



## In this issue... 2011 NGRA Royalty Competition Results are in! Meet your new team!!!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is hard to believe that it is already December, even though we have been reminded of the holiday season since September as it has been in the stores.

NGRA has had a great November, starting with Kimberli Foxx bringing the title of Miss IGRA 2011 back to Nevada. In a shocking surprise, congratulations go out to Doug Graff who was elected as the President of IGRA for 2011-2012. Congratulations to both of you.

Well I must say the past 3 months have been truly amazing, challenging and a lot of fun. Earlier this year I never thought that I would have competed for Miss NGRA 2011. With the support of so many friends, I decided it was time to have Taylor Trash come back out for the 2011 year. I have had a great time working with all the contestants, and as President and happy with everyone. I have gained a new group of friends and would like to congratulate the following: Chris Reynolds for Mr. NGRA 2011, & James Crawford for Mr. NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up, Mormanizer for Miss NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up, and Veronica De Baygo for Miss NGRA 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up. NGRA has got a great team and we look towards a great 2011.

I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday.

*David Blackwood*

NGRA President

### OPEN BOARD MEMBER SEAT:

We are currently accepting letters of interest from all NGRA members interested in becoming part of the 2010-2011 NGRA Board of Directors.

We currently have an open seat for Member at Large. Those interested in expressing interest in the open seat, please email David Blackwood at [president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com).



### FROM THE EDITOR:

I want to start by congratulating the new 2011 NGRA Royalty Team! We have an amazing team of 5 with a lot of energy and excitement for our organization. We are now in the "Season of Giving"... when making your Holiday Gift list, please remember NGRA. We can always use more monetary donations to help us have a successful BigHorn 14 Rodeo. A small donation of \$10, \$20, or any amount is always welcome and helpful. May your Holiday Season be filled with light, laughter, and lots of happiness. If you would like to be a contributing writer for the BigHorn Gazettem email me your ideas and let's get you in print!

-JOEL CASTILLO  
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association would like to congratulate Miss NGRA 2010 on becoming Miss IGRA 2011 at IGRA Convention last month. Also, we would also like to recognize and congratulate our very own Mr. Douglas Graff on being elected IGRA President Elect. He will take office in January 2011 and serve a term of 2 years. Within our association, we are home to Miss IGRA 2011, IGRA President Elect, and IGRA Vice-President (Andrew Goodman). 2011 looks like a good year for NGRA... now let's rodeo!



## Fundraising Committee Report



Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2010-2011 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. Mark your calendars, because coming soon we have...

December 11<sup>th</sup>: "NGRA Country Christmas & Holiday Show"

January 8<sup>th</sup>: "The Amazingly Fabulous Race"

February 12<sup>th</sup>: "Hearts on Fire"

March 12<sup>th</sup>: "Miss Cow Patty"

April 9<sup>th</sup>: "Miss Closet Ball"

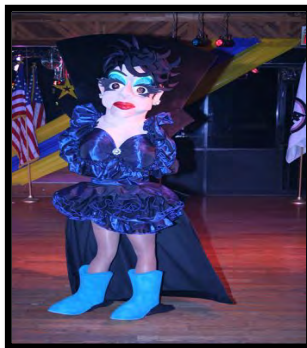
May 14<sup>th</sup>: "Sabel's Suicide Drag"

You are always welcome to join us the second Monday of the month at The Center at 6:30 PM for our Fundraising Meeting. All fresh ideas are always welcome. This month, we are meeting at Charlie's Las Vegas for our meeting, and then enjoy Charlie's Las Vegas' 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Come be a part of Fundraising for NGRA & BigHorn 14!

- NGRA Fundraising Committee



# NGRA 2011 Royalty Competition



# TRUSTEE'S CORNER

## TRUSTEE'S FAREWELL Brian Rogers – December 2010

The IGRA Annual Convention and Royalty Competition in Reno was a blast! As your Trustee, I attended a multitude of meetings representing NGRA over this four-day period and NGRA was well represented by its delegation throughout the weekend.

First let me offer congratulations to NGRA's own Doug Graff who was elected President of IGRA.

