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BIGHORN GAZETTE

In this issue... Miss Cowpatty & BigHorn 14, and so much more!



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NGRA

NGRA PRESENTS
MISS COW PATTY
2011

Saturday, March 12, 2011
at Charlie's Las Vegas
9:00 PM Beer Bust
10:00 PM Contest

Hosted by Miss Cow Patty 2010, Mormanizer
Proceeds benefit NGRA & NGRA BigHorn 14

Charlie's
Las Vegas

FROM THE EDITOR:

Well here we are back in Rodeo Season. Your association has been hard at work raising money to produce BigHorn 14. The 2011 Royalty Team has been busting their hineys to raise money! Please help us by attending a fundraiser, or at the very least, thanking them for all the hours they are putting into making it all happen for us!

-JOEL CASTILLO
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

MOVING SALE

Saturday, April 2 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Community Garage Sale at
Montagne Marron in So Highlands
Please be sure to stop by Lorry King's house
at: 10965 Bandol PI

I'll have furniture, a pool table, ladies
Western wear clothing
art, china, crystal, decor items, jewelry
electronics, books, kitchen items and more!
For more information: 407-6888
-Lorry King

NGRA represents at the Sisters' Red Dress Event!



News from NGRA

All those interested in running for seats on the NGRA Board of Directors, elections are coming up in the next few months. All seats, except Trustee, are open. President and Treasurer are 2-year terms and the rest of the board has a 1-year term. Our 2011-2012 Elections Chair is Guy Puglisi (trustee@ngra.com) and you can email him for more information or to just let him know your intent to run for a seat on the 2011-2012 NGRA Board of Directors. Thanks and good luck to you all!

Also, Join Miss NGRA 2011 and Team Nevada Gay Rodeo Association as we do the AFAN AIDS walk on Sunday, April 17, 2011. Contact Taylor Trash at: missngra2011@ngra.com for more details. Let's make NGRA's presence known.

2010 NGRA Member of the Year Nominees

The purpose of the NGRA Member of the Year Selection process is to recognize members by naming a Member of the Year who has made exceptional contributions to NGRA within the calendar year. All 2010 Members of the Month will automatically be named as candidates. All Ballots are due by March 17, 2011. Results of the vote will be announced at the March 2011 General Membership Meeting. The 2010 Member of the Year will receive a plaque and distinctive badge dangle. A feature article about them with a photo will run in the April issue of the BigHorn Gazette. Here are the nominees...

January 2010 Member of the Month is **John Grubbs**. He is a new member to NGRA. John was selected for the time he volunteered during on behalf of NGRA during IGRA University. He spent countless hours on the bus to get to the Tuscany. He has since attended every NGRA event.

February 2010 Member of the Month is **Joel Castillo**. Joel has been a member since 2008. Joel was nominated for volunteering to take over as Editor of the NGRA BigHorn Gazette.

March 2010 Member of the Month is **Michael Judkins**. Michael is once again being recognized for his dedication to NGRA. He was nominated by Boan Jordan for constantly donating his time to decorate Charlie's Las Vegas for NGRA's events and shows to give them that extra bit of Las Vegas dazzle!

April 2010 Member of the Month is **Bill Watkins aka Faye Deway**. Bill was nominated for stepping in and filling Barry Cluff's pumps (Barry was recovering from surgery) as Event Coordinator for Miss Cow Patty 2010! Bill is one of NGRA's finest and most tireless members.

May 2010 Member of the Month is **Jason C.** This dynamic young man has quickly immersed himself in NGRA and is a huge supporter who can be seen at all events, fundraisers, and anywhere a beer & fun can be had. He was nominated for his continuous support of NGRA!

June 2010 Member of the Month is **Darren Wernette**. Darren was recognized for his representing NGRA across the IGRA circuit.

July 2010 Member of the Month is **Shaun Franklin-Sewell**. Shaun was unanimously recognized for his contribution in streamlining and rewriting the Standing Rules.

August 2010 Member of the Month is **Darren Wernette**. Darren was recognized for his work on putting together the Sin City Sisters Bingo at the Silver Nugget Casino!

