rodeos, with an emphasis on outreach to the younger rural GLBTQ community.

The Paladin Award is given annually. This year has significance as the inaugural award presentation. The event is happening Sunday November 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Tuscan Hotel in Las Vegas, immediately following the 2012 International Gay Rodeo Association Convention. Individual tickets are \$100.00 and a group rate is available.

More information on the Foundation and the dinner event is available at: www.glrhf.org. Individual, couple or group tickets may be purchased on the IGRA Convention website at www.igra.com or by email request to bhelander@me.com.

The Royalty Roundup

From your
20th Anniversary Team

Hello Members,

Wow, what a year it has been! First, we would like to congratulate Dita B., Brian, & West on kicking off their candidacy with their "Beefcake & Beer" event at Charlie's on Sunday, October 7th. We will be there, will you? Also, we are excited to be back at The Garage on Saturday, October 13 from 7-10 PM. And we are having one heck of a fun Halloween-themed show on Saturday, October 27th called "Haunted Hayride" at Charlie's. This promises to be a lot of fun! Please come in costumes.

Next, we would like to wish Taylor Trash well on her step-down at IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals later this month. "Ya done good, lady. Thank you for representing NGRA with class all year long!"

And now we want to wish Sabel & Curtiss luck as they go to the IGRA 2013 Royalty Team Competition. If you see them out, they could use some hometown encouragement!

Stay tuned for many more announcements!

In rodeo spirit,

Your 20th Anniversary Royalty Team

Jason, Sabel, Curtiss, & Mormanizer





TAYLOR TRASH
my life on the **T** list

What a year this has been. It seems like just yesterday I was getting ready to compete for Miss IGRA 2012 in San Diego, CA. Well as everyone knows, I came back to Vegas with Miss IGRA 2012 2nd Runner-up and have had an amazing year to date.

While I did participate in a number of Las Vegas events starting in January of this year, the rodeo year didn't officially start for me until February. I met up with 8 of my fellow team members in Phoenix for Road Runner Regional Rodeo. It was such a strong presence having 9 of the 10 2012 IGRA Royalty Team members together to kick off the rodeo season. I must say the weather

was much better this year than last year, which is always nice. I also competed for the first time doing Goat Dressing alongside Ric Franklin-Sewell aka Kimberli Foxx and aside from getting tripped up by the goat had a great time.

Two weeks later I was on a flight to Dallas, Texas for A Texas Tradition Rodeo. Although I encountered a plane with mechanical problems and had to get re-shuffled onto another flight only to land and have to locate my luggage, it arrived before me. It was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed being a Timer. I was given some great Texas hospitality and was happy that I was joined by 7 of my fellow team members. Well it was easy for 5 seeing half of the 2012 IGRA Royalty Team is from Texas. Upon leaving I knew I would be arriving back to Texas on last time this year for Finals and Competition.

As the second rodeo of the year was so at the beginning of March it was two months later that I would be back out at a rodeo. Even though Florida's A Sunshine Stampede Rodeo was in April, I was not able to attend, but never fear the IGRA Royalty Team was represented. May, brought the back to back rodeos for me. Palm Springs Hot Rodeo was spent helping out as a Timer as I repaid a favor this time as a member of the IGRA Royalty Team as it was last year they helped me fulfill one of my requirements to run when I timed as Miss NGRA 2011. This rodeo had my rodeo husband for the year and me representing the IGRA Royalty Team.

A week later, it was on to BigHorn Rodeo 15 which was nice as I didn't have to travel far. I was joined by 3 other IGRA Royalty Team members that I enjoyed spending the weekend with. What better way to spend your own association rodeo with than your rodeo husband and the two other rodeo angels. As my fellow team members were in town, along with other association royalty, everyone helped me raise most of my IGRA fundraising requirements Friday night of rodeo. As BigHorn Rodeo wrapped up, I realized that my next scheduled rodeo would be July.

Denver's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo celebrated their 30th year of rodeo and I was happy to be a part of this rodeo. Six of the 2012 IGRA Royalty Team members made it out to help CGRA celebrate 30 years of rodeo and it was bittersweet. Seeing just how strong CGRA was and the tribute that was given to Ty Teigen, as she had passed away a few days before. This was definitely one emotional riderless horse tribute that touched everyone. Denver got me back out competing in Goat Dressing again this time alongside Gia Diamante Miss CGRA 2012. As it was time to head back home from Denver I realized that even though there were still a few more rodeos left in the year I only had one more I would make before finals.

