



Steve 'Corvo' M.

# From the President

## New Year, New Times for CHC

Greetings Brothers,

I hope that the first months of 2024 have been good to you. Judging by the weather, Chicago is eager for Summer and Fall to be quickly upon us, and I'm looking forward to all the great events and time together this year will bring.

I'm deeply honored and more than a little intimidated by the role of President of this Club. This is a storied brotherhood that, even in my short time with you, has been a key part of the best parts of my adult life. I look forward to driving our Club forward, and to meeting and speaking (and hopefully more) with as many of you as I can this year.

I want to thank the men who have stepped up alongside me this year to lead the Club. We have continued to welcome new leaders alongside those who have helped to steer the club through many recent years. The Board and all the Club's committees have seen meaningful changes in membership and leadership in the last year. The effort of those stepping up to lead is hugely valuable and is often unseen.

## An Update on the Clubhouse Reopening

I'm sure that for many of you the single most important bit of news I can share is when and how the CHC clubhouse will be reopening after it was closed in December last year. Well... here goes:

**We will open the clubhouse with a party on Saturday, March 23.** We are thrilled to get back to hosting events and welcoming you all back home. As of that date, the clubhouse will also be open to regular private use – I know how badly some of you have missed the dungeon!

Thanks to our effective and positive work with the City, the Club's ability to operate on a membership basis will not change at all. However, at least in the short term, we have agreed that we will stop purchasing and stocking alcoholic drinks in the clubhouse (events offsite like bar nights, the AAW banquet, and Inferno are not changing). I will remind you that BYOB is not allowed by Club policy. I'm sure this is a disappointing change for some, especially for those of us who need fuel for the April Showers party, but nobody is coming to the CHC clubhouse for a free drink, we're there for each other and great S&M sex.



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## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ (YOUR EMAIL) ALL ABOUT IT!

Lastly, just a bit of housekeeping from me. Many members have reported receiving only some Club email. We know that an increasing number of messages are hitting members' spam folders due to 1) certain keywords and phrases that are associated with spam, and 2) the sheer number of emails. I've asked our officers to review and try to reduce the number of emails we send, but here's how you can ensure our messages (like, "Inferno Registration is Open") get to you on time.

Please add the Club to your "Safe Sender" list or Whitelist for your email client. 99% of CHC emails come from the address [vp@hellfire13.net](mailto:vp@hellfire13.net) so that's what you should enter as the sender.

### **For example, in Gmail (far and away the most popular choice for members) you would:**

1. Click on the Gear icon (top right corner)
2. Click on "See All Settings" then "Filters and Blocked Addresses"
3. Click "Create a new filter"
  - a. Enter [vp@hellfire13.net](mailto:vp@hellfire13.net) in the "From" field
  - b. Click Create Filter
  - c. Click the box for "Never send to Spam"
  - d. Click Create Filter again, and you're done!

For other email clients, you can find instructions by searching "[your email system name] safe sender list". Good instructions for creating a filter and ensuring that CHC email always reaches you are available.

## **In Brotherhood,**

**Steve 'Corvo' M. | CHC President, 2024**





Jeremy 'Jerbear' S.

# A few short words from your Vice President

Welcome to the first edition of the 2024 newsletter! I will start by apologizing that it has taken this long to get out to everybody. Who knew that chasing down people for articles, editing them, and awaiting updates would be such an effort. And then as soon as I was ready, somebody would say hold on I want to include one more thing.

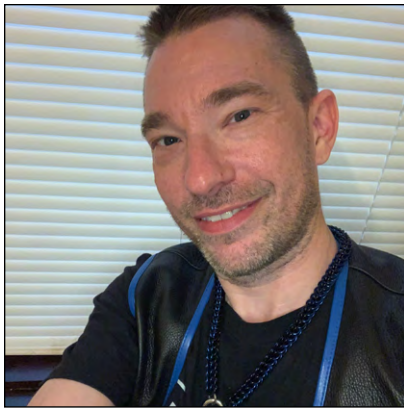
Taking on the role of Vice President has already been overwhelming at times, but still a fun challenge. Sitting in on many of the monthly committee meetings gets me excited for what everybody is working on for 2024. The House Committee has taken good care of our house while it was closed, including doing maintenance and repairs that you will never know occurred because they did such a great job. Now that the clubhouse is reopened, the Program Committee can start running parties and demos again; and I know their schedule is looking good. It will be refreshing to see many of your faces, butts, cocks, etc in the house at the upcoming events.

