



My Fellow BDSM'ers

A new dawn for Impact began in February of 2005 when Mistress XT and I went to check out a new possible place for Impact. As ya'll know, Impact was shut down by my orders over a year ago when there were issues dealing with the placement of the club at that time. Rather than taking a chance of members being exposed, I decided to close the club and search for a new place that didn't have any residents living in sighting distance.

Thanks to Mistress XT's perseverance, we found a place that had a huge area for open dungeon, rooms that were already in place for private play, climate control, clean, that didn't require ton of construction work, and most importantly, out of the way from the general public and at least several miles from domestic residents. The new place per square footage is as big as Asa's old place. (It just lacks a nice basement, heh.) The new place did need some work to get it operational, but nowhere near as it did for the previous two places. Impact management and members gathered together and spent several weeks cleaning and fixing up the place so we could have our opening and begin a new life. I want to thank everyone who had a hand in that, for those who put personal time in getting the club ready, to those who couldn't put personal time but donated money, equipment and supplies.

For those of you who have attended the new club can attest to how wonderful the place is. And this is just the startup. We have several projects and ideas for the upcoming year to make it even better. Almost every month you see something changed or something different. That is what I think is great about this location, it is easily adaptable to ideas and changes. Why just this month, the Harem room is being given a facelift by out members Claire and Burt. Our management member, Robert, built a new modified spanking bench. Who knows what's coming up next? A nice shower for members to take a quick shower to clean up before heading to work ... err I mean home.

For those of you who were members in Impact in the past but haven't come to the new club and for those of you who have yet to attend, let me tell you, you are definitely missing out. We have space, equipment, cleanliness, private rooms and have great, incredible, friendly, fun loving people coming to the club. If that doesn't convince you, then email me your concerns about why you are not attending and I'll do my best to work with ya'll.

The rest of this year, next year, and beyond are only going to get better and better. Don't miss out on a chance in a lifetime to join like-minded people for socializing, playing or just feeling you are at home with yourself.

Again, I want to thank everyone who is a member of Impact, and clubs that are sisters/friends of Impact for supporting us and helping us. We certainly couldn't do this thing year after year if it wasn't for each and every one of you. Thank you for your support.

Rook

BDSM NEWS



From the Russian Newspaper Pravada... Whipping therapy cures depression! 3/05

Russian scientists from the city of Novosibirsk, Siberia, made a sensational report at the international conference devoted to new methods of treatment and rehabilitation in narcology. The report was called "Methods of painful impact to treat addictive behavior."

Siberian scientists believe that addiction to alcohol and narcotics, as well as depression, suicidal thoughts and psychosomatic diseases occur when an individual loses his or her interest in life. The absence of the will to live is caused with decreasing production of endorphins – the substance, which is known as the hormone of happiness. If a depressed individual receives the physical punishment, whipping that is, it will stir up endorphin receptors, activate the "production of happiness" and eventually remove depressive feelings.

Russian scientists recommend the following course of the whipping therapy: 30 sessions of 60 whips on the buttocks in every procedure. A group of drug addicts volunteered to test the new method of treatment: the results can be described as good to excellent.

Doctor of Biological Sciences, Sergei Speransky, is a very well known figure in Novosibirsk. The doctor became one of the authors of the shocking whipping therapy. The professor used the self-flagellation method to cure his own depression; he also recovered from two heart attacks with the help of physical tortures too.

"The hiping therapy becomes much more efficient when a patient receives the punishment from a person of the opposite sex. The effect is astounding: the patient starts seeing only bright colors in the

surrounding world, the heartache disappears, although it will take a certain time for the buttocks to heal, of course," Dr. Sergei Speransky told the Izvestia newspaper.

The whipping therapy has not become a new discovery in the history of medicine. Tibetan monks widely used it for medical purposes too. Soviet specialists used a special method of torturing therapy at mental hospitals. They made injections of brimstone and peach oil mixture to inspire mentally unbalanced patience with the will to live. A patient would suffer from horrible pain in the body after such an injection, but he or she would change their attitude to life for the better afterwards.