September 2010 Member of the Month is **Bill Trunzo aka Katrina**. Bill was recognized for his "All Among Friends" Show & Brunch that benefitted NGRA & The Gay Rodeo Legacy Project at the Autry Museum.

October 2010 Member of the Month is **James Crawford**. James was recognized for his tireless help with coordinating Transportation during IGRA World Finals.

November 2010 Member of the Month is **Joel Castillo**. Joel was recognized for his work in producing the 2011 NGRA Royalty pageant from getting the whole competition sponsored to the execution of the event itself.

December 2010 Member of the Month is **Randy Grant aka Mormanizer**. Randy was recognized for his ability and work in selling raffle tickets at every NGRA fundraiser.



Howdy Members!

February was such a busy month and it seems like it was almost over before it got started! NGRA had a large presence at RoadRunner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix over President's Day Weekend. Unfortunately, the weather was not very cooperative and had a huge impact on this year's crowd because of the high winds and rain. Despite the weather, a great time was had by all! I always have a lot of fun spending time with my fellow Men of Charlie's from Las Vegas, Phoenix, Denver and Chicago.

There was a little confusion about the new Rodeo Review Procedures, which replaced the protest process because many contestants were unaware of certain rule changes. It is my goal to share this information at meetings, and in the newsletter, so everyone is kept in the loop and there are no surprises. The Rodeo Rules and changes are available in the IGRA website before each rodeo year begins for those who may not know this already. I encourage all contestants to review the highlights on the changes adopted this year by going to:

http://igra.com/Resources/RodeoRules_highlights_2011.htm

One issue that came up resulted in a Trustee interpretation until the next IGRA Board of Director's Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale in April. There was a Rodeo Review requested from a contestant who pierced a bucket prior to sticking the flag in Flag Racing. The Pattern Judge was unable to see this, and another Judge made the Pattern Judge aware of this disqualifying factor. It was questioned whether or not an "Off-Duty" Judge could share information with other judges to assist in their call. The Trustees' interpretation was that judges are considered to be judges for the entire rodeo and are not limited to only the events they are assigned to. Furthermore, it was decided that judges work as a team regardless of the events they are assigned to.

NGRA had two contestants representing us in Phoenix: Richard Armstrong and Chris Due, who brought home several ribbons between the two of them. (Their results for the weekend are below) Way to go, Guys!

The next rodeo coming up is The Traditional Texas Rodeo the second weekend in March. Laura Scott will be representing NGRA on my behalf because it is not one of the rodeos on my busy rodeo calendar this year. I hope everyone who is going and/or competing has a safe, fun trip! Beginning March 2nd, the BigHorn Rodeo Planning Committee will meet every other week on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at The Center. To make BigHorn 14 a huge success, we need as many members to get involved in the planning and/or volunteer. The Fundraising Committee has been working feverishly to raise as much money as they can to fund our rodeo and my hat is off to all of them! Please come out and see what exciting plans are in the works and get involved if you are able. Until next time, be good... or be good at it! Let's Rodeo!!

	Richard Armstrong	Chris Due
Barrel Racing (Sun)	3 rd Place	8 th Place
Pole Bending (Sat)	3 rd Place	
Pole Bending (Sun)		8 th Place
Flag Racing (Sat)	2 nd Place	6 th Place
Flag Racing (Sun)	4 th Place	
Steer Decorating (Sat)	5 th Place	6 th Place
Steer Decorating (Sun)	5 th Place	6 th Place



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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PRIDE BUD LIGHT NGRA

Just got back from the first rodeo of the season in Phoenix, and boy what a difference a year makes. Cold, rain, and wind... all the makings for a great tractor pull, not so much for a rodeo. However, the spirits were high and everybody seemed to have a great time. Thank you to the NGRA members who were there to work, volunteer, perform and compete, you made me proud. Chris Due and Richard Armstrong both had a good weekend competing. Now that RoadRunner Regional Rodeo is over, it's all Bighorn Rodeo. We are adding a new element this year with a Rodeo School on Friday, May 20th, starting at 9am. You can register online. If you are interested in learning how to rope a calf, chute dog, or even goat dressing and steer deco, this is the place for you. The price is right at \$15 per event, or \$50 for all four, price includes a lunch. We are now having our meetings every two weeks starting Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30pm at the Center. I hope to see you all there as we put the finals touches on what I hope is a fun and successful rodeo.