Now back to fun and excitement. We are in the planning stages of an out-of-Chicago bar night. The Dunes Resort in Michigan is one of the "home bars" of CHC, and we've decided to hold a bar night at the resort. Dates in early May are being examined for a block of rooms and we will announce via email once we have a firm date/plan set.

## In Brotherhood

Jeremy 'Jerbear' S. | Vice President, 2024





David 'Pongo' M.

# Great things are coming from the Program Committee!

Our newly formed Education Team has been busy while we awaited the upcoming return of monthly parties. The team has been working hard on creating demos and content for our parties, lining up presenters and educators to share content with our members and guests. The Education team will be responsible for developing community events, party demos and begin developing the foundation of S & M University, which will take our demos to the next level and into public spaces for all to enjoy.

We have strengthened our partnership with Jackhammer to solidify an ongoing monthly bar night. Look for new advertising on their events page and digital calendar coming soon!

## Key dates to remember:

**March 23rd** – Welcome home party at the clubhouse!

**March 24th** – Self-guided exploration through Chicago's famous Medieval Torture Museum. Visually experience 16th century torture recreations that will inspire the sadist and bring the masochist to their knees, while spending time with your brothers. More details to follow.

**Monthly Clubhouse parties:** 2nd Saturday

**Monthly Jackhammer Bar Night:** 3rd Friday

## In Brotherhood

David 'Pongo' M. | Program Chair, 2024





Hieu N.

# From the Inferno Coordinator

## Inferno

Greetings, guests of the club!

Inferno is the annual run of the Chicago Hellfire Club. Imagine four whole days that are a lot like our monthly parties, six nights/seven days if you stay for both sessions. This is our 53rd Inferno and it will be an amazing time again!

## You must be sponsored

CHC members must now submit the names and info of the men they will be sponsoring for Inferno 53. If you're interested in attending, be sure to chat with your sponsor. Guest must be sponsored each year, so be sure your sponsor knows you're interested, even if this will be a return trip for you. He'll need your legal name, email address, and physical address.

## Inferno Applications

The club website has been updated with refreshed Inferno information. You can find updated information on the site about registration, policies, accommodations, and sponsorships. Please visit [www.hellfire13.net/Inferno](http://www.hellfire13.net/Inferno) or, on the home page, visit the **Inferno section** and browse page.

We strongly encourage you to read through these pages as they will answer many questions you might have. Like last year, the informational email packet for Inferno will be sent out the week before registration opens so that you have a chance to review all your options and talk with your guests. It will also give insight on how the registration process works so please remember to read it carefully.

If you have roommate preferences, start figuring that out now. Registration for Members will open on April 6th and Guests on April 20th. We expect Inferno to be popular and sell out again.

## Change in Payment Policy

In an effort to streamline registration and reduce confusion with numerous options the Inferno Committee has set the only payment option to be 50%. Everyone pays 50% of their first selected housing option at time of registration. The remaining balance will appear as an invoice once confirmations go out and will be due prior to August 1st.

## Change in Health Policy (formerly COVID-19 Vaccination Policy)

The Board of Directors and the Inferno Committee are no longer requiring proof of vaccination in order to attend Inferno. All attendees of CHC events are responsible for their personal health. Under the advice of your physician, you are encouraged to have all appropriate vaccinations and take personal precautions to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.





## Birtles Scholarships

We don't ever want the cost to keep the right men from joining our event. The club maintains a scholarship fund to support a limited number of participants for whom it would otherwise be a financial hardship. Your sponsor may also submit you for a Birtles grant which will cover up to standard accommodation for one session and transportation.

## Helping out at Inferno

If you're sponsored and register for Inferno, you'll have to do your part. All participants have a duty assignment. It's the only way we can make such an event work. Being selected to work Setup or Teardown counts as duty for one session of Inferno. That frees your time during the run for play. If you work both Setup and Teardown, you have the run entirely to yourself. Think about the options.

