

BigHorn Gazette

The Monthly Newsletter of The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association



Letter from the President

**Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell,
NGRA President 2011-2013**

Howdy y'all!

I know you're probably used to my long drawn out letters but this month I'm going to keep it short and sweet.

They say that April showers bring May flowers but for NGRA they bring our Annual Closet Ball competition, specifically on April 14th. It will once again be held at Charlie's Las Vegas. We will also be having our \$5 Beer Bust beginning at 9pm with the contest beginning at 10pm. The fundraising committee has been working hard on this event and it promises to be a fabulous evening. All competitors for Miss Closet Ball or Closet Ball King are welcome! The official rules for the contest can be found further on in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all at BigHorn Rodeo 15 starting May 11. Rodeo Director Laura Scott and the Rodeo Planning Committee...

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Save the Date!

Sunshine Stampede

April 20-21, 2012

Bergeron Rodeo Grounds

Davie, FL

Hot Rodeo

May 4-6, 2012

AC Dysart Equestrian Park

Banning, CA

BigHorn Rodeo

May 11-13, 2012

Horseman's Park
Las Vegas, NV



Miss Cow Patty 2012



NGRA held its' annual Cow Patty Contest Saturday March 10.
Top Photo: 2012 Miss Cow Patty Contestants (l to r) Bootsy Carmichael, Pamela and Whipme Useless.
2nd Photo: Cow Patty Judges (l to r) Diana Prince Miss LV Pride 2011, Taj Miss Closet Ball 2011 and Sister Loosey. *Not Pictured: Deb Browning.*
3rd Photo: Former Miss Cow Patty Saltiva Cracker.
Bottom Photo: The crowning of Miss Cow Patty 2012 Whipme Useless.

Happy Birthday

Patrick Schreier 4/03

Jon Wall 4/03

Rick Hansen-Raymen 4/14

Adam Johnson 4/15

Layne Chinen 4/17

Jeffrey Fisher 4/19

Tracy Skinner 4/21

Winsor Cooper 4/23

Bill Watkins 4/24

Matt Todd 4/25

Louise Adolphus 4/30

Guy Puglisi 4/30



My Life on the "T" List

Travel, Texas, Timing...well the first part of March was filled with T's. Thursday, March 1st I proceed to travel to Texas with a 7:30 flight, only to arrive at the airport to find that the flight was delayed due to mechanical problems. One thing I learned years ago, take the first flight out as it usually doesn't have delays or if so you have all day to get to your destination. Well after being put on stand-by for the next two flights to DFW and not being called for either, I finally secured a ticket for a flight leaving around 11 something a.m. Well I was only 4 hours behind schedule just to leave Vegas and needed to get to Dallas as I promised I would make it to a show that night. So I finally make to DFW and had to track down my luggage as they put our luggage on the 7:50 flight. I asked at the counter where that flights luggage arrived so that I could easily go retrieve it. If you have ever been to DFW it is a huge airport as everything is bigger in Texas. I arrived in the "C" terminal and was told that I needed to go to the "D" terminal. Well I got the tour of DFW via the Skylink only to arrive to retrieve my luggage and told that is was not there it was back at "C". Since I left security checkpoints I had to venture back to the terminal I started with via their ground transportation. Well I finally retrieved my luggage and was able to head out of the airport to the hotel. Only to get is some the Texas Traffic that I tried avoiding by taking the earlier flight.

I made it to the hotel and checked into my room at 5:50 p.m.in Ft. Worth and needed to be in Dallas at the Eagle at 7 for TGRA's fundraiser. Well I guess I will arrive when ready. So I quickly hopped in the shower, threw things out of the suitcase as to what I needed for the night and removed all the lampshades that were in the room as the lighting was horrible. I painted a face as fast as I could and well got myself ready in about an hour. I was now ready to venture out for the show and well that took a while with road construction, a lane closure and traffic. I did make it and had a blast that night although I only had one drink as the only meal I had that consisted of a Starbuck's coffee and muffin wore off long before I arrived in Texas.

