



FIRST LINK



BOARD IN BRIEF



N.L.A.:SEATTLE
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 1, 1989

President Vik reported on success of IMSL Contest and NLA Hospitality Room, estimating over 100 persons used facilities. The interest & good will generated were overwhelming. All four NLA chapters contributed energy & money to this endeavor. Several memorial, political action, and/or travel funds were discussed. Alan Selby was recognized for his donation of 2 hides and studs for a memorial AIDS quilt square for "Mack" Mackinnon.

The death of Sashie Hyatt was also recognized; we will make a formal recognition in the near future.

MAY DAY: The event WILL come in under budget. Vik will coordinate local billeting for visitors, as well as hospitality. She needs spaces for visitors (call 324-5720).

KINKY COUPLES NIGHT was a great success, with about 60 attendees. The Board voted any profits from the event to be held as seed money for a similar event. Thanks to SDG for organizing M & M Team and equipment. Very well done to Steve, Bettykay, Beth, Joan, & Mary.

PROGRAM: Upcoming events include the May 20, I.Mr.L. sendoff at the Seattle Eagle. We need Pride Event suggestions and the July 16th Auction needs a coordinator.

S & M: Remember 4 open Board positions in May meeting.

MERCHANDISING: Mr. S. in S.F. is now handling NLA goodies.

NEXT MEETING: May 7, 5 PM, at Vik's (324-5720)

N.L.A. CALENDAR



APRIL, 1989

- 18 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND
Board Meeting 8PM Embers
- 22 NLA:PORTLAND PORTLAND
Potluck Embers
- *****
- *28-30 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE*
- * MAY DAY III *
- * Friday-Hospitality/Kegger *
- * Sat.-NAC Brunch/Workshops/Mr.*
& Ms.NLA Contest *
- * Sun.-Workshop/NLA:SEATTLE *
- * Spring Meeting *
- *****

MAY, 1989

- 2 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO
Program:SM & the Law
- 5 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 6 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Dungeon Health/Safety
- 7 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5PM
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:5
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Dungeon Health/Safety
- 14 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 20 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
IML Regional Sendoff

JUNE, 1989

- 2 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 5PM
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:6

MAY DAY '89!

A celebration for Men and Women
 of the SM/Leather/Fetish Lifestyle...

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N.L.A. CALENDAR

****JUNE, 1989** (cont.)**

- 8 **Deadline FIRST LINK III:6**
- 9 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 10 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
SM Lit/Censorship
- 11 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 18 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Pride Festival
- 24 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Pride Party
- 25 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Pride Parade

****JULY, 1989****

- 2 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Board Meeting 5PM
- 7 **NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO**
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 8 **Deadline FIRST LINK III:7**
- 8 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Homemade Toys
- 9 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 14 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 16 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Auction
- 28-31 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Vancouver Pride Weekend
Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contst

****AUGUST, 1989****

- 4 **NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO**
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 5 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Board Meeting 5PM
- 8 **Deadline FIRST LINK III:8**
- 11 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 13 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 19 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
All-City Picnic

****SEPTEMBER, 1989****

- 1 **NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO**
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs
- 2 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Board Meeting 5PM
- 8 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Bar Night Ms.T's
- 8 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 8 **Deadline FIRST LINK III:9**
- 9 **NLA:BC VANCOUVER**
Psych/Physiol SM

****OCTOBER, 1989****

- 1 **NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE**
Board Meeting 5PM
- 6 **NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO**
Bar Night 8-11 Wolfs

 *6-9 NLA PORTLAND *
 * Living in Leather IV *

NLA:PORTLAND

Next social event for Portland will be a potluck in the back room of the Embers on Saturday, April 22, just before the Oregon State Leatherman Contest. The participation of other groups in Portland, Portland Power and Trust, Portland Leathermen, ORGASM, and the Knights of Malta, is being invited. NLA:PORTLAND will staff an information table.

NLA:PORTLAND will be registering the titles Mr. and Ms. NLA:OREGON with the Oregon Secretary of State.

The Board discussed possible participation in Living in Leather IV; Portland individuals had already lined up possible workshop and party sites and hotels, and the National NLA organization would be responsible for much of the detail work for the Conference. A final decision on possible participation was postponed until a Conference call with Seattle organizers could be arranged, but after that call a unanimous approval for participation in LIL-IV was voted by the Board. It looks to be an exciting year in Portland!

