LONDON

With phallic Big Ben as its internationally recognized icon, is it any wonder that London sports a vast and vigorous gay scene?

Michael Darton

ondon continues to attract millions of tourists each year, drawn by he metropolis's inimitable sights, spectacles, shopping, and nightlife. People queue daily to ride the London Eye, a huge state-of-the-art Ferris wheel with viewing pods, boasting breathtaking, 360-degree views of the city. Trafalgar Square, where Nelson's Column stands, is now a pedestrianonly zone, making your trip to visit the famous National Portrait Gallery all the more enjoyable. And Notting Hill, with the nearby Portobello Road Market, is filled with designer clothes, antiques, and retro goods (be warned: it's packed at weekends).

The gay venues range from long-running pubs with oak and wood trimmings and long-legged bar stools to upto-the-minute Euro-style restaurants. The cruise scene is thriving with an array of bars and saunas.

Last year's smoking ban in all public places led many venues to open terraces and outside smoking areas, some roofed and some with halogen fires to keep puffers warm on cooler nights. A new trend called "smurfing" – smoking with strangers and flirting in enclosed areas – actually made me want to light-up a cigarette.

The world famous London Palladium is housing the first-ever Queertastic Variety Show on August 10, 2008. Expect well-known talent and some surprises from the likes of the Pet Shop Boys, Divine David, Simply Barbra, John Barrowman, Wau Wau Sisters, Frankly Scarlet, Mommie Queerest, Justin Bond a.k.a. Kiki, and Pam Ann. You can be one of the first to receive a VIP invite if you email queervariety@yahoo.co.uk. Another exciting theater event is the opening of Gone with the Wind, a musical based on the famous film. It's directed by the Trevor Nunn and has just started previews. Visit Gwtwthemu sical.com for more info.

London Pride (Pridelondon.org) has its main event this year is on Saturday July 5 with a huge march, floats, and celebratory areas in the center of London. Other highlighted summer events are the Crusaid Walk for Life event on June 1 to raise money for people in poverty dealing with HIV and AIDS. Challenge yourself with a 10 kilometer walk past London's finest sights; register free at Walkforlife.co.uk.

Accommodations

While there are no exclusively gay hotels in central London, reasonablypriced gay-friendly accommodations (both hotels and B&Bs) can be found around the Russell Square and Kings Cross areas. The gay-friendly **Swinton Hotel** (18 Swinton Street; +44-20-7837-1451; swintonhotel@hotmail.com), minutes from Kings Cross, offers modern, clean, and well-equipped rooms, breakfast included.

The centrally located **Trafalgar Hilton Hotel** (2 Spring Gardens; +44-0-20-7870-2900; Hilton.co.uk/trafalgar) is in the heart of the city. They offer a fantastic roof terrace and bar and the critically acclaimed Rockwell restaurant. Prices can be high if you're on a budget, but they do have some special offers and more economical rooms when it's not peak season.

Griffin House (22 Stockwell Green; +44-020-7723-6532; Griffinhouseho tel.co.uk) offers two homey, bright, two-bedroom apartments (one self-contained), minutes away from Vauxhall. Prices start around £110 a night, so if there are two of you, it's a great deal. Your hosts: the friendly and efficient Nick and Ben and two lovely tabby cats and one dog.

Grim's Dyke Hotel (Old Redding, Harrow Weald, Middlesex; +44-020-8385-3100; Grimsdyke.com) is only 30 minutes from central London. The distance affords a grand country feel. The

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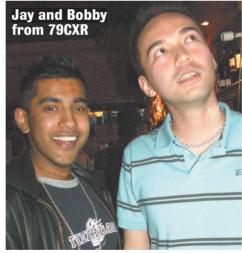


























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hotel is set within 40 acres of tranquil gardens and woodland with gorgeous bluebell-lined paths. The Grim's Dyke Hotel has a host of rooms, some more traditional and some more modern with jacuzzi, flat-screen TV, and other slick amenities. The gracious green grounds, home to wandering geese and ducks, make the Grim's Dyke a popular choice for civil partnership festivities.