Friday came and I was able to relax for a bit, settle in and prepare for the long weekend. Registration was nice as it was held in the lobby of the hotel. Saturday morning came very early as I got up at 5 to get ready, eat and make it to the Arena by 8:30 so I could find out what events I was going to be timing. Note to self when asked how far the hotel was to the Arena make sure you clarify real distance or a Texas mile. The hotel was close to 6 miles from the arena but I was told it was only 3 miles. As you sit in a moving car you go this sure is a long 3 miles. As they say everything is bigger in Texas.

A Texas Tradition Rodeo was a blast and well it was nice to be inside a covered arena. I had the privilege of timing Goat Dressing, Wild Drag and Barrel Racing. It was nice to spend the weekend my fellow IGRA Team Members, as 8 of us were able to make it to Texas. Saturday after the rodeo I freshened up and went to the 2nd annual Heffa's in Dresses fundraiser. Nothing like seeing dolled up lesbians, a lot of fun. Sunday after the rodeo I freshened up for awards complete with a Mexican buffet.

My journey home was nice, quiet and uneventful, exactly what I needed. Thank you Texas I thoroughly enjoyed myself and look forward to returning in October for Finals.

For the rest of the month it was local work as usual. I pulled out a comedic number for Cow Patty to go with the festivities for the night and even got asked to showcase that number again a week later at Whack A Nun. I was invited to participate in a photo shoot for Diana Prince and KC's SNAPi step-down poster. I must say that was the best hour with Matt Cox taking the photo and the gathering of friends, Diana, KC, Michael, Jason, Sabel, Mormanizer, Norma, Tracey, Brandon, Sister Loosy and Katrina. The poster is absolutely amazing and well can't wait for April 28th. Whack A Nun was also a fun night as I was part of the Sisters Sister's that performed a medley of Sister Act songs dressed as a nun. If you didn't attend, the video from that night is has been posted online and you can access if from my Facebook page.

As for what is coming up for me and my life of the T-list, you can catch me at NGRA's Closet Ball, SNAPi Saturday for Diana and KC's step down, Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs, BigHorn Rodeo as well as Stetsons and Stiletos being held Friday, May 11th at Charlie's.

**Love,
Taylor Trash**

That's my life on the T-list.

Miss IGRA 2012 2nd RU

FROM THE DESK OF THE RODEO DIRECTOR

By Laura Scott

First I'd like to give a big "Howdy" to everybody. As of this writing, there are 50 days to Bighorn Rodeo 15. As you can imagine, I am pulling all the grays out of my head. My girlfriend keeps reminding me, "You got this". And we I realize that It's finally starting to all come together. Logistically, everything is ordered, the vendor area has been mapped out. I think you will be thrilled with the direction we are going this year for the vendor area, sort of a throwback to days gone by. Big tent on the grassy area, with open sides for fresh air to come in, vendors all over the rest of the grass, the smell of BBQ, the pouring of your favorite beverage and some great entertainment in the tent will make for a great weekend. It all starts off Thursday night at Charlie's for our annual kick-off party starting at 9pm. The evening will include great entertainment, raffles and some special guests.

Friday night kicks off at Horseman's with Contestant Registration from 6pm to 9pm with a BBQ and Reverse Karaoke going on. If you're wondering what Reverse Karaoke is, its men singing women's songs, and vice versa. We will be giving \$100 prizes to the best Male and Female singer. The BBQ will begin at 6:00pm with the contest starting at 7:00pm.

Saturday will consist of Rodeo all day starting at 9:00am and with the price of admission this year being \$5 for all the action you can't beat it.

Saturday night the fun continues at 9:00pm with the BigHorn Hoedown at Charlie's Las Vegas. The evening will have a Beer Bust, Entertainment, Dancing, Raffles and hot cowboys and cowgirls.

Sunday we continue our Rodeo events starting at 9:00am once again with a \$5 admission price.

Sunday early evening we will hold our BBQ and Awards ceremony at Horseman's Park. We're hoping to start at 7:00pm for the BBQ with the awards ceremony at 8:00pm. The Sunday BBQ is only \$8 but the awards ceremony is free.

Monday, Charlie's Las Vegas is hosting our Survivor's Brunch from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. We hope to see everybody out at this year's Bighorn Rodeo 15. It will be an exciting time of great rodeo action, awesome and fun entertainment, and we might have a few tricks under our sleeve. Don't forget, the money raised from Bighorn Rodeo 15 helps our Beneficiaries, The Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada and The Sin Sity Sisters, SADAP drug assistance program.