"People might probably think of me as a masochist," Dr. Speransky said. "But I can assure you that I am not a classic masochist at all," he added.

The revolutionary method may take the Russian healthcare to a whole new level. The method is cheap and highly efficient, as its authors assure. Why not using something more efficient, like a rack for example?!

You're Aces Baby!

Once a year Impact gives out the ACE AWARD to members of our club community who have gone above and beyond the call of the whip to share themselves or their knowledge with the rest of us. This past year the Award was given to two of our outstanding members, one of which was our beloved Colonel Jim. We though you might like to know a little more about our wise elder and his wicked ways!

Q: When did you first realize that you were interested in BDSM?

A: *In the Early 70s My wife and I had been married since 1956 and we were looking to spice up our sex life.*

Q: Would you say that your interest in BDSM has changed other areas of your life?

A: *Not really.*

Interview with the Colonel (cont.)

Q: Where you sure of/confidant in your roll as a Dominate right away?

A: Yes I have always been a take-charge person.

Q: How did you first connect with "The Scene"? (Impact or another organization?)

A: I discovered my son had been into BDSM since he was a college student. He lives in another city but he knew about Impact so I sought them out on their web page. I was screened by Davon and another member and then made my first Saturday night at Impact. My First play partner at Impact was Liz. She was great.

Q: What would you say is your style as a Dom?

A: I am not sure I have a style, I like to think of myself as a sensitive dominant and usually I can connect with a submissive/play partner and feel their need or desire. If I am able to take them where they want to go, that is my fulfillment.

Q: Describe one of your favorite scenes.

A: I like rope, sharp edges and electricity. I like to shave a mound of Venus with hot lather and a straight razor, then warm my partner's bottom with my Grandfathers razor strop.

Q: Describe your idea of the 'Ideal Submissive' for you.

A: Sassy subs that like to be subdued are a joy to me. They keep me on my toes and keep me young.

Q: Are there play ideas that you'd like to try but haven't had the chance to yet?

A: I am always looking for something new but I have already done a lot of different things.

Q: What would you say that you like most about being involved with Impact?

A: I like the social interaction with the people of Impact.

Q: Do you have a favorite type of 'toy' that you like to use?

A: I guess the TENs unit and the Bug Zapper are my favorites.

Q: You're known to be inventive with your toys, and have even Crafted you own from time to time. Tell us about one of your creations.

A: I became interested in the practice of flogging for punishment aboard British War Ships. I researched some sources and was able to find a description on how a rope flogger or "Cat-O-Nine Tails" was made and so I made a couple. However I haven't had subbies breaking down my door begging me to use it ...yet.

Q: If you could think of something that could improve Impact, what would it be?

A: If everyone would remember we have a common interest, that we all are in the lifestyle together and we all want to enjoy it. We all need to remember to avoid silly little personality conflicts. All the Type "A" personalities need to get along with each other. After all we are all adults and should act as responsible adults.

Thank you very much, Colonel ... not only for the interview, but for what you share with us all in the community!



*** Sex in the Stars ***

Horoscopes for the more adventurous people in life.
Do you match your sign?

Leo July 23 - August 22

Leo Women:
Sleek, lascivious, enticing and lazy! Whatever Leo wants, Leo gets! Intensely responsive and there are bed-partners who have scars to prove it. Your need to show off leads you to prefer the top where he can look up and admire the beauty of your body.

*Best sex mates: Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, and/or Aries.

*Your sexual wardrobe: full of wispy cutout bras and panties!

Leo Men:
Simply brushes aside rules and conventions. One important rule to remember about him = NEVER tease. His endurance is remarkable and he has a great appetite for making love. He likes women in the submissive position and oral sex is okay only when he can give and receive. He likes a woman to show how much she is enjoying it.

*His erogenous zone: His back is particularly vulnerable.