Going out EARLS COURT

Two venues recently closed in Earls Court: Brompton's Bar and the Philbeach Hotel. There is still a gay vibe, though with coffee shops and retail outlets serving the community, as well as restaurants, cruising clubs, and some of London's most established bars.

The Colherne (261 Brompton Road) remains popular in the Earls Court Area. The daytimes are relaxed and friendly, while a cruisier feel permeates the darker hours.

Ted's Place (305a North End Road; Tedsplaceuk.co.uk) opens from 7 p.m. most nights and is a favorite Earls Court's cruising club. There is an area zoned off with camouflage netting for cruising and there's a sling, which is sometimes colorfully decorated for transvestite nights. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays boast a leather look. Wednesdays are strictly underwearonly. Thursdays have become so successful and popular for trans folk that Sundays are also now busy nights – so watch for the colorful clothes and vibrant personalities.

SOHO AND THE WEST END

The Yard (57 Rupert Street) remains predominantly gay but there's always a mixture of ages, genders, and looks. The Yard has established itself as one of the longest-running bars in Soho, offering a light menu and inside and outside areas for allow smoking. They are going through a slight make-over to create more seating and standing

room, but remain open throughout all the decorative surgery. Thursday's Boogie Oogie Oogie is a homage to disco. On Sundays funk and soul from 3 p.m., with DJs playing chilled music and creating a relaxed ambiance, helped along by subtle lighting as the night draws in. Adding to the calm is a plan to offer Sunday masseurs soon. They're open most days from 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. on Sundays.

The stylish **Soho Revue Bar** (11 Walkers Court) boasts regular events and shows, plus special nights, such as Trannyshack and Circus Circus with Jodie Harsh. Creena Defoouie (Myspace.com/creenadefoouie) will be appearing on May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The Edge (11 Soho Square) has outdoor seating right next to Soho Square, and is packed with gay guys in the summer months.

Bar Code (3-4 Archer Street, just off Berwick Street), still going strong, has two floors, each hosting different events. Tuesdays downstairs it's Comedy Camp with the effervescent Simon Happily. Other nights host top DJs and more. Bar Code has another branch in Vauxhall, mentioned below.

Kings Arms (23 Poland Street) attracts a friendly crowd of men who socialize and drink, enjoying the traditional English pub atmosphere.

Admiral Duncan (54 Old Compton Street) is a friendly London pub with personable staff and good prices and drinks specials. It's a good place to meet up with locals.

79CXR (79 Charing Cross Road), right between Leicester Square and Soho, remains popular. In addition to weekend DJs, CXR is starting to have regular cabaret nights; Julie Paid was there when I popped in. The outside seating area is well attended with the smoking crowd, and the doors are open all day as the summer begins.

Compton's (51-52 Old Compton Street), exuding a masculine vibe, runs onto the street in the summer months with people outside with their pints.

Geisha (75 Charing Cross Road) is a new venue – which boasts that it's for

"fags, queers, chocolate-stabbers, shirtlifters and up-hill gardeners." Geisha drips with glamour and decadence, with two split levels and an overlooking DJ booth. They recently hosted the camp cabaret *Oklahomo!*

Kudos (10 Adelaide Street), modern and mixed, offers beautiful decor and a recently redesigned downstairs.

In Central London, Ku Bar and Ku Klub (30 Lisle Street, just off Charing Cross Road; Ku-bar.co.uk) is a popular, lively, award-winning bar with cabaret and a subterranean club. State-of-the art video screens play popular music (or, earlier in the day, football). Evenings get packed with the downstairs Ku Klub going into the early hours. Fridays you'll find Dusty O spinning her eclectic mix of pop and house. Outside there's a convenient area for smoking. There are many drinks specials; Sundays through Thursdays it's just £1.50 for most drinks, including long drinks and draft lagers.

Lo-Profile (84-86 Wardour Street, basement) is a great contender for most innovative club recently opened. Join Project Catwalk 2007's winner Wayne for Club Couture on Thursdays, a night of high fashion and glossy tailor-made fun and pretense.

For a young crowd, try **G-A-Y Glub** at the London Astoria (157 Charing Cross Road, near Tottenham Court Road; G-a-y.co.uk). Ru Paul just played a one-off gig here to packed audiences; celebrities seem to line up to play this huge venue in central London.

