

# San Diego Leather History Project Time-Line

- 1973: Groups Formed: Cyclemen South in San Diego
- 1974: June: The first Gay Pride Week in San Diego
- 1978: Groups Formed: California Cycle Men's Club (CCMC) and San Diego Lesbian S/M Support Group -- Name changed in 1983 to S.D. L. in K. (San Diego Lesbians into Kink)
- 1979: Groups Formed: New World Rubbermen and GSDBA (which included local Leathermen)
- October: First known Mr Leather contest at the Barbary Coast, hosted by CMS, emceed by Empress Nicole and J.J. and raising about \$400 for Toys for Tots.
- Title: **Mark Peterson**—Mr Leatherman 79
- 1980 Title: -Unknown—Mr Leatherman 80
- 1981 Title: **Dave McDaniels**—Mr Leather San Diego 1981-82
- 1982: **Spring:** Bob Dawson opens B&D Custom Leather shop in the Loading Zone and soon hired Mark Holmes to work there a few nights a week. **Summer:** Mark Holmes takes over B&D Custom Leather, changes it's name to Hard Labor Leather.
- Titles: **Chet Bottorff**—Mr. San Diego Leather
- 1983: Groups Formed: San Diego chapter of Trident International, which ran for only a couple of years, Rap sessions on B&D for couples hosted by Harvey "HotFlashes" Weber, a columnist for Swing Bars Opened: PECS, at 4612 Park Blvd
- Titles: **Steve Desdier** —Mr. San Diego Leather 1982-83, finalist at IML
- 1984: The Loading Zone is sold to Fred Atchison, BULC (formerly The Club) re-opens as a Men's levi-leather dance bar, The Mr Leather San Diego contest ownership moves to Mark Holmes and the 1985 contest in November is held at Mr. Dillons.
- Titles: **Mark Holmes**—Mr. San Diego Leather
- 1985: Mr Leather San Diego contest produced by Mark Holmes moves to BULC
- Titles: **Rich Jamieson**— Mr. Leather San Diego
- 1986: Mark Holmes opens a second Leather shop at the BULC in 86 and new retail store on Washington and Cleveland as well as another shop in Wolf's. Meyers Jacobsen organizes trip to Munich Oktoberfest for San Diego Leathermen (SDL) **October:** CCMC holds "Desert Heat" annual run to Palm Springs
- Titles: **Jim Keene**—Mr. Leather San Diego \* **Mike Murray**—International Mr. Drummer
- 1987: Groups Formed: San Diego Foreskin (San Diego Skinmen)
- 1<sup>st</sup> San Diego Leathermen (SDL) Dinner and Awards; Wolfs opened by Meyers Jacobsen
- Titles: **Joseph D. Lopez**—Mr. Leather San Diego \* **Steve Patten** – San Diego Leather Daddy

1988: **Spring:** The Academy Uniform Club held it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "An Officer And a Gentleman" Uniform affair at Wolfs; Mike Pereyra hosts Mr. International Leather Tom Karasch from Germany at Wolfs; **Fall:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ms Southern California Leather contest held at the BULC, produced by Bobbi and Terri Foster with 3 contestants including locals Trish Curley and Bobbi de'Courage.

Titles: **Michael Pereyra**—Mr. Leather San Diego and International Mr. Leather 1989  
\* **Mark Klein**—Mr. Southern California Drummer, Mr. Drummer 1988 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up  
\* **Saint Claire Adams**—International Mr. Cheeks 'n Chaps  
\* **Ron Belanger** -- Mr. Uniform San Diego

1989: Groups Formed: \* National Leather Association (NLA-SD) San Diego Chapter \* Knights on Iron MC \* Red Hankies San Diego (RHSD) \* Second of June Society (aka: 6/2 Society)

**March:** LeatherFest I produced by NLA-SD chapter founders Mike Pereyra, Mark Klein, and Ed Winant held at the Flame and at Wolfs. **November:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Ms. Southern California Leather Contest held at Sands Hotel, S.D. with approx. 400 attendees raised \$300 for San Diego AIDS Project Client Recreation Fund.

Titles: **Ed Winant**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Roger Dennehy**—Black Cobra Emperor XVII

1990: Groups Formed: Mud Buddies

**January:** 1<sup>st</sup>? Mr. Wolfs Contest benefit for local AIDs support organizations; **February:** 1st Southern California Masters and Slaves Contest at Wolfs produced by Luke Owens raised \$1,240.00 for Auntie Helen's Fluff 'n Fold. **March:** NLA-SD held LeatherFest II, Included Kegger at Wolfs, Art show, workshops, Black Party at Wolfs, Motorcycle run hosted by CCMC and Knights on Iron, and Variety show at the Flame. Nominated for Nickie Award along with Wolfs and BULC. **May:** Bob Schurr & Randy Broussard purchase Crypto Technologies, Parent corporation of The Crypt and Black on Black Leathers. **July:** NLA-SD and Meyers Jacobsen honored for Support in the passage of the Human Dignity Ordinance (HDO). **September:** NLA-SD becomes one of the first service organizations to sign up for the new Lesbian and Gay telephone network, Interactive Phone Systems. **November:** NLA-SD held mini-LeatherFest to coincide with Mr. SD Leather contest at BULC "San Diego Leather Weekend"

Titles: **William O. "Taurus" Webster**—Mr. BULC, Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Chet Bottorff**—Mr. Wolfs  
\* **Mark Bowers**—Southern California Master \* **Bob Farrell**—Southern California Slave

1991: Groups Formed: Moonlight Leather Assoc.of the Deaf of S.D., later renamed San Diego Deaf Leather

Mark Holmes sells his Hard Labor Leather stores to the Crypt and moves to L.A.. **February:** Knights on Iron raise over \$1,200 for Mama's Kitchen at their Levi and Leather Boat Cruise and BBQ. **March:** LeatherFest '91 held at the Mission Valley Inn, donating \$1100 each to Mama's Kitchen, Project Lifeguard and San Diego Hospice. **October:** Rena Davis elected to a 2-year term on the NLA Executive Committee and Bob Goldfarb elected to the NLA National Council

