



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 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Seattle Men in Leather's annual meeting and potluck dinner will occur on Saturday, March 11, at the Cuff Complex's dance bar. Results of the SML Elections will be announced and the new board sworn in, and we will also announce the recipient of the Man of the Year and Community Service awards as well as the club's 2006 beneficiary. (Presentation of the physical awards will occur on Sunday, March 19, during the Washington State Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest Victory Brunch and Leather Emerald Awards presentation.)

The evening's events will start with cocktails at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 8:00 pm. Seattle Men in Leather will provide the main dish. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish based on your last name: A-H (appetizer/salad), I-Q (dessert), R-Z (side dish). Volunteers are needed for setup at 5:30 pm, and everyone's help is requested for tear down at the end of the meeting.

Ballots for the elections have been sent out and should have been received by all SML members. (If you have not received yours, please contact Lynn at membership@seattlemeninleather.org.) Ballots may be returned up to the start of the dinner, and must be received in the specially marked envelope enclosed with the ballot. Ballots may also be dropped by Post Options on Pike Street.

DADDY'S LEATHER TAG SALE

Daddy's Leather Tag Sale is again scheduled for the third Wednesday in March, March 15. Occurring at the Cuff Complex's dance bar from 7:00-10:00 pm, the Tag Sale is a leather community rummage sale, where you might find gently used leathers, latex, uniforms, kink-themed t-shirts, and other clothing. There will be video tapes, DVDs, and leather magazines from years gone by. There will be harnesses, gloves, gauntlets, belts, hoods, and boots. In years past, there has even been artwork and dungeon furniture. The Tag Sale raises money for the Leather Archives & Museum. Thanks to co-sponsor WSMLO, you will be able to use credit cards as well as cash and checks.

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 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.

Got some items to donate? Contact Daddy Jeff at lthrdaddy@aol.com or (206) 353-5186 to arrange it.

(The regular 3rd Wednesday country-western dancing will be cancelled for March 15. They will be having an organizing meeting for a non-profit dance organization for the Seattle area that night at the LGBT Community Center, from 7:30-9:00 pm.)

SML MEMBERS WIN TITLES AND AWARDS

The weekend of February 17-19 was a big one for recognition for SML members, with events occurring in Seattle, Chicago, and San Francisco.

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At International Bear Rendezvous in San Francisco, SML Treasurer Tom Swanton swept away the competition to win the Mr. International Grizzly title.

In Seattle, SML member Larry Ryan was elected as Rainier 32, emperor of the Imperial Court of Seattle. Also at the coronation ball, Dan "Puppy" Daniels received the Dino Pigot Service Award for efforts above and beyond. Unrelated to Court activities, Mark Nunley was elected as Treasurer for the board of Dandelion Dog Rescue (which is run by SML honorary member and International Ms. Leather 1987 Judy Tallwing McCarthy).

In Chicago, at the Pantheon of Leather (service awards for the international leather community), Jim Drew won the Northwest Region award. SML members Jim Drew and Mark Bozif served as presenters for the Large Club and Midwest Region awards. At the reception afterward, the International Mr. Saliva contest was held, with five contestants salivating over Mr. Olympus Leather 2005 Freddie Marshall, and Jim Drew licked his way to the win. Although International Mr. Saliva is traditionally a "joke" title, Jim promises that he will do his best this year to "mentor" as many people as possible in the skills this title celebrates.

EQUINOX VII TO BE JULY 14-16

Equinox VII: A Midsummer's Fantasy will take place July 14-16, again held at The Longhouse in Redmond, just a half-hour drive from Seattle. The Longhouse is a clothing-optional semi-developed site (tents rather than cabins) with an indoor pool. The summer dates for the event should give us light late into the evening and weather warm enough to take advantage of the clothing-optional site.

Equinox committee meetings are held monthly during the SML dress code social, at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Visit the Equinox website at <http://www.seattlemeninleather.org/Equinox>. Registration is just \$100 until April 1, and you can use a credit card via PayPal.