Virgo August 23 - September 22

Virgo Women:
You have no illusions about sex and wish everyone would stop magnifying its importance. Prefer men who will wait for the relationship to develop to the point where sex is inevitable. You love mutual masturbation and enjoy a little punishment, and your grace and modesty is a great turn on. You become an artist at pleasing your lover.

*Best sex mates: Gemini, Cancer and/or Aquarians.
*Favorite kink: Can't truly enjoy it unless a third party is present.

Virgo Men:
Too shy to make an overture, but when the moment arrives, you had better be prepared for him to bring his pajamas, shaving equipment, and toothbrush. He likes to talk about how you like it and having talked about it, he will key in on the right erotic response. Don't expect imagination, but he is a hard worker and is open to suggestion. His secret life: can be obsessed with pornography.

*Erogenous zone: His buttocks.

Libra September 23 - October 22

Libra Women:
Drama is the key word-you set the stage for sex. Intensely feminine and an instinctive exhibitionist, you feel your body was made to be seen and admired. Feel that seduction is an art, not an assault. When approached the right way, you find it easy to say yes to almost anything. Unusual control of vaginal muscles.

*Best sex mates: Aries, Gemini, Leo, Scorpio, Sagittarius, and/or Aquarius.

*Likes any position where your buttocks are exposed.

Libra Men:
Looks for the whole experience, not just a tumble between the sheets. Has a definite kinky side, a voyeur and fond of the ménage a trios. He has the patience needed to satisfy. He likes women who dress well and have long hair. If a woman's clothes look as though they are easily removed, he finds her hard to ignore.

*Erogenous zone: Back and buttocks, especially the feel of erect nipples against either of them!

~Submission Is...~

Submission isn't a fad or a role playing game that we see so often online, and you aren't a submissive because you like to be tied up and have kinky sex once in awhile.

So what is it? Submission is the act of surrendering some or all of ones personal power to another person. It's allowing someone else to control your body and behavior within certain preset limits. This must be a willing act on the part of the submissive or the boundaries of abuse have been crossed. The methods and levels of submission are infinite. Each person must decide how much and how far this exchange of power will go but the rules of "safe, sane and consensual" must always apply.

If you asked a hundred people you'd probably get a hundred different answers. For some it's a way to add a little more excitement to their love life. For others there may be deep, psychological reasons that go beyond my ability to understand. Based on my experience I believe there are three distinct types individuals who fall into the definition of submissive. Please understand that these are my OWN definitions and not some standard issued by the D/s community.

The sexual submissive. Also known as a bottom or sensual sub. This type of submissive is into it mainly for the sexual gratification derived from some of the activities practiced in BDSM. Once their needs are met they no longer feel a need to submit or surrender any other personal power or control.

The psychological submissive. This group contains many of the masochistic submissives. They are into it for the pain, punishment and humiliation often inflicted on them by more sadistic Dominants. Many abused individuals often end up in this category and are not actually submissives but may have emotional problems that keep them in the "victim" mode because of their previous experiences.

The natural submissive. Also called true submissive. This type of individual seems to have been born submissive. It goes beyond the sexual aspects of the BDSM and is a normal part of their makeup. It is their nature to please others and readily relinquish their personal power with little or no urging from their dominant.

Which one is Right??:

All of them or none of them, depending on your views. Each person must do what is right and fulfilling for him or her. There has been countless, needless argument over who is and who is not a "real" submissive. Some start out as a sensual sub with little interest in pleasing anyone but themselves and end up growing into some of the most beautiful submissives in our lifestyle.



It's not the right of anyone to judge who is and isn't submissive based on what activities satisfy them or how many scars or piercings they may have. Submission is a condition of the heart and only the individual knows what is in theirs.

Basic for new submissives

Getting Started:

Are you just beginning to explore the world of submission? I don't recommend new subs to blast off at warp speed until they've learned a little of the D/s world. There are many new and exciting things to learn in this life and it should be enjoyed at your leisure.