Titles: **Tom Rinas**—Mr. San Diego Leather 1991 \* **Philip Henderson**--San Diego Drummer Boy  
\* **Jason Trevor** (Traver ?)—Mr. San Diego Drummer 1991-1992  
\* **Blake Miller & Tom Brill** Wolf Co-Leather Daddies 1991 due to tie  
\* **Marc Donnelly**—Mr. BULC 1991 \* **Ricky Alves**--Golden Crown Unicorn Emperor XX

1992: \$1,200 was raised at The Black and Silver Ball hosted by Jason Traver. **January:** Pecs' Leather Fashion Show raised \$1,500 for the S.D. AIDS Foundation. **March:** David Alan Holding and Don Dye open Black Sabbath Custom Leather closing in 1993; LeatherFest IV, held at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley raising \$2,730.00 for Grocery Hearts; "Bella's" closes and reopens as "Pecs"

Titles: **Jeff Barrett**—Mr. San Diego Leather 1991-92, IML 6<sup>th</sup> Runner up, Intl Deaf Leather 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up  
\* **John Laird**--Grey Wolf Emperor XXI \* **Mark Edgel**—Mr Huggy Bear

1993: Groups Formed: Water Boys of San Diego, SMNAA meeting for Leather Folk in AA, NLA-SD's Thursday Women's Leather Rap Group

Los Angeles Police raid the San Diego home of Lee Baldwin, who produced, directed, and starred in his own line of gay SM videos. **March:** 512 attend LeatherFest V (the first with a dungeon play party) held at Holiday Inn Mission Valley raising \$6,082 for Special Delivery.

Titles: **Graylin Thornton** of Sacramento is International Mr. Drummer; he later moves to San Diego  
\* **NLA-SD**—NLA Chapter of the Year 1993 - largest chapter in the world  
\* **Ed Morgan**—Mr. San Diego Leather

1994: Groups Formed: Bears SD, SandMen, Hot Ash San Diego

**March:** 705 attend LeatherFest VI, held at the Radisson, raised \$2,600 each for the NLA Spanner Defense Fund, and Live and Let Live Alano Club. **July:** Float and First Leather Tent "Realm of the Leather Spectrum" at Gay Pride. **Summer:** Leather events begin to move out of bars and into coffeehouses and the Center. **October:** Sonny and Richard Smith open Eagle San Diego. **November:** Kim S. organizes the first Ms. San Diego Leather Woman Contest

Titles: **Cheli Mohamad**—Ms. San Diego Leather Woman 1994-95 \* **Paul Hobin**—Mr. Wolfs  
\* **Zak Topor**—Mr. San Diego Leather

1995 **March:** 1000 attend LeatherFest VII including the first S/M University run by Penny Buchanan held at the Travel Lodge on El Cajon Blvd with \$1,000 donated to the S.D. Lesbian and Gay Men's Center and approx \$3,000 worth of excess food donated to Mama's Kitchen. **April:** Mr San Diego Leather contest at Travelodge at the Zoo produced by Ed Morgan and Zak Topor. **June:** San Diego withdraws from affiliation with NLA and renames itself Club X; Adina (Spyralfox) begins holding munches for those on alt.sex.bondage running regularly until 9/99. **October:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Inncity Motorcycle Grand Prix to Benefit Special Delivery and David's Place

Titles: **Daniel Green**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Chuck Honse**—Daddy's Boy  
\* **Al Reese**—Mr. Eagle San Diego, IML 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up  
\* **Deni Tako**—Ms. San Diego Leather Woman 1995-96 -succeeded by **Kat Alessi**—Ms. San Diego Leather Thang \* **Tone Puente**--Macuilxochitil Aztech Emperor XXIV (the first lesbian crowned as monarch of the Court system)

1996: Groups Formed: Gay Leathermen Only (GLO)

Trish Curley & Zak Topor give SM101 presentations at Mesa College. **February:** Kelly J. Thibault publishes Leather and Latex Care. **March:** About 900 attended LeatherFest VIII raising nearly \$2,000 in proceeds split between Auntie Helen's and Read/San Diego. **November:** MANic Productions is raided.

Titles: **bobbi de'Courage**—Ms. San Diego LeatherWoman 1996-97  
\* **Scotty Moats** —Mr. San Diego Eagle \* **Sean Minoque** —International Daddy Bear  
\* **Roxy Bleau**—Enchanted Emerald Eagle Empress XXV

1997: Groups Formed: Rubber Knights, Positive Ties

**February:** "Shave, Shear & Shine" benefit at Wolfs raised over \$400 for Project Lifeguard. **March:** Whiplash!, store opens. **April:** Mr. San Diego Leather contest held at Craftmans Hall Produced by Ed Morgan. LeatherFest IX is held with \$1,000 each to H.A.R.P. and Canine Support Team. \$800 to Mama's Kitchen and \$400 to Read/San Diego. **July:** International Ms. Leather contest held in San Diego. **August:** Inner City MC Grand Prix auctions off men and their desserts raising over \$400 for Special Delivery and Bears San Diego holds it's inaugural Sun Bears Weekend. **November:** Whiplash! Ball at The Abbey and Ms San Diego LeatherWoman held at Tidbits in Hillcrest. **December:** The Eagle hosted "Leather Angels Holiday Charity Benefit", an all clubs participating evening organized by Daryl and Wolfgang with proceeds of \$150 each to: HARP, Marilyn Starr Foundation, Special Delivery and the Buddy Program at David's Place. Seasons Beatings, benefiting Marilyn Starr Foundation and Special Delivery is held as well as A Toy Drive and Raffle, presented by Randy Abatangelo at the Eagle

Titles: **Mark O'Keefe**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Randy Vidal**—Mr. Eagle San Diego  
\* **Annie Romano**—Ms San Diego LeatherWoman 1997-98  
\* **Cricket Watkins**—Ms. NLA later moved to San Diego  
\* **Randy Abatangelo**- Golden Griffin Emperor XXVI of the Imperial Court de San Diego

1998: Groups & Events Formed: San Diego Leather Leadership Coalition (ended after about a year), Co-ed Leather Rap Group hosted by Rick, SD SM Social