Next Board meeting for NLA:PORTLAND will be at the Embers on Monday, April 18, at 8:00 PM.

NLA:PAC

Initial research is being undertaken to form an NLA-related Political Action Committee, as mandated by the new Statement of Purpose approved last November by the membership of the NLA. Ice Camins Bretts is now compiling a list of names, addresses, and contact people for U.S. civil rights groups which defend the liberties of sexual minorities, including anti-censorship groups. Ice also hopes to find someone to do similar work for Canada. If you can help, please write Ice at Box 18444, Denver, CO, 80218.

ORGASM IN PORTLAND

The Oregon Guild Activists of S/M (or O.R.C.A.S.M.) is going strong in Portland, Oregon. They have planned a slave auction, featuring "one willing man, one wantin' woman, one virgin full equipped bondage cross, goods and services raffle, whips, chains, champagne, leatherwork, catered dinner, massages, and a dog kennel for wayward slaves, for April 15 at 9 PM at the Dirty Duck Tavern. Their schedule includes a May 13 Fundraiser Dungeon Play Party, a June 10 Dungeon, and more. We welcome yet another hot and vigorous organization to the great Northwest. Look for great activities from this group during the Living in Leather IV Conference in October in Portland!

OUTCASTS

Watch for the Outcasts' Women's Weekend in Guerneville, California. This should be a super time, May 5-7, 1989. Cost estimates are \$36 to \$39 each for the weekend. Contact Outcasts at P.O.B. 31266, San Francisco, CA, 94131-0266 for information.

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N.L.A.:SAN DIEGO

NLA:SD reports a tremendous success with the recent LEATHERFEST weekend. Over 400 attendees were reported. 12 title-holders participated in the weekend, including Ron Zehel (Mr.Intl.Drummer), Mike Pereyra (Intl.Mr.L Leather), and Susan Shepherd (Intl.Ms.L Leather), and Mr. Mid-Atlantic Drummer. 3 demonstrations were staged Friday night before a mixed crowd. On Saturday night there was a 40 minute wait to enter the bar. The Sunday apparel show was a crowd-pleaser, with a fine mix of men's and women's garments. NLA:SD members Bob & Terry Foster received the San Diego Leatherman plaque for community contributions. Also recognized were Mike Pereyra, Luke Owens, and Mark Klein.

Watch for an NLA:SD program on SM and the Law the first Tuesday in May.

A new address for NLA:SD: P.O.Box 3092, San Diego, CA, 92103.

NLA:BC

NLA:BRITISH COLUMBIA has confirmed that they will be involved once again with the Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather Contest in 1989. All who attended last year realized that NLA:BC puts on a heck of a hot event, and are looking forward to attending the 1989 event. Other news from the NLA:BC Board includes an agenda item for their fall Board election, the issue of whether or not to apply for status under the Provincial Societies Act. Ken is looking for parties interested in developing a Bi-/Hetero- support group; if interested, contact him at NLA:BC, c/o GLC, 1170 Bute St, Vancouver, BC, V6E-1Z8, Canada.

B.C. is planning an interesting series of workshops including discussions on dungeon health and safety, SM literature and censorship, homemade toys, and SM physiology & psychology. See the NLA Calendar in this issue for dates.

MR. VANCOUVER LEATHER FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser entitled CHICAGO CALLING, A NIGHT IN LEATHER is being held May 5th, at Ms. T's Cabaret, 339 W. Pender, Vancouver, B.C. Dean Ryane, Mr. Vancouver Leather and Mr. Gay Canada, has been selected as Ambassador for Gay Games 90 at I.M.L. in Chicago, and the proceeds of the fundraiser will be directed to promoting the Gay Games in Chicago. In keeping with Mack MacKinnon's dream, we hope that this benefit will be supported by the whole community

KINKY COUPLES' AND LOVERS' PARTY

The recent NLA Kinky Couples' and Lovers' Party, sponsored by NLA:SEATTLE, was a smash success. Close to 60 people—gay, bi-, and hetero—attended this event. A good chicken dinner was followed by a presentation of Dungeon Rules by the evenings' Dungeon Masters and Mistresses (arranged by the Seattle Dungeon Guild). This was followed by a discussion group, particularly aimed at the novice. The rest of the evening was a great play party! Those attending most certainly enjoyed themselves. NLA cordially thanks SDG for their assistance, and particularly wants to acknowledge the primary event organizers, Steve, Joan, Bettykay, Mary, and Beth. The Seattle Board voted that all profits from this evening are to be kept as seed money for the next similar event. We surely hope that will occur soon!

