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Scott Anthony Selected as Mr. Palm Springs Leather

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In front of a packed house of 500 at the glamorous Palm Springs Convention Center, **Scott Anthony** (pictured right) was awarded the title of Mr. Palm Springs Leather 2010 this past Saturday night. **Todd Parker**, Mr, Barracks Leather, won the First Runner-Up medal. The Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest is the centerpiece of Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert's annual **Leather Pride Celebration**.

Scott bested a field of four in a close competition that also included **Chris Bates**, Mr. Tool Shed Leather and **Larry Galston**, Mr. Leather Toucan's.

Scott, 43, has reddish-brown hair and brown eyes and stands six feet tall. He moved to Palm Springs five years ago from San Diego after ending a twenty-four year career as a retail executive, most recently at Kohl's Department Stores. He has served as a caregiver ever since. Scott's speech was about advocating for the rights of transnational gay and lesbian partners, a subject with which he is quite familiar, as his partner is a foreign national himself. Scott is also Mr. Streetbar Leather 2010, a title he won in that bar's inaugural contest this past October.

The judges for this year's contest included Head Judge **Roger Gregg** from the Board of Directors, International LeatherSIR/Leatherboy & International Community Bootblack Organization; **Randy Carmenaty**, American Leatherman 2008; **Mistress Cyan**, Pantheon of Leather Woman of the Year 2009; **Mr. Dawson**, International Mr. Drummer 1989; and **Robert Espindola**, Northern California Mr. Drummer 2001.

Scott won a prize package that included a three year premium membership to **Recon.com**; a custom leather uniform from **Gear Leather and Fetish**; custom chaps from **Tuff Stuff Leatherware**; and up to \$2500 from **Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert** to pay for his travel to the famed International Mr. Leather Contest this Memorial Day Weekend in Chicago, where he will represent the city of Palm Springs.

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