

BIGHORN GAZETTE

Monthly Newsletter for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association

Deadline for 2013 Board of Directors Candidacy Declaration is March 19!

Letter From the President

Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell,
NGRA President



IGRA Royalty Asks for Your Support

During the 2012 IGRA Rodeo Season the IGRA Royalty Team would like to ask both spectators and contestants to wear the color teal on Saturday and the color purple on Sunday to show your support of their charitable partners; teal is for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and purple is for The Trevor Project and its "It Gets Better" Campaign.



Above Left: Nine out of ten of the 2012 IGRA Royalty were in attendance at this years Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

Above Right: NGRA members (1 to r) Jason Metzger, Ric Franklin-Sewell and Taylor Trash are pictured with members of both the TGRA and OGRA Royalty Teams during the 2012 RRRR.

Howdy Y'all!

It's starting to warm up in Vegas, and its getting hot for NGRA!

This month, I hope you'll join us for our annual Miss Cow Patty competition. It's campy and fun, and anyone can compete. If you want to compete, be at Charlie's Las Vegas at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10. The competition – and fun! – Starts at 10 p.m. and you can expect a wild night of entertainment! See Miss Cow Patty 2011, Maggie Mae Foxx Bouvier, step down and other outstanding entertainers from the history of the Cow Patty competition.

The Rodeo Planning Committee meeting this month is Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at The Center.

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President Continued

The Rodeo Planning Committee, Board of Directors and the General Membership recently approved the Grand Marshals for BigHorn Rodeo 15. They are: International Recording Artist Kristine W (Celebrity Grand Marshal); Arlene Cooper, The Center (Community Grand Marshal); and Mya Reyes, Director of Diversity Marketing for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (Community Grand Marshal). The beneficiaries have also been approved, and our charity partners this year will be the Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc. and The Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada.

The next few months are an exciting time in NGRA. We'll hold elections for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors in March and April. If you want to run for any of the open positions (Vice President, Secretary, and four member-at-large positions), please contact David Hering, Treasurer, at treasurer@ngra.com. You must declare your candidacy by the March meeting – Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. In April, you won't want to miss the annual Miss Closet Ball competition (more details to come) and, of course, BigHorn Rodeo 15 is May 11-13.

See y'all out and about in Las Vegas!



NGRA was in well represented at Kimberli Foxx's 3rd Annual Red Ribbon Review on Friday Feb 24th. The evening was the kickoff for the Sin Sity Sisters Red Dress Weekend and benefitted the Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

Top: Mr. NGRA 2012, Jason Jewel performs and accepts a tip from Sister Loosey.

Middle: Doug Graff, IGRA President, aka Winnie Baygo assisted with the raffle drawings and Taylor Trash, Miss IGRA 2012 2nd Runner Up cohosted the event.

Bottom: NGRA Vice President Colin Moltin is pictured with Rockell Blu and Sister Glo.

The evening raised \$902 for the SADAP.
Photos Courtesy of VegasDrag.com



Pictured Above Left to Right: Gay Nell Gulihur, Ms. TGRA 2012, Rodd Smunk, Mr. IGRA 2012 and Ric Franklin Sewell aka Kimberli Foxx, Miss IGRA 2011 took 4th Place on Saturday in Wild Drag at the Rodeo Runner Regional Rodeo in February. Ric also brought home a 4th Place Ribbon for Steer Deco with his partner (not pictured) Nic Wells, Mster IGRA 2012 2nd Runner Up.





Happy Birthday!



Colin Moulton - March 4

James Morgan - March 4

John King - March 6

Peter Broughton - March 12

Laurie Banks - March 13

Carlos Garcia - March 16

Kasey Golightly - March 19

Michael Green - March 26

Darren Wernette - March 28

Welcome New Members February 2012

Brian Agnew

George Anderson

Michael Boote

Jim Bostick

Peter Broughton

Shaun Dunlop

Weston Fisher

Ken Hruby

Barry Jones

Carolyn Jones

Jason Metzger

Peter Walters

My Life On the "T" List

Well the 2012 rodeo season has officially started. Thursday, February 16th I hopped in a car containing 3 other passengers, luggage, wigs, hats, etc., with so much we held items in our lap on the way to Phoenix as Kimberli Foxx and I took turns driving. After checking into our hotel for the weekend we headed out for few libations at Charlie's Phoenix. This was just the calm before the storm and well we left before last call, by the way what is last call anyway living in Vegas were alcohol if constantly flowing it is always odd to hear. Friday was a nice stress free day, after waking up decided to go find some breakfast and happened upon a Denny's only to seated in the corral or fenced in section of the restaurant. Guess they needed to make sure we behaved ourselves. Friday night started with the venture out to Rawhide and contestant registration where I needed to register for goat dressing. Meeting up with most of my teammates was great to do a quick catch-up before making an appearance at Bar 1 for the Homo Rodeo Meet and Greet. After a drink at Bar 1 is was off to Charlie's and well I remembered this year to bring a smaller purse as last year I was told my purse was too big. While the bar was fun and packed I left around midnight as I needed to be at the rodeo grounds at 7:30.