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The National Leather Conference
 October 6-9, 1989
 Portland, Oregon

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for Living in Leather IV includes all Conference Workshops and Demonstrations, access to the Exhibits Room and the Hospitality Area, and the BLACK OUT BALL party on Saturday night. Registrations mailed by July 1, 1989, will secure a substantial discount. After September 10, an additional \$5 per person will be charged.

RATES: Please circle below the rate under which you are registering:

	N.L.A. MEMBER:	NON-MEMBER
before July 1:	\$45.00	\$55.00
July 1 to Sept.10:	\$55.00	\$65.00
after Sept.10:	\$60.00	\$70.00

Please enclose check or money order (US funds only); we cannot accept credit cards. Please mail forms and money to LIL-IV, National Leather Association, P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA. 98107.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

Check here if you are a member of NLA: _____

Please list Other Club Affiliations: _____

I AM NOT a member of NLA, but wish to join: [Please enclose an additional \$25.00 per person, check or money order] _____

I certify that I am over 21 years of age: _____

(signature)

MAY DAY 3

WORKSHOPS & TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

FRIDAY:

12:30 AM CANES, CATS, CROPS, & QUIRTS "Mistress Nan" Borrows

SATURDAY:

1:30 PM WHAT DO I DO WITH A TITLE 3:30 PM RAISING CAINES.....

Shan Carr: IMSL '88
 Mark Klein: MR SO. CAL. DRUMMER 88
 Judy Tallwing McCarthy: IMSL 87
 Cherie Matisse: MS NLA '88
 Rob Neyts: MR PNW DRUMMER 88
 Dean Ryane: MR VANCOUVER LEATHER 88
 Susan Shepherd: IMSL 89
 Ed Winant: MR SAN DIEGO LEATHER 89
 Alan "MR. S." Selby : MODERATOR
 (ALL CONTESTANTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP)

Ice Camins Britts
 Tony De Blase
 Race Bannon

12:30 AM BONDAGE AS ART Tony De Blase

SUNDAY:

1:00 PM SM FOR BEGINNERS

Race Bannon
 Nan Borrows
 Tony De Blase

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The National Leather Conference
 October 6-9, 1989
 Portland, Oregon

Plans are progressing on the Living in Leather IV Conference. The Site has been chosen; Living in Leather IV will move from Seattle, and will take place in Portland, Oregon. Sallee Huber, President of NLA:PORTLAND will be Associate Chair for LIL-IV, and the NLA:PORTLAND Board has kindly agreed to participate in the organization and execution of the Conference. LIL-IV Chair Wayne Gloege is pleased to confirm several other major Committee chairs, including Jan Lyon as Exhibits Chair, George Nelson as Workshops Chair, Dean Dunlap as Finance Chair, and John K as Registrar. All Chairs report that, to date, progress has been excellent, and exciting announcements are doubtless due in the near future.

The first flyer has been prepared, and distributed at IMSL in San Francisco, and budgeting and publicity plans are being developed. Expect to see the first registration information in the FIRST LINK in the next issue.

WORKSHOPS FOR LIL IV

Many of our friends and members around the country have indicated an interest in participating in the Workshops segment of Living in Leather IV. George Nelson, our Workshops Coordination Chair for LIL IV, is very interested in hearing from you, either if you wish to participate in a panel or workshop, or if you have a wonderful idea for same. He needs to hear from you just as soon as possible; he has set a deadline of June 1. Though not every volunteer or idea may be used, remember that this is your chance to have a voice in LIL IV. Write George at P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA., 98107.

MR. & MS. N.L.A. COMPETITION

MAY DAY 3, April 28 to 30 in Seattle, Wash., will bring you the third running of the MR. & MS. N.L.A. Contest. Our winners from previous years have brought honor to the NLA in the International Leather Community. We are featuring judges with high international regard, and a contest which will test the abilities of our most interesting group of contestants. You too can compete in the contest; entry is free for any NLA member, and for \$25 a non-member can both compete and become a member. Doors for the contest open at 6:30 PM, Saturday, April 29, at the Balcony Tavern.