We are especially looking for men with skills in woodworking and carpentry for Setup, I encourage all to consider requesting the duty assignment.

**Session A** – September 5 - 8    **Session B** – September 8 - 11

## Tear Down

Please consider helping us prepare for Inferno 54!

If you are attending Session B, can you stay until the end on Thursday? The people who help us disassemble, stack the pile, reset the resort, and pack the truck prep the setup committee for Inferno 54.

- We all need more men in our lives...
- More men willing to get hot and sweaty.
- Guys who can do some heavy lifting.
- Men who like to take directions.
- Or be a man who gives directions.
- Guys who work it out in groups.
- Men who know how to use a 'power tool' and their hands.

Working Teardown counts as a single session's duty of Inferno. Like Setup, Teardown does not count for both sessions, but we'll take it into consideration when working up duty rosters.

At the end of Inferno, even if you've done your official duty, we really appreciate if you can give us even an extra 30-60 minutes of help before getting on the road home.

## In Brotherhood,

**Hieu N.** | 2024 Inferno 53 Coordinator

### Some dates to remember:

**April 6:** Members registration

**April 20:** Guest registration

**May 15:** Roommate Deadline

**August 24:**  
Clubhouse Breakdown – 10 a.m

**September 2:** Truck Load – 10 a.m

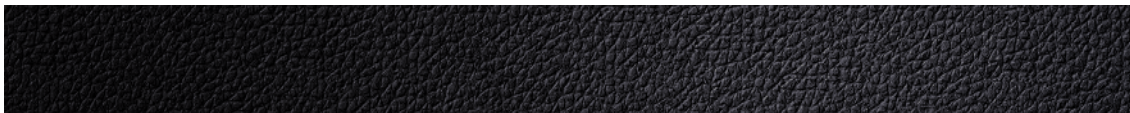
**September 5–8:** Session A

**September 8–11:** Session B

**September 12:** Truck Unload  
at the Clubhouse Approx. 5:00 p.m

**September 21:**  
Clubhouse Reset – 10 a.m





# CHC Calendar of events:

Date	Event	Location
Saturday, March 23	Monthly play party – Welcome back	Clubhouse
Sunday, March 24	Medieval Torture Museum visit	177 N. State St
Saturday, April 13	Monthly play party – April showers!	Clubhouse
Friday, April 19	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Saturday, April 20	Inferno Registration – Guests	Online
Saturday, May 4	Club Bar Night *special edition*	West Michigan Resort
Saturday, May 11	Monthly play party & demo	Clubhouse
Friday, May 17	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Friday, May 24	Clubhouse IML party *subject to change*	Clubhouse
Saturday, May 25	Clubhouse IML party	Clubhouse
Sunday, May 26	IML cocktail hour *subject to change*	IML host hotel
Sunday, May 26	Clubhouse IML party	Clubhouse
Saturday, June 8	Monthly play party & demo	Clubhouse
Friday, June 21	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Saturday, July 13	Monthly play party & demo	Clubhouse
Friday, July 19	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Saturday, August 10	Monthly play party & BBQ	Clubhouse
Saturday, August 24	Clubhouse tear down	Clubhouse
Monday, Sept 2	Truck load	Clubhouse
Sept 5-8	Inferno Session A	West Michigan Resort
Sept 8-11	Inferno Session B	West Michigan Resort
Thursday, Sept 12	Truck unload	Clubhouse
Friday, Sept 20	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Saturday, Sept 21	House reset	Clubhouse
Saturday, Oct 12	Monthly play party & demo	Clubhouse
Friday, Oct 18	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Friday, Nov 8	AAW House open	Clubhouse
Saturday, Nov 9	AAW Banquet	La Villa
Saturday, Nov 9	AAW Party	Clubhouse
Sunday, Nov 10	AAW Party & Brunch	Clubhouse

(All dates are subject to change)





Date	Event	Location
Friday, Nov 15	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Saturday, Dec 14	Monthly play party Naughty & Nice with Santa	Clubhouse
Friday, Dec 20	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer
Monday, Dec 9	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse & online
Saturday, Dec 14	Monthly play party Naughty & Nice with Santa	Clubhouse
Friday, Dec 20	Club Bar Night	Jackhammer

(All dates are subject to change)

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