GSGRA - Bay Area Chapter's Best Buck in the Bay fell the week after Las Vegas Pride and I couldn't miss this as my rodeo husband belongs to this association. I flew into San Francisco to meet up with John Paul Soto for the last rodeo before finals. We would be joined later by Miss IGRA 2012 Victoria Weston. This by far was the best drag friendly weather Victoria and I had. I was in face each day for about 18 hours each day. As it turned out a community goat dressing event took place right after goat dressing. John Paul partnered up with Victoria and I partnered up with Miss BAC 2012 Tiger Lily. I congratulate John Paul and Victoria for winning the community goat dressing buckle. Had Tiger Lily not tripped on the way back to the finish line the buckle would be ours. I must say as everyone pointed out at least the wig stayed on. Later that night we helped with awards and called it wrap for the rodeo weekend, as I had an 8 am flight back to Vegas.

Now I am in the process of getting everything together as Finals 2012 is a few weeks away in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas. While not only do we have Finals Rodeo, we have the 2013 IGRA Royalty Competition and the 2012 teams step downs. As I take a look back throughout this year it has been one amazing ride.

I thank NGRA and IGRA for all the love and support that you have given me this past year.

This is my life on the T-list.

Taylor Trash

Miss IGRA 2012 2nd Runner-up

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY ccc

NGRA ROYALTY TEAM
THE HAUNTED HAYRIDE
BEER BUST - RAFFLES - PERFORMANCES

NGRA

SATURDAY OCT 27TH
9PM BEER BUST - 10PM SHOW

Charles
Las Vegas

Presented by Charles Charles, 2020 and 2021 NGRA Royalty Team (Inventory Pool)

CELEBRATES

2020 NGRA ROYALTY CONTESTANTS' FUND

BEEFCAKE
BEER BUST &
BBQ

SUNDAY, OCT. 7TH 4PM

NGRA

Charles

MEET THE 2013 CANDIDATES!

Short and sweet, I'm Miss Dita B, a simple desert gal trying to make a difference in the world. I have served the LGBT community in Southern Nevada since 1996. My volunteerism has expanded from such great organizations like The Center, SNAPi, The Imperial Court to NGRA. I have been Miss Gay PRIDE Las Vegas, Miss Queen of Hearts and ICPR II Suprema for Reign II of the Imperial Court. I look forward to making new friends and partnerships; promoting the mission of NGRA; and, fundraising in behalf of our wonderful LGBT community. Thank you for your support!



Brian Patrick Maley was raised on a farm in Auburn, IN. Horses were a part of everyday life during his childhood. In 1986, Brian moved across the country to West Hollywood, CA. In 2000, he then relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada to open the Four Seasons Hotel. He has been involved with the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association since 2007 - holding both Member at Large and Board Director positions. He was the Vendor Chair for BigHorn Rodeo 15. In February of 2011, Brian was named Mr, Charlie's for that month. Brian has helped raise money volunteering his time, not only at Rodeo and Mr. Charlie's, but has assisted at SNAPi and AFAN Events. You can order your favorite cocktail from Brian at Charlie's Las Vegas where he bartends....

West was born and raised in a small rustic mountain town east of San Diego called Julian. Known for it's Old West history & lifestyle, West grew up in a ranch & rodeo world. In 2007, West was awarded the prestigious American FFA Degree for his decorated work in livestock, horticultural enterprises, & continuing work with the youth organization teaching and mentoring others. After pursuing agricultural sciences and design in college he wound up in Los Angeles designing sets for film and TV, and eventually the Philippines. While working back in the US on a kid's show in Las Vegas, West discovered the NGRA and was drawn to it instantly. Once he became a permanent resident here he joined the organization in February, 2012, and also competed for and won Men of Charlie's the same month. A few months later West founded Bears Las Vegas, an all-inclusive social group at Charlie's for men (and women) with monthly beer busts, BBQ's, hiking trips, and movie nights. When he's not fulfilling his commitments to the organizations he's at work where he now designs and builds concept retail stores and displays for the malls, casinos, and shows in Las Vegas and when he isn't doing any of that you'll find him in a tent somewhere out under the stars.



NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in October:



Lance Coss
Michael Judkins
Lize MacDonald
Shaun Dunlop
John Gomes
Dennis Shaul
Billy Pierro
Eddy Krien
Weston Fisher

October 7
October 8
October 8
October 14
October 16
October 17
October 18
October 20
October 23



New NGRA Members

Welcome to: Ryan McPherson

NGRA Member of the Month

Congratulations: Mormanizer

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 * Beefcake Beer Bust @ Charlie's 4-9pm	8	9	10	11	12	13 * City Slickers & Country Kickers at The Garage 7PM – 10PM
14	15	16	17	18	19 IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals Dallas, TX	20
21	22	23 *Deadline for October Newsletter	24	25	26	27 *NGRA "Haunted Hayride" Show @ Charlie's 9:00PM
28	29	30	31			

NGRA PRESENTS

2013 ROYALTY COMPETITION

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012

5:30 PM - 10:00 AM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:

WESTHOLME, MISS NGRA 1998



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