



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL, PRISTINE NEW YEAR. LET'S DIRTY IT UP A BIT.

Happy New Year, gentlemen! Here's hoping you all had a relaxing, pleasurable, filling holiday season this year.

Obviously, the news of the day is the rapidly spreading Omicron variant of Covid that's made its landing here in Chicago. You've all heard the details by now – it moves super fast, it's likely easier to transmit than previous variants. Even folk who have gotten full vaccinations are having breakthrough cases. Etc, etc, etc. We're doing what we can to make sure that all BNC events go forward as planned and with appropriate protections to keep everyone as safe as possible. We all want to get back to seeing as much of each other as possible as soon as possible.

As of this writing, the status of local bars and watering holes is currently very definitely quo. Jackhammer is still not expected to open until after the indoor mask mandate has been lifted, which won't be until Omicron has burned through; we will be sure to update you all once we hear from them that things are a go again. Touché and CellBlock remain open and going strong. Steamworks continues to offer parties, so we'll keep hosting events there for you all to enjoy. As usual, you can find the exact dates and times in the grid below. As we've done in the past months, you can expect another email from us once we have the discount coupons for Steamworks.

As for the rest of it, you know the drill. Get vaccinated. If you're already vaxxed, get your booster. All the evidence out there pretty strongly points to the importance of that booster – those that have it may contract the variant easier than other variants, but they fare much better being much less likely to have to go to the hospital and *far* less likely to die. If you don't know where to go to get a shot, [Chicago's Vaccine Finder](#) has a number of resources to help you find a shot close to you. Believe me, I know you're tired of reading this. I'm tired of writing it.

ABOUT BNC EVENTS

All **MEN** (age 21 and up) are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled events. Sponsorship is NOT required for guests to attend any BNC event, so don't be shy ... come on out! BNC parties are held at **Touché** (6412 N. Clark Street), at "The Hole" at **Jackhammer** (6406 N. Clark Street), bars adjacent to each other on either side of Leather 64Ten, in the Rogers Park neighborhood, just northwest of the Clark/Devon intersection. These bars are located on CTA bus routes 22, 36, 151, and 155, all of which stop at this intersection. We have a third venue at **CellBlock** (3702 N. Halsted Street) in the Boystown neighborhood, at the Halsted/Waveland intersection. Admission to BNC parties includes pizza and two drink tickets (cash bar after the two tickets are redeemed) in addition to all the fun you can handle!

SERVICE POSITIONS WITHIN BNC – IMMEDIATE NEEDS – AND EARN BEAR BUCKS!

We currently are in need of the following:

- **Someone who can implement online payment services**
- **Someone competent/knowledgeable with Word Press**

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UPCOMING BNC EVENTS

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	JAN 2	3:00-4:00PM	Afternoon Bar Play Party	Touché
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
WED	JAN 12	7:30-8:30PM	Evening Bar Play Party	CellBlock
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT	JAN 15	6:00-7:00PM	Evening Bar Play Party	Touché
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT	JAN 22	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS & BEYOND	Steamworks
<i>REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
WED	JAN 26	7:30-8:30PM	Evening Bar Play Party	CellBlock
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	FEB 6	3:00-4:00PM	Afternoon Bar Play Party	Touché
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
WED	FEB 9	7:30-8:30PM	Evening Bar Play Party	CellBlock
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT	FEB 19	6:00-7:00PM	Evening Bar Play Party	Touche
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
WED	FEB 23	7:30-8:30PM	Evening Bar Play Party	CellBlock
<i>\$15 Members, \$20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza</i>				

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SAT	FEB 26	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS & BEYOND	Steamworks
<i>REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY</i>				

A NOTE ABOUT STEAMWORKS

Steamworks is a private membership gym/sauna/bathhouse exclusively for men 18 years and older. Located at 3246 N. Halsted Street in Boystown, between Belmont and Aldine, Steamworks offers BNC members **discount coupons** to attend their “Bears, the Baths, and Beyond” events on the fourth Saturday of each month, along with “Bear Hump” on the second Wednesday of each month. Steamworks has fully re-opened every day with all areas open, including the hot tub and steam room. Regardless, Steamworks has instituted a NO BAG POLICY for the time being. **DO NOT BRING A BAG WITH YOU TO STEAMWORKS EVENTS.**



VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH BNC EVENTS – AND EARN BEAR BUCKS!

BNC is always seeking volunteers for our events, and YOU can help by becoming a BNC volunteer! We especially need more volunteers now that we have added a third party venue at CellBlock. Our volunteers get free entry to the event worked and they can also earn “Bear Bucks” that can be redeemed to pay annual membership dues or event entry fees. What are YOU doing to help BNC give you fun times? Please use the contact form on the BNC website at <http://www.bearnaked.club> and let us know how and when you would be able to occasionally serve as a volunteer.

CAN WE SEE YOUR PICS?

We love it when BNC members share themselves with the group. In that spirit, we're kicking off the New Year right with these submissions from two members, Sub Pig and Victor. Thanks so much for giving us something to drool over, guys! Woof!

First up, Sub Pig!



Next up, Victor!



If you see these handsome men at the next BNC event, be sure to thank them for sharing! Feel up to sharing a bit of yourself? Submit your photos to us and we'll share them here. To submit, send us a message at <http://bearnaked.club/contact-bnc/>