

Big Horn Gazette



Monthly Newsletter for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association
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MEMBERSHIP

NGRA is currently accepting membership renewals. The renewal fee is **\$24** until January 31, 2012. After that date there will be a **\$10** reinstatement fee incurred.

You may pay by credit card at www.ngra.com

Or by mailing the renewal to
NGRA

P.O. Box 96055
Las Vegas, NV 89193.

You may also renew at any NGRA Board/General Membership meeting.

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Letter from the President

Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell



On behalf of the Board of Directors, allow me to wish everyone a **Happy New Year**. I hope all the best comes to you and yours in 2012.

This month, you're invited! We'd love to see each and every one of you at:

The Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting, January 4, 6:30 p.m., The Center

Ken Wells' 50th Birthday Show, January 6, 9:30 p.m., Crews'N

The NGRA Royalty Chuck Wagon: Breaking Your Resolutions, January 8, 4 – 7 p.m., Charlie's Las Vegas

And They're Off, January 21, 9 p.m. – Midnight, Charlie's Las Vegas

January 13-16, 2012

IGRA University
St. Louis, MO
Crowned Plaza, Downtown St. Louis
For More Info visit
www.igra.com/university/index.htm



February 17-19, 2012

Road Runner Regional Rodeo
Chandler, AZ
Rawhide Wild West Town
For More Info Visit
www.agra-phx.com

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*NGRA Wishes You and Your Family
A Happy New Year in 2012!*

**NGRA WOULD LIKE
TO THANK THE
2012 ROYALTY
CONTEST
COMMITTEE AND
VOLUNTEERS
FOR ALL OF THEIR
HARD WORK AND
EFFORT TO MAKE
THIS YEAR'S
CONTEST
SPECTACULAR!**

**THANKS
COWPOKES!**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR
MICHAEL JUDKINS,
COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
TAYLOR TRASH,
CHRIS REYNOLDS,
AND KIMBERLI
FOXX.**

President Continued...

The NGRA Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting, January 23, 6:30 p.m., The Center

We really need the help of everyone in the association to make our events, and ultimately, our rodeo, the best they can be. So, even if you only show up and tip an entertainer or buy a Jell-O shot or beer bust, your contribution is welcomed and appreciated.

Also, this month, a reminder: Renew your membership by January 31 to save \$10. If you don't renew your membership by then, you'll pay \$34. After February 29, you'll be considered a new member and will have to pay up to \$41 to become a member again.

We'll be voting for NGRA Member of the Year in February, so be sure to look in your e-mail for a ballot. A list of the 2011 Members of the Month is to the left.

Finally, please welcome your 2012 Royalty Team: Miss NGRA Sabel D'Zyre, Mr. NGRA Jason Jewel, Miss NGRA 1st Runner Up Mormanizer and Mr. NGRA 1st Runner Up Curtiss Lewis. They've got big shoes to fill, and I'm sure they'll do an excellent job. Congratulations to you all!



On December 10th NGRA crowned our 20th Anniversary Royalty Team at Charlie's Las Vegas. From left to right: Mormanizer, Miss NGRA 2012 1st Runner Up; Sabel D'Zyre, Miss NGRA 2012; Jason Jewel, Mr. NGRA 2012 and Curtiss Lewis, Mr. NGRA 2012 1st Runner Up. Photo Courtesy of Ken Wells.

NGRA REPRESENTED NIGHTLY AT THE 2011 WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Diamond on Command, a 14 year old Paint Gelding, owned and ridden by NGRA member and contestant Chris Due, was chosen by Carlee Pierce, WPRO Barrel Racer, to be her Grand Entry Mount each night while competing at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas December 1st – 10th.

“Diamond” had the honor of carrying this amazing lady into the Thomas & Mack each night before the WNFR performance.



*Above: WPRO Barrel Racer, Carlee Pierce and Diamond on Command.
Left: The red arrow points out Diamond and Carlee's Position during Grand Entry at the WNFR.*

Carlee went on to set the new arena record in barrel racing at the 2011 WNFR with a time of 13.46. We like to think it's because she rode an NGRA horse each night!

Congratulations to Carlee and Rare Dillion on a great WNFR and thanks for choosing to be escorted each night by an NGRA horse!!!

GO DIAMOND!!!



Do you have a story like the one above? Is there a community event coming up that you think NGRA Members would be interested in?

We'd love to hear about it! Email the info and any photos on such events to

bighorneditor@ngra.com

And we'll get them put in the next monthly edition!

Remember this is **YOUR** newsletter.



Las Vegas - Clark Country Library, Out West 2012 & University of Nevada Theatre Department present
Beyond Brokeback: A Staged Reading with Music
Saturday, February 11, 2:00 P.M.