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... are working hard to put on an amazing rodeo for the Las Vegas Community. For more details check out Laura's article in this edition of the BigHorn Gazette.

Finally, I want to congratulate the 2011-2012 Board of Directors on a great year. I'm grateful for each and every one of them and the work they've done this year: Colin Moltin (Vice President), Jeffrey Neal (Secretary), David Hering (Treasurer), Guy Puglisi (Trustee) and our Members-At-Large, Brian Rogers, Ken Wells, Chris Due and Brian Maley.

Well until next month YEEHAW and Let's Rodeo!



ROYALTY CHUCK WAGON APRIL FOOD DAY

\$5 BEER BUST •
RAFFLES - GUMMY BEAR JELLO SHOTS 4-7PM
FOOD & SNACKS 6:30-9PM



SUNDAY 4-9PM APRIL 1ST

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



NGRA Presents
Miss Closet Ball 2012
Saturday, April 14th
Beer Bust 9PM/Show 10 PM
Featuring Miss Closet Ball 2011
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Gummi Bear Shots
Raffle Prizes
Live Auction Items
Beer Bust
Fabulous Contest!!

Proceeds Benefit NGRA/NGRA BigHorn 15

Competition Rules for Miss Closet Ball and Closet Ball King 2012

1. All contestants must be at least 21 years old.
2. All contestants must pay the \$10 entry fee; entry fees are non-refundable.
3. Contestants and sponsors must arrive at the competition at least one hour prior to start time. Only the pageant coordinator may approve exceptions to this rule.
4. The order of competition will be determined by a random draw to assign contestant numbers.
5. Any contestant for the competition may not have appeared in serious drag (male or female) as a professional (i.e.: being paid for performing) for at least one year prior to the date of the pageant.
6. Contestants must have a sponsor for the competition, and the sponsor must apply their make-up. Only the pageant coordinator may approve exceptions to this rule.
7. Contestants and their sponsors will have one hour to complete the transformation (which will be timed).
8. Contestants will be judged as follows:
 - a. Male or Female Presentation – 5 points
 - b. Transformation from Male to Female or Female to Male – 50 points
 - c. Performance – 45 points
Highest and lowest scores in each category will be eliminated.
 - d. Audience Vote – A tip bucket will be placed in the center of the stage.
The audience may tip the bucket for points. Each dollar is a point.
Contestant may not touch the money, (may result in a 25 point deduction per judge).
9. No talent presentation may cause injury to anyone. No fire or water may be used in talent presentations. Contestants will only be judged on their performance.
10. In case of a tie, contestants will answer an on-stage question. Judges will decide who most successfully answered the question, thus determining the winner.
11. Any contestant, contestant dancer, or sponsor caught stealing and/or tampering with another contestant's possession will be immediately disqualified and removed from the premises.
12. Contestants are responsible for furnishing and removing all materials (like make-up, razors, props, and clothing).
13. The winner(s) may receive up to \$100 in cash prizes.

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association
BIGHORN RODEO

**May 11-13,
2012**

Special Presentation from 3-5

Horseshoe Park • East Flamingo
Host: Hotel Eastside • Casino Hotel & Casino Info,
702-656-5500, Mention NGEA for discount.
For more information: BigHornRodeo.com





NGRA 20TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM PRESENTS

BOOT SCOOTIN' SUNDAYS

WITH NGRA

Join us!!

Sunday

April

29th

4-7pm

@ Fun Hog
Ranch



Beer Bust
BBQ & Snacks
Gummi Bear Shots
Raffle Prizes
Live Auction Items
& Tons of Fun with the
20th Anniversary
NGRA Royalty Team!

Proceeds benefit NGRA/NGRA BigHorn 15
& 2012 Royalty Team Trust



April 2012



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15	16 <i>Board/ General Membership Meeting The Center 6:30pm</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Sunshine Stampede FGRA Davie, FL</i>	21 <i>Sunshine Stampede FGRA Davie, FL</i>
22 <i>Sunshine Stampede FGRA Davie, FL</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Boot Scootin Sunday Fun Hog 4pm-7pm</i>	30					