



## November 2014 BigHorn Gazette

Preston, our new MsTer IGRA 2015



Congratulations Preston (aka Charli Phillips) on winning the title MsTer IGRA 2015.

## Announcement of IGRA 2015 Royalty Team

Vice President James Jenkins proudly announced the following members for the 2015 Royalty Team:

Mr IGRA - Andrew Johnson (CGRA)  
Mr IGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - Jason Bernard (TGRA)  
Mr IGRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up - Todd Garrett (FGRA)

Miss IGRA - Luxx Bentley (OGRA)  
Miss IGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - A'Lotta Trash (NGRA)

MsTer IGRA – Preston (NGRA)



Miss IGRA 2015 - Luxx Bentley and Miss IGRA 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - A'Lotta Trash



Ms IGRA 2014 - Pauline Chavez, Miss IGRA 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - A'Lotta Trash, Miss TGRA 2015 Candidate - Madison Deveroux, and Mr IGRA 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up - Todd Garrett

## Our A'Lotta



It has been a whirlwind week at World Gay Rodeo Finals as well as the 2015 IGRA Royalty Competition. It was definitely the most intense experience of my life but I would not change it for the world. It was amazing to see all the hard work put out by each and every individual to make World Gay Rodeo Finals a complete success. The Royalty Competition was incredible and everyone single person competing definitely brought their A game.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that I am your new Miss IGRA 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up! I am so proud to have been able to represent the amazing organization that is NGRA and I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your support throughout my year as Miss NGRA as well as all my prep for competition.

Thank you all!

Miss NGRA 2014  
Miss IGRA 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up  
A'Lotta Trash

## The Most Valued Person

I had the great pleasure to attend World Gay Rodeo Finals 2014 as well as the IGRA 2015 Royalty Competition. It was an amazing experience competing for royalty as well as working in the arena as arena crew. I am very honored to have been able to represent NGRA as Mr NGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up. I am very proud to announce that I was selected the Most Valued Person (MVP) for the arena crew for World Gay Rodeo Finals.

Jason Metzger  
Mr NGRA 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up



## IGRA Royalty Competition – Arlington Texas Oct 16-18 World Gay Rodeo Finals – Ft. Worth Texas Oct 18-19

Being able to attend both of these events was amazing. I was able to witness world class athletes doing what they do best, competing and achieving goals that they set for themselves. The wonderful talent and volunteers that make these events possible as well as the attendees, as always, made the experience even better. Being able to reconnect to rodeo friends and make new ones in the process is what makes our organization and its state chapters what we all refer to as RODEO FAMILY.

The quality of the people that live, experience, promote the country lifestyle and exemplify the 'cowboy way' proves that being in the gay community can be extremely rewarding. The individuals that participate truly live and respect what is called the COWBOY WAY of living life to its fullest, treating people with respect and dignity and honoring your word in all things. This is a trait that we all strive for in all our activities.

I encourage anyone that has not attended a rodeo or a rodeo sponsored event to go, meeting these amazing people that can make a difference in their communities while remaining humble and dedicated to friends and family along the way. You will never meet or be embraced by a more awesome family than to join our RODEO FAMILY locally and internationally.

Michael DAWG Yarbrough  
Candidate for Mr NGRA 2015

### From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Well we are at the end of the 2014 rodeo season. Congratulations to those who competed in Finals.

Many of us are already thinking about BigHorn 2015. Some of you have already offered your help. Thanks for that. I hope many more of you will be able to step forward to make this rodeo a great success. I am having the first of my volunteer gatherings for BigHorn 2015 on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Free food and drink again as well as a chance to find out about the changes being made this year and the new volunteering opportunities we shall have. Feel free to bring a friend.

I would like to thank once again all those who came out to man the NGRA trunk at the Old Nevada Days event at Tule Springs on October 31<sup>st</sup>. I hope this is something we can do again next year.

Of course I always welcome newcomers so if you have not volunteered before or have friends or family you think would like to get involved please contact me and find out more details about the November 21<sup>st</sup>. gathering.

Carolyn Jones  
Your Volunteer Coordinator  
[volunteers@ngra.com](mailto:volunteers@ngra.com)

## Presidential Ramblings

So many great memories from World Gay Rodeo Finals 2014...hard to know where to begin

### Rodeo

- Way to go Richard Armstrong for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Flag Race.
- Super cool that Amanda Easery won the Steer Riding buckle. Granted she didn't compete under the NGRA name, but I'm gonna go ahead and claim her. After all, if it hadn't been for NGRA, she never would have started rodeo! :-)

### Royalty

- Congratulations to Preston on MsTer. IGRA 2015. You've just joined a very small elite group of MsTer IGRAs who show us all the many facets of your entertainment genre.
- A'Lotta Trash, what an awesome competition you gave! Congratulations on Miss IGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up.
- Jason. You may not have brought home a sash, but you certainly did not come home empty handed. See next category of Pride.
- Katrina. I hope you're somewhere with your feet up! Thanks for a fantastic year. I loved seeing you with all other Miss's. You fit right in.

