

nightlife

1 BENT BAR

633 SE Powell Blvd. • 503-230-BENT

A new mixed joint serving lunch and dinner. It's a video bar during the week, with DJs and dancing on weekends.

2 BOXES/FISH CROTTO/RED CAP GARAGE

1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171

Boxes/Red Cap Garage, the only two-in-one gay club in the city, is Portland's original gay dance club and has the most experienced DJ ensemble in the scene. Stark Street's only nonsmoking bar for the boys.

Sunday is Big-Time Bingo hosted by Heather. Tuesday is Flirt hosted by Cory with go-go boys and FSO DJ. Wednesdays are karaoke with more than 30,000 songs to choose from (Boxes) and D-Word drag/cabaret show (Red Cap). Thursdays are One with FSO DJ. Friday is Latino Night with DJ Sam and go-go boys (Boxes) and The Flow hip-hop night hosted by Cory (Red Cap). Saturday is The A List, Portland's best DJ lineup with FSO, Dougalicious, Levente, Seth Hutton, DJ Tronic and Leonetti of the Sexy Crew.

3 C.C. SLAUGHTERS

219 NW Davis St. • 503-248-9135

C.C. Slaughters is a great hangout. Come feel like "Norm" or shake your booty all night long to the best sound, lights and laser shows in Portland.

Monday Movie Madness with DVD release parties and free movie passes at 9 pm. Karaoke hosted by JoeyCub and DJ Suzanne at 9 pm Tuesdays. Wild Wednesdays with music by DJ Alex Hollywood at 9 pm. Bolivia Carmichaels hosts Hip Hop Heaven with music by DJ Alex Hollywood at 9 pm Thursdays. Clubland with DJ JoeyCub at 9 pm Fridays. Bolivia Carmichaels hosts House of Hollywood with music by DJ Alex Hollywood 9 pm Saturdays. Carnivale de Bolivia, a talent and variety show with performers and comedians, on first and third Sundays; game shows like Family Feud, Name That Tune and Win, Lose or Draw on second and fourth Sundays.

4 CRUSH

1400 SE Morrison St. • 503-235-8150

Crush features specialty martinis and cocktails and serves a full food menu. Hip DJs spin throughout the week, with dancing on the weekends. Happy hour is all day Tuesday, 4:30-6 pm Wednesday-Friday and 3-7 pm Sunday. Crush is now open for brunch 9 am-3 pm Sunday.

5 DARCELLE XV SHOWPLACE

208 NW Third Ave. • 503-222-5338

World-famous female impersonators Darcelle XV & Company have been entertaining audiences in all walks of life for more than 37 years with Las Vegas-style cabaret revues of glitz, glamour and comedy. Showtimes are 8:30 pm Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$15. Reservations are not required but are highly recommended. Dinner seating is 5-7 pm by reservation. Male strippers at midnight Friday and Saturday.

6 DINGO'S TACO BAR

4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd. • 503-233-3996

Girls Night Out, "the place to meet girls...who like girls," is 6 pm-midnight Thursdays. Wednesday is Happy Hump Day with \$1.50 well drinks, \$1 off hot drinks and happy hour food menu served all day. Happy hour is 4-6 pm weekdays with discounted dine-in tacos, burritos, chips and salsa, dip, draft beer, well drinks and margaritas.

7 THE EAGLE PDX

1300 W Burnside St. • 503-241-0105

Portland's original masculine men's bar.

8 EGYPTIAN CLUB

3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689

The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms. There's a dance floor in the Tomb; the Front Lounge offers pool tables and video games; and a third bar, the Room, features karaoke seven nights a week. The crowd is primarily lesbian.

The L Word Sundays and Mondays. Texas Hold 'Em Tournaments at 7 and 9:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays. Ladies International Poker Series Hold 'Em Tournament at 7 pm Tuesdays. Special events at 9 pm Thursdays. Dancing at 9 pm Fridays and Saturdays.

9 EMBERS AVENUE

110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082

Gay bar in historic Old Town. Free Gay & Happy starring Jersey Scities 9:30 pm Tuesdays. The Dark Side of Pleasure starring Daddy Bear & Lesett 9:30 pm Wednesdays. The O Spot starring Johnny O 10 pm Thursdays. The Music & the Mirror starring Miss Honey Bea Hart 9:30 pm Fridays. Krystal Lynn Is the Nubian Princess 9:30 pm Saturdays.

