

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 GROTTTO/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, Douglicious, Levente, Seth Hutton, DJ Tronic and Leonetti of the Sexy Crew.

3 CASEY'S

610 NW Couch St. • 503-241-0105

New "all-inclusive" nightclub and lounge in Old Town from the owner of the Eagle.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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. They have traveled the States presenting a show that you have to see to believe. Stop by when you are in Portland and you will be glad you did! Company parties are welcome.

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.

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 Scitces 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.

There's No Place Like Hobo's

Although there's plenty to be said for \$1 shots of apple pucker and ubiquitous porn, sometimes you need a change of pace. When that mood comes upon you, Hobo's is where you want to go. This appealing little oasis at 120 N.W. Third Ave. has been around long enough (more than 25 years) to perfect an ambiance of equal parts class and comfort. From the street it looks like a hole in the wall, but inside opens into a seductive lounge of soft lighting, debonair dining, smooth cocktails and well-spaced tables in which you don't have to shout to make conversation. Uniquely, it offers live piano music on a nightly basis.

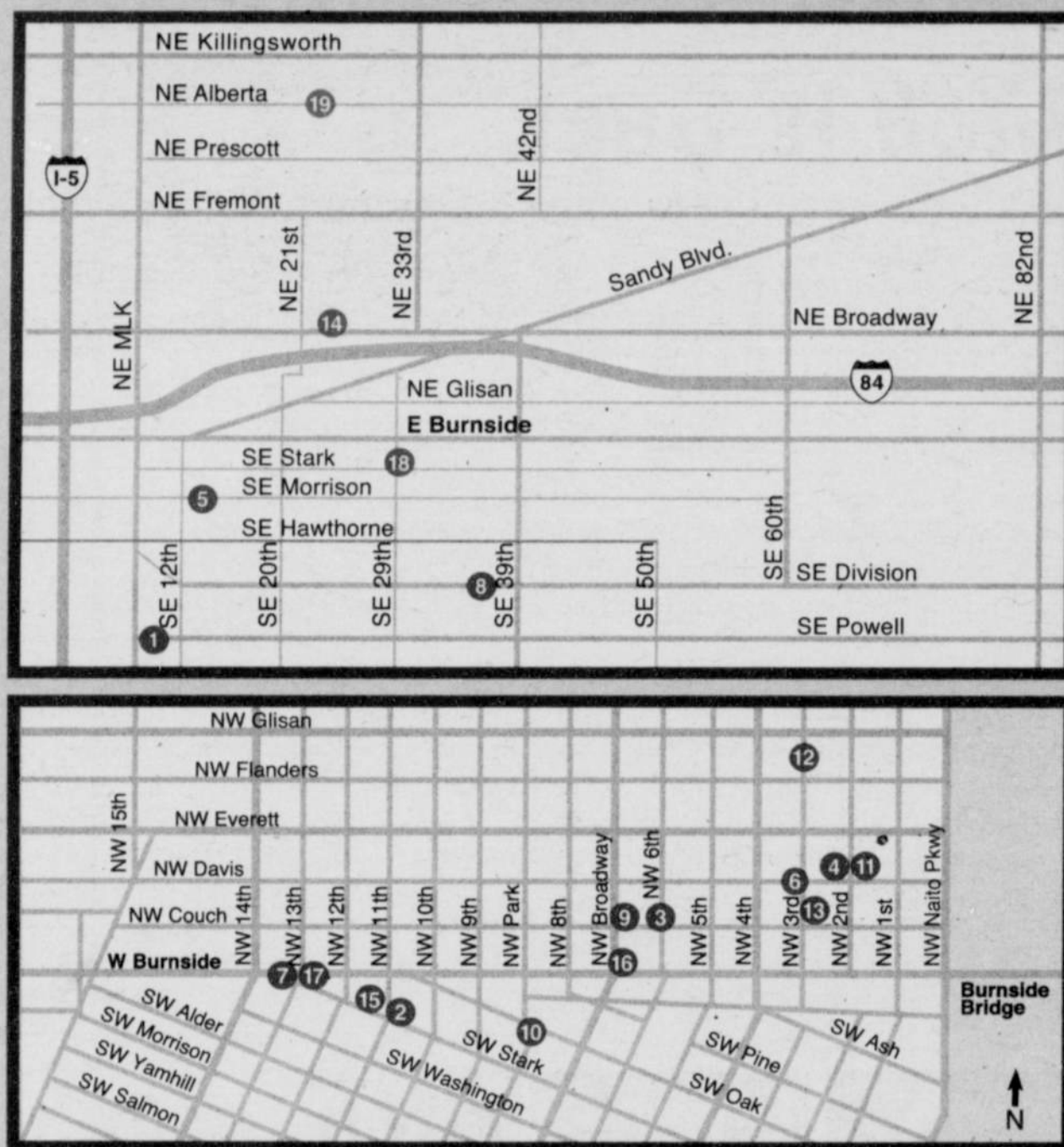
"I've been playing piano at Hobo's for 18 years," says resident ivory-tickler Jim Blackburn. "Longer than the current owners have been here."

In that time, he's seen the place go through some changes. "It's a much younger crowd now on the weekends," he observes. "Although," he adds with a laugh, "I used to be much younger, so maybe the crowd appeared older to me then."

Blackburn moonlights as a piano player but spends days as a teacher, giving piano lessons both privately at his home and for Multnomah Arts Center. He started playing while still in high school at age 16 and in the ensuing decades has amassed a repertoire of more than 500 songs "that I can pull out of a hat," in his own words. He entertains four nights a week at Hobo's and is one-half of the professional piano-and-bass duo Blackburn and Duthie, which has performed continually in Portland since 1984.

With perhaps a twinge of frustration, Blackburn acknowledges that his playing often fades into the background at Hobo's rather than assuming center stage. "I've spent time in other cities where live music isn't treated with as much indifference as it seems to be here," he says. "It doesn't have the same clout as it used to, and that's especially true of piano music." Background or not, though, Blackburn's fluid, improvisational piano stylings are a key ingredient in the suavely sophisticated atmosphere of one of Portland's classiest gay establishments.

—Tony Le Tigre



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 N.E. 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.



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