****APRIL, 1989****

15 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Slave Auction 9PM Dirty Duck
15 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
15 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Bar Night Forum
15 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD, CT
Bar Night 9PM Berristers
15 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
15 COLTS HARTFORD
Bar Night Pub/Spingfield
15 PEP:WASHINGTON WASH.,D.C.
N.Y.Club Trip--\$35
15 *FIFTEEN S.F.
W.Coast Lower Education
15 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Party
16 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
16 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP. SAN JOSE
Meeting 8PM
16 Leather & Lace IV Boston
17 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting
17 SIGMA WASH.,DC
Board Meeting,7:30 PM
18 N.Y.BONDAGE CLUB NYC
Meeting Locker Rm.
18 PEP:WASHINGTON WASH.,D.C.
Social Meeting
18 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group
19 SOC.OF JANUS S.F.
Poll Disc.Mtg.7:30
19 VANGUARDS PHILADELPHIA
General Meeting 8PM
19 SM GAYS LONDON
New Boys/Best Teachers
19 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
20 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
S&M Rap Group 10:30PM
20 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Bar Social 8 PM
21 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
21 Leather III SPRINGFIELD
Frontier
21-23 TEJANS MC/RIVER SAN ANTONIO
CITY OUTLAWS
Alamo Run '89
21-23 PACIFIC COAST MC L.A.,CA
Spring Run
22 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Busns Mtng/Party
22 LEATHER TOGETHER PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
22 READING RAILMEN MC READING,PA
Red Star Sln
S.F.
22 K.J.O. Party
22 Or.State Leatherman PORTLAND,OR
Contest
23 WASATCH LTHRMEN. SALT LAKE CITY
Members:Falcon Flt.Mtng
24 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Press Deadline
24 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Executive Meeting
24 AVATAR L.A.,CA
Swap Meet
25 PEP:WASHINGTON WASH.,D.C.
Dream Dresser Fashion (Tent)
25 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group
26 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting/Uniforms Center

27 PEP:WASHINGTON WASH.,D.C.
Rap:Your Beginnings
27 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Bar Social 8 PM
27 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
SM Rap Group 10:30 PM
27 SOC.OF JANUS S.F.
Program Meeting/Mummification
28 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night/Rubber Nt. Ms.T's
28 VANGUARDS PHILADELPHIA
Bar Night Bike Stop
'89 Leather Weekend
28 NLA SEATTLE
N.A.C. Meetings
28 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Rams Invade Ottawa
28-30 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
May Day III/Mr.& Ms.
NLA Contest
28-30 LION REGIMENT BOISE, ID
Mr.Idaho Leather
28-30 PITTSBURGH MC PITTSBURGH
Three Rivers V Anniv.
28-30 REGMT.OF BLACKS/TANS L.A.,CA
Maneuvers '89:Saluting you Sir
28-May 1 LC STUTTGART STUTTGARD,GR
Maitreffen
29 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night--Mummification
29 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Dungeon Demo Paddles
29 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Party
29 Mr.Philadelphia Leather PHILAD.
Bike Stop
S.F.
29-30 CONSTANTINES
500 Mile Run
30 WASATCH LTHRMEN. SALT LAKE CITY
Board Meeting 11 AM
30 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Business Meeting Brass Rail
30 ROCKY MNTNRS/K OF M DENVER,CO
Shakedown Run Triangle
30 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

****MAY, 1989****

2 NLA:SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO
Program:SM & the Law
2 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group
4 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Bar Social 8 PM
5 Mr.Vancouver Leather VANCOUVER
Night in Leather 9PM Ms.T's
5 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Women Only Rap
5 CLUB DOMENTIA S.F.
Party
5-6 HIGHWAYMEN WASH.,D.C.
11th Anniversary
5-7 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Women's Weekend Guerneville
5-7 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
3rd Anniv. H.Johnson's
Trademark III
5-7 SATYRICON M.C. LOS VEGAS,NV
8th Anniv.Run
5-7 UTICA TRI'S UTICA,NY
3rd Anniversary
6 LINKS S.F.
Party
6 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8PM-IAM
6 GATEWAY M.C. ST.LOUIS,MO
7th Mr.Missouri Leather Contest
6 Lesbian/Gay Pride MADISON,WI
March--MC Contingent

