



Seattle Men in Leather, founded in 1989,  
is a non-profit, gay men's social group  
Promoting with Power and Pride  
the Seattle Men's Leather Community.

## SML NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON FEB. 3

This March, at SML's Annual Membership Meeting, Seattle Men in Leather will once again be electing a new board, making awards, and naming our charitable beneficiary for 2006. All Officer and Steering Committee positions are open – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and the five Member-at-Large positions – plus we will select SML Man of the Year Award (outstanding commitment and support of SML), the SML Community Service Award (outstanding support of the Leather Community), and we will name the Club Beneficiary.

E-Mail your nominations to [elections@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:elections@seattlemeninleather.org). Nominations will be closed on February 3, and ballots will be out in early February. (Note that only those with active memberships on February 3 will receive ballots.) Ballots must be returned in the specially marked envelope you will receive them with no later than the start of the Annual Meeting and Potluck on Saturday, March 11.

## EQUINOX VII TO BE HELD JULY 14-16

The Longhouse has confirmed that Equinox VII will be able to take place July 14-16. The theme will be A Midsummer's Fantasy. Equinox committee meetings will be held in conjunction with the SML monthly socials.

The special registration price for returning Equinox attendees is \$90 until March 15; until April 30, \$100 for SML members and \$120 for others; after that date, \$120 for SML members and \$140 for others.

There will be an SML work party at the Longhouse at an unspecified date this spring. This type of work party is a component of the capital improvement policy of the Longhouse; it will serve to make the site more usable for groups like ours. Please consider helping when that date is announced.

## NEW LOOK FOR NEWSLETTER

While Jim Drew had planned to retire as SML newsletter editor at the end of 2005, no one else has stepped up to take on the role. Jim has agreed to stay on, but only doing a reduced version of the newsletter, what you are reading now: 4 pages, including one page of calendar and events and one page of SML member boilerplate. No reviews, no photos, no interviews, no lengthy articles, and no ads.

The opportunity for someone else to take on the newsletter, in this form or one of your choosing, is still available. Contact [newsletter@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:newsletter@seattlemeninleather.org) to volunteer.

## DADDY'S LEATHER TAG SALE

Every March during Leather Pride Week, the past Seattle Leather Daddy titleholders host a Leather Tag Sale, a garage sale for the leather community. This year's sale will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at the Cuff Complex, from 7:00-10:00 pm. (The regular 3rd Wednesday country-western dancing will be suspended that week.) During the Tag Sale, there will also be a Community-Wide Leather Social, co-hosted by Seattle Men in Leather and Seattle Women of Leather, encouraging members of the gay, lesbian, and

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straight leather communities to mix and mingle. There is no dress code for this social. The event is the perfect opportunity for men and women interested in learning more about leather to come and socialize, ask some questions, and maybe buy a first piece of leather.

What can you find at Daddy's Leather Tag Sale? There will be gently used leathers, latex, uniforms, kink-themed t-shirts, and other clothing. There will be video tapes, DVDs, artwork, and leather magazines from years gone by. There will be harnesses, gloves, gauntlets, belts, hoods, and boots. In years past, there has even been dungeon furniture. (Got some items to donate? Contact Daddy Jeff at [lthrdaddy@aol.com](mailto:lthrdaddy@aol.com) or (206) 353-5186 to arrange for your donation. You can also sell your own items that night for a 10% donation of your sales; again, contact Daddy Jeff for details.)

Daddy's Leather Tag Sale raises money for the Leather Archives & Museum, the storehouse of the leather community's history. The event is sponsored by Seattle Men in Leather and the Washington State Mr. & Ms. Leather Organization (WSMLO). Via WSMLO, you will be able to use credit cards as well as cash and checks.

## SML DINES OUT

Join us on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm for an SML Dines Out dinner at Purr (1518 11th Ave.). We may use this space for the monthly Leather Brunch in the future, so this is your chance to get a taste of the restaurant.