Matinee (Matineelondon.com) hosts different events in London. Recently, Laleche, a sexy white party with DJ Oliver M and an appearance from Katherine Ellis, ran at **Fabric** (77a Charterhouse Street). Check their website for upcoming events

NORTH LONDON

The Black Cap (171 Camden High Street) is an upstairs bar serving a wide selection of food and drinks. The downstairs cabaret recently hosted Titty La

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- 24) Barcode Vauxhal 69 Albert Embankment
- Black Cap 171 Camden High St
- **Bromptons Bar** 294 Old Brompton Rd
- 41) Central Station 020 7278 3294 37 Wharfdale Road N1.
- 8) The Coleherne 261 Old Brompton Rd
- 11) The Edge Bar/Cafe 11 Soho Square
- 27) Escape 10 Brewer St
- 12) Halfway to Heaven 7 Duncannon St
- 43) The Hoist Railyway Arch 47c Vauxhall
- 31) Ku Bar 020 7437 4303 30 Lisle Street
- 18) Kudos 10 Adelaide St
- 20) Royal Vauxhall Tavern 372 Kenington Lane
- 10) 79 CXR 79 Charing Cross Road
- Ted's Place 305A North End Rd
- 16) The Two Brewers 114 Clapham High St
- 27) The Yard 020 7437 2652 57 Rupert St, Soho

ACCOMMODATIONS

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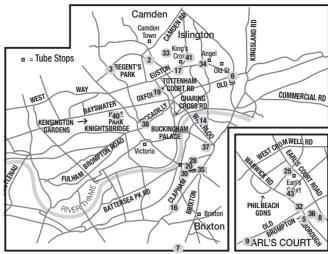
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- 101 Lower Marsh St SE1, Waterloo
- 32) London Institute 020 7370 6777 10 Warwick Road, Earls Ct
- 14) Pleasuredrome 124 Cornwall Road
- 40) Portsea Sauna & Spa 020 7402 3385 2 Portsea PI, off Edgeware Rd

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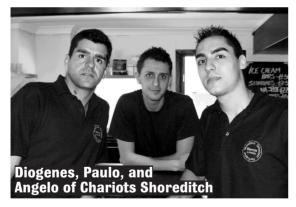
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- 22) 64 Old Compton St
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- 38) Guilty Kilts 020 7287 7570 Kingly Ct, off Carnaby St, W1
- 30) Paris Gym Arch 73 Goding Street
- 26) Prowler Soho 3-7 Brewer Street
- 34) Regulation 17A St. Albans Place
- 19) RoB London 24 Wells Street
- **Belboys** 0207-637-0326
- 25) Villa Gianni 0207-244-9901



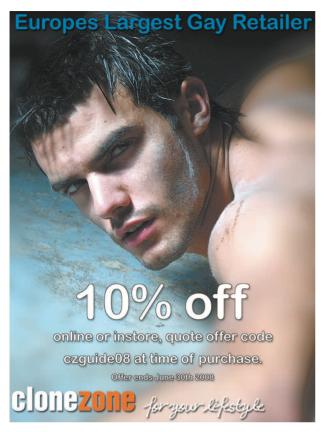
















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stairs cabaret recently hosted Titty La Camp in Sunday Service, which went down like a storm. On Friday and Saturday nights there's a packed dance floor playing happy house and pop songs

Longtime favorite **Oak Bar** (79 Green Lanes) is a great place for a more local scene in a traditional pub atmosphere.

At Central Station (37 Wharfdale Road, near Kings Cross; Centralsta tion.co.uk) "no attitude and more latitude" is still the objective of club owners Martin and Duncan. Pop in for a pint early in the day and be sure of a friendly crowd, or later at night when you can see top cabaret and strippers. Monday through Saturday features underwear parties from 1 to 6 p.m. downstairs, while Sundays host a full nude party in the first floor's Cruise Loft. Every first Friday of the month enjoy "City Boys," an event for men who enjoy suits and ties! "Come to Daddy" is on each Wednesday and is for bigger guys and their admirers. Or sign up for the Adult Baby Club for those who like to dress as babies.