The Eagle is sold and reopens as The Arena. **January:** An Evening of Erotic Fun, a Dessert Auction is held. **February:** Mr. San Diego Leather contest held at the Eagle. **April:** LeatherFest X is held, \$1,000 each given to Rachel's Woman's Center and San Diego Hospice. **May:** Whiplash! holds Whiplash Ball, and the Mr. and Ms. SoCal Fantasy Contest is held at Shooterz. **June:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Butch Review is held at the Masonic Temple. **November:** Ms. San Diego LeatherWoman contest is held at the Top of the Park

Titles: **Marty Blanco**—Mr. San Diego Leather 1998, Succeeded by **Tom Chavez**  
\* **Suzy Koenigs**—Ms. San Diego Leather 1998-99 and Ms Intl Boot Black 2000 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up  
\* **Sue Byrd**—Ms. San Diego Deaf Leather and International Deaf Leather 1<sup>st</sup> runner up  
\* **Tryce Czychynska** (Lady T)—Ms. Gay San Diego \* **Erin Rife**--Ms. SoCal Fantasy  
\* **Papa" Tony Lindsey**—Mr. San Diego Cheek and Chaps and Intl Mr. Cheeks 'n Chaps  
\* **Curtis Dickson**-- IML International Bootblack 1998 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up

1999: Groups Formed: Leather and Sisterhood (LASH)

The San Diego Leather Community kicks into high energy with almost non-stop events including: Leather & Lace 'No-Tap' Bowling Tournament, Master and Slave Auction held at the Arena, SDLLC Master & Slave Auction at Shooters, Pajama, Pizza, Popcorn and PORN Party, Viking Leather Cruise 2000 leather dance party at Shooterz, Christmas in July at The Arena, Kinky Fetish Dating Game held at the Hole, Kinky Fetish Pool Party fund raiser, Butch Review at the Hole, Midori-Fest" weekend, "Air Your Dirty Laundry Night" at The Arena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leather Jam along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Knight of Leather Contest held at the Hole, Mr. and Ms. San Diego Cheeks and Chaps Contest held at Wolfs, Ms. San Diego Leather 1999-2000 Contest at the Hole. **August:** Bears San Diego holds it's first Mr. Bear/Bear Cub San Diego contest at The Hole during Sun Bears Weekend. **October:** The Arena is sold to Alain Tasca who opens it as the Zone. He starts to remove the Leather Art and original Tom of Finland murals memorializing Tony Chiumento in the men's room but were able to save most but not all of them. "San Diego Six" arrested at Club X play party

Titles: **Mike Hargiss**—Mr. San Diego Leather, IML 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up  
\* **Crickett Watkins**—Ms. Southern California Fantasy, IMsL 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up and Team Player  
\* **David Janisch**—Mr. Southern California Fantasy \* **Tommie Barnes**—Knight of Leather  
\* **Jerry Colinard**—Mr San Diego Bear \* **Randy Campbell**—Mr. Bear Cub San Diego  
\* **Mark Cook**—Mr. Huggy Bear \* **Ricky Walker** aka **Ophelia**—Mr. San Diego Cheeks and Chaps  
\* **Kim S.**—Ms. San Diego Cheeks and Chaps  
\* **Tiffany Daniels**-- Empress XXVIII Imperial Court San Diego

2000: Groups Formed: San Diego boys of Leather, Submissive Voice, The Leather Community (TLC)

**January:** The City Attorney drops all charges against the San Diego Six. **February:** Leather Pride Week is held including the Mr. San Diego Leather Contest at the Hole. **March:** San Diego Leather Response Team meeting with City Attorney educating on what SM is about. **April:** LASH sponsors "Just Desserts" for San Diego Six Legal Defense Fund raising over \$3,000. **May:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bat-N-Rouge Leather Folk beats Imperial Court. **September:** Butch Review held at the Hole. **October:** 5<sup>th</sup> Innerscity Motorcycle Grand Prix is held and Leather Jam at the Hole includes Knight of Leather Contest. **November:** Mr. & Ms. So Cal Fantasy Contest held at the Hole; A San Diego Six Victory Party is held. **December:** LASH hosts Winter Holiday Dinner benefiting children's shelter 'Casa de Emparo'

Titles: **Doe Blake**—Ms San Diego Leather 2000 succeeded by **Jo Blas**—Ms. San Diego Leather 2000 and International Ms. Leather 2000 \* **Mark Chipman**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Israel Hernandez**—Mr. Southern California Fantasy 2000 and 2001 \* **bobbi d'phreque dragon**—Ms. Southern California Fantasy 2000 and 2001 \* **boy joey**—Knight of Leather \* **Rich LaClaire-Zoehrer**—Mr. Bear San Diego \* **Jonathan Hewlett**—Mr. Bear Cub San Diego

2001: Groups/Events Formed: San Diego League of Gentlemen (SDLOG), Bash & Dash, AFC Bears

**March:** Leather Pride Week and Mr. San Diego Leather Contest (at Rich's) produced by Mike Hargiss. **May:** Bat-n-Rouge III held - the Imperial Court beat the Leatherfolk. **July:** Brian Gosney and Perry Morris open Ringold Alley, and Over 2000 people visit the "Realm of the Leather Spectrum" Tent during Pride Weekend. **September:** LeatherFest XI is held in Palm Springs over Labor Day Weekend. **Fall:** John McCusker with a business partner buy Wolfs Bar.

