



# Desert Dominion, Inc.

a pansexual, panfetish educational and social organization

**NEWS**

Your Tucson Alternative Lifestyle Destination

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## ***This Month***

There have been a few changes in the Governing Council. Christopher chose to step down from his position as our Social Director. His energy will be missed.

Our Secretary, LeAnne asked to change positions. She is now our new Social Director. We feel she will do very well in this position, not only serving as a one-person welcome wagon, so to speak, but also as the organizer and overseer of the committees that come together in order to put on various special parties and other special events. Please give her your support.

As you may have seen on FetLife, which is becoming more and more the main place Desert Dominion members communicate with each other, you may have seen posts by the people wishing to fill the

Secretary position vacated by LeAnne. After looking over the resumés of the applicants, the council appointed Erika as the new Secretary.

mikey, our President, has also resigned from the council. He will be moving to Texas soon and his personal life is making more and more demands on his time. He will also be missed. At this point in time, his position remains vacant. Our Vice-President, Rooks, will for the time being, fill in as Acting President.

The General Membership Meeting is just around the corner. At 1pm there will be a BBQ. Desert Dominion supplies the burgers and hotdogs, and members are asked, but not obligated, to bring side dishes or desserts. The actual General Membership Meeting will begin at 3pm. You must be a member with a current membership card and photo ID to attend. **DD**

## ***About Desert Dominion***

We are a Southern Arizona pan-sexual, pan-fetish BDSM organization based in Tucson and welcome everyone regardless of orientation, age (18 and above), kink (legal activities involving consenting adults), race, creed, religion, etc.

We would like to invite those who are in the lifestyle, new to the scene, or just curious about BDSM to come to our events, meet us, socialize with us, and learn with us.

We are not a dating service. We do not find partners for people. We exist to support, educate, and socialize with one another in a safe, sane, and consensual domain.

Our members possess a variety of years of experience, of education in related lifestyle activities, and have widely diverse interests.

We have a number of monthly events including educational seminars, socials, munches, discussion groups, and play parties.

We have our own meeting and play space, and hope that you will come and join us for one of our many events.

### **This Space 4 Rent**

Well, not this space literally, but advertising space is now available in this newsletter. For \$ 15 a quarter (3 issues) or \$ 40 a year (12 issues) your business card-sized ad (larger if we need to fill space) will appear within the pages of the DD newsletter.

Some restrictions apply.  
Contact: [Jefferson@JeffersonJames.com](mailto:Jefferson@JeffersonJames.com)

## ***Where Has All the Leather Gone?***

***7pm, June 8th***

In this seminar discussion, we will look at some of the various cultural and historical strands which have been woven into current concepts of “leather,” in an attempt to situate leather in the present world of pansexual kink and an emerging community of gay bears. We will discuss some of the ways in which the internet has changed, well, everything.

“Leather” can be a very general term: The Southwest “Leather” Conference. Or it can refer to a specific historical expression: “the Old Guard.” Or it can simply refer to a mode of dress: leather as drag. Is there an essential core of ideas which distinguish leather from other alternative erotic styles? Was there once? What happened? We’ll also speculate about what the future may look like for the leather culture and the ideas which have animated it. The seminar is emphatically not just for those who identify as leatherfolk.



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I’ll bring a list of authors, books and articles which have helped to shape my ideas about the topic.

When Rich moved to Tucson a few years back, he went looking for the local leathermen, expecting to find a home bar and a club. What he found may not look much like what he was looking for, but perhaps it’s what he needed.

## ***Breath Play***

***4pm, June 25th***



It is one of the most controversial forms of play in our community. Some people will tell you there is no safe way to do Breath Play and others will tell you there is no real risk involved. Come and learn some of the medicine and science behind this hot and intense topic. The class will be in two parts. The first will be a discussion of the medical aspects involved in this sort of play so that you can make your own informed conclusions and play decisions regarding what kind of Breath Play -if any- you want to do. The second half will be a series of demonstrations of different Breath Play techniques.

Matthew STF has been a kinky fucker his whole life. He hasn’t had a girlfriend he didn’t, at the very least, tie up. He has been active in the AZ kink community since 2004. He has been an active member of several organizations, serving 3 years on the TNG-AZ board including one as President and has also been on the piercing team at SWLC for 4 years. He is currently a member at large on the APEX board since 2010. Matthew is also a licensed RN and has been a paramedic since 1998.