NATIONAL CALENDAR

6 T-BOLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night/Aids Bnft Brook,Westpt
6 NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC
Dungeon Health/Safety GLC
7 TRIDENT MC BOSTON
5th Anniv.
8 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
By-Election 7:30PM GLC
8 SIGMA WASH,DC
Meeting GCC
9 N.Y.BONDAGE CLUB NYC
Meeting Locker Rm.
9 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group
10 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:SM & the Law Center
10 DREIZEHN BOSTON
Working w. Wax Paradise/Cmbrdg
11 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Bar Social 8 PM
11 JANUS S.F.
Program Meeting
12 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Workshop:Basic Bondage
12-15 LOGE 70 ZURICH,SWIT
Zurich International
13 WHEELS MC NYC
20th Anniv.
13 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8PM-IAM
13 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
13 DISCIPLES OF DE SADE DALLAS,TX
Lightning Strikes
13 S.F.LEATHERNECKS S.F.
Party
13 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
13 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Party Leather Stallion,Cleveland
13 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Fundraiser/Dungeon
14 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Meeting
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Blacksmith Tour
14 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
14 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Regular Meeting
15 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Support Group 7:30PM G.L.C.
16 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group
17 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Meeting
17 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
General Meeting 7:30
17 SM GAYS LONDON
Tops & Bottoms
18 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Bar Social 8 PM
19 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting
19 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
19-21 TRIDENT INTL. PROVINCETOWN
Sweet Sixteen Cape Cod Run
19-21 SLM STOCKHOLM,SW
Nordic Rubber Weekend
20 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
IML Regional Sendoff
20 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night 9PM Berristers

20 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8PM-IAM
20 CLUB MUD RIO NIDO,CA
Mud Olympics II
20 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO
21st Poker Run
20 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Leather Night 9-2
20 EXCELSIOR MC N.Y.C.
14 Anniv. Fair Spike
20 *FIFTEEN S.F.
Military Night
23 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group
24 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Pain/Power/ Center
Limits
24 SO.BAY LTHR.UNIF.GRP SAN JOSE
Bar Social 8 PM
25 JANUS S.F.
Program Meeting 7:30PM
26 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
26-28 IRON CROSS MONTREAL
17th Anniv
26-29 INTL.MR.LEATHER CHICAGO
Contest
26-29 WASATCH LTHRMEN. SALT LAKE CITY
Falcon Flight V
26-29 EMPIRE CITY BIKE NYC
Christening/Picnic Spike
27 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night/Whip-Flog
27 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC
Meeting/Bar Night
27 PEP:ALBUQUERQUE ALBUQUERQUE
Party 8PM-IAM
27 SLUTS FOR SENSATION S.F.
Party
27 Lone Star 8 BUZZARDS PK,TX
28 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Business Mtng 5PM Brass Rail
28 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
30 SFSU SM RAP GROUP S.F.
SM Rap Support Group

****JUNE, 1989****

2 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Club Night
3 THUNDERBOLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night Brook,Westport
9 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Leather Campout
9-11 TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA,OMAHA,NB
5th Anniversary
9-11 T.N.T. COLUMBIA,SC
Anniv.Wknd."Bronc Bust"
9-11 KNIGHTS OF MALTA PORTLAND,OR
Anniv.
9-11 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Cruising with the T-Bolts
CT River Cruise
9-11 PACIFIC COAST MC L.A.
Roaring Camp Retreat
10 ORGASM PORTLAND,OR
Dungeon Party
10 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
10 Gay Pride Parade/Rally BOSTON,MA
10 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
10-11 GRAND RAPIDS RIVERMEN GD.RPD.
5th Anniv.

11 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
11 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Meeting
11 CITY BIKERS DENVER,CO
Ride Against AIDS
11 Mr.No.Ca.Drummer S.F.
Contest Dreamland
12 SIGMA WASH.,DC
Meeting GCC
14 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Elections Center
14 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE
Who We Are/What We Do Paradise
14 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
General Meeting 7:30
16 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting
16 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
16-18 OBERONS MILWAUKEE
Acorn 2 Run
17 *FIFTEEN S.F.
Corp.Punshmt.Nite
17 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night 9PM Berristers
17 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Leather Night 9-2
17 Gay Pride Festival PORTLAND,OR
17-18 SLM COPENHAGEN, DN
Viking Games
18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Festival
18 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Pride Night
19 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Exec/Meeting
21 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Dinner
21 SM GAYS LONDON,ENG
Tits/Balls
23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
23-25 Leather/Lace Cape PROVINCETOWN
Escape
24 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Party
24 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
24-25 MSC VIKING COLOGNE,GER
Midsummernt.Party Eifel
25 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Pride Parade
25 *TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE,NC
Business Meeting 5PM Brass Rail
25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
26 MENAMORE WILMINGTON,NC
Bar Night/Meeting
28 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Meeting:Bondage Paddles
30-Jul.4 CENTAUR MC WASH.,D.C.
Olympia II Run