10 ESCAPE

333 SW Park Ave. • 503-227-0830

Portland's only all-ages gay nightclub. The Greater Portland Intercollegiate Queer Society hosts College Night 10:30 pm Fridays featuring different music every week, \$3 off the cover with student identification and speed friend-making (like speed dating!) for the first hour.

11 FOX & HOUNDS

217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530

According to BarFly, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs." Fox & Hounds regularly hosts various charity events, and the first Sunday of each month is a fun-filled bingo fund-raiser. Sheltered sidewalk seating fits a handful of tables and affords some good people-watching. \$2 well drinks and \$2 select beers 4-8 pm daily. Full menu served until 8:30 pm Sunday-Thursday and until 10 pm Friday and Saturday, with bar menu served until closing time thereafter.

12 GAIL'S DIRTY DUCK

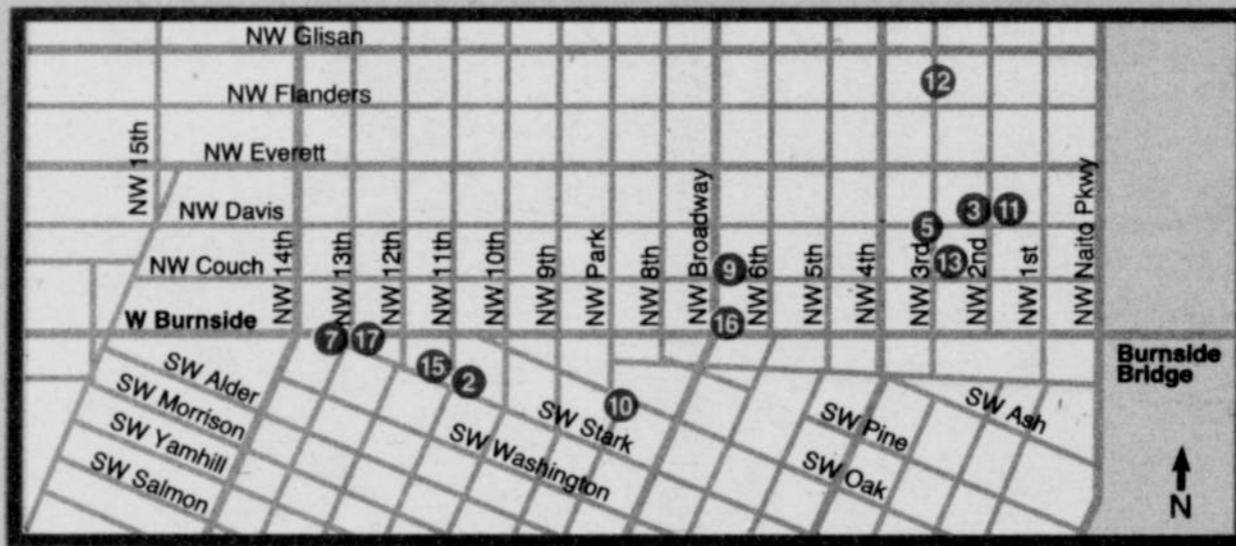
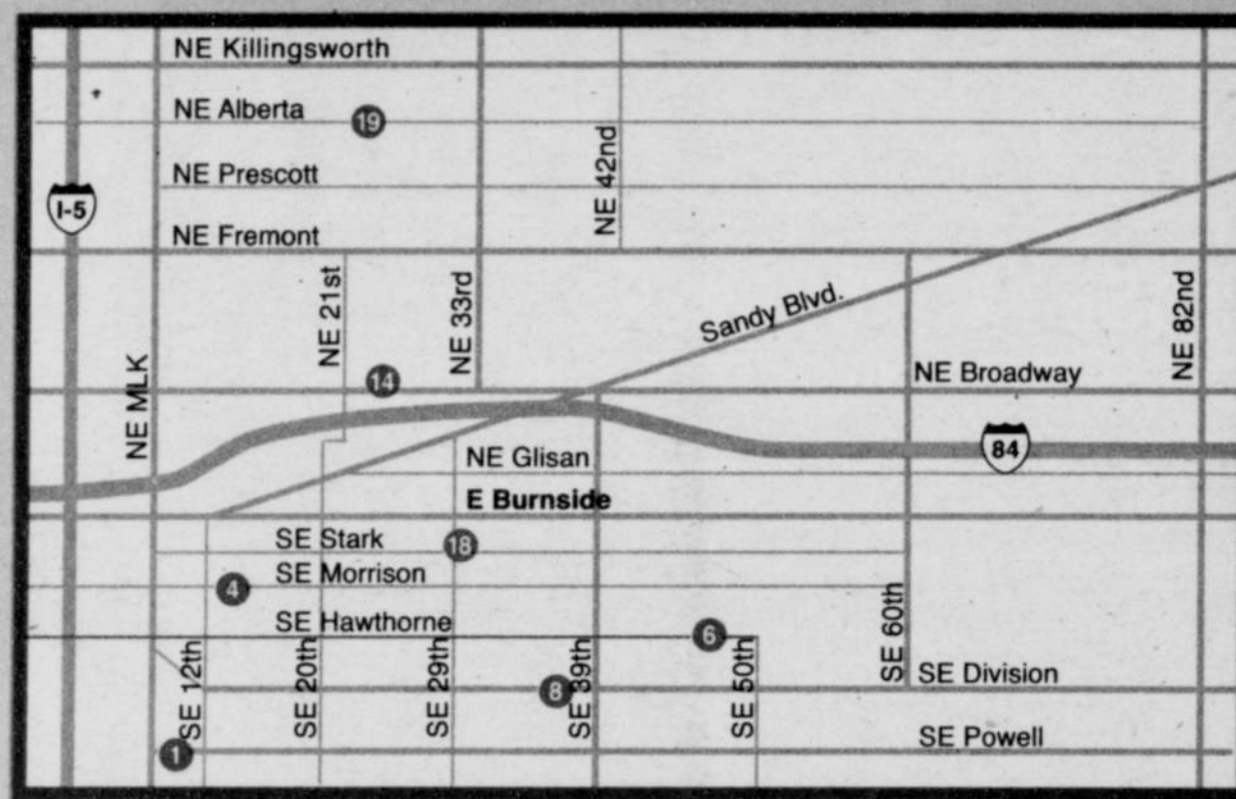
439 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-8446