Titles: **Lou Sedlacek**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Melanie Toews**—Ms. San Diego Leather \* **Everado Aguilar**--Mr. Bear San Diego \* **Annie Romano**—The 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. World Leather \* **Jeff Phillips**—Mr. Bear Cub San Diego \* **Wayne Dietz**--Emperor XXX, Imperial Court de San Diego

2002: Groups/Events Formed: Next Generation of Leather, S.D Femme Domme Social, SuperPigs, San Diego Latin Leather

After 3 years in business, the owners of Pecs move it to 2046 University. **February:** Club X hosts "Fun After Valentines Day" at the Hole. Jo Blas and Annie Romano receive Pantheon of Leather Awards including Couple of the Year and for Jo: Woman of the Year and Community Choice Woman. Leather Pride 2002, produced by Randy Vidal raises over \$15,000 for Special Delivery. **May:** Boys of Leather host Boyfest with SoCal Daddy(i)/Boy(i) contest raising \$1,000 for the Lupus Foundation. **June:** Tom Dickerson and Naria Bullock Jordan host A Daddy Auction at The Hole. **July:** Carla Warnock hosts "When Fantasies are Real", with fantasy performances by Suzy, Howard, WoofDaddy, and Naria with commercials by Patty and Eli, at Bacchus House. The Leather Folk beat the Imperial Court at Bat-N-Rouge, and Pattycane hosted "Lives of Leather" at the Hole with \$210 to Bienestar and \$145 to the Leather Archives. Tom Dickerson presents "A Legendary Night" featuring presentations by Viola Johnson and Master Dean Waldradt at MCC Church, and Mr. / Ms. Deaf San Diego Leather contest held. **August:** Greyrose Productions holds the 1<sup>st</sup> SoCal LeatherSir Contest, After 13 years Snow's Erotic Apparel closes their store on Richmond St., Mr. and Ms. So Cal Fantasy contest held at the Hole, and TLC-SD Presents and auctions the 13 final photo choices for the TLC Scholarship calendar. **November:** "The Zone" is purchased by Sir Nicholas and reopened as the "San Diego Eagle". Ms San Diego Leather 2003 Contest held at the Hole, sheryl dee hosted a Cigar Party at Bad Habits, Knight of Leather 2003 contest produced by Amy B. at the Hole, and Pecs hosts a Holiday All-clubs party.

Titles: **Bill Mitchell**—California Leatherman \* **Tom Dickerson**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Amy B**—Knight of Leather \* **Mike Wiley**—Mr. Bear San Diego \* **Juan Zazueta**—Mr Deaf San Diego Leather \* **Renata Millet**—Ms. San Diego Deaf Leather \* **Naria Bullock Jordan**—Ms. San Diego Leather and Ms. SoCal Fantasy \* **Howard Smith**—Mr. SoCal Fantasy \* **pupPee gabe**—Southern California Leather boy

**2003:** Groups Formed: Latinosos (Latin Bears), Cubs Club of California (closed 2007), D/s Formal Dinner group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Formation of San Diego League of Gentlemen, Leather Girl Network,

**January:** Sheryl dee hosts Lasagna Dinner at The Big Kitchen and “San Diego Cellblock” Fundraiser at the Eagle. **February:** Pantheon of Leather Award winners: Richard Chatterton - Southern California Regional Award and Annie Romano-Blas - Community Choice Award. Sheryl dee hosts Dessert Auction at the Hole as well as Master and slave Conference held at Bienestar. **March:** Leather Pride Week with Mr. San Diego Leather Contest at Club Montage raised over \$7,000 for Something Special Food Pantry and Sheryl dee presents “An Intimate Evening with Karen McGee” at the Hole. **April:** Eden hosted by the Latin Leather Club at The Hole. **May:** The City Attorney's Office - Domestic Violence Unit presented information to our Leather Community at Bienestar, and BoyFest at Pecs included San Diego Leather Daddy and boy 2003 contest, presented Bryan “Dino” Garcia with the Richard Chatterton Memorial Award and raised \$560 for NLA-I Domestic Violence Project. **July:** Sam Bacon hosts fashion show “Boots and Belts” at The Hole for our leather makers to show off their talents, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bat-N-Rouge, Mr. and Ms. Deaf San Diego Contest at the Hole, and approx 9000 people came through the Leathertent at Pride – hosted for the first time by a leather community committee led by Merlin Gross and Keath Butterworth. **August:** Grey Rose Productions produces the 2<sup>nd</sup> SoCal Leather Sir and Leather Boy Contest at the Hole. **September:** Butch Revue is held at The Hole and San Diego Latin Leather Club holds it's first Mr./Ms. SoCal Latin Leather Contest. **October:** Ladee and sheryl dee organize gathering at the Eagle to support victims of wildfires. **November:** TLC premiers 2004 Leather Community Calendar with a Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner at the Center raising \$750 towards next years Scholarship. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ms. San Diego Leather contest was held at the Center. **December:** Mike Russell's Benefit - Over \$900 Raised for Something Special Food Pantry at Wolfs. **Winter:** Possession of the Mr. San Diego Leather title is transferred to the new co-producers, Graylin K. Thornton and Tom Dickerson

Titles: **sheryl dee**—Ms. San Diego Leather & American Leather Woman

\* **Renata Millet**—International Ms. Deaf Leather \* **Sam Bacon**—Mr. San Diego Leather

\* **Juan Zazueta**—International Mr. Deaf Leather and IML 4<sup>th</sup> Runner up

\* **Mike Russell**—Mr. Wolfs, Southern California LeatherSIR, International LeatherSir

\* **Bill Mitchell** aka “Cubby” —California Leatherman & American Leatherman

\* **Greta Ashley Davis**—Miss Gay International 2003 \* **boy Joey**—NLA Woman of the Year

\* **Robert Rodriguez**—Mr. Southern California Latin Leather \* **Eli O'Leary**—Knight of Leather

\* **Daddy JJ Perez**—Ms. Southern California Latin Leather \* **Eric Crow**—Mr. Bear San Diego

\* **Randy “Mudpig” Mangham**—San Diego Leather Daddy

\* **Boy Talison McMorro**—San Diego boy of Leather

\* **Steff Juge**—Ms. Deaf San Diego Leather \* **Richard Virgil**—Mr. Deaf San Diego Leather