****JULY, 1989****

1 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Bar Night Brook
1-4 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO
Golden Fleece 18 Camp Jason
8 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
8 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
8 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Picnic Hauska Hse
9 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Meeting
9-16 PACIFIC COAST MC L.A.
18th Black Mountain Run

10 SIGMA WASH,DC
Meeting GCC
12 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE
Enemas Paradise
S.F.
15 *FIFTEEN
Bondage Night
15 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night 9PM Berristers
16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Auction
16 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
18-20 GMSMA N.Y.C.
Board Retreat
19 SM GAYS LONDON,ENG
8th Birthday Party
21 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
21 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting
21 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
22 Or.Leather Daddy's PORTLAND,OR
Boy Contest
22 Mr.B.C.Drummer Contest VANC.,BC
VASM 8 PM Ms.T's
22-23 MSC VIKING COLOGNE,GER
Liege,Belg.,Tour
23 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting
28-31 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Pride Weekend/Mr.& Ms.
Vancouver Leather Contest

****AUGUST****

4-6 POCONO WARRIORS SCRANTON,PA
Mountain Wknd 6
5 THUNDERBOLTS WESTPORT,CT
Bar Night Brook
9 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE
Mummification Paradise
12 PORTLAND LEATHERMEN PORTLAND,OR
Potluck
12 *PORTLAND POWER & TRUST PORTLAND
Meeting
12-15 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO
Mollie Brown Run
13 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.
13 HARTFORD COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Meeting
14 SIGMA WASH,DC
Meeting GCC
17-20 Mr.Mid-Atl Drum-mer Contest CHARLOTTE,NC
18 *OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting
18 *KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
Club Night Phoenix
18-20 CONSTANTINES S.F.
Weekend Run
18-20 BEERTOWN BADGERS MILWAUKEE
Bierstein V
19 *FIFTEEN S.F.
Spanking Night
19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
All-City Picnic
19 HARTFORD-COLTS HARTFORD,CT
Bar Night 9PM Berristers
24 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER,CO
Aspen Run
25 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Bar Night Ms.T's
25-27 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
14th Anniv.Run
25-27 MC FAUCONS MONTREAL
Migration '89
26 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Demo Night
27 VASM VANCOUVER,BC
Board Meeting

MR. & MS. N.L.A.

MAY DAY 3



SASHIE HYATT

We are grieved to report the death on March 29 of Sashie Hyatt, of Portland, Oregon, after a long and painful fight with cancer. We will all remember Sashie's wit, her courage, her dynamism. Sashie was a fighter, who would not easily accept defeat or discouragement. We have been lucky to have her as a loyal NLA member, and as a friend. We will all miss our brave sister in leather.

A fund is being formed to help people who are suffering from life-threatening diseases other than AIDS; contributions can be sent to Judy Tallwing McCarthy, c/o NLA:Portland, 2544 NW Savier, #E, Portland, OR, 97210.

COSMOS FORMS
(from GMSMA NEWS LINK)

Over the weekend of February 12-13, delegates, alternates and observers from Chicago Hellfire Club, Dreizehn, GMSMA, Sigma, and Windy City Bondage Club met to approve the formation of COSMOS (Confederation of S/M Organizations).

Working by-laws for COSMOS were adopted and agreement was reached on the general nature of the organization. Upon completion of a budget and a five-year working plan, these will be submitted to the participating organizations for ratification.

The following statement of purpose was adopted at the meeting.

"COSMOS is an alliance of autonomous s/m organizations which subscribe to safe and responsible s/m practices between consenting adults.

"COSMOS is a service organization which provides a communication network for the exchange of information, for education, and for the support of the member organizations."

The next meeting of COSMOS is set for May in New York City.

--MH

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Formed by the Seattle Board of Directors in February, 1988, in order to make NLA more truly National, the NAC started its activities in October, 1988. Its membership includes representatives from all Affiliates and Chapters entitled to representatives, and at-large members. It incorporated all Seattle Board members serving as of September, 1988. In October, 1988, most of the members of the SSCA-Interim Steering Committee also joined the NAC.