BarFly describes the Dirty Duck as an "endearingly light-in-the-loafers longshoreman-type hole in the wall, named for Shakespeare's local. Said to be haunted by its formidable former owner, Mama Bernice! Home of the Oregon Bears." Featuring pool, pinball, MegaTouch and darts.

13 HOBOS

120 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-3285

Hobo's has been an integral part of Portland's dining and lounge experience for more than 25 years. Located in the heart of Old Town, it provides a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance and serves outstanding cuisine from both its complete dinner menu and its lounge menu. It also offers premium cocktails, an extensive wine list and bottled and draft beers. Enjoy live music Wednesday



through Sunday, with pool and lottery in the game room. Courtyard dining when weather permits.

Because Old Town is an energetic and vibrant part of Portland's nightlife and on-street parking is sometimes limited, Hobo's offers validated parking at its neighborhood Smart Park located on the corner of NW Davis and Front streets.

14 JOQ'S

2512 NE Broadway • 503-287-4210

Featuring the best 9-Ball Tournament 8 pm Saturdays. Possibly the best \$6 ribeye dinner anywhere. Joq's also serves up the lowest drink prices in the city. Join one of its softball, pool or bowling teams. Enjoy a good time and make a new friend at this entertaining neighborhood bar!

NORTHBANK

106 W Sixth St., Vancouver • 360-695-3862

Southwest Washington's first and only gay bar. Now smoke-free! Take \$1 off any item that costs more than \$2 on Buck-Off Monday. \$5 pasta dinners (spaghetti or fettuccine alfredo) are served with \$2 well drinks 5-9 pm Tuesdays. Licious Karaoke is Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is Girlz Night with \$3 Smirnoff and \$5.50 pitchers

of Bud and Bud Lite. Saturday is a special event or DJ. Sunday is happy hour all day with free pool.

15 SCANDALS

1125 SW Stark St. • 503-227-5887

Scandals is one of the city's oldest gay men's bars and has been continually providing a comfortable setting, great cocktails and a "more than friendly" bar staff to men from Portland and from out of town for 30 years. Recently relocated only a block away from its previous location, Scandals provided a new, modern, clean space for its clientele. It features a pool table, darts, video lottery and music videos and is one of the anchor bars for the Portland Pride street festival.

