



In this issue... IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals Information, 2013 Royalty Competition Information, & so much more!!!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Board of Directors discussed its ongoing search for a rodeo director at the NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting on Monday. Since the meeting, we have received one application. The application period is open until Monday, September 10. If you're interested in serving as rodeo director, please contact Shaun Franklin-Sewell, NGRA President, at president@ngra.com.

Again this year, NGRA is manning the gate for the Las Vegas Pride Festival on Saturday, September 8 from Noon to 10 p.m. at the Clark County Government Center. If you'd like to volunteer to staff the gate, **please contact Treasurer David Hering at treasurer@ngra.com for available shifts.** It's an easy fun way to help NGRA raise \$10 per hour!

For the third year, IGRA University will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, January 11-13, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Downtown. It's a great way to learn all about rodeo and rodeo associations. NGRA will reimburse the registration fees of up to ten members who verify that they attended at least two classes at IGRA U. **If you're planning on going to IGRA University, please let Trustee Guy Puglisi know by e-mailing trustee@ngra.com.**

You're invited to compete! To compete, you must have been a member of NGRA in good standing since June 8 of this year, be at least 21 years old, and you must live in the state of Nevada. Other requirements can be met before the competition date

The 2013 NGRA Royalty Competition date has been slated for Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Charlie's Las Vegas

For information, please contact our 2013 Royalty Competition Director, Chris Reynolds at bubba4behr@gmail.com

-Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell
NGRA President

FROM THE EDITOR:

Well I am back as your trusted Newsletter Editor for the BigHorn Gazette. I am looking forward to reporting all NGRA and Rodeo news to you all. Your suggestions are always welcome.

You can always email me at: BigHornEditor@ngra.com at any time!

Thank you!

-JOEL CASTILLO
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

NGRA 20th ANNIVERSARY TEAM PRESENTS **'BOOT SCOOTIN' SUNDAYS** **WITH NGRA**

Join us!!
Sunday
Sept. 23
4-7pm
Fun Hog
Ranch



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

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



Fundraising Committee Report



Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2012 Calendar. Please join us on September 8th, after your day at PRIDE, at Charlie's for "No More Lonely Nights" and the presentation/announcement of the 2013 NGRA Royalty Team Contestants! Join us for a night of fun entertainment, - as well as the usual Raffle Tickets items (with lots of booze grab bags), Jell-O Shots, and some awesome talent!

We have so many things coming up in our community, and are hopeful that our NGRA Membership will show up en masse and help us raise the money we need! We hope to see old and new faces out and about. Every dollar helps! So come join us for some fun!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM at The Fun Hog Ranch. All are encouraged to attend!

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



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September 3, 2012

Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation Announces First Paladin Award Dinner

It is time to dust off your best cowboy and cowgirl duds and attend the 2012 Paladin Award Dinner to support the Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation™.

This dress up western award dinner will honor one individual or group with the first ever “Paladin” Award. The Paladin term has long been used to recognize the “hero of a cause” and in this case it has a western heritage theme. The winner of the recognition is a closely guarded secret and will be announced at the dinner event, following a presentation of “Pride in the Saddle”, the history of gay rodeo in Nevada.

The Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation™ (GLRHF) was established in 2009 and has federal 501(c)3 status. A portion of your ticket to the dinner is tax deductible. As a charitable organization, the Mission of the GLRHF is to serve the broader community by preserving, maintaining, promoting and communicating the role of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals in the sport of rodeo and the western lifestyle.

This Mission is achieved through private donations, application for grants and hosting educational and cultural events. Funds raised will be used to support projects designed to document and preserve relevant historical events, rodeo training schools, scholarships, lectures, workshops and rodeos, with an emphasis on outreach to the younger rural GLBTQ community.

The Paladin Award is given annually. This year has significance as the inaugural award presentation. The event is happening Sunday November 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Tuscany Hotel in Las Vegas, immediately following the 2012 International Gay Rodeo Association Convention. Individual tickets are \$100.00 and a group rate is available.

More information on the Foundation and the dinner event is available at: www.glrhf.org. Individual, couple or group tickets may be purchased on the IGRA Convention website at www.igra.com or by email request to bhelander@me.com.