\* **Lady Ajax**—Napoleonic Crown Princess of the ICSD

2004: **January:** Latinosos presents it's calendar and SunBears Weekend features Mr. Bear San Diego contest at the Hole. **February:** Karen Yew hosts CPR & First Aid Training donating \$100 to Bienestar, Club X raises \$276 for TLC-SD, sheryl dee wins Pantheon of Leather 2004 Community Choice Female Award. Feeder contests and Knight Leather are held at various bars. **March:** Leather Pride Week is held raising \$8,700 for Something Special Food Pantry. **April:** Annie Romano-Blas and Adam Latham host Dessert Auction Fundraiser at the Hole raising \$1,687 for the Ms. World Leather Contest and Friends of the S.D. boys of Leather. **May:** Boyfest with Daddy and boy Contest held at Pecs. Akio receives Richard Chatterton Brotherhood Award. **June:** Cubs Club of California celebrates it's one-year Anniversary at Pecs and Wolfs and inaugurates it's Anniversary Awards, later renamed the Loving Cub Awards. **June:** LASH disbands, Family Feud is held at the Hole – Bears beat the Leather Community with proceeds of \$175 to San Diego's GLBT Youth. Daddy's Day Buffet and Hire-A-Daddy Auction at Chee Chee Club - \$80 each to Boys of Leather, Mama's Kitchen. **Summer:** Wolfs closes and reopens as REbar. **July:** The Leather Realm graduates from a tent to an area at SD Pride, Adam Latham and Karen Yew take over as Co-Chairs. **August:** SoCal Leather Sir and Boy at the Hole. **October:** TLC-SD Scholarship Awards Dinner - Bad Bob receives the 1<sup>st</sup> Joe "Bull Dawg" Vitale Leather Community Volunteer Award. The last Mr. and Ms. So Cal Latin Leather contest is held. **November:** Ms San Diego Leather contest at the Hole. The Eagle has "Daddy's Bake Sale" hosted by Daddy AJ (raising \$567 for Special Delivery) and the Mr. San Diego Eagle 2005 contest. **December:** Daddy Marty and boy Spence host BUZZ and SHINE at the Eagle with Mr Sister Leather 2004 Paul Salomon to benefit TLC, TLC presents Kinky Holidays at the Hole with an elf auction, and Daddy's Wreath Auction Is held.

Titles: **Steff Juge**—International Ms. Deaf Leather \* **Adam Latham**—Mr. San Diego Leather  
 \* **Jeff Barrett**-- Intl Mr. Deaf Leather 1<sup>st</sup> runner up \* **Karen Yew**—Ms. San Diego Leather  
 \* **Spence**—Mr. Southern California Latin Leather \* **Christopher Galea**—Mr. Bear San Diego  
 \* **Daddy Marty**—Ms. Southern California Latin Leather \* **Paul Davis**—Mr. Wolfs  
 \* **Michael Edwards**—Mr. California Deaf Leather \* **Eric Nielsen**—Mr Pecs  
 \* **Cesar Dominguez**—Mr. Deaf San Diego Leather \* **Gary Libak**—Mr. San Diego Eagle  
 \* **Rosie Gutierrez**—Ms. Deaf San Diego Leather  
 \* **Shawn "Doc" Holliday**—Mr. Leather Hole \* **Jesse Duran**—Knight of Leather  
 \* **AJ Turner**—San Diego Leather Daddy \* **Jack Arnold**—San Diego Leather boy, Wolfs pup

2005: Group Formed: S.D. Chapter of Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Asylum of the Tortured Heart

**January:** Sun Bears Weekend with Mr. Bear San Diego contest, TLC premieres their 3<sup>rd</sup> and last calendar. **March:** Knight of Leather contest held at the Eagle to kickoff Leather Pride Week which raised over \$10,000 for Being Alive. The Southland Honors Awards included San Diego nominees for the last time. **April:** Cubs Club of California premieres Snugglefest giving \$1,000 to Hillcrest Youth Center. **May:** Daddys Day Dinner raises \$500 for boys of Leather and the boys of Leather held BoyFest with Daddy and boy Contest at the Hole. **June:** Start of the "Christina Project" organized by Gayle with 65 people and businesses volunteering time and money raising \$5,000 to rebuild Christina W's house. **July:** Family Feud is held at the Hole with Leather Folk vs. the Sisters and Leather Realm has it's first program. **August:** Duff produces SoCal Leather Woman Contest at Passive Arts in L.A., Western Boy Run sponsored by the boys of Leather, and The Butch Review is held at the Center. **September:** Katrina Relief Fundraiser organized by Daddy Don and boy joe raises over \$3250 and with matching funds, make the donation \$6500 plus blankets, water and canned food. **November:** Suzy Koenings shows photographic art at Propaganda Tattoo and Bears San Diego held a Benefit for Scott Hunter at Pecs raising \$700.

Titles: **Everardo Aguilar**—California Grizzly Bear \* **Eric Crow**—Mr. San Diego Eagle  
 \* **Jeff Redondo**—California Cub \* **Daddy Don Cherkis**--San Diego Leather Daddy  
 \* **boy joe Croteau**--San Diego Leather boy \* **Tony Ganglof**—Mr. Pecs  
 \* **Dutch Curtis**—Mr. Ringold Alley and Mr. San Diego Leather \* **AJ Turner**—Knight of Leather  
 \* **Michelle Jackson**—Ms. San Diego Leather Woman, Ms World Leather  
 \* **Mitch Metzner**—Gentlemen of Leather \* **Erik Evenson**—Mr. Shooterz  
 \* **Jesse Duran** —Southern California Leather Woman \* **Mikee**—Mr REbar  
 \* **Wayne Bradt**—Mr. Bear San Diego \* **Nick Hairpetian**—Mr Deaf San Diego Leather

2006: Groups Formed: Leather Foundation, San Diego chapter of MasT, Yellow Hankies San Diego, The Cash Cows, San Diego Leatherboys