Portland's only "Tea Dance" on Sunday afternoons. Blues on Tuesdays. Live DJs on Friday and Saturday.

16 SHANGHAI STEAKERY

16 NW Broadway • 503-228-9325

A locally owned gay bar known for good music, great drinks, the best prices in town and lottery. Happy hour 7 am-8 pm. Join the IT Club DJ boys on the first Friday of every month. Shanghai Steakery also holds other events; it's best to check with the bar for upcoming events.

17 SILVERADO

1217 SW Stark St. • 503-224-4493

Claims to be Portland's only gay-owned and -operated gay nightclub, Portland's favorite gay bar and Portland's "original" premier gay nightclub. "Where the men are hot and the party never ends...we lead the crowd, not just follow." The Ministry of Mylar (Not Your Mother's Church) Sundays. Karaoke with Rocky Rhodes 8 pm-1 am Mondays. Wednesday is Latino Night with Meesha Peru.

SOUTHSIDE SPEAKEASY

3529 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem • 503-362-1139

Southside Speakeasy is the place in Salem and the central Willamette Valley for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to meet and hang out. Free pool all day Sunday with Desperate Housewives at 9 pm. 50-cent tacos are served 5-9 pm Mondays with bingo at 6:30 and karaoke at 9. Top sirloin steak dinner is served 5:30-10 pm Tuesdays for \$8.95. Win points and prizes with free Texas Hold 'Em poker 7:30 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Saturdays. Dance party with DJ Rosi 9 pm Thursdays. Dance party with DJ Lori 9 pm Fridays and Saturdays; cover is \$3.

18 STARKY'S

2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980

Starky's is Portland's eastside home to fine food and drinks.

19 ZAYTOON

2236 NE Alberta St. • 503-284-1168

Step inside the sexy, urban haven of Zaytoon and hobnob with Alberta's finest denizens. Traditional Lebanese cuisine pleases the palate, and exotic cocktails are liable to make you swoon, especially during early and late-night happy hours. An upstairs loft hosts a pool table and balcony seats for Movie Night Mondays.

Not Your Ordinary Drag

For six months now, Red Cap Garage has hosted a weekly drag show called the D-Word for the 21-and-older crowd.

Manager Jon Guidone masterminded the night as an alternative to traditional Darcelle-style drag cabaret intended to draw the Booty/Eastside crowd, some of whom, he discovered, aren't so keen on Stark Street. He enlisted Jessie Grimes, a San Francisco import who is now Red Cap's staff decorator, to design a stage

and refinish the club's cocktail tables, and FSO DJ (no stranger to the venue) to handle lights and sound for the new show.

Then came recruiting the talent: self-described "sexy bitch" Jersey Scities and Miss Gay Oregon XXV Terrika St. James to co-host. Says Guidone of this pair, "Jersey is the diva, and Terrika does her standards and the best comedic drag in town." These three together brainstormed the rest of the cast, which originally featured Ms. Tommy Grrrl as "the showgirl of the bunch" and Lexxus Scities as "the sex kitten." (Lexxus eventually had to bow out—it's tough being a soccer player by day and a drag queen by night.)

Guidone says the show hit the ground running ("we had 75 people our first night" Oct. 4), which led him to round out the little cast with local drag stars Ms. Honey Bea, Sabel and Johanna Kelly. The show generally works with a loose theme, and past highlights have included the drag queen equivalent of a cockfight called BitchFest (put two adversarial queens on stage, each with a microphone, and watch the fur fly!) and a Worst Thanksgiving Story contest with audience participation. To keep it fresh, every week the regular cast invites a couple of guest performers to come out and play. Drink specials are named after the show's cast members, too.



The D-Word was designed as an alternative to traditional Darcelle-style drag cabaret.

Guidone says the D-Word draws a steady and diverse crowd, ranging from Embers drag fans, to other female impersonators who aren't performing but come to take in the show, to younger guys who are Red Cap regulars but wouldn't normally check out a drag show. "The D-Word offers something for everyone, from the classic to the contemporary, single power ballads to choreographed group numbers."

The D-Word starts 10 p.m. Wednesdays at 1035 S.W. Stark St. No cover.

—Tony le Tigre