VAUXHALL

Vauxhall has seen an explosion of gay venues.

Royal Vauxhall Tavern (372 Kennington Lane) is known worldwide for its innovative cabaret and performance nights. Divine David sets his acerbic tongue loose here on a weekly topic, recently proclaiming himself "a champagne communist" as he sipped bubbly stuff and debated trade-unions and spoke harsh words on Western capitalism and sweatshops. On Sundays the air is redolent with poppers and shirtless men having fun on the dance floor and at the bar. Watch soon for the talented Earl Grey performing on Saturdays.

The Eagle (349 Kennington Lane) sits right around the corner and boasts resident DJs and lots of cruising. It's only £4 for guests and £2 for members.

XXL (52 Southard Street; Xxllondon.com) runs a host of nights for

big guys and their admirers. The club has gained a respectable reputation for being the most friendly place in London. They are hosting a Bear Pride (Bearpride.co.uk) event May 23 to 25.

Fire (South Lambeth Road) hosts many club nights. On Saturday night the infamous Horizon starts at 11 p.m. and runs until 11 a.m. the next morning, which then turns into Later from 11 a.m. The Orange night puts 20 DJs together playing four fierce rooms of music.

Depot (66 Albert Embankment; Crashlondon.com) has taken over from Crash and has a range of cruise nights. They are holding a regular night once a month called Rent in collaboration with Rentboy.com; think porn, sleaze, sex, and full-on fun.

South Central (349 Kennington Lane) has gained a reputation for being a traditional and friendly venue with masculine men who don't want to fuss and follow fashions.

Hose Meat Disco (67-68 Albert Embankment; Horsemeatdisco.co.uk) is always busy; arrive early so you don't have to queue.

Further south, there's **The Two Brewers** (114 Clapham High Street), seconds away from Clapham Common tube station, where they host club nights and cabaret. Sundays Laquisha Jonz performs for a night called Double Penetration: The Power of 3, with three of the reigning queens of the cabaret scene: Kandi Kane Baxter, Sandra, and Dave Lynn.

Sex, saunas, and gyms

Portsea Sauna and Spa (2 Portsea Place, Marble Arch, off Edgware Road; +44-020-7402-3385; Saunabarport sea.com) is just off Oxford Street. Superbly run by the gorgeous and sexy David, Portsea has a great staff and the best massages. There are private relaxation rooms and plenty of eye candy.

Chariots Sauna (1 Fairchild Street) is "England's biggest," now with locations in Waterloo (101 Lower Marsh Street), Streatham (292 Streatham High Road), Limehouse (574 Commercial Road), Farringdon (57 Cowcross Street),

Shoreditch (1 Fairchild Street), and Vauxhall (Rail Arches 63-64, Albert Embankment). Their Shoreditch location is huge, with an ample pool you can swim in and which is surrounded by color-changing mood lighting. There's a small gym area and sun-beds too. The Shoreditch branch, with a capacity of 500 and 60 private rooms, also offers homemade food, an internet cafe, two video rooms, two dark rooms, two steam rooms, and two jacuzzis. The Vauxhall premises really get crazy with a party crowd all weekend. The cozy Farringdon branch provides a nice city retreat for workers and locals, and the Liverpool Street branch is spacious and always busy. Waterloo offers complimentary refreshments, and their staff is friendly and as cute as it gets! For more on the Chariots saunas. call their info line at +44-020-7247-5333. or check out Gavsauna.co.uk.

Pleasuredrome Sauna (Arch 124 Cornwall) has recently revamped itself, creating state-of-the-art cruising facilities. Look for their new location opening soon in Vauxhall.

Paris Gym (73 Goding Street; +44-020-7735-8989; Parisgym.com) is the only exclusively gay gym in London. They offer a day pass for £10 – a great option if you want to use the sauna, gym, and showers – and meet some like-minded guys, too. Note their new opening times: from 6:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday to Friday, and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 10 and 8 p.m., respectively.

