

The Harmonizer

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Mission Statement:

Music City Couples is an organization in which the members are committed gay and lesbian couples in the Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee area. The organization serves to provide a forum for those member couples to strengthen their own relationships while also providing a social and supportive structure for their fellow member couples. Music City Couples holds no religious or political affiliations and makes every attempt to respect the privacy of its members.

Show your Pride...Worldwide

Music City Couples will have a presence at this years Pride Celebration! We have reserved space for our booth and are moving towards letting more of Nashville know what and who we are. Our involvement in this years Pride is a once a year opportunity for us to "get the word out" to our G&L community. Our NEW logo will be unveiled at PRIDE.

We have received questions from couple members asking what they can do to support our group? The answer: Be sure we have a substantial presence at the PRIDE Market and PRIDE March. The booth is on its way to being fully staffed for the Market, but we can always use more volunteers. We will staff the booth from 11am to 6pm and will be located in Centennial Park. The greatest need is for members to commit to representing the group by marching together behind our NEW banner and NEW logo design. We have set a minimum marching number of 10, feeling that anything less would not represent our group sufficiently. We realize some members may not feel comfortable marching for a variety of personal reasons, mostly fear. But, isn't that why WE SHOULD march for them, PRIDE! The march begins at Elliston Place at 11am, Saturday, June 8th. Please let Scott or Steve know is you plan to march as soon as possible.

Also, we are currently developing MCC t-shirts using our NEW logo design. The final cost is approximately around \$10 each. If you are interested in having one let us know (size, quantity included), as we will produce a limited number of these shirts. They will be 100% cotton and will use adult men's sizing. Please respond by June 1st if not before.

Let's make this first year of involvement in the PRIDE celebration the benchmark to bat nest year! Let' have FUN!!!

Of course for more info. regarding PRIDE week activities, go to www.OPENNASHVILLE.com for a complete listing of events.

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Cinco de Mayo Basket Something to Bark About

The Rainbow Community Centers annual "Cinco de Mayo Fund Raiser" was a huge success and Music City Couples helped. The dog themed basket from MCC was the second highest basket at the silent auction, bringing in \$95. Not to bad considering our basket was one of 29 baskets that were auctioned off. We supported a very worthy cause and met some great folks in the process, including Jim and Gary (Rainbow Community Center), who also attended our Saturday night cookout.

The following is a note we received from RCC thanking us:

Music City Couples,

Your basket was a fabulous success! Thanks to everyone from your group who helped with the basket. The basket sold for \$95.

We really appreciate your participation in our event.

The Rainbow Community Center

For those of you who wanted to support the basket fund raiser through cash donations and did not, please forward any donations to Steve and Scott.

Weeds Be Gone? What Hallucinogenic Are You On?

From the looks of our garden, it seems like we are in for a lush summer, with green for as far as the eyes can see! We have it all planned and it looks like things are coming along wonderfully. Even the weeds!

Yes, boys and girls, I said weeds! One does not make an omelet without breaking a few eggs, and unfortunately, in the gardening world there is no broken egg like a weed! Just when you think it's safe, you have all those weeds pulled, guess what...There they are again!

This comes from three things: water(spring rains & sprinklers), tilling(digging holes), and then our fair feathered friends, the birds. Water weeds spring up every time you water your lawn or it gets a good drenching from good ole' Mother Nature. As for the tilling, many seeds need exposure to light to germinate. Every time you plant something, you bring more seeds to the surface to germinate. Last but not least, you have those beautiful birds we love to watch from our windows. Well, many weed seeds are delicacies to those little feathered creatures and not all are digested! Guess what!!! Those birds are crapping in your flower beds while sitting in your shrubs, giving those seeds the opportunity to germinate and start that vicious cycle all over again! Unless you can catch them all and put a cork in it, you're stuck with the weeds.

This gardener's advice is simple as can be: pull them and make sure to get the root! What? You expected some miraculous way of exorcising them from your life for eternity? Dream a little dream while you are at it!



Music City Couples Campout 2001

May 19th, the first annual Music City Couples camping trip kicked off with our arrival at Rock Island State Park, just outside of McMinnville. The pictures that were taken by before the trip could not do this place any justice as we soon found out.

Five couples joined us for a weekend full of fishing, cooking, hiking, good company and conversation, and an overall relaxing time. Friday afternoon campsites were set up (Bill having to rake his site), and Tara helping Bobby and Larry erect their outdoor condominium. Of course all that hard work set up some serious appetites and chowing down on some hamburgers and hotdogs. Later in the evening once a roaring fire was going, we ate s'mores and told ghost stories. Ask Bobby to tell you his...

After a good night sleep and a hearty breakfast, everyone decided to head off and explore the sites. The trails were beautiful with the wild plants and well placed waterfalls. Julia had a Martha Stewart moment and had each couple pose with the waterfall in the background which would be later embossed on rocks collected by Julia. Of course, no trip would be complete without heading out on the mountain bikes and hitting the bike trails, thus exploring the restricted areas of Rock Island State Park.

Dinner was prepared that evening with a hearty stew over the campfire by Bill and Jerry. Of course, no camping trip would be complete without the rain. Everyone headed for cover to the shelter close by and lo' and behold, there was a ping pong table, thus a fierce game of ping pong ensued. Congratulations to Duane (Greg) for being the first Music City Couples Ping Pong Champ.