The NAC was designed to provide contacts in local communities, to assist in getting out publicity and returning input, and to review existing National By-Laws and prepare for presentation at MAY DAY a set of proposed By-Laws which would be more responsive to our national membership, recognizing our individual members, our Chapters, and our organizational affiliations.

In October, 1988, an election for members the Executive Committee of the NAC was held, and several other at large members were added. The current Executive Committee of the NAC consists of the following:

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| Judy Tallwing-McCarthy Co-Chair | Jim Richards Co-Chair |
| Dean Dunlap Treasurer | George Nelson Co-Secretary |
| Cooper Axton Co-Secretary | Les Robinson |
| Steve Maidhof | Cookie Andrews-Hunt |
| Tony DeBlase | Stacy Dennen |
| John Ferrari | Ice Camins Britts |

**NLA:SEATTLE
PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES**

The following By-Law changes were approved on first and second readings by the NLA: SEATTLE Board of Directors. They will be submitted to the Seattle membership at the April 30 meeting for final vote.

NEW SECTIONS:

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP: SECTION A. NAME. The name of the organization shall be the National Leather Association: Puget Sound chapter, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE I: SECTION B. AFFILIATION. The Association is affiliated with and is a chartered chapter of the National Leather Association, a State of Washington Corporation, or its successor organization.

ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS: SECTION B. TERM OF OFFICE. 2) If a Director misses three (3) successive meetings of the Board without excuse satisfactory to the Board, the office may be declared vacant by three-fourth (3/4) majority of the Board.

REPLACEMENTS:

delete ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS: SECTION I: REMOVAL: Any officer, or Agent of the Association may be removed by three-fourth (3/4) majority of the membership at any special meeting called for that purpose.

(and replace with) SECTION B: TERMS OF OFFICE: The term of office of each elected officer shall be one (1) year. No Director may serve for more than two (2) elected consecutive terms. Any officer may be removed by three-fourth (3/4) majority of the membership present at any special meeting called for that purpose.

CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN!

Our heartiest "Congratulations" to Susie Shepherd, 1989 International Ms. Leather. In the recent contest in San Francisco, Susie faced a truly formidable range of competitors for the coveted IMSL title. Her poise, her dynamics, and her noteworthy background as a community leader and activist brought her the title. We are doubly proud that Susie is currently serving as Secretary in the NLA:PORTLAND Chapter.

N.Y.B.C.

We have just received a friendly note from the New York Bondage Club, thanking us for mailing issues of FIRST LINK and enclosing their newsletter the SPREAD EAGLE. You can contact them at NYBC [please use the acronym], P.O.Box 457, New York City, NY, 10018. They've got a great series of parties planned!

GYNECOCRAT ALLIANCE

A new organization has formed in St. Louis, Missouri, to act as a support network for men who enjoy being dominated by women. The Gynecocrat Alliance may be reached at P.O.Box 440002, zip 63144.

This lengthy edition of "Scribbles" will center on upcoming MAY DAY events. The advance efforts of the MAY DAY 3 Committee are rewarding all of us with a better organized, publicized, and attended event. Pre-registrations have already begun to come in and reservations for the limited dungeon space are being eagerly requested and are being handled 1st come/1st served.

Congratulations are in order to Susan Shepherd, Secretary of NLA:PORTLAND. Susie's many years of work in the leather and women's communities has been recognized with her selection as IMSL 1989. I'll bet the fact that she's a very hot dyke didn't hurt.

Our Seattle Area President found herself highly embarrassed by an inaccurate report in the B.A.R., crediting her with initiating and founding the IMSL Contest. As a longtime NLA affiliate, Vik is among the first to give praise to the real founders Sky Renfro and her lover Shadow, and their Board of dedicated workers in the Bay Area.

Alan Selby has earned another "thank you" from our Northwest community. He has generously donated 2 hides and studying to be used in an AIDS Quilt square for Mack Mackinnon of Vancouver, B.C., founder of "Mack's Leathers", NLA:B.C. Co-Chair, and beloved community activist.

INTERNATIONAL MS. LEATHER

(reprinted from Gay Community News, Boston, March 19-25, 1989, issue)

Who dreamed up International Ms. Leather? "It was in every leatherwoman's heart for years," says co-founder Sky Renfro. The collective fantasy turned fact in 1986 when the contest burst onto the San Francisco leather scene, treading in what had been exclusively gay male terrain. "International Ms. Leather took its cue from the guys," says Sky. "They have been holding competitions and fundraisers for years."