Please RSVP: [dining@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:dining@seattlemeninleather.org)

## BOARD MINUTES: JANUARY

*This is a summary of the board minutes; some items have been excerpted out into other articles in the newsletter, and some have been removed for space reasons.*

*For a full set of the minutes, visit the newsletter page on the SML website.*

**Treasurer:** \$995 was the income from Pictures with Santa.

**Membership:** SML has 286 total members.

**Dining Out Report:** The January 15 SML brunch was held at the new Martin's Off Madison, but was met with mixed reviews. A February SML Dines Out event will be held at the new restaurant.

**Newsletter:** A replacement newsletter editor has not yet been found. Jim has offered to produce a simplified version of the newsletter for a short period of time.

**Socials:** A community leather social held on March 15 as part of Daddy's Leather Tag Sale.

**SML Annual Meeting:** The SML annual meeting will be a potluck at the Cuff on March 11. Cocktails will start at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm, and the general membership meeting at 8:00 pm.

**Daddy's Leather Tag Sale:** This will be held March 15 in the Cuff's Dance Bar, in conjunction with WSMLO as a fundraiser for the Leather Archives & Museum. Jeff remarked that this events attracts a great many people who are new to the leather scene.

**Leather Pride Week:** Leather Pride Week will run from March 11-19, starting with the SML Anniversary Dinner and ending with the Washington State Mr./Ms. Leather Contest Victory Brunch and Community Awards.

## MONTHLY SML EVENTS

### DRESS CODE LEATHER SOCIAL

Seattle Men in Leather hosts a monthly Dress Code Leather Social on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Cuff Complex, from 7:00-10:00 pm. During the warmer months, the social is held on the Cuff patio; the rest of the year, we are in the Black & Blue Room, just above the dance floor. The Dress Code Leather Social is open to everyone, regardless of gender or SML membership.

A leather/fetish dress code is enforced during the Leather Social. (The dress code is relaxed during special socials like Daddy's Tag Sale and the Contest Meet-n-Greet.) SML does not explicitly define "Dress Code," but a good minimum is jeans, boots, and an appropriate t-shirt; major pieces of leather, rubber, and uniforms are quite sufficient, of course.

More info: [social@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:social@seattlemeninleather.org)

### TRIBAL INSTINCT AND MEN-ONLY EVENT

Seattle Men in Leather puts on a monthly BDSM education series on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Wet Spot, from 8:00-10:00 pm. The subject matter and presenter varies monthly.

Seattle Men in Leather members may attend for free; there is a \$5 fee for others, to cover space rental and other costs. Tribal Instinct is a men-only event. (The SML Education Committee also hosts occasional events geared toward a wider audience to which all genders are invited.)

More info: [tribalinstinct@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:tribalinstinct@seattlemeninleather.org)

The Wet Spot's monthly Men-Only Event immediately follows the Tribal Instinct session, running from 10:00 pm-3:00 am. Attendees must be Wet Spot members, and there is a \$15 fee for attending the party. The Wet Spot provides play equipment, supplies for safer sex fun, and light snacks to nibble on. The Men-Only Event is not sponsored by SML and does not qualify for the activity sticker.

### R.U.M.P.S. RUBBER SOCIAL

R.U.M.P.S. (RUBber Men of Puget Sound), the Seattle Men in Leather Rubber special interest group for rubber, holds an informal rubber night at the Cuff Complex on the second Saturday of the month. Come out in your rubber gear and join us.

More info: [rumps@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:rumps@seattlemeninleather.org)

### LEATHER BRUNCH

Seattle Men in Leather hosts a monthly brunch on the 3rd Sunday of the month; the location varies, with the February brunch to be held at the Broadway Grill. Brunch starts at 12:00 noon, and everyone is welcome to attend. There is no dress code, but attendees are encouraged to wear leather. All leatherfolk are invited to attend.

More info: [dining@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:dining@seattlemeninleather.org)

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The SML Steering Committee meets once a month, currently at the Cuff Complex on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. All SML members and other invited guests are welcome to attend. Attending the steering committee meetings is a great way to find out what is going on in the club, and even those who are not officers can have an impact in the direction of SML. Meetings typically last about an hour, depending on the agenda.

More info: [president@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:president@seattlemeninleather.org)

## MEMBER BENEFITS

### MEMBERSHIP CARD AND REWARDS PROGRAM

All members of Seattle Men in Leather receive a membership card when joining or renewing their membership. This card proves membership in Seattle Men in Leather in order to receive benefits from partner businesses.