NEW EDITOR FOR NEWSLETTER

Former SML newsletter editor (and International Drummer-boy 1994) Mark Colter has volunteered to resume producing the monthly newsletter, beginning with the April issue. Current editor Jim will work with Mark to transition the duties.

For more info, contact newsletter@seattlemeninleather.org.

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

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. *Note: There will be no Tribal Instinct in March due to the leather contest.* In April, Gene R. will present on Fireplay; in May, BJ will present on the Tao of Kegel (roughly: muscle control in the groin); and in June, Daddy's Boy Kirk will present on Foreskin Restoration.

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

The Wet Spot's monthly Men-Only Event immediately follows the Tribal Instinct session, running from 10:00 pm-3:00 am. Attend-

ees 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

LEATHER BRUNCH

Seattle Men in Leather hosts a monthly brunch on the 3rd Sunday of the month; the location varies, with the March brunch being at the Cuff Complex, joined with the Washington State Mr. & Ms. Leather Victory Brunch and the Leather Emerald Awards. 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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

NW SASH BASH POSTPONED

Northwest Sash Bash has been postponed due to scheduling issues. The event, which invites leather titleholders from all over the country to visit the Northwest, will be rescheduled for 2007.

WA LEATHER PRIDE WEEK

Washington State Leather Pride occurs every March, with this year's dates being Friday, March 10-Sunday, March 19. The week's events encompasses events throughout the state of Washington, including not just gay leather events but everything from leather-themed country-western dances to pansexual play parties to kinky munches. The week culminates in the Washington State Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest. Applications are available at the Cuff, and the deadline is March 14.

For a full listing of the Leather Pride Week events, visit <http://www.seattlemeninleather.org/Events/WALeatherPride.asp>.

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
			1 BRMC Meet-n-Greet (VanBC) Cuff Country (Cuff)	2	3 Cuff Country (Cuff) Club Night (Cuff) Black Friday (Eagle) Nights in Black Leather (PDX)	4 Bear Meat (CC's) Cascade Handball (SEA) Bear Dance (Cuff)
5 Border Riders Day Run (B'way Grill) Bondage Workshop (Wet Spot) Bondage is the Point Party (Wet Spot)	6	7	8	9 Leather Play Party (Club Z)	10 Cuff Country/Slap Leather (Cuff) Club Night (Cuff) VML Social (VanBC)	11 Annual Meeting & Dinner (Cuff) Rubber Social (Cuff) BLM Social (B'ham)
12 GLPW Board (SEA) SBOL Board (SEA)	13 KofM Meeting (Cuff)	14	15 BRMC Meet-n-Greet (Cuff) Wet Spot Board (Wet Spot) Daddy's Leather Tag Sale (Cuff)	16	17 Cuff Country (Cuff) Men-Only Event (Wet Spot) Club Night (Cuff) Nights in Black Leather (PDX)	18 BRMC Meeting (PDX) Bear Potluck & Run (SEA)
Washington State Leather Pride Week						
19 SML Brunch (Cuff)	20 SML Board (Cuff)	21	22 Dress Code Social (Cuff) Equinox Committee (Cuff)	23	24 Cuff Country (Cuff) Club Night (Cuff)	25 Bear Night (Eagle)
WA Mr./Ms. Leather Contest Washington State Leather Pride Week					Seattle Erotic Arts Festival	
26 Bear Brunch (SEA)	27	28				
Seattle Erotic Arts Festival						

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19
 Washington State Mr. & Ms. Leather Contest (@ Cuff Complex)
Friday: Meet-n-Greet @ 9:00 pm
Saturday: Contest @ 7:00 pm
Sunday Brunch and Leather Emerald Awards @ 12:00 noon

Friday-Sunday, March 24-26
 Seattle Erotic Arts Festival (@ Consolidated Works)
 Info: <http://www.seattlerotic.org>

Friday-Sunday, April 7-9
 Rubbout 15 (Vancouver, BC)
 Info: <http://www.rubbout.ca>

Friday-Sunday, April 7-9
 Leather Leadership Conference 10 (New York, NY)
 Info: <http://www.leatherleadership.org>

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 (None in March)
 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 Varies

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