In Cowgirl Pride,

Laura Scott

NGRA FUNDRAISERS!!!

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. Mark your calendars, because coming soon we have...

March Events

Saturday the 5th - Men of Charlie's - NGRA BigHorn14 Beneficiary Night 10PM

Saturday the 12th - Miss Cow Patty at Charlie's 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

Thursday the 17th - "Who's your Patty?" at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust

April Events

Saturday the 2nd - "Duets 'N More" Show at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

Saturday the 9th - Miss Closet Ball at Charlie's 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

Saturday the 16th - Kimberli Foxx - IGRA/BigHorn Rodeo Fundraiser at Charlie's (Theme: Cowboy's Sweethearts)

Friday the 22nd - "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda" Show at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

May Events

Saturday the 7th - BigHorn Rodeo Fashion Show at the Center Time: TBD

Saturday the 7th - Rodeo Kick-off at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

Saturday the 14th - Suicide Drag at Charlie's 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

Friday the 20th - Let's Rodeo!!

You are always welcome to join us for our Fundraising Meetings at The Center. Our February meeting is on Monday, February 14, 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

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Ernie Yuen

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Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. (SNAPI) is planning to produce a "Men of Las Vegas Pride 2012" calendar. Those who have been in Vegas for several years may remember that SNAPI tried to release a similar calendar; but, due to production difficulties, the project had to be pulled. Now we will be selling sections of the calendar to Las Vegas Pride sponsors and Las Vegas businesses to support this fundraising project. "It will truly be a community calendar," says Ernie Yuen, President of SNAPI.

This is not going to be your typical "male" calendar. We are looking for guys who also want to be involved in our community and help make a difference. This calendar will be a major fundraiser for SNAPI; and, the twelve men represented in the calendar will be part of our efforts.

An ideal "Man of Las Vegas" should have the following qualities: charity supportive, community oriented, an amazing personality, and a beautiful smile.

We are looking for men of every nationality, age group, and affiliation within our community (i.e. bear, leather, twink, cowboy, etc). He needs to be a resident of Clark County, Nevada and be 21 or older.

Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. is looking to find 24 finalists. From the top 24, a select group of business professionals from all over the Las Vegas valley will pick the final twelve calendar men. Every candidate must submit a biography, including their involvement in our community and why they would like to be a part of the "Men of Las Vegas Pride 2012" calendar.

If you are interested in becoming a Man of Las Vegas Pride, please email Calendar@lasvegaspride.org for more information.

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Ernie Yuen, please e-mail him at calendar@lasvegaspride.org. For more information about SNAPI or Las Vegas Pride, visit www.lasvegaspride.org.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Ernie Yuen
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Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. (SNAPI) is happy to announce our newest event premiering this spring, Las Vegas Pride Pets. This will be a one-day festival on Saturday, April 30, 2012 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at Sunset Park off of Eastern and Sunset.

"We are very excited...and scared!" said SNAPI President Ernie Yuen. "We are hoping that pet owners, animal lovers, and families from our LGBT community will come out and support this Pet Pride Festival."

Expect a fun day out for yourself and the furry members of your family. This will be the place to come together not only to see and be seen with our best friends, but also to take in the spectacular exhibits; demonstrations; educational programs; special attractions; pet adoptions (prohibited the day of the event); product samplings and giveaways; local entertainment; food and drinks; and, of course, lots of fun.

"This event is all about community," said Yuen. "Our entire board is involved. Many of our board members are new this year; and, this is a great practice run for most of them. It will give them a taste of what's to come when we hold Las Vegas Pride in September. Bringing a large event back to Sunset Park and building it from the ground up is a little intimidating; but, with all the experience and talent we have on this board, we will do fine! I have faith in our entire board! I expect many of our former board members and faithful volunteers to be there helping. They are part of the Pride Family and they all love their pets so I know we will have their support!"

We started to plan this event last December. We researched other pet festivals and plan to send letters of interest to local pet related businesses. We have also talked to many potential sponsors and they are excited about this new event.