Also I am proud to congratulate Kimberli Foxx who brought home the Miss IGRA title. The 2011 IGRA Royalty Team:

Ms. IGRA:	Sharon Starks (AGRA)
Mr. IGRA:	Michael Butts (AGRA)
Mr IGRA 1 <sup>st</sup> :	Jody Harvey (TGRA)
Mr IGRA 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Todd Garrett (FGRA)
Miss IGRA:	Kimberli Foxx (NGRA)
Miss IGRA 1st:	Rebecca Tucker (CGRA)
Miss IGRA 2nd:	Ginger Kaye Belmont (MGRA)

The IGRA Board decided to move Finals 2011 to Ft. Worth, Texas in hopes of cutting expenses and getting more attendance. This will not negatively impact NGRA in any way and may benefit us by not competing with BigHorn Rodeo for sponsorship dollars.

### Convention Summary:

- The NGRA delegation covered 27 committee meetings on Friday.
  - A new association from Iowa was seated. Their acronym is IAGRA. KGRA was re-seated after being inactive. IGRA now has 26 associations.
  - IGRA Convention 2011 will be in San Diego, CA
  - The Royalty competition s moving back to Finals starting in 2012.
  - Associations can now send two candidates in each category to the Royalty competition - the title holder and the 1st runner up.
  - The membership committee reported that IGRA now has 2,258 active members.
  - Rodeo Protest Procedures were overhauled.
  - Steer Riding was eliminated and replaced with Junior Bull Riding. This will eliminate the chronic problem of underweight steers; which looks bad to the public when big men ride them with their feet dragging on the ground.
  - Minimum arena size was increased to 120' X 195'.
- There were numerous other editorial and minor changes made.

My term on the NGRA Board is coming to an end and this is my last newsletter article. I have served either on the Board, as Rodeo Director or Assistant RD since 1998 and have written a monthly newsletter article since 2003. Over those years I figure I have attended over 480 board, membership and RPC meetings and written over 90 newsletter articles.

It has been a great honor to serve NGRA for all these years. I have watched the organization go through many trials and tribulations and have been there for many amazing triumphs. I hope I have been able to have a positive contribution over my time of service.

"Best of Luck!" to our new Trustee - Guy Puglisi. Guy is highly knowledgeable and will be an outstanding representative for NGRA. I am always available for NGRA if I can be of any help.

Save a Horse...  
Your Trustee



# The Royalty Roundup



What an amazing Thanksgiving weekend. As the weekend has finally sunk in, on becoming, Miss NGRA 2011, I look forward to the journey ahead. Entering into the Royalty Competition, everyone came in as individuals, each bringing something different to the table, and I am proud to say that NGRA has a Royalty Team for 2011.

Congratulations to Mormanizer, Miss NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up and Veronica De Baygo, Miss NGRA 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up. I am very proud of both of you. You gave me a run for the title and I look forward to our year together. To James Crawford, Mr. NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up, congratulations, you did a fantastic job. Lastly to Chris Reynolds, Mr. NGRA 2011, we are in for the ride of our lives. It is a great honor to stand beside you as we set forth on our journey this year. If Saturday is any indication, it is going to be one adventure I am looking forward too.

Your Royalty Team was out in force on Saturday after receiving our titles. James and Mormanizer attended SNAP! Saturday at Charlie's. Chris and I made it to the Sin City Sisters Porn Bingo followed by SNAP! Saturday at Charlie's.

I thank everyone that helped and came out for the Royalty Competition. Here's to the 2011 Royalty Team.

Taylor Trash  
Miss NGRA 2011

Hello everyone!

I am Veronica De Baygo, Miss NGRA 2nd runner up for 2011. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and say hello. I'm very grateful to be on the 2011 Royalty Team and want to thank everyone for their support over the past months since I have been involved with the NGRA.

I'm new to the NGRA and to drag but I'm having a lot of fun and look forward to having more fun with the NGRA. I also want to congratulate the other members of the royalty team - Taylor & Chris and James & Mormanizer! I was very impressed with everyone and even myself and I am so glad that I had the chance to work with such a wonderful, supportive team.