Eating out

In Earls Court, the **Troubadour Cafe** (265 Old Brompton Road) offers snacks, meals, and beverages in beautiful surroundings. There's a special feeling of warmth, with wooden furniture and natural decor

Balans (239 Old Brompton Road) offers a wide variety of delightful dishes served by an equally dishy staff. There are daily specials and an *à la carte* menu with a full list of wines and alcohol.

Steph's Restaurant (39 Dean Street), a popular choice in West End dining, is

becoming a top haunt for celebrities and for photo-shoots for top glossy magazines, too. Theater posters and memorabilia decorate the walls, and many small dishes offering an array of tastes and flavors start at £5. Summertime outdoor tables are ever-popular.

Getti Restaurant (16 Jermyn Street) serves tasty Italian fare, wonderfully presented, with regular specials. There is an extensive international wine list.

First Out (52 St. Giles Street) is a diner and coffee shop that's a sociable spot just opposite Tottenham Court Road. They vend a wide selection of food and drinks to a mixed clientele of all ages. You can pick up lots of flyers for clubs and events here as well as the gay newspapers and magazines.

Shopping and services

Clone Zone (266 Brompton Road and 64 Old Compton Street) offers fashions and fetish wear, as well as CDs, videos, books, and magazines. The shops are fun, with friendly staff who know the local scene well. Many of London's special events do advance ticket sales through the Clone Zone shops.

Just opposite the Camden tube station, near the Black Cap, is the **Blue Rose** (4 Kentish Town Road), with toys, aromas, DVDs, and magazines. This is a place to get porn DVDs, like the recent *Biker Boy*, filmed on-location in London Town. They're friendly and informative here, and it's within steps of the famous Camden Market, so definitely worth a visit.

Visit **Prowler** (5 Brewer Street), on the top of Rupert Street, and pick up everything a gay man could need. There's a wide selection of porno and toys in a private section of the shop. Tickets are available here for club nights and events, there are free weekly papers and notices of events, and the window displays are fantastic.

Rob London (24 Wells Street) is full of outfits, t-shirts, vests, pants, and rubber stuff. Browse here for true novelty items.

The United Kingdom's largest gay

book store **Gay's the Word** (66 Marchmont Street; Gaystheword.co.uk) is still going strong after many responded to last year's appeal to help with increasing rents and fees. Drop by and support this vital community institution!

Hervé and Adnan at **Guilty Kilts** (Kingley Court, 2nd floor, off Carnaby Street; Guiltykilts.com) are now hosting fashion events and staging shows with men in kilts and other items from their collection. Look for them at many London night spots in their effort to put every man in a kilt!

Looking your best

A welcome retreat while in Earls Court is the **London Institute** (10 Warwick Road, Langham Mansions; Body aromatics.co.uk), right around the corner from the Colherne bar. Tariq is still leading the way in state-of-the-art beauty and holistic treatments. Massage, laser hair and skin therapies, micro-dermabrasion, and quick and (relatively) painless hair removal by "sugaring" are available.

Mayfair Tanning (19 Denman Street) offers upright tanning booths, waxing, facials, and lavish body treatments. Prices are great. Try the St. Tropez spray tan – a healthy way to get a sun-kissed look.

Alternatives Beauty Salon (231 Holloway Road; +44-020-7700-5015) is now offering laser hair removal technology, along with laser treatment for sagging skin and skin in need of rejuve-

nation. Accupuncture and hair styling and coloring are also available.

Studio Ladanza (89 Holloway Road) is still hosting their gay/lesbian and transgender school of dance. I went along to a fox-trot class; great fun for all skill levels and an ideal way to meet new friends.

A bit of al fresco fun...

Cruising on Hampstead Heath is still a place to hang out and meet other like-minded guys. Summer days bring gay picnics and cruising men here. Police monitor the area in the daytime, but be very careful at night. To visit, take the tube from Camden to Hampstead on the Northern Line, walk up the hill to the former Jack Straws Castle (now a bar and apartments). You will see a small pond (which used to be a large drinking port for horses). Feel free to wander.... If you're suitably cautious, it's a whole lot of fun.

Highgate Hill is a private male sunbathing area with a lake and nudist section, easily reachable from Archway Tube on the Northern Line. Once at the top the hill, ask for directions to Highgate Ponds. It's very safe here, with lifeguards and enclosed areas for nude sun-bathing.