The AIDS crisis was an additional spur to organizing the contest and other leather events, which yearly funnel thousands of dollars to AIDS organizations. This year's contest, to be held March 23-26, is dedicated to nationally renowned leatherman Jim Ed Thompson, who died of AIDS. Over 400 people are expected to attend.

Although West Coast-based, close to 20 contestants will be travelling from as far as Texas, Tennessee and Canada to participate. While competitors are predominantly lesbian, the contest is open to straight women. And, men -- gay and straight -- always pepper the audience. This male and/or straight presence has been a contentious issue for many S/M lesbians since the contest's inception, and will probably continue to be.

The stage action at what I call "The Greatest Gawk on Earth" is always hot and often humorous -- especially the infamous fantasy segment. But audience action can be the most entertaining as submissives arrive leashed and collared to their masters. To find out more, call 415/552-3616.

--Wickie Stamps

Scribbles

While I'm speaking of Alan, I'll pass on that NLA goodies (T-shirts, pins, etc.) will be available through the San Francisco Mr. S. location for our Bay Area members and friends. NLA gear is available at Spartacus in the Portland area, and Mack's Leathers in Vancouver, B.C.

Contratulations are also directed to the San Diego leather community for the successful weekend "Leatherfest." I've heard several great reports and am most pleased to note that NLA:SAN DIEGO is planning on sponsoring this event in coming years.

Obviously, as Co-Chair of the event, this year I'm even more excited about MAY DAY than I have been in past years. At last count, there will be at least 11 past and current local and national title holders participating in the weekend. I'm especially pleased that all 3 holders of the IMSL title will be in Seattle that weekend. Judy, Shan, and Susie, a rather awesome trio!

This year's schedule will allow all registrants to attend all workshops. Nobody has to choose. The opening workshop will be given by 8 titleholders and directed toward community leadership and activity; all 1989 Mr. & Ms. NLA contestants will be required to attend this workshop. Three recognized "Artists" in the field (Tony de Blase, "Ice" Camins Britts, and Race Bannon) will present

"Raising Gaines," delving into various forms of whipping, caning, and other delights. Sunday's workshop should be the highlight of the weekend. Sharing insights into how, why, and where we initiate our SM experience, Race Bannon, Nan Borrows, and Tony de Blase will present "SM for Beginners." These workshops will be supplemented by two technical demonstrations, held in conjunction with SDG dungeon activities. Friday night, "Mistress Nan" Borrows will demonstrate "Canes, Cats, Crops, & Quirts," and Saturday evening Tony de Blase will show us "Bondage as Art." These are 2 more good reasons to reserve space early.

Finally, if you're among the unfortunate individuals who are unable to attend MAY DAY 3, consider "Maneuvers '89", sponsored by the Regiment of the Black and Tans in Los Angeles, or the Mr. Philadelphia Leather Weekend, with events sponsored by Vanguard, or the Constantines' (of San Francisco) 500 Mile Run, all being held on the same weekend. And if all these are impossible, mark your calendar for LIL IV--October 6, 7, and 8 in Portland, Oregon. Bigger and better is almost as old and tired as I am, but so far all LIL Conferences have proved it true. Register early and save almost 20 per cent.

See you all at MAY DAY!

TRADESMEN

The Tradesmen of Charlotte, NC, an NLA affiliate, has just announced their Spring run, Trademark III, for May 5-7, 1989. Events are scheduled at the Howard Johnson Airport East Motel in Charlotte, and include a full schedule of events, including parties, dances, a banquet, a parade of colors, a leather shop, and the notorious Tradesmen Anniversary Show; transportation to events will be provided. Fees range from \$50 to \$120, depending on accommodations desired. For information, write quickly to Tradesmen Levi/Leather Club, P.O.Box 36712, Charlotte, NC 28204.

THE FIFTEEN

Our congratulations to the Fifteen of San Francisco (an NLA Affiliate) on the completion of their ninth year. Their review of year 9 in the latest issue of TORTURE TIMES indicates a frenetic round of parties, social occasions, and good healthy work. The FIFTEEN is producing a hot series of videotapes of Fifteen parties; they may be contacted for information at POB 421302, San Francisco, CA, 94142-1302.

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