Veronica De Baygo  
Miss NGRA 2011 2nd Runner-Up



# Meet the 2011 NGRA Royalty Team



Chris Reynolds  
Mr. NGRA 2011



Taylor Trash  
Miss NGRA 2011



James Crawford  
Mr. NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up



Mormanizer  
Miss NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up



Veronica De Baygo  
Miss NGRA 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up





## 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

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A Very Happy Holidays to everybody. Your Rodeo Planning Committee is working hard, making sure BigHorn Rodeo 14 will be a huge success and lots of fun for everyone. Almost all the chairs have been chosen, and those individuals are busting their humps to make it all come to fruition. We have some pretty interesting ideas for Rodeo next year, so if you want to jump on board the rodeo train, we meet December 13th at a special time and place. Charlie's is celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on that day, so we figured we would kill two birds with one stone and have our meeting at approximately 6:30P.M. - right after the Fundraising Committee Meeting at Charlie's, then join in the fun with special 5 cent drinks. On a personal note, I want to say how proud I am to have Doug Graff as our new IGRA President. I have all the confidence in the world that he will help IGRA move into a very positive direction. Just remember folks, it's our job to help make those moves, no President can do it alone. On that note...

With Cowgirl Pride ~  
Laura Scott, Rodeo Director

# NGRA FUNDRAISERS!!!

NGRA gets festive before the snow falls at Charlie's

**NGRA COUNTRY CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SHOW**

**Saturday December 11th**

All proceeds benefit NGRAs in the Horns!!

Charlie's Las Vegas

\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust starts at 9:00 pm

Show starts at 10:00 PM

Live Auction of Holiday Wreaths donated by:  
SNBPL, NGRA, The Court, & The Sin City Sisters

\$1.00 Holiday Jell-O Shots

Purchase a sweet Candy Cone from our devilish Elf

Just in time for the holiday season we have been notified of a discount at a new internet store specializing in western clothing and accessories. Urban Western Clothing is offering NGRA members and friends a 5% discount off the purchase. In addition, an additional 5% of the purchase will go back to NGRA! That's a total of 10% off your purchase. Help NGRA out while getting a discount at the same time.

Check out the store at <http://www.urbanwesternclothing.com>.

To receive your discount code, simply drop a note to [webmaster@ngra.com](mailto:webmaster@ngra.com) with the subject line DISCOUNT and we will get the code to you ASAP. Please include your first and last name as well as your email address. Please note that you must ask for this discount code, as NGRA does not share your personal information with other sources.

After you are done shopping online, please make note of upcoming NGRA events. You can always check out the calendar at [www.ngra.com](http://www.ngra.com) as well.

## SEEKING:

**Gift Baskets for Silent Auctions at NGRA's December Fundraiser. For donations, please contact Joel Castillo at:**

**[VICEPRESIDENT@NGRA.COM](mailto:VICEPRESIDENT@NGRA.COM)**  
**FOR ALL THE DETAILS!**



# NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in December:



Brian Richardson	December 1
Aimee Payne	December 7
Chris Reynolds	December 12
Mitch Gill	December 15
Jim Kinney	December 18
Gary Belitza	December 24
Doug Graff	December 27
Jeff Bunting-Haggard	December 28
Brady Hollifield	December 29







## NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH- SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to James Crawford. James was recognized for his tireless help with coordinating Transportation during IGRA World Finals. Way to go, Cowboy!

P.S. Congratulations on becoming Mr. NGRA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up!

## NGRA NEW MEMBERS

Miss Diana Prince  
Layne Chinen  
Bradley Steffens  
Christopher Tong

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  World AIDS Day December 1	2	3 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	4 *Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	11 *NGRA "Country Christmas & Holiday Show" @ Charlie's 9:00PM
12	13 *Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at Charlie's All are welcome. *BigHorn RPC Meeting following	14	15	16	17 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	18
19	20 *NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership Begins at 6:30 PM at The Center	21	22	23 *Deadline for August Newsletter	24 **NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	25 Merry Christmas! 
26  Happy Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31  Happy New Year	