



# Big Horn Gazette

DECEMBER 2006 ISSUE



**NGRA wishes all a Joyous Holiday  
and a Successful New Year**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Brian Rogers*

It's hard to believe that 2006 is drawing to a close and we're entering the holiday season. What a great year it's been for NGRA. Our successes are too numerous to mention here, but I want to single out the 2006 Royalty and Fund-raising team for their awesome work this year. The 10th Anniversary RPC is also to be commended for producing one of the most fun and successful events in NGRA's history.

Congratulations to our new Royalty Team for 2007. Tom Coleman and Darren Wernette will be representing you as Mr. NGRA and Mr. NGRA 1st Runner Up respectively. They have a tough job; please give them your support throughout the year.

December 1-3 the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire stages its Coronation IX weekend. Please join NGRA in supporting this great organization and attending the

associated events. NGRA sends out a big thanks to Empress 8, Michelle Holiday, and Emperor 8, Bryan Cromwell, for all their support this year.

I can remember when December was such a slow month in Las Vegas. Those days are over. In addition to National Finals Rodeo in town and the Imperial Court's Coronation, NGRA has a full schedule of events. In addition to our Holly Hop event at Charlie's and our Home for the Holidays show at Badlands, NGRA is contributing a wreath to the Center's Annual Holiday Wreath and Ornament Auction to be held on the evening of December 9. NGRA is also supporting the Toys for Kids campaign culminating in a special event at Spotlight on December 16. Please contribute a toy for a needy child. The month wraps up with parties at both of our favorite bars, so you can party at both and ring in 2007 NGRA-style.

February 23-25, NGRA will be host-

ing IGRA University at The Tuscan. The NGRA Board of Directors encourages members to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn all the aspects of Rodeos Arts, IGRA Royalty, and Association Development. Watch for information on class offerings and how to register. We will also need a limited number of volunteers to staff registration and information desks throughout the weekend. Please notify Dick Casola if you are interested.

The Rodeo Planning Committee is currently seeking a Rodeo Director for 2007 and many other coordinator positions. If you are interested in any of these rewarding positions, please indicate your interest to any board member.

Here's wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season. May you be warm and happy throughout the season and may you be surrounded by loved ones and friends

**NGRA MEMBERS OF  
THE MONTH FOR  
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER  
BIGHORN RODEO  
SUPERSTARS**

Tom Coleman, Joe Caron,  
Darren Wernette, Angel Negron,  
Paul Scott, Rob Saunders,  
Jeff Bengston and Jeffrey Neal

**CONTESTANT  
RESULTS**

*Lorry King*

The weekend of November 10-12 saw a large contingent of NGRA members brave the cold of Reno to attend the IGRA 2006 Finals Rodeo and cheer on our three contestants – Richard Armstrong, Chris Due and Pete Dube. We had a large group marching behind our banner and Pete carried our flag on horseback in Grand Entry, with some members staying in the stands to cheer us on. Guy Puglisi worked as a Timer, Bill Watkins was on the Arena Crew, Shaun Sewell was the Assistant Media Coordinator, and I was the Assistant Rodeo Secretary.

All of our contestants earned money, with Pete winning 2nd place in Calf Roping on Foot on Sunday and Richard and Chris taking 6th place in Steer Deco the same day. Richard placed 4th in Barrel Racing both days and 1st in Flag Racing on Sunday!

We don't have too long to rest up, as the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix will begin the 2007 season on January 12-14 and NGRA will again be sending its share of contestants and officials.

**Important  
Message from  
the Membership  
Committee**

Hi, everyone. This is Winsor and Dave from the membership committee. I just wanted to let everyone know to watch you mailboxes in December for your membership renewal notices. **Please remember that you must send your renewal with your payment of \$24 by January 31, 2007**, to maintain your membership; after that there is a 30-day grace period until February 28, but there is a \$10 late fee. We also have credit card payments available through our website if you have a Paypal account.

**Help Celebrate  
Charlie's  
Las Vegas  
First Anniversary  
Sunday, December 10  
Penny a drink from 8PM to 10 PM**



**CELEBRATE  
NGRA  
MEMBERS'  
DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Gary Mendyka</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Chris Reynolds</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>Randy Eldridge</b>	<b>12/12</b>
<b>Eric Meehl</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Jerry Rosenberg</b>	<b>12/17</b>
<b>Tonya Valenti</b>	<b>12/20</b>
<b>Joe Caron</b>	<b>12/23</b>
<b>Jeff Bunting</b>	<b>12/27</b>
<b>2 Brady Hollifield</b>	<b>12/28</b>

# EVENTS FOR DECEMBER



**Saturday, December 9th**  
**Holly Hop at Charlie's**  
following the General Membership meeting

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**Saturday, December 16th**  
**Toys for Kids at Spotlight**

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**Saturday, December 22nd**  
**Wreath Auction during Charlie's**  
**10 Days of Christmas**

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**Saturday, December 23rd**  
**Home for Christmas at Badlands Saloon**

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**Sunday, December 31st**  
**New Years at Badlands Saloon**

## AND BEYOND



**Saturday, January 13th**  
**TBA at Charlie's**

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**Saturday, January 27th**  
**Country Fair at Badlands Saloon**

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**Saturday, February 10th**  
**Board of Directors Show at Charlie's**

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**Friday, February 23rd**  
**Wild 'en Wooley at Charlie's**

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**Saturday, February 24th**  
**Disco Ball at Badlands Saloon**

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**Saturday, March 10th**  
**Closet Ball at Charlie's**

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**Saturday, March 18th**  
**Laughlin Bus Trip**

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**Saturday, March 24th**  
**March Madness at Badlands Saloon**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	2 The Court Coronation At The Tuscany
3	4 NGRA Board Meeting at The Center 6:30	5	6	7 NGRA fundraisng meeting The Center 6:30	8	9 NGRA General Membership Meeting Followed by Holly Hop dance contest
10 Charlie's first Anniversary	11 NGRA RPC Meeting	12	13	14	15 Charlie's Appriciation Night  Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	16 Toys for Kids at Spotlight  Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas
17 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	18 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	19 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	20 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	21 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	22 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas- NGRA Wreath Auction at Charlie's	23 NGRA Home for Christmas at Badlands  Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas
24 Charlie's 10 Days of Christmas	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 NGRA New Years Show of Shows at Badlands						

# Event Workers Needed December 26-31

Any cowboys or cowgirls interested in earning some extra money this season, please call Jeff Bengston at (702) 210-2321 to find out about temporary event work setting up for New Years Eve parties at hotels on the Strip.

Positions available for December 26-31, primarily setting up balloon features. Pay is \$10/hour. Must be able to provide proof of employment eligibility. No event experience required.



## STREET TEENS ARE IN NEED

Boys could use some “new” underwear and socks. Girls need underwear, panties, bras and socks. Jeans, shirts and blouses for both, they can be used but need to be clean. Also, any toilet articles, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving stuff, blankets. Any help would be appreciated. Call Tom Colemand at 395-9175 to find where these articles can be dropped off or if you require that Tom make the pick-up.

## LOOKING FOR A OVEN?

I have a Maytag gas range, in excellent shape, need to sell, about 3 years old, power boost burner in the front, self cleaning super capacity oven, heavy but pot grates.

Asking \$250.00

CONTACT TOM COLEMAN  
702-395-9175

**Planning a holiday party  
or need some help  
decorating your home  
this Christmas?**

**For custom trees and  
wreaths and home decor  
to planning a  
fabulous event, call on  
professional event  
designer and Christmas  
decorator**

**Jeff Bengston  
at (702) 210-2321.**