Summer in Earls Court Graveyard seems to be filled with men perched on benches and grass in the gothic atmosphere of the graveyard; it's cruising with character, and an easy way to chat up and meet other guys.



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Sax Fetish, 110a Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010; telephone +61 2 9331 6105; fax +61 2 9360 3864. www.saxfetish.com, shop@saxfetish.com. Sax Fetish is Australia's longest running boutique fetish store presenting the finest products from Australia and around the world. A huge array of leather, latex, PVC, steel is available off the shelf or custom-made.

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Abri du Voyageur Hotel, 9 rue Ste-Catherine West, H2X IZ5; (514) 849-2922, US Toll Free: 866-302-2922; fax (514) 499-0151; www.abri-voyageur.ca, email: info@abri-voyageur.ca. Charming hotel for budget-conscious travelers, in the heart of downtown Montreal. Fifteen minute walk to the Village. Rooms with shared bathrooms and studios with kitchenettes and private bathrooms. Exceptional value.

Belles Vues B&B, 1407 rue Panet, H2L 2Y9; (514) 521-9998; www.bellesvues.com; in-fo@bellesvues.com. Large, modern and spacious 5 bedroom B&B (as well as a huge fully equipped 3 bed-room apartment suite) offers the ultimate in convenience and privacy - all in a home-like setting. Located overtop the Second Cup Coffee Shop, a landmark in the Gay Village, the B&B gives a beautiful view of the alluring streetlife of Ste Catherine Street East.

Club Unity Montreal, 1171 Ste-Catherine East. (514)523-2777. On three levels, Club Unity Montreal is the biggest gay club in Montreal Club Unity Montreal has two rooms with two different kinds of music, a huge terrace on the roof, a VIP room and a lounge area. The club is open from 10pm-3am from Thu-Sat. For more info www.clubunitymontreal.com/info@clubunitymontreal.com/

Hotel Le Saint André, 1285 rue St-André, (800) 265-7071, (514) 849-7070; www.hotelsaintandre.ca "The hotel with the European touch." Continental breakfast served in the room. Private bath in each of our 60 rooms. Color TV, radio, telephone, air conditioning. Mixed clientele. Located in the middle of the Gay Village. Major cards, including Discover card. Reservations, please.

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CZECH REPUBLIC

PRAGUE

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MANCHESTER

Union Hotel. Telephone: 01612281492 Fax: 01612280341. Email: thenewunion@hotmail.co.uk. Website: www.newunionhotel.com. Conveniently located in Manchester city centre's gay village on the world famous Canal Street, and is within short walking distance from major train and coach stations. All rooms are fresh, clean and come with ensuite bathroom, offering 24hour access with a key fob system. The hotel boasts a nightclub downstairs with live entertainment including drag cabaret, male strippers and karaoke. You'll benefit from great value for money, with prices starting from £35 for a double room.

FRANCE

PARIS

Hotel Louvre Richelieu (51, rue de Richelieu; phone: 01. 42. 97. 46. 20; www.louvre-richelieu.com). Fourteen rooms, most with bathrooms. Ideal location by the Louvre, near the Opera House and Galeries Lafayette shopping. Multi-lingual staff can recommend restaurants, tours, and night life. Internet access and WiFi throughout hotel. Breakfast available.

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STEAMWORKS has been California and the Bay Area's favorite men's bathhouse for over 30 years. Close to San Francisco right off I-80 in Berkeley. Steamworks offers a full gym, eucalyptus steam room, whirlpool, lockers and a variety of private room options including fetish and sling rooms. Featuring 16 channel XXX DVD video system, public play spaces with very hot hexagon booths and maze, snacks, beverages, live DJs, free wi-fi and lots of hot guys. Onsite STD and Rapid HIV testing provided by our Health and Services Center. Open 24/7 365 days a year. Must be age 18 with valid ID to enter. Visit us at www.steamworksonline.com. 4th Street, Berkeley (510) 845-8992

SAN JOSE

The Watergarden, 1010 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126. Come take in the sites around our large outdoor sunning area, the warmth of our Jacuzzi, our beautiful pool, steam room, private rooms. Just one hour south of San Francisco on Highways 280/101. Easy CalTrain access. Info: (408) 275-1215 or www.thewatergarden.com. We're the perfect weekend get-away!