Taking your time:

Being a new submissive isn't for the faint of heart. It requires you to be quick on your feet, intelligent and willing to do some work to learn who you are and what this lifestyle is all about. Only the very foolish rush in blind and hope to keep from making some major mistakes. There are a lot of very unscrupulous people who are just waiting their chance to take advantage of the inexperienced, novice submissive. You'll find them everywhere. They know how vulnerable new submissives are and are quite capable of taking you beyond your limits before you know what hit you, literally.

You need to know your rights, limits, safety issues, and a little information to help you fit into this new world. Learn how to protect yourself from injury, illness and abuse before you become involved in any serious D/s relationships or activities. This lifestyle isn't dangerous or threatening. Only the people who misuse it are. We have a creed in this lifestyle known as the "Safe, Sane and Consensual" and it should be one of your guidelines.

Anything that happens to you *must* be consensual. This means you do not have to do anything you don't feel comfortable with. Don't fall for these old lines; "You have to do what I say because you're submissive" or "If you were really submissive you'd want to please me." They're not true and I'd question any Dominant who used any line that resembled them. Your submission is a gift and gifts

are given, not taken or demanded. Make sure you know exactly what's expected of you in any situation. Don't be afraid to ask questions and consider the answers carefully. You have the right to discuss all activities you participate in with your potential partner. This is called "scene negotiation" and it's done by even the most experienced submissives before engaging in anything from a simple spanking or bondage scene. If you're unsure of what you've been asked to do, don't do it.

Don't be afraid to ask questions of those you meet while exploring. If the answers don't feel right to you, they probably aren't. Develop a good instinct about people and learn to trust those feelings that stir inside your own heart. Trust isn't something that you hand to the first Dominant you encounter. It takes time to learn about someone and what their values are. If you don't feel safe in trusting this person with your credit card you shouldn't even consider trusting them with your life.

~Author: Anonymous.

((Editor's Note – I'd really love someone to write the counter point to this for our next issue. There are just as many varied ways to view Domination as there is Submission and I would really appreciate someone from the other side of the exchange to chime in! You can contact the Newsletter at TheHitParade@gmail.com))

2005 Event Schedule

Chips, Dip, Chains and Whips ... Sounds like an Impact party to me!

- *July 29 & 30 ~ Carnival
- *August 13 ~ Back to School
- *September 3 ~ KingDom
- *September 24 ~ Formal Dinner
- *October 28 & 29 ~ Black Ball
- *November 19 ~ Auction
- *December 17 ~ White Elephant Christmas Party

These special events begin at **8pm** (unless otherwise noted in advance) just like our regular weekend hours. So come early, stay late, and have a great time!!

And in addition to these Impact events, keep your eyes and ears open for sponsored events by Memphis Bound and other sister organizations that will be utilizing our space!

Your Two Cents Worth

A new feature added to Impact, as of the weekend of Carnival, is a Suggestion Box. It's a closed box, with available slips of paper, which will allow our members and guests to put in their two cents worth. Give us your suggestions and comments on anything from the environment of the Club, Events, to additions you'd like to see.

Your comments are completely anonymous (unless you choose to sign them, of course) and will be reviewed by Impact management and discussed. We will try to accommodate all reasonable requests, and your Ideas will help us grow!

The suggestion box will be in the general social area, and all are welcome to have their say. As our fearless leader Rook is fond of saying ... "This isn't my Club, this isn't management's club, this is OUR Club. Impact would be nothing without it's members." So now, as members, you finally get to have your voice with the convenience of not having to track down a council member to chime in.

HEY all you Talented Merchants out there!!

Looking for a way to bring in a bit more business?? Want to be remembered between big events by the greater Memphis BDSM community?? Here's your chance to get your name in the papers!

Impact is now offering the ability for you to print your own advertisement in our Newsletter. The Hit Parade will print your Black and White ad in your choice of size for the quarter... any choice is a GREAT deal for a 3 month ad!

3-Line Text \$15
Business Card \$25
1/4 page Ad \$30
1/2 page Ad \$45
Full page Ad \$60

To get your add in our Newsletter, starting with the October edition, you can send email to TheHitParade@gmail.com either to set your ad or to get more information!