**February:** Mike Russell holds the 1<sup>st</sup> San Diego Leather Awards at the Art and Entertainment Center. The Mr. Hole contest held at the Hole, The Bear Award Dinner held at the Lumberjack Grill, and Dutch and boy joe hold Chili Cook-off at Pecs raising \$400 for the Mr. S.D. Leather travel fund and The Store Front. **March:** Leather Pride Week with Mr. San Diego Leather Contest at Rich's with proceeds of \$6,500 given to Being Alive and \$3,500 to the Tom of Finland Foundation - Chains is presented the Spirit of Leather Pride award. Ringold Alley, a local leather shop closes. **April:** Fundraisers held for the Imperial Court's Easter Egg Hunt included Bulges and Basket Contest at the Eagle by the Knight of Leather - \$840.51 and a Country and Western Show held at the Hole by boy joe - \$320. An Underwear Auction held at the Eagle by Mr. Eagle raised \$1,195 for the Hillcrest Youth Center while Daddy Don's "Leather Day of Caring" at the Eagle raises \$105 for Storefront Youth Center and Club X hosts Mental Health Outreach Event organized by carla, educating mental health professionals about BDSM and presentations to educate about mental health issues. Club X holds it's Volunteer dinner & awards. **May:** Boyfest with San Diego Leather Daddy and boy contest held at Numbers raising \$320 for the Storefront Youth Center and presenting PuP with the Richard Chatterton Memorial Award. Ray Busby holds Dungeon and Flog Fest fundraiser at the Eagle raising \$1268 for The Leather Realm at Gay Pride and The Tom of Finland Foundation. **June:** Bill Freyer and Tim Melodick open Pleasures & Treasures, a retail store with leather goods and gear – they hold monthly Artist Receptions and exhibits featuring Dennis Wymbs, Mark O'Keefe, Jim Hennem, Ray W. Conser, and Michael McKeon. The Leather Realm Committee raises \$100 for the Realm and the Float hosting Family Feud at Shooterz with the Bears beating the Leather Team and the Bears donated \$90 to Being Alive. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence hosted the "The Gong Show" at Brass Rail, and Big Dave Bendixen presented Being Alive with a check for \$925 from his Easter Egg Extravaganza. **July** brought the Closure of SD boys of Leather and the first stampede of The Cash Cows raising \$320 for Hillcrest Storefront. The Butch Revue was held at the Hole raising \$550 for each Mr. & Ms. World Endowment Fund and Karen Yew cut 11 inches of her hair raising \$770 for the Locks of Love. The Arts & Entertainment Center features "Gay" "Ray at Night" with Suzy Koenigs, Tom Adkins, Keith "Bunny" Anderson and Mark O'Keefe. Leather Realm hosted a Silent Auction and Underwear Party at the Eagle raising over \$1,100 for production costs, San Diego hosted the International Deaf Leather competition, Opening of the Rubber Rose, and the Leather Realm saw 8,420 people walk through the door. **August:** Duff produces the Southern California Leather Woman 2006 Competition in El Segundo. **September:** SD Leatherboys hold their first bar night with a fundraiser, donating \$90 to The Leather Foundation, and Adam "Buster" Wentzel and Mark O'Keefe host the 1<sup>st</sup> of their quarterly Leather Roller Skating Parties at Skateworld. **October:** The Redwing Bar opens new patio bar with a new bartender, Adam Latham. The leather community helps celebrate raising over \$600 for Special Delivery along with a lot of food and toiletry donations. The Men of CCMC present Desert Heat - a motorcycle run to C\*A\*M\*P Palm Springs, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leather and Lace Costume Ball sponsored by boy harold, and Buster raises \$750, and Club X holds BBQ and Volleyball Tournament in Balboa Park donating \$400 worth of supplies to Bienestar. **November:** San Diego Leatherboys raise \$284 for Homefront San Diego at the Eagle welcoming returning Service members. **December:** Novice Sister Nora Torious raised \$843 For the Hillcrest Youth Center with an 80s dance party at Bacchus House on World Aids Day, The Cash Cows collect donations for Storefront Emergency Shelter, Kink related clubs of San Diego hold an Inter-club purely social holiday party, S.D. Leather Pride holds BigMuscle party and celebrates Graylin Thornton's birthday at Rich's raising \$465 for Being Alive and the Tom of Finland Foundation, Bears San Diego has a fundraiser at the Big Kitchen with \$135 in proceeds to help with Sunbears Weekend Deaf Interpreters and the year ends with Adam Latham and The Eagle presenting the film "Mr. Leather" raising \$151 for the Leather Archives and S.D. Leather Pride.

Titles: **Daddy Don Cherkis**—US Daddy \* **boy joe Croteau**—US boy  
\* **Bikkja Amy**—Southern California Leather Woman \* **Albert Montes**—Mr. Hole  
\* **boy ron**—Knight of Leather \* **Earnie "Tipper"** Barclay--San Diego Leather Daddy  
\* **Adam "Buster" Wentzel**—Mr. San Diego Leather \* **boy harold Slatore**—San Diego Leather Boy  
\* **Greta Ashley Davis**—H.M.S.H Princess Royale \* **Ray Busby**—Mr. Eagle



