

nightlife

1 BOXXES/FISH GROTTTO/RED CAP GARAGE

1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171
Boxxes/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.

2 CASEY'S

610 NW Couch St. • 503-224-9062
New "all-inclusive" nightclub and lounge in Old Town from the owner of the Eagle.

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.

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 from 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.

6 THE EAGLE PDX

1300 W Burnside St. • 503-241-0105
Portland's original masculine men's bar.

7 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.

8 EMBERS AVENUE

110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082
Gay bar in historic Old Town. Free *Gay & Happy* starring Jersey Scitels

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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.

9 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.

10 FOX & HOUNDS

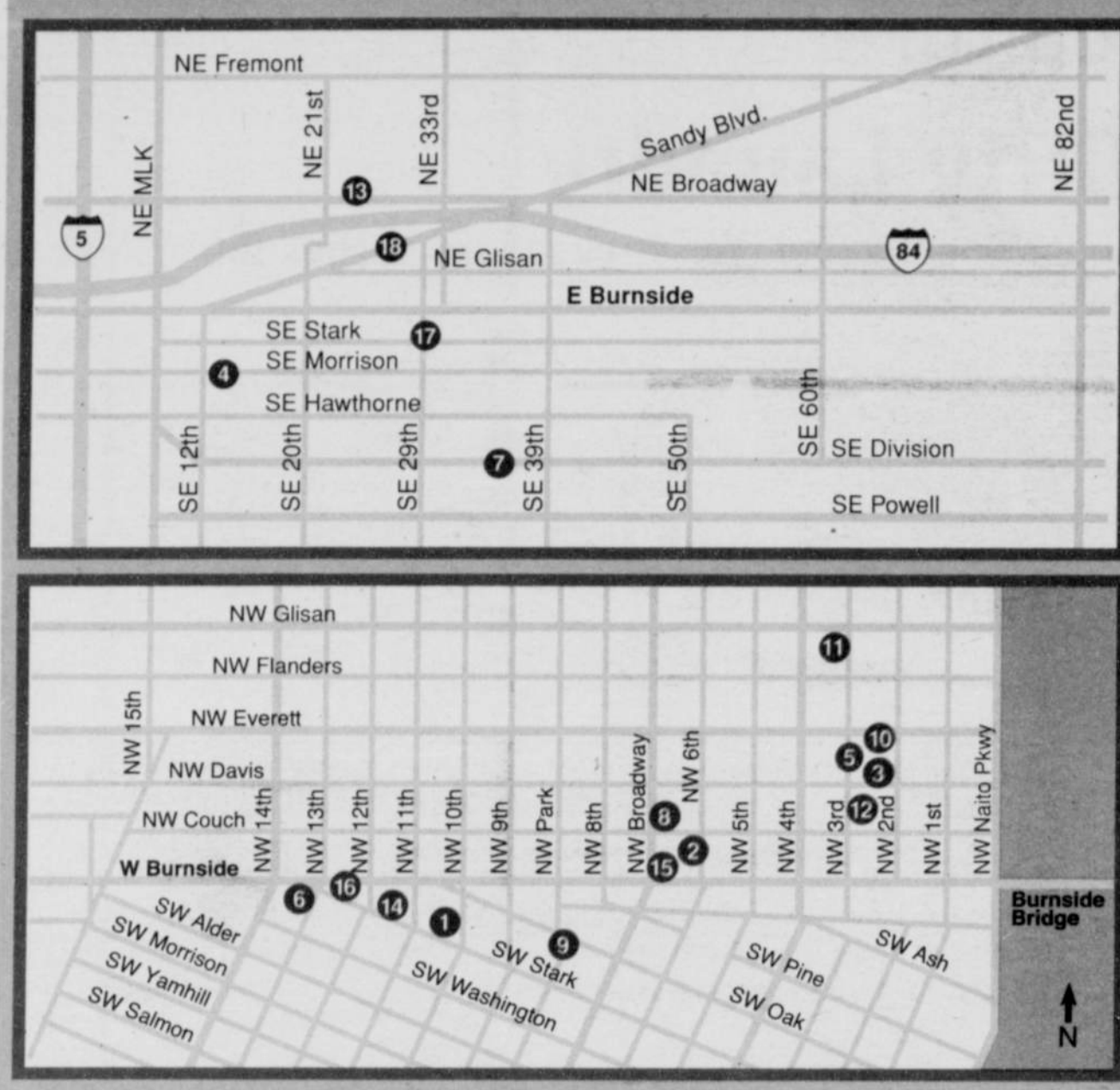
217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530
According to *BarFly*, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs." Fox & Hounds regularly hosts various charity events, and the first Sunday of each month is a fun-filled bingo fund-raiser. Sheltered sidewalk 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.

11 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 Bemice! Home of the Oregon Bears." Featuring pool, pinball, MegaTouch and darts.

12 HOBO'S

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.

13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

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.

17 STARKY'S

2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980
"Everyday people" video bar with great martinis, two large patios, Oregon Lottery games, WiFi and private parties. Monday and Tuesday are Burger Nights, Wednesday is Mexican Night, Thursday is Homemade Meatloaf Night, Friday is Prime Rib Night, Saturday features chef's specials, and brunch is served 9 am-2 pm every weekend.

18 STEAM

2885 NE Sandy Blvd. • 503-736-9999
Portland's hottest all-male experience.

Vancouver Hot Spot Going Strong

Northbank is the place to be if you're in Vancouver. Sure, it's the only gay bar in Southwest Washington, but it's also a hot spot for karaoke, cabaret and a trans-friendly pumpkin contest 6 p.m. Oct. 27. Billed under the name "Jackie O'Lantern," the event is sponsored by the Northwest Gender Alliance as a benefit for Esther's Pantry, Martha's Pantry and Q Center. (Bring your precarved pumpkin, no larger than 10 pounds. No sharp objects allowed.) Gender-bending Halloween cabaret will follow the 7 p.m. pumpkin judging and pumpkin auction.

Northbank boasts a diverse crowd of mixed genders. "I used to have a girls night and I used to have a boys night and I don't anymore. Every night caters to everybody," says Brent Bartling, who bought the bar five years ago with his partner in life and work, Darrell Spoon.

Although "girls night" and "boys night" are out, the bar does have a number of themed nights including "Licious Karaoke" on Wednesdays and Fridays as well as "Buck Off Mondays," when the price of any item over \$2 drops by a dollar. On Sundays, it's happy hour all day long and pool is free. Five dollar pasta dinners (spaghetti or fettuccine alfredo) are served with \$2 well drinks from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Northbank also offers "Lipz Cabaret" on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

The Portland Area Business Alliance, a sexual minority business networking organization, will show Northbank some love with an "After Hours" event at the Vancouver bar from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28.

Although Northbank is an anomaly in the area, Bartling says it fits in just fine. It has the feel of a neighborhood bar, and he sees far fewer clashes between the straight and gay communities than he did 11 years ago when he started bartending there. "I think that people are becoming more open-minded and accepting," he says, "and because people aren't as closeted anymore, everyone knows or is related to somebody who's gay."

—Julie Sabatier



Northbank owner Brent Bartling (top) welcomes queers to "Licious Karaoke" every Wednesday with Dezhon Fields.