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## ***Upcoming Events***

Thunder in the Mountains, Denver, CO ..... July 8-10  
International Deaf Leather, Las Vegas, NV ..... July 13-14  
GwnnBash, Austin, TX ..... July 15-17  
Bay of Pigs / Up Your Alley, San Francisco, CA ..... July 30-31

## ***Flogging***

There is no one right way to swing a flogger, but there are wrong ways. A collection of tails flying through the air and landing on naked flesh can deliver extreme pleasure if done correctly and serious harm if done improperly. Wielding one of these wonderful instruments can be a lot harder than it looks. It can also be a lot more rewarding than one might think at first glance.

At this seminar you will learn about the various types of floggers. There are many different styles and materials that can make a huge difference in the way the falls fly and how they feel on the receiving end. Assorted throwing and swinging styles will be discussed along with why some are preferred over others

This seminar will be presented by Master Jefferson James, Education Director of Desert Dominion, a frequent presenter at Desert Dominion who has also done seminars at APEX, The Southwest Leather Conference, and Rio Grande Leather.



## ***Protocols You Can Use: Developing Your Own 4pm, July, 23rd***

Protocols can be very powerful in the M/s and D/s worlds. They can remind us of our role and purpose within our lives. They can celebrate the dynamic of our power transfer relationships. They can be fun. They can also be confusing!



Join M.Archer as he discusses a bit of the history and tradition surrounding Protocol in our Communities, discusses important concepts as they relate to Protocol development and practices, discusses the value protocols may hold for you, and begins to walk you through the process of building your own meaningful protocols.

Master Archer is a Phoenix, AZ-based lifestyle mentor, educator and volunteer. As an educator and organizer, he is passionate, inspired and motivating. For the last four years he has been an active member of Phoenix's local BDSM Dungeon, Arizona Power Exchange (APEX).

Master Archer enjoys sharing his knowledge and experience with those willing and eager to learn. He developed and led both the "Make-and-Take Workshops" and the "Skillz Workshops" at APEX, and has presented on numerous topics in the Southwestern United States and Canada.

## ***Upcoming Seminars***

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Takate-Kote, an Efficient and Effective Rope Chest Harness - Mu,	7pm, August, 10th
Corporal Punishment - Miss Chris,	4pm, August, 27rd
Extreme CBT - The Ladies from Hades,	4pm, October, 22nd

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## **All Male Butchmans - June 24-26, 2011 APEX in Phoenix, AZ**

This event is for Men only and is open to all who are, or identify as, male.

Space is limited and your spot is secured once we receive your fees.

For more information or to register for this event, visit [www.butchmanns-experience.org](http://www.butchmanns-experience.org) or send an email to [registration@butchmanns-experience.org](mailto:registration@butchmanns-experience.org)

# June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 6:30pm Munch	2 7pm Dom Forum  (Deadline for GMM)	3 8pm Club Social	4 8pm Play Party
5	6	7	8 7pm Seminar: Where Has All the Leather Gone?	9 7pm Orientation 7:30 pm Power Exchange Forum	10 8pm Men's Play Party	11 8pm Play Party
12 3pm Cleaning Party	13	14	15 7pm Council Meeting	16	17	18 8pm Play Party
19	20	21 7pm Orientation 7:30pm Switch Discussion Group	22 12:30pm Coffee Social at Crave	23 7pm DM Training and Door Training 7:30pm DM Roundtable	24	25 4pm Seminar: Breath Play 8pm Play Party
26	27 7pm Orientation 7:30pm New Members Group	28 7pm s-type Forum	29 7pm Gender Awareness	30	1 8pm Club Social	2 8pm Play Party

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Unless otherwise noted, all **DD** sponsored events except the Munch and Coffees will be held in the **DD** space at 3843 E. 37th St. You *must* be a member to attend. Yearly and Quarterly memberships are available for \$40 and \$15 respectively. Temporary memberships are available for \$3, but may *not* be used for attending Play Parties. See website for Guest Policy information. ID's will be required.

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