### Pride

- Adam Johnson, you make me so proud to work with you.
- NGRA Royalty was "in the house", the ball room, the arena and everywhere this weekend. Saturday morning at 8:30 am, our team was at the rodeo ready for a day of work.
- Guy, thank you for being a rock in the Trustee world. It's comforting to know you got our proverbial back side in the IGRA world.
- Jason Metzger was selected the Most Valued Person (MVP) for the arena crew for World Gay Rodeo Finals.

### 2015

As the rodeo Announcer, I had the privilege of reminding those in attendance that the 2015 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be in our home state/city of Las Vegas, Nevada. I have also been asked to be a part of the production team. I am looking forward to it, but we all must step up our game this year. Two rodeos in a community can be tough, but I'm confident that NGRA is ready. We have a strong volunteer base, deep experience and a passion for fun.

The first BigHorn Rodeo roundtable will be on Tuesday, November 10 at the Center. Please show up and bring your talents, whatever they are. I know we can put them to good use.

Douglas Graff  
NGRA President  
[president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com)

## NGRA Wants to get more Social

In an effort to fill a void in the Las Vegas Gay Community, the NGRA wants to try and get more social, with some activities outside of the bars. We're not talking about fundraising, we're talking about going hiking, playing volleyball, racquetball and whatever else you, the NGRA membership, can help us think of doing.

This is nothing formal, just an idea for going out and having some fun. If you're interested in organizing an event, please feel free to advertise the day, time, etc. to the NGRA Facebook page so others can contact you.

Similarly, if you don't want to necessarily organize an event but need a tennis partner or one more for volleyball, please feel free to advertise on the NGRA Facebook page.

If you have any questions, or suggestions, please feel free to email me at [vicepresident@ngra.com](mailto:vicepresident@ngra.com).

Ken Hruby  
Vice President  
NGRA

## Rodeo Poster Contest

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is accepting submissions for its poster for BigHorn Rodeo 2015. Submissions will be 11" x 17" in size and include the NGRA and IGRA logos (email: [rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com) for logos) as well as the dates of BigHorn Rodeo, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2015, Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo, start time 11:00 am, \$10 per day, \$15 weekend pass. Must leave an area at the bottom for sponsor logos and be willing to adapt poster if changes are needed for poster.

We are looking for something creative and fun. Some western theme is required, but think outside the box, Andy Warhol meets Roy Rogers or maybe Steampunk Western.

Winner of contest will get a \$200 donation to their favorite local charity in town, in their name.

Poster will become sole property of NGRA, and does reserve the right to make revisions. Poster contest deadline is, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 by 4:00 pm.

Poster submissions should be sent as a high-resolution JPG file. No native application files are accepted. All files should be at least 300 dpi. Files may be submitted on CD, DVD and mailed to, NGRA PO Box 96055, Las Vegas, NV 89193 or PREFERABLY by e-mail to [rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com](mailto:rodeodirector@bighornrodeo.com). Clearly label the digital media or include name and "poster contest" in the subject line when e-mailed.

Laura Scott  
Rodeo Director  
BigHorn Rodeo 2015

## Rodeo Director for BigHorn 2015



Hello friends. We are fast approaching our first rodeo meeting of the year, November 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at the Center. Please come out and let your voice be heard. We will be voting on the rodeo poster which will be officially unveiled on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the NGRA Royalty Competition being held at Charlie's.

Ken Hruby and I are working on some new ideas we want to discuss at this meeting. Very excited about BigHorn Rodeo 2015. I guess it takes being away for a year to feel re-motivated.

I would like to welcome, Carolyn Jones as our Volunteer Coordinator, David Hering as Finance Director, Barry Jones as Security Coordinator, Devon Deming as Barn Manager and Johnny Bob Dalton and Gary Segal as our Contestant Hospitality gurus.

We are still looking for several positions on our Team: Bar Manager; Vendor Coordinator; Ticket Coordinator; Program Advertising and Buckle/Ribbon/Chute Sponsor Coordinator.

Please don't hesitate to contact Ken or myself if you're interested in any of these positions.

Laura Scott  
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### Rodeo Memories 2011





## From Your Royalty Team

We had an amazing month with our event at Charlie's Las Vegas with Coming Out with The Boys. It was a great time with a roster of all male performers and we auctioned off our own Miss A'Lotta Trash to perform a song as a boy picked by the audience. Needless to say A'Lotta had to perform to Sir-Mix-A-Lot "Baby Got Back". We are very happy to announce that we raised \$657.50 that night. We would like to thank all of our performers as well as the staff and management of Charlie's Las Vegas, as well as all of those that were in attendance.

The Royalty Team went to World Gay Royalty Finals for the 2015 IGRA Royalty competition and we are very proud to announce your New MsTer IGRA 2015 our very own Preston and our Miss IGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up is A'Lotta Trash!

We hope to see everyone out for our monthly Charlie's event on November 8<sup>th</sup> for Give Thanks at 9:00 pm. We also have our quarterly event at Flex on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 pm. Then everything comes full circle as we have the 2015 NGRA Royalty Competition, Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm.