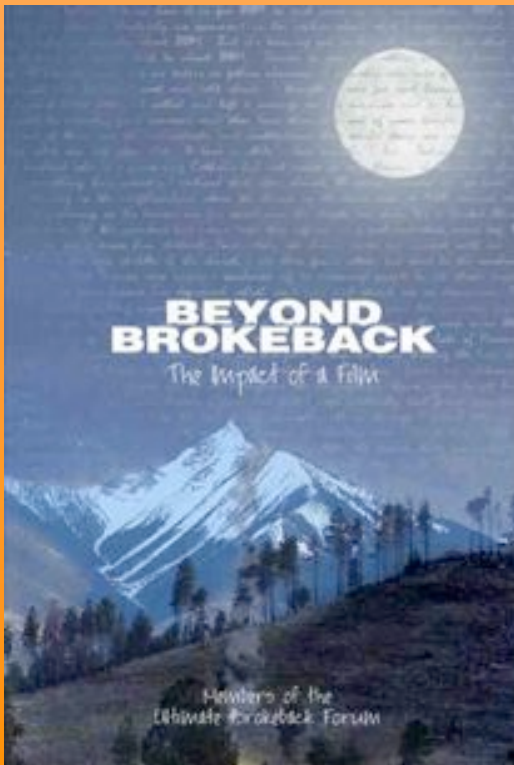
Las Vegas – Clark County Library, Out West 2012, and the University of Nevada Theatre Department are pleased to be the first in Nevada to host the acclaimed *Beyond Brokeback: A Staged Reading with Music*. Inspired by the landmark film *Brokeback Mountain*, the program consists of staged reading of messages, essays, poetry, and music. The event is free and open to the public, to be held in the Main Theatre at the Las Vegas—Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 11, 2pm.

Beyond Brokeback: A Staged Reading with Music was conceived and adapted for the stage by Gregory Hinton from the 2007 book *Beyond Brokeback: Impact of a Film* written by Members of the Ultimate Brokeback Forum website, culled from over 500,000 posts. Excerpts of poignant and humorous messages, essays, and poetry— by writers' young and old, male and female, gay and straight— will be interpreted by six reader/musicians.

"Nevada has a rich country-western gay & lesbian history. Beyond Brokeback is a comprehensive oral history of the rural gay west," said playwright Gregory Hinton. "Beyond Brokeback leads us out of our isolation and into the open - to welcoming communities many crave and all deserve."

Members of The Ultimate Brokeback Forum are expected to descend on Las Vegas for the Nevada premiere of Beyond Brokeback. Devotees of Brokeback Mountain, they call themselves "Brokies," (akin to the "Trekkie" fans of Star Trek) and travel to Brokeback events all over the world.

Original songs from the CD "Meet Me on the Mountain," also inspired by the film and written by acclaimed Los Angeles Master Chorale composer/singer/arranger Shawn Kirchner will be performed.



Beyond Brokeback was first developed and performed in 2010 at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles as part of its acclaimed Out West at the Autry series and in commemoration of the 5th Anniversary of *Brokeback Mountain*. *Beyond Brokeback* has been performed to standing ovations by the Theatre and Dance Department of the University of Wyoming in Laramie for the Shepard Symposium on Social Justice in April, 2011, the City of West Hollywood's One City/One Pride Culture Series in June, 2011, the Bozeman Public Library in Montana in October, 2011 and Chicago's Roosevelt University in its historic Auditorium Theatre in November, 2011.

The production is generously sponsored by Las Vegas – Clark County Library, HBO, the David Bohnett Foundation, Gill Foundation, and the Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation.

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Ken Wells 50th Birthday Party Show!

Friday, January 6th, 2012



9:30pm



All Entertainers Welcome...



NGRA

THE ROYALTY CHUCK WAGON
PRESENTS
BREAKING YOUR RESOLUTIONS

SANDWICHES . CHIPS. SNACKS & MORE
\$5 BEER BUST - JELL-O SHOTS - RAFFLE PRIZES

Charlie's
Las Vegas

SUNDAY
JANUARY 8TH, 2012 4-7PM

PROCEEDS GO TO NGRA / BIGHORN RODEO IS
& THE 2012 NGRA ROYALTY TEAM DISCRETIONARY FUND



AND THEY'RE OFF!



SATURDAY
JANUARY 21ST, 2012 9PM-12AM

BEER BUST - A LIVE AUCTION - RAFFLES
GUMMY-BEAR JELLO SHOTS

Proceeds to benefit NGRA, Bighorn Rodeo 15 & The NGRA 2012 Royalty Team Discretionary Fund.

January

1 	2	3	4 RPC Meeting The Center 6:30pm	5	6	7 MOC Charlie's 9pm
8 Royalty Beer Bust Charlie's 4-7pm	9	10	11	12	13 IGRA University St. Louis, MO	14 IGRA University St. Louis, MO
15 IGRA University St. Louis, MO	16 Martin Luther King Jr Birthday 	17	18	19	20	21 NGRA Fundraiser Charlie's 9pm
22	23 NGRA Board/General Membership Meeting The Center 6:30pm	24	25	26	27	28
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