2007 Pleasures and Treasures continues their Artist Receptions and showings with a different Leather artist each month. Spud, Bill and Tim donated \$100 in proceeds to the SD Leather History Project at Spud's. **January:** Sugar and Spikes a dessert auction and fashion show held at the Rubber Rose raising \$1,610, for Leather Pride charities. **February:** The San Diego Leather Awards are held at the Arts & Entertainment Center with a Life Time Achievement Award presented to Mark Holmes. Mr San Diego Eagle and the 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Redwing contests are held. Russ Mortenson hosts a BBQ and Oscar party at the Eagle raising \$132 in cash and \$150 in food for Special Delivery. **March:** Leather Pride festivities include both the Ms and Mr San Diego Leather contests, and many other events raised \$6,132 for Being Alive and \$5,017 for The Tom of Finland Foundation. The Spirit of Leather Pride award presented to Micheal David. Bears San Diego held Awards Dinner at Lumberjack Grille presenting \$2,000 to Being Alive. Funds were raised for GLBT Community Easter Egg Hunt by the Cash Cows (\$425) and Baskets and Bulges hosted by boy ron and Russ Mortenson at the Eagle (\$1,251). Club X holds Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Arts and Entertainment Center with Special BoD award to Karen Yew, Sentinel of Leather awards to Uncle Bob and Pleasures & Treasures. **April:** Novice Sister Tess Teeze holds Taco Fest IV raising \$1,249 for the Toni Atkins Lesbian Health Fund and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The So Cal Leather Sir/boy contest is held in Palm Springs and The Sisters hold PeaceCry at Aztec Center. **June:** Pleasures & Treasures celebrates 1-year anniversary (and Bill's big 50) raising nearly \$500 for Special Delivery, and Club X hosts ArtFest weekend where "Heart of Community" whip art is created. Leather Realm fund raisers include: Memorial Day BBQ hosted by SD Leatherboys at the Eagle raising \$200, Silent Auction hosted by boy ron and Russ Mortenson at the Eagle raising \$365, "Leather Pool Party" hosted by Lee Butler raising \$257, Family Feud held at Shooters with The Board of Club X beating the Leather Realm team (57.50 each to Realm fund and Storefront Youth Center), an Underwear Auction at the Eagle raising \$275, an Evening of Erotic Art at the Rubber Rose raising \$150, a Dessert Auction at the Eagle raising \$440, and Family Feud held at Shooters with Da Bears besting the Board of Club X with \$104 each to the Leather Realm and the National Children's AIDS Fund. **July:** Butch Revue at the Hole raised \$775.30 to split between IMsL 2008 and 2008 Leather Pride, Lee Butler and Alissa Mae hold sneak preview of Leather Realm's Erotic Art Show and the 2007 Leather float at the Eagle raising \$255, and Bears San Diego host a lasagna dinner at Big Kitchen raising \$300 for the National Children's AIDS fund. **August:** The Bears sponsor "A Month of Sundays" a food drive on behalf of Mama's Kitchen bringing in \$3,200 and lots of food. Duff produces the Southern California Leather Woman contest in El Segundo raising \$130 for NCSF from the Dessert Auction. Russ Mortenson raises \$700 for MDA by "going to jail, SuperPigs donated about \$150,000 worth of medications to the non-profit Clinic in Tijuana, and San Diego Leatherboy contest was held at Numbers with no winner. **October:** S.D. Leatherboys held NS Casino Night at the Eagle raising \$180 for Uptown Faith Community Service Center and the SD Leatherboys, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Behind the Mask" Camping Trip Weekend was held. Russ Mortenson and the Eagle hold Special fundraiser for victims of the fires raising \$100 to buy water and \$400 to the Red Cross. **December:** Interclub holiday party held at Joyce Beers, and Club X holds Dessert Auction at the Hole to bring Intl Slave barb to San Diego for Leather Pride the balance to benefit the Storefront Youth Shelter - \$1,162 was raised. Lee Butler organizes garage and yard sale at the Eagle to benefit Being Alive with \$457 raised and the remaining items donated to Auntie Helen's Thrift Store

Titles: **Ron Brundige**—Mr. Bear San Diego \* **Lee Butler** — Mr. San Diego Leather  
 \* **Troy Steele**—Mr. Deaf San Diego Leather \* **Russ Mortenson** – Mr. San Diego Eagle  
 \* **Allisa Mae/Tali Mc Morrow**—Ms. San Diego Leather \* **Kenya** - Knight of Leather 2007  
 \* **Sidney McFadden**—Mr. Redwing \* **boy TC**--Southern California Leather Boy  
 \* **Don Cherkis** —The Silver Phoenix Leather Emperor XXXVI

2008 Pleasures and Treasures continues their monthly Artist Receptions with Leather Artists. **January:** The Bears host Sun Bears Weekend with Mr. Bear San Diego 2008 contest at Rich's donating \$5,500 to The Center's HIV Prevention & Support Division and The Children's AIDS Fund. Claw Nation Blackout Party held at the Eagle raised \$404 for Stepping Stone. Jo Blas holds 2 fundraisers for the Ms San Diego Leather contest: a Passion Party at her home raising \$200 and Serving up tacos for another \$200. **February:** The Mr San Diego Eagle and Mr Redwing contests are held. Mike Russell's San Diego Community Leather Awards 2007 are held at Avalon Global with a Lifetime Achievement Award given to Wayne Dietz (Roxy Bleau), and the 4th Annual Basket and Bulge contest at the Eagle raises \$585 to benefit the GLBT Community Children's Easter Egg Hunt. **March:** Leather Pride Week includes Speakers Larry Townsend and Ms Cynthia, and many events. Ownership of San Diego Leather Daddy / Leather boy production is transferred to Russ Mortenson, and Club X held volunteer appreciation dinner at Florencia's. Sentinel of Leather Awards to Duff R and The Rubber Rose & a special award to Rick for running "Rick's Rap" for 10 years. **April:** Lori Wolinski and Lee Butler are named Co-Chairs of The Leather Realm for San Diego Pride. **May:** Knight of Leather contest held at the Eagle, and Celebrity Pie Toss Auction held at the Redwing Bar raises \$2,000 for the Leather Realm. **June:** Ray Torres holds birthday dinner at Zorba's Greek Buffet raising \$100 for Bears Charity Fund. Pleasures and Treasures turned 2 years old with "Heart of the Community" auctioned off - Mark O'Keefe donated the proceeds to Club X. **October** brought the Butch Revue and in **November** Déjà vu in Vista held their first ever Fetish event with an SM 101 talk by Karen Yew. **December:** San Diego Leatherboys host Naughty Pictures with Santa at the Eagle with donations for the Imperial Court's blanket/toy drive, canned goods for Special Delivery, donation of \$112 to San Diego Hospice.

