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to start an LGBTQ soccer club. They realized the need for a club where people could feel comfortable on a sports team, no matter their background. They fielded a competitive men's team in 2006, and now there are men's, women's, and coed teams that play in multiple leagues around the Portland metro area."

The NetRippers plan to host a much-anticipated Annual International Friendly Tournament for players from Canada, Seattle, New York and San Francisco July 1-3. The event is expected to draw hundreds of players and includes a full weekend of activities for participants, their fans and friends. A variety of social events are planned around the tournament, including a Brunch and Beer Bust at Blitz Bar in the Pearl. Additionally, throughout the current Timbers season, Blitz and NRFC will host viewing parties for all away games.

Donald Dimick, manager of Blitz, says, "We want to provide an environment where NRFC and their friends can watch Timbers games, and help grow their club. We're happy to provide a fundraising engine for them. That's why we've agreed to sponsor the NetRippers and donate a portion of the Timbers' away games drink specials to their club."

And the NetRippers give right back to the community. "Two summers ago, in partnership with Q Center, we did several weekends of summer clinics for area youth," Villarreal explains. "This was a good chance to introduce kids to a sport that is fun and easy to pick up." This year, the NRFC is working through Hands on Greater Portland, an organization that helps large groups connect with volunteer opportunities in the area.

On top of that, NRFC players will participate in Portland's Pride Parade on June 19, along with Blitz Bar Pearl, which will host a post-parade party. The organization will also be on hand for La Lucha, Portland's Latino Gay Pride festival on Sunday, July 17, to answer questions and recruit new members. It sounds like Portland's soccer craze is just warming up.

For more information on the NRFC, their

community outreach and this summer's calendar of events, visit netrippers.org. Blitz Pearl is located at 110 NW 10th.

—DANIEL BORGEN

Bodies in Time

Designer returns to gay men's chorus to choreograph *NakedMan*

It's been more than 20 years since Paul "Paolo" Scardina, 63, retired from dance, but the established interior designer behind Paolo Design Group still dabbles in choreography.

As a Lifetime Member of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus currently on hiatus, Scardina has had many opportunities to choreograph for the group, but says he couldn't pass up a second chance at working on *NakedMan*—a song set the chorus will

"A few months ago, [PGMC artistic director Bob Mensel]

said, 'We're gonna do *NakedMan* again. Stage it for us ... It was like hearing the angels singing.'

—PAUL SCARDINA



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