



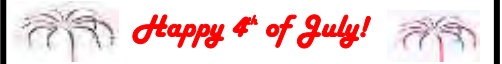
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# BIGHORN GAZETTE



July 2012

Ric Franklin-Sewell, Editor



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell, NGRA President*



Happy Fourth of July.

Of course, it's hot in July in Las Vegas, but July is also a very important month in our calendar. On July 8, we host the annual state convention. At state convention, we review, discuss, and approve or reject changes to our organization's bylaws. All members are invited, and state convention is an excellent way to learn about the organization AND participate in its governance. NGRA Convention will be held on Sunday, July 8 beginning at 11 a.m. The location will be at 770 Pilot Road, Suite I. Lunch will be provided. If you have a proposal for a bylaw or standing rule change, please submit that to Convention Chair and Vice President Colin Moulton at [vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com) by June 30. Proposals will also be accepted from the floor. The NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting will also be held immediately following state convention.

On July 1, join the royalty team as they host the Royalty Chuck Wagon for July: Red, White and Food. Enjoy raffles, gummy bear shots and a beer bust from 4 - 7 p.m. and then stick around for food and snacks from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Then, on July 14, join Mormanizer as she hosts Summer Night Fever at Charlie's Las Vegas. Our NGRA \$5 beer bust begins at 9 p.m., and fabulous entertainment begins thereafter.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUNDAY**

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

**11:00 AM**

**ANNUAL NGRA  
STATE CONVENTION**

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## 2012 NGRA

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell

Vice President: Colin Moulton

Secretary: Jeffrey Neal

Treasurer: David Hering

Trustee: Guy Puglisi

Member at Large: Jason Jewell

Member at Large: Joel Castillo

Member at Large: Brian Maley

Member at large: OPEN SEAT



## *PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED*

At the June board meeting, the Board approved several appointments to important positions in our organization (some returning, and some new). Please welcome the following folks:

Brian Rogers - Archivist / Historian

Chris Reynolds - Royalty Competition Director

David Blackwood - Parliamentarian

Pam Kazmarek - Property Manager

Ric Franklin-Sewell - Newsletter Editor

We also discussed the OPEN MEMBER-AT-LARGE position. Unfortunately, one of our members-at-large had to resign, so we have an open position. If you are interested in joining the NGRA board and participating in its governance, please contact me at [president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com) by Friday, July 5. Members-at-large represent the membership to the board and are generally asked to hold one additional responsibility.

I hope you all are staying cool in the hot Vegas summer, and I hope to see you at one of this month's events or at State Convention on July 8.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Ken Hruby 7/01

Joel Castillo 7/04

George Anderson 7/27

Laura Scott 7/27

## **New Members**

Joe Harter

Mark Remilliard

Chris Reynolds

## **NGRA STATE CONVENTION**

NGRA Convention will be held on Sunday July 8 beginning at 11 AM.

The location will be at 770 Pilot Road, Suite I. Lunch will be provided. Anyone wishing to submit a proposal can do so by emailing it to [vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com), or by mailing it to: NGRA PO Box 96055, Las Vegas, NV 89193.

Any submissions received by June 30 at midnight will be summarized and emailed to the membership for review on July 2. Anything received after that date will be held and reviewed at Convention in the order it was received.

**NGRA**

**ROYALTY CHUCK WAGON**  
**RED WHITE & FOOD**

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

**Charlie's**  
 Las Vegas

**SUNDAY, JULY 1ST**

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

**NGRA**

**SUMMER NIGHT FEVER**

**Charlie's**  
 Las Vegas

**\$5 BEER BUST & SHOW**

HOSTED BY MORMONIZER

**SATURDAY JULY 14TH 9PM**

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

# Taylor's EMPTATION ISLAND 2

Decorated Flamingo Auction

**Charlie's**  
Las Vegas



**Saturday, July 21st**  
**9pm - Midnight**



A Benefit for  
The International Gay Rodeo Association &  
Sin City Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP)



presents  
**City Stickers**  
&

**Country Kickers**

**Sunday, July 22nd**

**2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Beer Bust**

**Jell-O Shots**

**Raffle Prizes**

**BBQ Food**

at...



Proceeds benefit NGRA, NGRA BigHorn 16  
& 2012 Royalty Team Trust

# 2013 NGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION

Calling all Candidates! Do you have what it takes to be rodeo royalty?

Although we are currently in the midst of our 20th Anniversary Royalty Team's year, and what a year it has been, it is time for us to look ahead towards the 2013 NGRA Royalty Competition.

We are looking for NGRA members (Per the NGRA Standing Rules all interested persons must have been an active member of NGRA in good standing for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the beginning of the scheduled competition) that are interested in helping to promote not only the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and Big Horn Rodeo 16 but the Gay Western Lifestyle itself. The competition this year, "Building on 20 years of Success", will be held at Charlie's Las Vegas on Saturday December 8, 2012. The title categories are Mr., Miss, Ms and MsTer.

If any member is interested or just has questions regarding the contest or would like to be involved in the committee, please feel free to contact me at (702)813-8576 or via email at [bubba4behr@gmail.com](mailto:bubba4behr@gmail.com).

Thank you and Let's Rodeo!

Chris Reynolds

Mr. NGRA 2011

2013 NGRA Royalty Competition Chair

**WE'RE BACK!**

Norma Llyaman

LAS VEGAS  
**PRIDE**  
FAMILY  
BINGO

Deejay **Danny G**  
Sound & Lighting

**QVEGAS**  
QVEGAS.COM

Diana Prince

**GRAND OPENING**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
**CIRCUS CIRCUS**  
LAS VEGAS

GRAND BALLROOM (SKYRISE TOWER)  
SNAPI HOUR AT 6PM | BINGO AT 7PM



# JULY



<b>1</b> Royalty Fundraiser Charlie's 4-9p	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Men of Charlie's Charlie's 9:00pm
<b>8</b> NGRA Convention & Meeting 11:00am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pride Bingo Circus Circus 6:00pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Denver Rodeo	<b>14</b> NGRA Fundraiser Charlie's 9:00pm Denver Rodeo
<b>15</b> Denver Rodeo	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> IGRA Fundraiser Charlie's 9:00pm
<b>22</b> Royalty Fundraiser Garage 2-5pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				