At the Pride Pet Festival we plan to have many attractions for adults and kids, and plenty of things to see, do, and buy. With our fingers crossed, we hope to make this an annual event that grows and grows every year. We are very close to sending out flyers and emails to all the pet-related and gay-friendly businesses in town.

Las Vegas Pride Pets hopes to attract representatives from all areas of the animal world, including manufacturers; interest groups; distributors; retailers; hobbyists; pet spas; veterinarians; holistic medical professionals; animal care professionals; animal shelters; breed rescues; and agility/training organizations. We want to provide the animal-loving public and consumers with the most comprehensive and exciting event possible. We hope to have a pet product expo offering pet product manufacturers, retailers, and distributors a unique opportunity to establish and strengthen their brand and public image. If you sell pet products or services, you owe it to your business to be at Pride Pets! You can reach thousands of pet owners in one setting.

Our goal is to reach out to our community and encourage everyone to come out and have fun. The possibility for reaching huge numbers of pet owners in today's ever-changing marketplace makes Las Vegas Pride Pets the most cost effective sales and marketing tool available in the Southern Nevada region. We have also planned to secure new sponsorships and vendors that we have never seen at our traditional Las Vegas Pride Festival. Being on the smaller scale than our annual Pride Festival, the new sponsorship levels and vendor opportunities will be much more affordable.

"Now that we have made the decision to switch our annual Pride Festival from early May to September 16-17, we did not want our community to forget about us," said Yuen. "Besides, what do we spend the most money on besides ourselves? Our pets! They are our kids. Pride Pets is a celebration of our furry children!"

After all is said and done, we know that Las Vegas Pride Pets will to be an event not to be missed for animal lovers and will become an annual tradition for those who attend.

For more information on Las Vegas Pride Pets please go to lasvegaspride.org or email pets@lasvegaspride.org.

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Ernie Yuen, please e-mail him at pets@lasvegaspride.org. For more information about SNAPI or Las Vegas Pride, visit www.lasvegaspride.org.



Wow, what a crazy weekend in Phoenix! I traveled to the RoadRunner Regional Rodeo with Kimberli Foxx, Miss IGRA 2011, and boy was that fun. After getting on the road close to 11 a.m. Friday morning, we were full of excitement and ready for the weekend. Things went smoothly until we got stuck at a standstill for nearly 2 hours on highway 93 somewhere past Kingman. Between the 2 of us, we had 3 cell phones, each with a different carrier and little, if no, service. This was the middle of nowhere. As we finally moved and passed the back-up we noticed that it was a 2-car accident. Hopefully, the photo makes it in the newsletter. So as you take a road trip, please be careful. This was definitely an eye-opening experience.

Kimberli and I noticed that all of the convenience stores on the way that we stopped at had the best impulse buys at the counter. ExtenZe enhancement pills right next to the 5hr energy shots. Well, that was the joke the entire weekend.

Friday night was fun as we ventured out to Charlie's Phoenix. I found out my purse was too big to bring into the bar. It was just a standard-sized purse. (It is a cute purple leather Kathy purse.) Saturday, weather definitely played a part as we had cold, wind and rain. Nothing like trying to plan a cute outfit and be dressed appropriately when it comes to weather. So I definitely learned and dressed in jeans and short hair on Sunday.

I had a great time at rodeo representing NGRA. So until next time...

This is my life on the T-list.

-Taylor Trash, Miss NGRA 2011



NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in February:



Colin Moulton	March 4
James Morgan	March 4
Laurie Banks	March 13
Kasey Golightly	March 19
Darren Wernette	March 28



New Members


Raymond Wheeler

Dwayne Rennels

Ed Hamtil

Kasey Golightly

Layne Chinen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 *Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM NGRA BigHorn 14 is the benefactor!!
6	7	8	9 *BigHorn RPC Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center	10	11	12 *NGRA "Miss Cow Patty Contest" @ Charlie's 9:00PM
13	14 *Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center. All are welcome.	15	16	17	18	19
20  2 Months until BigHorn Rodeo!	21 *NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership Begins at 6:30 PM at The Center	22	23 *Deadline for April Newsletter	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		