Seattle Men in Leather tracks member attendance at events which SML hosts (such as brunches, Steering Committee meetings, leather socials, Tribal Instinct workshops, and various annual events; there are typically at least three such events per month). Each of these events has a Members Sign-in Sheet present. Please check your name off so that we have a record of your attendance.

SML members who participate in at least three such events per quarter will qualify for the Seattle Men in Leather Membership Rewards Program. These members will receive a dated sticker to be affixed to the back of their membership card. This sticker is needed to receive the admission benefit extended from The Cuff Complex, as well as for occasional other benefits.

Note that attending leather events not hosted by Seattle Men in Leather (such as non-SML leather contests, the Wet Spot's Men-Only Event, and leather nights at various bars and sex clubs) does not qualify for the activity sticker program.

### SML'S HOME BAR

**The Cuff Complex:** At Seattle Men in Leather's home bar, show your SML membership card with a current-quarter activity sticker for free admission on Friday and Saturday nights.

*(The following events held at The Cuff Complex are exempt from this benefit: leather contests held at the Cuff, Pride Day, and the Black and Blue Bash on New Year's Eve.)*

### CLUB COLORS

Seattle Men in Leather members who qualify for the Activity Sticker six quarters out of eight are granted the right to wear SML's Club Colors on a vest or jacket. Members who have been granted club colors may continue to bear them so long as they remain members of SML and attend at least one club event per year.

### SML MAILING LISTS

SML maintains several electronic mailing lists, enabling communication throughout the month to the general membership and to committees. We recommend that all members with e-mail access subscribe to the *SML-info* list and check their e-mail regularly.

To subscribe to the list, or if your e-mail address changes, contact Lynn at [membership@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:membership@seattlemeninleather.org).

### DAVE LEWIS FUND

Seattle Men in Leather is able to award a Financial Assistance Scholarship to a member who otherwise lacks the financial resources to attend and participate in an event, including club membership renewal, the anniversary dinner, Equinox registration, and other Seattle Men in Leather events and activities. Awards are limited to a maximum of \$200 per individual per calendar year. Quarterly activity stickers are taken into consideration by the Dave Lewis Member Assistance Fund

committee in deciding the amount of the Financial Assistance Scholarship.

Mail scholarship requests to Seattle Men in Leather, Attn: D. L. Fund, 1122 E. Pike St., #1199, Seattle WA 98122, or e-mailed to [president@seattlemeninleather.org](mailto:president@seattlemeninleather.org).

### BENEFIT PARTNERS

Several local businesses have graciously offered benefits or perks to the members of Seattle Men in Leather. Listed below are the current membership benefits. These benefits are subject to change without notice.

**Apocalypse Piercing:** SML members get a 10% discount on piercing and jewelry. Show your membership card and talk to Troy. Apocalypse Piercing, 1558 E. Olive Way, (206) 320-8447. <http://www.apocalypsetattoo.com>

**Club Z:** Show your SML membership card on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Club Z's Leather Night and receive \$3 off a room or locker. The Z, 1117 Pike Street, Seattle.

**The Crypt:** Show your SML membership card and receive 10% off of your leather and leather care purchases. The Crypt, 113 10th Avenue East, Seattle.

**Doghouse Leathers:** Show your SML membership card and receive 10% off your purchases. Located in the Cuff Complex's Black & Blue Room, above the dance floor. [doghouseleathers@gmail.com](mailto:doghouseleathers@gmail.com)

**ElvenStar Studios:** Present your SML membership card for a \$10 or 10% (whichever is greater) discount on astrological services over \$70. (206) 817-1069, or [elvenstarstudios@msn.com](http://elvenstarstudios@msn.com).

**Kroesen's Uniforms:** Present your SML membership card for 10% off on all purchases. Kroesen's Uniforms, Inc., 1918 Minor Avenue (at Denny), Seattle, (206) 622-3853.

**Northwest Lifestyle Medicine:** SML members receive 15% off on all professional fees, including hormone replacement, micronutrient supplementation, and weight reduction strategies.