COLORADO

DENVER

Midtowne Spa, 2935 Zuni, (303) 458-8902. Jacuzzi, steam, sauna, new wet area, multi-channel video in every room, safe sex live JO parties Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. Open 24 hours, erotic, safe and fun! Party with hot men in a safe, clean environment. Meet guys in our cruisy fantasy basement! Free HIV and STD testing. Membership not required. Visa, MC, AmEx. www.midtowne.com.

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE

Club Jacksonville, Swim in our heated indoor pool, or... relax in our whirlpool... or our steam room... or workout on our Universal Gym. Relax in the TV lounge, or on the sun deck, or munch out on the snacks in our vending machines! Club Jacksonville, 1939 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207; (904) 398-7451; www.clubjax.com.

ORLANDO

Club Orlando Athletic Ventures, (407) 425-5005. Orlando's 24-hour premier attraction! Heated outdoor spa and swimming pool in tropical garden, fully equipped gym and fitness instructor. One day memberships available. Renovated outdoor pool, spa, private dressing cubicles, plus a new patio! Located one block south of Michigan/Delaney intersection at 450 E. Compton Street. www.the-clubs.com.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO

Man's Country, 5017 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60640, (773) 878-2069. Midwest's largest steamroom, huge whirlpool spa, JO video room, dance floor, juice bar, TV lounge. Regularly featuring male film stars, live nude strip on stage every Friday and Saturday. Secured lockers; private rooms: single, double, and fantasy. Next door to the Chicago Eagle.

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INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS

Club Indianapolis, 620 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 635-5796; www.the-clubs.com. Indiana's premier gay sauna with the hottest men in Indy. Centrally located in Downtown's gay night life. Featuring: steamroom, sauna, whirlpool, outdoor heated pool, sundeck and full service gym. Also features: lockers, private rooms, video rooms, suites, and TV lounge. Open 24 hours, 7 days.

The Works, 4120 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, 317) 547-9210; www.theworksformen.com A social club for gay men near Indy's nightlife. Memberships one day or annual. Suites, video rooms, lockers, tanning, Nautilus and Universal weights, steam, and sauna. Giant screen movie, telephones, in/out privileges, outdoor patio, free parking. Open 24 hours.

MICHIGAN

DETROIT

Body Zone, 1617 E. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48203, (313) 366-9663. Michigan's premier private men's health club with gym, huge steam sauna, Jacuzzi, Hex tanning, pool table, vending, two video lounges, fantasy area, 75 private rooms and 100 lockers, VIP and Deluxe rooms with 15-channel video. Monthly theme nights. Out-of-state guest memberships. 18-plus with photo ID required. Open 24 hours everyday. The hottest men are at The Zone.

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Hawks Gym is Las Vegas' only gay owned/operated club for men. Friendly staff, steam room and sauna, video rooms, lockers, game room, showers and plenty of play space! 1200 square foot dungeon with showers and rest rooms. New state-of-the-art \$40,000 workout facility. Wide selection of cock rings, lube and aroma. Hawks is located in the same shopping center as The Rack, S.E. Corner of Commercial Center at 953 E. Sahara, Suite 102; (702)731-4295; w.hawksgymlv.com.



NEW YORK

ALBANY/TROY

river street club, 540 River Street, Troy, NY 12180(located at the corner of River & Hoosick)518-272-0340 Daily & monthly memberships. Open daily at noon. Lockers & private rooms, video rooms, sauna, jacuzzi, steam room, tanning bed, video lounge, high speed internet terminals. Gym with personal trainer www.riverstreetclub.com

ROCHESTER

Rochester Spa and Body Club offers immaculate facilities to work out and socialize 24/7. Facilities include a steamroom and sauna, fitness center, sun deck and tanning bed, a video lounge, personal lockers, refreshments, and private rooms. See rochesterspa.com for more details. 109 Liberty Pole Way, Rochester, New York; 585-454-1074.