Sunday, everybody packed up camp and headed to McMinnville for a relaxing sit down meal before the trek home. While at dinner of course, it was decided to head back to the local K-mart to take advantage of the going out of business sale. (Hey, who can resist shopping and getting a good deal at the same time!)

Next year, we hope to have even more couples join us! It was a great weekend to relax and get to know the couples you've seen before but not had a chance to talk to while leaving the pressure of the city behind you.

Till next year....Nite John Boy!



Feature Couple of the Month: Steve and Scott, The Presidential Chair Couple

interview by Julia (Tara)

Steve and Scott met 7 1/2 years ago on August 31, 1994. The word on the street is that Scott told a mutual friend of theirs that, "Steve has a cute butt" and the rest they say is history. The other real story is that they were both out at a dance club and Steve was grooving to the music when this dweeb guy came up and asked him to dance. "Hmm, no thank you, this is car driving music." A few minutes later Scott came up with all his grace and manliness and said, "would you like to dance?" Steve said, "sure."

Scott finds that Steve's "sense of adventure" is what charms him the most about his partner. For Steve, it's that "Scott is his best friend."

How did you both end up in Nashville? Well Scott did what any dutiful wife would do, Steve's job transferred him and Scott came along. Of course, Scott was not happy in his job and it really worked out well for the both of them. That was one year ago this month.

Do you all have any pet? They have three wonderful pets. The biggest is Lucy weighing in at approximately 25lbs, she's black with spots on her toes and she squeal like a pig when you pet her. Chi Chi is all of 5lbs, soaking wet and she too has learned to squeal like a pig, she's a Chihuahua. Did the name give it sway? Next comes Maxwell House their cat, named lovingly after his father, Scott. He's got fanged teeth of a mountain lion but he's just as sweet as a button, ask Bill. The dogs favorite past time is to roll in something that their fathers prefer they didn't. Ask Scott about that one.

What are your hobbies? Scott likes to read books about Southern women, he find s them very entertaining. He enjoys softball and currently plays every Sunday with a team that is sponsored by the Nashville Storms. He also likes to mountain bike and does so with his sweetie. Steve also likes to mountain bike, but he enjoys working in the yard and collecting Matchbox cars. (I've heard he has over a thousand of those little buggers.)

What is your idea of an ideal evening? They both agreed that, "taking a walk, then going to dinner" is what they enjoy most.

Where did you go on your first date? Well they both laughed out loud and looked at each other, this ought to be good.) We had met and danced, Sunday, they went to the movies (but to feel a little insulated from the ol' guy meets guy, has sex and moves in theory) Steve invited a bunch of his friends to go along. The movie was Natural born Killers. On their first date alone they went to Longhorn's Steak house and Steve tried to be butch and ordered a beer. (That's the truth folks, you heard it here first.)

What is your dream job? Steve piped up and almost immediately with, "to host the Oscars." I could see it. Scott, showing a little more depth than his partner said, "I'd like to have my own homeless shelter", but then showing his true identity, "my second would be a talk show host." Steve's second choice would be, "Brad Pitt's body double."

Well there it is folks, our first ever 'featured couples' article. May we all follow in their footsteps. Hope you know these guys a little better no, I sure do love them to death. Bill and Jerry (Media couple) will be featured next month.

Until then...Julia

Beginning, June 1, the Nashville Storms will be signing people up for their new Monday Night Sand Volleyball League at the Toolbox. For more info., visit the Storms website at www.NashvilleStorms.com.

BIRTHDAYS

Stefen (Steve) 6/3
Russ (Don) 6/29

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!!!

Since this is the third newsletter of Music City Couples, Bill and I would like to know what you think of the newsletter, give us your input by going to the board and offering your suggestions. Please help us out so we can make the newsletter better for you! Thanks!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 29th, from 1 pm till ? at Bill & Jerry's place. Join us for a pool party & cookout. If you have a float bring it, however, we have four for your use. Stay tuned to the board for more info on this event!

As previous mentioned in the May newsletter regarding the fence building & cookout at Greg and Duane's new place, they have cancelled the event, but will let us know when it will be rescheduled.

The Harmonizer is a monthly publication of Music City Couples. Production of the newsletter is the responsibility of the Media Couple. We encourage all members to submit articles to appear in the newsletter. The Media Couple reserves the right to select and edit all articles for publication.

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Future Events

Thanks to Joe and Gary for a great evening Saturday, May 18th. Ten couples showed up for an evening of good food and conversation. It was great to see old faces, and also some new ones.

As you can see, there are several events planned for June and July. Join us June 22 for a cook-out at Larry and Bobby's place (time and date TBA), also June 29, grab your bathing suit and head over to Bill & Jerry's around 1 pm for swimming and a cookout. Don't forget, 4th Friday bowling on June 28 at 8 pm at Cumberland Lanes in Antioch.

Looking ahead, July 6th, make plans for a canoeing trip down the Harpeth River. July 13th, join the Jug sisters of Nash Trash tours and take a ride in the pink bus for what is sure to be a great time and many laughs. Cost is \$25 per person, and there is room for 8 couples. Two couples have already committed, so there is still room for four more.

Stay tuned to the message board for updates to these and many more events. Look forward to seeing you there.

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