

# BigHorn Gazette

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell, NRGRA President 2012-2013

Howdy Y'all!

To kick off my note this month, I'd like to send a big thank you to Laura Scott and her team for putting together another outstanding NRGRA BigHorn Rodeo! It takes a lot of work to make an event like this happen, and I want everyone involved – from the Rodeo Directors and Assistants to the volunteers to the contestants – to know that NRGRA appreciates you!

There's no rest for NRGRA, though! We need to move forward on selecting a rodeo director for our 2013 rodeo. See the advertisement in this newsletter, and, if you're interested, please submit your letter of application to our Vice President, Colin Moulton, by June 11, 2012.

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## Save The Date

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

SCCGRA Rodeo School  
Rio Linda, CA

[www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org)

June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

ILGRA Rodeo School  
Crete, IL

[www.ilgra.com](http://www.ilgra.com)

June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

IAGRA Rodeo School  
Des Moines, IA

Info: [cowboyigra@yahoo.com](mailto:cowboyigra@yahoo.com)

June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Canadian Rockies Intl. Rodeo  
Strathmore, Alberta

[www.arga.com](http://www.arga.com)

*Congratulations BigHorn 15  
Rodeo Planning Committee  
On A  
Great Rodeo Weekend!*

## From the Desk of the Rodeo Director

The dust has settled and I can finally feel my feet again, now the rodeo blues start to set in. A huge Thank you to the Volunteers who came out to help support Bighorn Rodeo 15. I know the heat was no fun for many of you, but you braved it all and I couldn't be more grateful. We still have a few checks to come in, but it looks like Bighorn Rodeo will again have had a successful year. We will let you know the full outcome in the next issue. I want to personally thank Guy and Joel for sticking with me again this year when it wasn't always easy. We are probably the most dysfunctional group of three, but there is always a lot of love there. I am working on a little thank you pool party for all who volunteered this year, so look for details. Until next time... In Cowgirl Pride~ Laura

### PICS FROM BIGHORN 15



Above: Kick Off Party Emcee's (L) Taylor Trash and (R) Kimberli Foxx flank Kristine W.



Above: Spectators enjoying a dance break during the Kick Off Party.



Above: (L to R) Brenton Lago, Guy Puglisi, Kristine W., Laura Scott and Sable D'zyre at Kick Off Party.



Above: The 2012 NGRA Royalty Team at Registration Friday night.



Above: The Men of Charlie's volunteering at Rodeo Registration.



Above: Jeffrey Neal, Asst. Rodeo Director enjoying Registration.



Above: Registrants enjoying the BBQ Dinner at Registration.

### President's Letter Continued

We also need to appoint a Royalty Competition Director. The Royalty Competition Director is responsible for planning and executing the competition, including serving as a mentor to all the candidates who are running, verifying candidates' eligibility, getting sponsorship for competition expenses, and selecting judges and auditors. If you're interested in this position, please send me an e-mail at [president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com) by June 11, 2012. The president appoints this position with board approval of the appointment.

I'd also like to take a moment to invite y'all out to our 2 scheduled fundraisers this month: the Royalty Chuck Wagon Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 3 from 4 – 9 p.m. and Trailer Parks and Stretch Marks on Saturday, June 9 from 9 p.m. to midnight.

I hope each and every one of you gets some time to enjoy the summer!

All my best,  
Shaun Franklin-Sewell



Photos Courtesy of  
George Anderson





ROYALTY CHUCK WAGON  
PRESENTS  
SUMMER PICNIC  
\$5 BEER BUST  
RAFFLES - GUMMY BEAR JELLO SHOTS 4-7PM  
FOOD & SNACKS 6:30-9PM

Charlie's  
Las Vegas

SUNDAY 4-9PM  
JUNE 3RD

*Proceeds to benefit NGRA, Bighorn Rodeo 16 & The NGRA 2012 Royalty Team Discretionary Fund.*

#### Rodeo Director Job Advertisement

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association Board of Directors is seeking applications for the position of Rodeo Director for the 2013 BigHorn Rodeo. The rodeo director should be organized, innovative, patient and compassionate, with good people skills and an ability to motivate others.

The rodeo director's main duties are to:

- (1) Organize and lead the RPC.
- (2) Recruit people for key positions and
- (3) Facilitate consensus for various areas of planning.

The rodeo director serves at the pleasure of the board of directors and must report monthly, in writing to the board. The board of director seeks a unique applicant with the following qualities:

- Experience, organizational skills, time availability, and familiarity with IGRA's rodeo rules.
- Strong commitment to fiscal responsibility.
- Ability to work with and motivate various personality types
- Ability to motivate and encourage diverse members of the RPC and develop a strong sense of positive 'team' spirit.
- Ability to serve as a good role model and team leader with good conflict resolution skills.
- Strong vision for the rodeo and an understanding of NGRA's place in the Las Vegas community.
- Ability to develop and manage good relationships with sponsors.
- Good relations and a strong desire to include other organizations in our community.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please write a letter addressed to the board in which you address the various qualifications outlined here. Please also include a discussion of your vision for the 2013 rodeo.

Letters are due to the Vice President, Colin Moulton, by Monday, June 11. The board will review the letters at the June 18 board of directors meeting; candidates will also be interviewed at that meeting. E-mail your letters to [vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com).

## MORE PICS FROM BIGHORN 15



Above: A rider takes the last turn in Pole Bending on Saturday.



Above: NGRA Member Amanda Essary lines up as she competes in Calf Roping on Foot.



Above: NGRA members Jason Metzger (L) and Ric Franklin-Sewell (R) compete in Goat Dressing. Hey girl, Hey!



Above: Mr. and Miss IGRA 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> RU (L) JP Soto and (R) Taylor Trash prepare to tip Miss IGRA 2012 Victoria Weston (Center) under the entertainment tent.



Above: Alex Michaels performs a tribute at the BigHorn Hoedown Saturday Evening. Members of the first NGRA Royalty Team (92-93) were present.



Above: Miss NGRA 2008 and Empress XIII Katrina Davenport Jewel hosted BigHorn Hoedown Saturday evening at Charlie's.

## Happy Birthday!

- Tony Clark 6/2
- Kip Kipilla 6/3
- Johnny Bob Dalton 6/4
- Brian Agnew 6/5
- Dwayne Rennels 6/5
- Jay Little 6/9
- Ric Franklin-Sewell aka Kimberli Foxx 6/12
- Ron Cox 6/13
- Ken Wong 6/14
- Curtiss Lewis 6/15
- David Hering 6/17
- Robin Dennis 6/20
- David Wright 6/20
- Richard Armstrong 6/22
- Amanda Essary 6/23
- Chris Due 6/27
- Darwin Trotter 6/28



## NEW MEMBERS

- James Kidd**
- Efrain Cervantes**
- Joshua Montgomery**
- Stephanie Malone**
- Robin Dennis**
- James Johnson**
- Russell Ervin**

**WELCOME!!!**





# TRAILER PARKS & STRETCH MARKS



*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

# SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH 9PM-12AM

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# June 2012



						1	2 Men of Charlie's Contest Charlie's 9pm
3 Royalty Chuck Wagon Charlie's 4pm-9pm	4	5	6	7	8	9 NGRA Fundraiser Charlie's 9pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Sin Sity Sister's Fundraiser Charlie's 10pm	
17 Father's Day	18 NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting The Center 6:30pm	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	