Saturday morning started with a quick drive out the rodeo grounds for new contestant orientation then a mad dash back to the hotel to get ready for the rodeo. The IGRA 2012 Royalty Team was out in full force. With the team of 10 we had 9 of us. Five of us competed, two worked in the arena and two were timers. As the team gathered in the truck for grand entry, we all had a blast being together. I had to wait until the second to last event of the day to actually compete. Well the time came and Kimberli Foxx my teammate and I were the first team to go in lane 2. I should tell you that I fell head over heels for a tall brunette. Well actually the goat was feisty and decided to trip me up with the rope so yes my first time to compete I fell into the dirt. I got right back up lifted the goat got the underwear on and ran back across the finish line. I was very pleased that I was able to complete the event and get a time for my try. Saturday night was for me a nice and quiet after having a nice dinner and calling it an early evening.

Sunday began the marathon day for me in face. After getting ready with a start time of about 8 in the morning I made it to the rodeo grounds before 10 a.m. I was able to mingle throughout the day until grand entry and goat dressing. As it came time for goat dressing and the luck of the draw I wound up with the same goat that got me on Saturday. Well this time it wasn't as good as Saturday and well the team before us complained and well we got a second shot with a different goat. This one was about the size of a small pony and was a kicker. It took I both Kimberli and I to grab the legs and put the underwear on. Well we got a time so I am very pleased with how I did for my first time out. After a quick drive back to the hotel for a bite to eat and a touch-up and get into a dress it was time to head back for awards.

Well that's about all I have for this month. Tune in next month when I recap my experience of A Texas Tradition Rodeo.



Miss IGRA 2012
2nd Runner Up

*Love,
Taylor*



Taylor Trash (l) and Ric Franklin-Sewell (r), aka Kimberli Foxx, prepare to compete in Goat Dressing at RRRR in Phoenix. This was Taylor's first time competing in gay rodeo.



NGRA

PROUDLY
PRESENTS

MISS COW PATTY 2012

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Saturday March 10th, 2012
10pm



Beer Bust
Raffle Items
Live Auction Bears
Gummi Bear Shots
&
Fab-MOOOO-Lous
Contestants!

Featuring



*Maggie Mae Fox Bouvier
Miss Cow Patty 2011*

Proceeds Will Benefit NGRA, BigHorn 15 and the 2012 NGRA Royalty Team Discretionary Fund

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association **BIGHORN RODEO**

**May 11-13,
2012**

See all the action for \$5

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702-825-2300, www.NGRA.org for details.

For more information: BigHornRodeo.com



OUT WEST PRIDE IN THE SADDLE STARTS IN NEVADA

Flamingo Library, 6:00 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2012



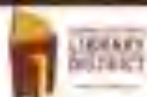
In 1975, the first Gay Rodeo was conceived in Reno as a fundraiser for the local Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Day dinner. It was hoped that "an amateur gay rodeo would be fun, raise money, and even erase local gay stereotyping." There were many challenges and great resistance, but finally the first rodeo was held on October 2, 1976. May 11-13, 2012 that innovative Nevada tradition continues with NGRA's BigHorn Rodeo 15 at Horseman's Park in Las Vegas.

Join the International Gay Rodeo Association Archives committee chair, Brian Rogers on a journey that takes us down the trail of gay

rodeo in Nevada through today. That trail of discovery includes the Comstock Gay Rodeo Association, the Silver State Gay Rodeo association, the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and finally the High Sierra Gay Rodeo Association. Explore the rich and colorful history and discover discrimination overcome and the contribution of gay rodeo to LGBT western history.

The talk will be accompanied by an exhibition of vintage gay rodeo photographs by Blake Little, original rodeo posters, programs and rule books from early Gay Rodeo.

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



March 2012

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4 TGRA Rodeo Ft Worth, TX	5	6	7 Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting The Center 6:30pm	8	9	10 Miss Cow Patty Charlie's 10pm
11 Daylight Savings Time	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18	19 NGRA Board/General Membership Meeting The Center 6:30pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31