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## DOGHOUSE LEATHERS

We once again have a leather shop at the Cuff, replacing Tex's Leathers which closed in November. Doghouse Leathers is now open in what used to be the coat check (and before that, the men's bathroom) in the Black & Blue Room, above the dance floor. They will be selling leather and accessories, and they can direct you to someone locally doing custom work.

## NORTHWEST SASH BASH

Continuing the tradition started last year in Portland, Northwest Sash Bash will occur March 24-26, this time in Seattle. We will be inviting leather titleholders present and past from around the region and around the country to visit Seattle and network together; non-titleholders are also welcome to attend. This will be a low key, no-contest weekend, with the Saturday night event will be the Seattle Erotic Art Festival art auction.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LEATHER CALENDAR

Items in bold are hosted by Seattle Men in Leather and qualify for the SML sticker program. Visit <http://www.seattlemeninleather.org/Events/ThisMonth.asp>.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> BRMC Meet-n-Greet (VanBC) Cuff Country (Cuff)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>SML Nominations Close</b> Cuff Country (Cuff) Club Night (Cuff) Black Friday (Eagle) Nights in Black Leather (PDX)	<b>4</b> Bear Meat (CC's) Cascade Handball (SEA) Bear Dance (Cuff)
<b>5</b> Border Riders Day Run (B'way Grill) Bondage Workshop (Wet Spot) Bondage is the Point Party (Wet Spot)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Leather Play Party (Club Z)	<b>10</b> Cuff Country/Hearts in Bondage (Cuff) Club Night (Cuff) VML Social (VanBC)	<b>11</b> <b>Rubber Social (Cuff)</b> Beggar's Feast (SEA) BLM Social (B'ham)
<b>12</b> GLPW Board (SEA) SBOL Board (SEA)	<b>13</b> KofM Meeting (Cuff)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> BRMC Meet-n-Greet (Cuff) Wet Spot Board (Wet Spot) Cuff Country (Cuff)	<b>16</b> <b>SML Dines Out (Purr)</b>	<b>17</b> Cuff Country (Cuff) <b>Tribal Instinct (Wet Spot)</b> Men-Only Event (Wet Spot) Club Night (Cuff) Nights in Black Leather (PDX)	<b>18</b> BRMC Meeting (PDX) Bear Potluck & Run (SEA)
					Pantheon of Leather (Chicago)	
					International Bear Rendezvous (San Francisco)	
<b>19</b> <b>SML Brunch (B'way Grill)</b>	<b>20</b> <b>SML Board (Cuff)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Dress Code Social (Cuff)</b> <b>Equinox Committee (Cuff)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cuff Country (Cuff) Club Night (Cuff)	<b>25</b> Bear Night (Eagle)
Pantheon (Chicago) IBR (San Francisco)						
<b>26</b> Bear Brunch (SEA)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday-Monday, February 16-20

International Bear Rendezvous (San Francisco, CA)

Info: <http://www.bosf.org/ibr2006/ibr2006.htm>

Friday-Sunday, February 17-20

Pantheon of Leather XVI (Chicago, IL)

Info: <http://www.theleatherjournal.com/pantheon.htm>

## MONTHLY EVENTS HOSTED BY SML

3rd Monday

Steering Committee

7:00 pm @ Cuff Complex

4th Wednesday

Dress Code Social

7:00-10:00 pm @ Cuff Complex

Equinox Committee

7:00 pm @ Cuff Complex

3rd Friday

Tribal Instinct

8:00-10:00 pm @ Wet Spot

2nd Saturday

R.U.M.P.S. Rubber Night

10:00 pm @ Cuff Complex

3rd Sunday

Leather Brunch

12:00 noon @ Location TBD

## Irregularly Scheduled Events

Leather Invasion

R.U.M.P.S. Rubber SIG Meetings

SML Dines Out

## ANNUAL EVENTS HOSTED BY SML

March 11

Annual Potluck, Meeting, and Elections

March 15 (Wednesday of Leather Pride Week)

Daddy's Leather Tag Sale

May 20 (Armed Forces Day)

Boots 'n' Buzzcuts

June 18 (Father's Day)

Father's Day Chili Feed

July 14-16

Equinox VII Leathermen's Weekend

November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Boots 'n' Buzzcuts

November 24-26 (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Seattle Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Contest

December 2

Holiday Social

December 8-9

Pictures with Santa