The Royalty Roundup

From your
20th Anniversary Team

Hello Members,

Where has the time gone? Here we are, 3 months away from our step-down, and we are going strong with fundraising. Next time you see us out, please make sure we are awake because we are all exhausted. But man, has it been a fun time for the 4 of us these past 9 months! We have covered so many events, rodeos, community ally fundraisers, and so much more. Just recently, Sabel & Curtiss declared their candidacy to run for the titles of Miss & Mr. IGRA 2013, respectively. They are having a fundraiser on Saturday, September 29th at 9pm beer bust/10pm show at Charlie's Las Vegas. You can also look for the 4 of them performing at PRIDE on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

We would like to invite all of our NGRA Membership to our upcoming events! The Chuck Wagon on Sunday, September 2, 2012 from 4-9 at Charlie's. Our monthly show, "No More Lonely Nights at Charlie's on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 9pm Beer Bust/10pm Show and meet the new contestants for the 2013 team. The we are back at the Fun Hog for Boot Scootin' Sundays on Sunday, September 23 from 4-7pm.

Stay tuned for many more announcements!

In rodeo spirit,

Your 20th Anniversary Royalty Team

Jason, Sabel, Curtiss, & Mormanizer



FINALS
IGRA
2012

WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS

2013 ROYALTY TEAM COMPETITION

October 19-21
Justin Arena at Will Rogers Complex
Fort Worth, Texas

Presented by **BUD LIGHT**



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NGRA
PRESENTS
NO MORE LONELY NIGHTS
Charlie's Las Vegas A NIGHT OF DUETS
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2013 NGRA CANDIDATES
BEER BUST • RAFFLES • PERFORMANCES
NGRA
SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 8TH 9^{PM}**
Proceeds to Benefit NGRA, Higher Rates 10 & The NGRA 2012 Royalty Team Discretionary Fund.



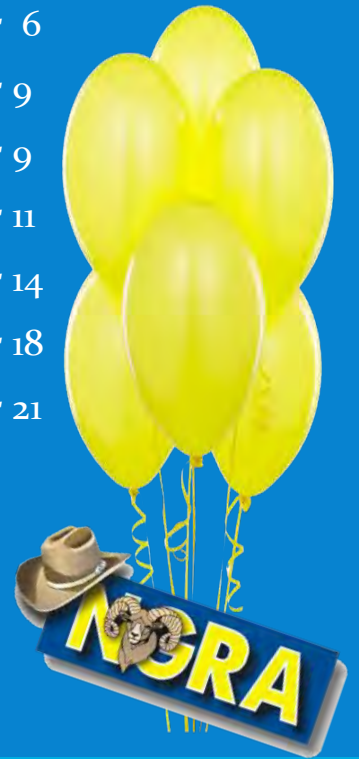
NGRA
ROYALTY CHUCK WAGON
LABOR DAY WEEKEND GRUB
\$5 BEER BUST
RAFFLES • GUMMY BEAR JELLO SHOTS 4-7PM
FOOD & SNACKS 6:30-9PM
Charlie's Las Vegas
SUNDAY 4-9PM
SEPTEMBER 2ND
Proceeds to Benefit NGRA, Higher Rates 10 & The NGRA 2012 Royalty Team Discretionary Fund.

Anyone interested in performing this evening, please contact any member of the NGRA 2012 Royalty Team. Solos, Duets, Groups are all encouraged!
Director2@ngra.com

NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in September:



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| Brenton Lago | September 6 |
| Karey Lipman | September 9 |
| RJ Breceda | September 9 |
| Robert Haggard-Bunting | September 11 |
| Jon Jones | September 14 |
| Mike Windsor | September 18 |
| James Johnson | September 21 |



New NGRA Members

Welcome to: Ryan McPherson

NGRA Member of the Month

Congratulations: Guy Puglisi

July, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 * Royalty Chuck Wagon @ Charlie's 4- 9pm	3	4	5	6	7	8 *NGRA "No More Lonely Nights" Show @ Charlie's 9:00PM
9	10	11	12 *Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Fun Hog Ranch. All are welcome.	13	14 GSGRA Best Buck in the Bay Rodeo Weekend	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 *Deadline for October Newsletter * Boot Scootin' Sunday at Fun Hog Ranch 4- 7PM	24	25	26	27	28	29 * Sabel & Curtiss' Fundraiser for IGRA ... 9PM at Charlie's
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NGRA PRESENTS...

2011 ROYALTY COMPETITION

BUILDING ON 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012

8:30 PM - 12:00 AM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:

MISTY DEE, MISS NGRA 1995



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Charlie's
Live Shows