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Exciting New Venue Chosen for Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest and Recon Victory Dark Dance

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Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert (PSLOD) announces that due to the fire at Confession Nightclub and Lounge, this year's **Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest** and **Recon Victory Dark Dance** have moved to the **Palm Springs Convention Center**.

With its dramatic, undulating ceilings, superb acoustics and landmark architecture, the Convention Center will be a stunning backdrop for the prestigious, popular events. As the home to numerous glamorous star-studded galas, California's most prestigious pageants and the legendary White Party, the venue is well-suited to host the growing Contest and Dance.

"Being at the Convention Center will allow us to take our production to a whole new level," said Ken Blochowski, PSLOD President. "We'll have better staging and lighting and be able to accommodate more people more comfortably. And frankly, with this year's sexy contestants, we had already anticipated that we would need the extra room. It's going to be a super night!"

Blochowski also reassures that all street-legal fetish gear is acceptable at the venue. Per California law, bare-butt chaps are allowed, as long as they are worn over a jock that has a one-inch strap between the butt cheeks.

This year's Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest and Recon Victory Dark Dance Party take place on Saturday, November 14. The doors open at 6 pm for cocktails

and the contest starts at 7 pm. The dance follows the contest after a brief intermission. The night ends at 3 am.

Guests may attend the contest, the dance, or both for a single \$20 ticket. Advance tickets are available online through November 13 and at the door on the night of the event. Plenty of free parking is available in the lots adjacent to the Center.

Visit DesertLeatherPride.com for tickets and more information about this and all of the other Leather Pride events.

Additional Leather Pride News:

Weekend Packages Virtually Sold Out!

As of this very moment, only ten more weekend packages remain for Leather Pride 2009. Don't miss out! Grab one for yourself at DesertLeatherPride.com.

Silent Auction Just Keeps Getting Bigger!

Attendees of the Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest should definitely bring their credit cards, because over \$10,000 worth of merchandise will be available at the event's Gala Silent Auction. Several weekend lodging, food, drink and spa packages will be available, along with personal pampering services and numerous premium quality leather/fetish and gift items. A live auction of a custom leather jacket from 665 and a one-year membership to World Gym with ten personal training sessions will also be held.

About Leather Pride

Since back in the '90s, Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert has invited Leatherfolk from around the world to our Valley Oasis each November for a hot, sexy weekend celebration of Leather/Fetish fellowship and fun. Today, Palm Springs Leather Pride is one of our city's most popular LGBT events and one of the largest, longest-running, and most successful Leather/Fetish Events in Southern California.

This year's event takes place November 12-15. Two favorite events from past years—Friday night's **Formal Leather Dinner Presented by Pulp Magazine** and Sunday afternoon's clothing-optional '**Turning Up The Heat' Fetish Pool Party Barbecue**—have returned to this year's lineup. Those activities join Saturday's traditional centerpiece, the **Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest** and hot and sexy **Recon Victory Dark Dance**. Several **Bar Cruise Parties**, a select **Vendor Market**, and the annual **Tom of Finland Foundation Beer Bust Benefit** round out a full, yet laid-back weekend schedule.

Leather Pride could not take place without the support of our generous sponsors. This year's Gold Level supporters include Premier Sponsors Recon.com, *Pulp* and *The BottomLine* Magazines and Elbow Grease Lubricants; plus Bud Light; BigMuscle.com/BigMuscleLeather.com/BigMuscleBears.com; Confession Nightclub & Lounge; Gear Leather & Fetish; Tool Shed; The Barracks; LeatherMatch.com, Hunter's Nightclubs, Chaps Inn and *Rage Monthly's* Orange and L.A. Counties Edition.

This year's event benefits the PSLOD Recovery Fund. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.desertleatherpride.com.

About PSLOD

With over 50 members, Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert is the Coachella Valley's largest Leather/SM/Fetish social, educational, support and charitable organization. We promote with power and pride the right of all adults to engage in safe, sane and consensual sexual expression. We are most well-known for producing *Turning Up the Heat*, Palm Springs' annual Leather Pride celebration and the *Fetish Ball*. A registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, PSLOD donated over \$18,000 to over a dozen local and national charities in 2008. Local recipients included the AIDS Assistance Program, Desert AIDS Project, Desert Pride Center, Desert Women for Equality Mammogram Program and Well in the Desert.

For more information about PSLOD, visit our web site at <http://www.pslod.org>.

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