Just a Reminder

Although we've all seen them at the start of the year when we sign our new waivers, it never hurts to get a friendly reminder. Since this Issue of The Hit Parade is all about new beginnings, we decided to include the basic Rules and Etiquette again. For those just joining our Kinky little family and Old Leather alike, our mutual respect and cooperation is what makes the world go around.

Dungeon Etiquette

This is a private dungeon, and we do not place limits on what our members can and cannot do. Please be prepared to see a very wide variety of sights and scenes. If you find a scene offensive, please, leave the area in question – it's just like television, change the channel.

If you are unsure about the safety or consanguinity of a scene, please approach an Impact Dungeon Monitor or Door Monitor, but DO NOT interrupt a scene. If you have any questions, please ask one of us. We are here to ensure the safety of all our guests.

Do your best to NOT be disruptive in the playing area. If your conversation near the playing area is becoming a bit boisterous, please retire to the social area. Do not shout across the dungeon, do not crack a single tail one foot from an intense scene. In other words, use the common sense your deity of choice gave you! Respect others' scenes as you would want your scene respected.

Be nice to the people you meet. This is a small community and you will likely see the same people again in the future.

Be courteous of the relationships of others. Collared slaves and subs belong to someone. If you want to talk with them, you should first ask their Dominant. See a toy you just love? Ask the owner if you can pick it up and inspect it. Most people will be glad to tell you about it and even demonstrate its use if asked. Wait until after a scene is finished before speaking to the participants. In other words, act like a polite human being and everyone will appreciate you for that.

For the breathing comfort of us all, smoking is allowed in the designated smoking areas ONLY.

The other miscellaneous items are as follows: ~NO illegal substance will be allowed on the premises. ~NO alcohol on the premises. ~The dungeon safeword is SAFEWORD and should be used at all times unless another is set between play partners before the start of a scene. ~Clean up after yourself! Please leave all areas in the clean state for the next person! And last, but not least ... **Have a Great Time!**

Rules

1. Discretion is absolutely necessary. Do not share information about our location or activities to others outside the group.
2. Do not approach others from the group in public. They may be with friends, family or business associates who are unaware of their interests.

3. Wear street legal clothing outside the club so as to not attract undue attention.

4. Camera, video cameras, camera phones or other recording devices are never allowed at any of our functions without the express permission of the management.

5. Paid members may bring a guest – remember that they are your responsibility.

6. Guests must be pre-approved, simply email us with their information. They will be required to sign a waver and asked to pay non-member door donations.

7. Intercourse and oral sex are not permitted.

8. No free flowing body fluids.

((9-12 are repeated from etiquette .. don't be rude, don't be a disruptive, clean up after yourself, and leave an area if something offends you.))

And again, the most important rule of all is to **HAVE FUN.**

A Call to Duty for The Hit Parade!

Please feel free to submit any articles of interest or personal writings that you'd like to have featured in the upcoming issues of The Hit Parade. I'd love to have anything from; Personal feelings and views on BDSM and its different aspects from both the Dominate and Submissive side, Poetry, Comedy and anything else you'd like to send me. To submit an article, or to contact The Hit Parade for information, you can send email to TheHitParade@gmail.com

ALSO ... if there are any of our members that would like to help put together our quarterly newsletter, I would be greatly interested in finding someone who'd be willing to handle the layout process, and another who could assist with the advertisement area. Again, contact the email given above if you are interested.

Thank you muchly! ~Raine

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of IMPACT is to provide the local Community with a safe, sane, and consensual environment for engaging in and experiencing BDSM activities. Demonstrations and seminars are strongly encouraged, with an emphasis on safety and tolerance regarding responsible adult erotic expression.

Playing is never required for attendance at IMPACT functions; a sincere personal interest in BDSM is. Questions are very welcome, as is interested observation.

Attendance is moderated via a screening process to ensure the safety and comfort of participants, members, and guests.

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