OHIO

CLEVELAND

Club Cleveland, 3219 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113; 216-961-2727; www.the-clubs.com. First site of Club Bath chain has a brandnew facility with full-service gym, large steam room, cedar dry sauna, lap pool within a solarium, spectacular sun deck overlooking lake and city, twice the lockers and rooms, two large media rooms, state of the art sound and video, and free secure parking.

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COLUMBUS

Club Columbus, 795 W. 5th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212; (614) 291-0049. Gay Health Spa. Complete gym with free weights, Cybex, Maxicam, Lifefitness, and Trotter equipment; steam room; sauna; heated outdoor pool; lockers; private rooms. Guest one-day memberships with in/out privileges, student rates; porn star appearances; Sunday buffet. Website: www.the-clubs.com.

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OREGON

PORTLAND

Steam Portland, 2885 N.E. Sandy Boulevard; 503-736-9999. The newest, cleanest, and hottest club in the Northwest. Large steam room, spa pool, video lounge, private outdoor sunbathing. Private spa rooms, theme rooms, and lockers available 24/7. \$15 Out-of-Towner special includes locker/membership. Steam Portland, a destination in itself. www.steamportland.com.

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH

Club Pittsburgh, new private gay men's club. Open 24 hours with four social areas, video lounge, private changing rooms, steam room, whirlpool, sauna, rooftop tanning deck and a fully equipped gym. 1139 Penn Ave (corner of 12th and Penn); 412-471-6790; www.clubpittsburgh.com.

TEXAS

Midtowne Spas, Texas' most popular men's recreation centers offer overnight accommodations in our executive suite with private bath. Amenities: 80 changing rooms, video rooms, dancers, lockers, whirlpools, steam sauna, free weights, nautilus, cardio equipment, maze, open 24 hours, Visa, MC, AmEx. Dallas: (214) 821-8989; Houston: (713) 522-2379. Austin: (512) 302-9696; www.midtowne.com

WASHINGTON. DC

Crew Club, 1321 14th Street, NW; 202-319-1333. Full renovation of entire 10,000 square foot facility now complete! Finnish sauna, huge steam room, gang showers, comfortable lounges with plasma screens, full gym and cardio workout, 65 private dressing rooms, free tanning. Open 24 hours, seven days a week with friendly and helpful staff. www.crewclub.net. email: crewclubs@aol.com

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WASHINGTON

SEATTLE

Basic Plumbing (1505 10th, between Pike and Pine), alternative men's club, always changing maze-like atmosphere. The place to play, every night, hot one-on-one or group encounter. Fulfill your fantasies, continue the fun, after the bars. At heart of gay district, two video lounges, lockers, and fun, attitude-free, safer-play environment. New rooms for rent. Photo ID required. Open all weekend from 5pm Friday through 8am Monday and then on weekdays each night from 5pm to 3am. Phone (206) 323-2799.

Club Z, 1117 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101; (206) 622-9958; www.theZclub.com. A man's private club at the center of gay nightlife. Want action? Stoke your fantasy at Seattle's biggest bathhouse! Butch clientele. Three floors, showers, lockers, sauna, maze, porn and TV lounges. Multi-channel porn in TV/sling rooms. Free internet and wi-fi access. In/out privileges. Out-of-state memberships: \$3 for 30 days.

Steamworks (1520 Summit between Pine and Pike). Steamworks comes to Seattle, taking over former Club Seattle! Exciting changes in coming months. Multi channel in-room porn, lockers, showers, wet area, douche facilities, private rooms, public and private play areas. Monthly and weekly play parties. Always open, 24 hours/ 365 days a year, with the hottest men in the northwest. Steamworks quality is creating a new Seattle standard for play. Visit us online at www.steamworksonline.com.

WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE

Midtowne Spa Milwaukee is the Dairy Queen State's most popular men's recreational health spa. We are located near the docks of Lake Michigan in an industrial area. Surrounded by classic cream city brick with an outdoor patio deck, lockers, and private changing rooms. Open 24/7, credit cards, weekly specials. www.midtowne.com; (414) 278-8989.

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