Titles: **Sidney McFadden**--Mr. San Diego Leather \* **Christine Cummings**--Knight of Leather  
 \* **Donna Tello**-- Ms. San Diego Leather, ImsL 2010 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up  
 \* **Ray Torres**--Mr. Bear San Diego \* **Mr. Mike**--Mr. San Diego Eagle  
 \* **Curtis Dickson**--2008 So Cal Community BootBlack, Intl Community Bootblack 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up  
 \* **AJ Turner** -- Prince Royale of the 36th and 37th Reign of the Imperial Court de San Diego  
 \* **Christine Cummings** --lifetime title of The Silver Phoenix Crown Princess  
 \* **Ron Hardin**--Double Eagle Crown Prince \* **Chris Grinston**--Mr. Redwing

2009: **January:** Graylin Thornton received the Leather Leadership Award at Creating Change. **February:** The Mr San Diego Eagle and Mr San Diego Bear contests are both held at the Eagle. **March:** Club X Volunteer Appreciation dinner with Sentinel of Leather awards to Drew and Pleasures and Treasures. Leather Pride week includes many events and the Spirit of Leather Award 2009 went to tiger. **July:** Christi Campbell takes over as coordinator for the Leather Realm at Pride. **August:** Mr. Mike produces the CA LeatherSIR /boy /Community Bootblack contest in Long Beach. caryl is presented the Gio Micu Award at International Olympus in L.A., and Club X and Sister Ida represent the Leather Community at South Bay Pride for the first time. **September:** A Remembrance of Al Reese was held at the Eagle with dedication of Al Reese's vest to the Eagle. **October:** Duff Produces the SoCal LeatherWoman Competition in San Diego, and Bears San Diego hosts Mr. So Cal Bear / Cub contest at Rich's as part of BearQuake. **November:** Leather Dance Party at Rich's hosted by Bryan Teague raised \$1120 for the Woodhull Freedom Foundation, and Graylin Thornton announced as one of the judges for ImsL 2010. **December:** SDLOG hosts an inter-club holiday party, and Bryan Teague hosts "Naughty Pictures with Santa" at the Eagle with funds to the Leather Pride charities, canned goods to Mama's Kitchen and blankets to the Imperial Court Blanket Drive. The Club X Women's Leather Rap is renamed Club X Women's BDSM Rap with new facilitator Naria, San Diego Leather Pride Inc and Redwing Bar present The Kinky Cookie Auction to benefit Special Delivery, and After a busy fundraising year, Leather Pride distributed donations to five San Diego nonprofits, including \$1500 to The Center for general support.

Titles: **Bryan Teague**--Mr. San Diego Leather 2009, American Leatherboy 2010  
 \* **Christi Campbell**--Ms San Diego Leather \* **Jeff Breeze**--Mr. So Cal Bear  
 \* **Ray Busby**--Mr San Diego Eagle (replaced Sir Magnum), California LeatherSIR  
 \* **"Blast"** --California Community Boot Black \* Russ Mortenson--Knight of Leather 2009  
 \* **Michael Ferguson**--Mr. Bear San Diego 2009, Mr. So Cal Cub  
 \* **Boy Ryan Martin**--California Leatherboy 2009

2010: Groups/Events Formed: Fetishmen San Diego, SoCalPEX, "Tiger Run" monthly motorcycle rides, Anthony's 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Fundraising Cigar Social

**January:** Jeff Breeze hosts Chili cook-off at the Redwing, After being hosted for 10 years by Steve and Angel Lyla takes over as host of the North County munch. **February:** The Mr. Eagle contest is produced by Mike Russell. **March:** Club X Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with Sentinel of Leather awards to Domina Angelina and to Dungeon Servitus. Leather Pride raises over \$12,000 for its charities and presents the San Diego Leather Pride Spirit of Leather Award 2010 to Christi Campbell and PuP. At the night of the Investitures the following Knights of Leather were officially knighted: Tommie Barnes; Jesse Duran; AJ Turner / Lady Ajax; boy ron; Christine Cummings; Russ Mortenson (in proxy). A Life Celebration and Memorial for Randy Vidal was held at the Center with proceeds going to Benjamin F. Dillingham III Community Grant. "Baskets N Bulges" was hosted by David and boy ron for the LGBT Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Eagle. The Mr Bear San Diego Contest at the Hole included presentation of checks for \$6500 for Special Delivery and The Center's HIV Education and Prevention Program. **April:** Sir Mike Russell produces the California Leather Sir/boy and Community Bootblack Contest in Palm Springs. **July:** Bikkja Amy hosts "Wet, Wild, and Whipped" the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pie Throwing Fundraiser for the Leather Realm at the Redwing. **December:** Naughty Pictures with Santa, hosted by Bryan Teague raises \$155

Titles: **Anthony Rollar**--Mr. San Diego Leather, IML 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up

\* **tiger** -- Ms San Diego Leather \* **Sir Miles Brooks** -- 2010 California Leather Sir

\* **Cobi** -- Southwest Bootblack \* **David Palmer**--Mr San Diego Eagle 2010

\* **Dave Bendixen**-- Mr Bear San Diego \* **Mr Mike (Little)**--2010 ICSD Reign 38 Minister of Leather

\* **Adam Latham** - Crown Prince Imperial Court, THE ICS PARLIAMENT REPRESENTATIVES for THE IMPERIAL COURT de SAN DIEGO, Primary Representative.

2011: **February:** Mr Eagle Contest was held. **March:** Leather Pride including the Mr and Ms San Diego Leather contests. Mr. Bear San Diego contest held at the Hole with 2010 charity beneficiary checks presented to Mama's Kitchen and The Matthew Shepard Foundation. **April:** Palm Sunday Big Bulge Vigil organized by Adam Latham featured best bulge contest won by Christi and silent auction baskets. **May:** Bryan Teague hosts "A Night of Fantasies" featuring past local, national and international title contest fantasies to raise money for ImsL to ImsL. and Adam Latham chosen as one of the judges for the International Mr Leather contest in Chicago. **June:** Mike Russell produces the California LeatherSIR/boy/bootblack/Puppy contest in San Diego. Pleasures and Treasures, on their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hold Grand Opening at new location. **July:** SDLOG and SD Leather History Project present SD Leather history panel discussion with Mark Holmes, Wendy Sue B, Wayne Dietz and Luke Owens with a display of historical info. Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence receive Stonewall Service Award receiving award

Titles: **Kurt W**--Mr San Diego Leather \* **Kane** --Mr San Diego Eagle

\* **Beanstalk**--Ms San Diego Leather \* **Mark Flores**--Mr. Bear San Diego 2011

\* **Michael Lobo** (PupPhoenix) -- Prince Royale

\* **Tom Dickerson**--titled as "Imperial Leather Crown Prince to the Queen Mother I of the Americas, Empress Nicole the Great"

2012 Titles: **SlutBottom Chris** --California Puppy

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