Great wishes for the upcoming holidays!

Your 2014 NGRA Royalty Team

Miss NGRA - A'Lotta Trash

Mr. NGRA - Brent Rosinski

MsTer NGRA - Preston

Mr. NGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up - Jason Metzger

## Horses4Heroes Tule Springs Friday, October 31

October 31<sup>st</sup> saw NGRA at a new event held on Nevada Day at Tule Springs and organized by Horses4Heroes.



Horses4Heroes is a nationwide organization with a mission to make horseback riding affordable for, and accessible to, our service members, veterans, survivors, First Responders and their immediate families, as well as other heroes in our communities including for example nurses, special needs teachers, and others who service and sacrifice to keep us safe and free.

The event, which was free to the public, offered hay wagon rides, a costume contest, pumpkin decorating, a pumpkin patch and "Trunk or Treat". Our Rodeo Director spotted this opportunity for NGRA to take part in the "Trunk or Treat" part of the event and arranged for us to have a stand.



Barry Jones, Buzz Green, Laura Scott and David Wright



Carolyn Jones, Buzz Green, David Wright and Barry Jones

As ever, Laura organized us well. I must thank again those volunteers who gave their afternoon for this: Buzz Green; Melissa Brown; Brenda Favella-Belmonte and especially David Wright who came in his bright red truck and armed with his saddle on its stand, small ghostly figures, large black furry spiders, a skull to ride the saddle and various bones to go in his saddle bag. The NGRA banner was draped over the back of his cab and all in all we had a good looking “trunk”.



David Wright surrounded by all the Halloween paraphernalia

We were surrounded by a constant stream of little ones wearing amazing costumes. As someone experiencing Halloween in earnest for the first time I was very impressed by how well behaved they all were. I must admit Barry and I had never before set out to buy 20 lbs. of candy and had no idea how many pieces we would need to cater to the estimated crowd of 500 children. But we got to the end of the day as one of the few stands who did not run out. We still had 1½ lb. of candy left at the end of the day!

A new venture for NGRA and a chance to raise our profile in the wider community. This is an event which everyone present agreed was a very enjoyable one which we hope to repeat next year.



David Wright



Stephanie Malone

Carolyn Jones  
Your Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Member of the Month

Joseph Gurico

Joseph Gurico (aka Princess) was nominated as October Member of the Month for his work on Pride and general NGRA events.

Congratulations Joseph.

## Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in November:

1	Terry Freeman
1	Christina Hernandez
1	Lorry King
4	Shaun Franklin-Sewell
4	Garey Segal
19	Barry Cluff
20	Benjamin Avant
21	James Bostick
26	Peter Walters
29	Max Wells

## Gay Rodeo on This is Life with Lisa Ling

Hi folks

I'm happy to announce that we now have a confirmed air date for our episode, Gay Rodeo, on *This is Life with Lisa Ling*. The episode will premiere **Sunday, November 9th at 10 pm EST on CNN**. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

The series begins on Sunday, September 28 and a new episode will air each week. We hope you'll tune in!

You can find more info on <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/us/this-is-life-with-lisa-ling/index.html>

Thank you so much for the work that you've put into this show. Many of you selflessly volunteered your time to help us, whether by coordinating shoots in the arena, digging through rodeo archives, or telling your story on camera. It would not have been possible without each and every one of you. We are so proud of how it's shaping up - the IGRA is full of important stories and I'm so glad that this show could be a vehicle for telling them!

Warm regards,

Jackie Hurwitz

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# GIVING THANKS

*Bash*

SAT NOV. 8<sup>TH</sup>

GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS IN YOUR LIFE:  
BEER BUST | RAFFLES | JELLO SHOTS | SHOW  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT NGRA AND BIGHORN RODEO

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SHOW 10PM

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*Charlies*  
Las Vegas

5012 S. ARVILLE STREET, LAS VEGAS, NV 89118

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**9 PM  
COCKTAILS**

**10 PM  
SHOW**



**FALL  
RODEO  
ROUNDUP**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Proceeds benefit NGRA & BigHorn Rodeo

**RAFFLES / SHOW / JELLO SHOTS**

4371 W CHARLESTON BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89102







THE NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



# ROYAL NIGHT

2015 Royalty Competition

Hosted by:  
Alex Michaels  
as  
Joan Rivers

*Charlie's*  
Las Vegas

9pm-Midnight  
Saturday  
November 29, 2014

Charlie's Las Vegas  
5012 Arville St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

# Calendar

## November

Sat 8	9:00 pm	Giving Thanks Bash	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 10	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
13-16		30 <sup>th</sup> Annual IGRA Convention	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver – Stapleton North 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216
Tue 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 22	9:00 pm	Fall Rodeo Roundup	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 29	9:00 pm	NGRA Royalty Competition	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

## December

Mon 8	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 13	9:00 pm	NGRA Fundraising Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 15	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101

## January

Mon 12	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Mon 19	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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