



Get your boys and hit the KTV clubs

# Old School

Get your game on with **interactive drinking** fun

Summer is wearing on and doubtless you've hit the bars and hit them hard. This weekend, why not try a more interactive approach to drinking with these helpful, booze-friendly activities. See the CW website for contact details for all venues and clubs mentioned.

## Arcades

Have some old-school fun at the Wangfujing or Viva Shuangjing arcades. While they don't sell booze on the spot, you can easily hit up a shop before you arrive and brown bag it. Our favorite game was a simple one where you toss plastic balls at a screen of dancing beavers. This quickly turns into a rowdy and fun way to kick back a few drinks with friends. These arcades boast an impressive array of imported games like Time Crisis and Dance Dance Revolution, as well as popular Japanese and Korean games.

## KTV

Dust off your vocal chords and memorize the lyrics to "Country Roads," because KTV is one of the best interactive drinking activities this side of Vegas. Melody and Tong Yi Shou Ge have more than a smattering of English-language songs, and the acoustics are great. You also won't be accosted by female "singing friends," and the drink selection goes beyond whiskey and green tea.

## Go-Karting

U-Speed go-karting is a fun way to get a bit tipsy and then get behind the wheel. Anywhere else in the city, this is generally frowned upon, but if you must drink and drive, do it here. Specials on drinks make it a fun and affordable activity, plus U-Speed just opened a second venue.

## Bowling

In the true 1950s spirit of social fun, head to Gongti 100 or the Lido Center Bowling Alley, where you'll be able to toss balls as you drink

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with friends. For an innocent date, this is a sure way to test your partner's patience and athletic prowess, as well as their consumption limits.

## Public Intoxication

Join the Hash House Harriers for a night of exercise and drinking, the perfect combo for those of us who live between health nut and party animal.

For a classier approach to public drinking, pick up a bottle of wine at Jenny Lou's and rent a boat on Houhai (¥100), where you can paddle around sipping your superior vino.

■ Lauren Johnson

## NEWS & GOSSIP

### Reform and Openings

We're not on the main tour circuit for international acts, but this month Beijing is graced with the **Black Rabbit Music Festival**, which brings in bigwigs from across the music scene (see p. 12). We're also impressed with the news that **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club**, **DJ Vadim and the Electric**, **DJ Shadow** and **Paul Van Dyk** will be visiting soon. Perhaps Beijing is finding its way into the tour circuit after all. The **Mongolian Music Festival** and **Ninegates Jazz Festival** are impressive fests that are sure to get music fanatics pumped as well. **Lantern** re-opened last month with a massive bash that was exactly what the city needed after a long, slow summer. In sad news, Beijing's longest-running dance club, **Club Nightman**, has closed. RIP (1994-2011). A new addition to the Sanlitun Nan area, **Lounge Bar** will be reviewed by yours truly soon, as will the new White Rabbit venture **Haze**, the dance club **Spark**, and Gongti's new **B.E.D.** bar. We hear **Centro** is set to re-open after renovating its décor, too. And, if you've been following the **Heaven Liquor Shop's** unending expansion, you won't be shocked to learn that they have plans to open a beer bar where Swensen's used to be.



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## Parties

FRIDAY, SEP 9

### Back to School Party

With music by DJs Stone and Kableguy, you'll get the hottest hip-hop, house and tribal tunes to help you celebrate the back-to-school season. 10pm  
**Dao Club** 150-1026-3674, 158-1047-8490  
bbpspiders@hotmail.com, www.daoclub.cn

SATURDAY, SEP 10

### ★ Fight Night

Get your testosterone flowing and head to LAN Club to experience fight night, where 20 percent off drinks makes this a steal as well as a good bash. LAN's sexy ring girls and dancers complete the picture. 7pm  
**LAN Club** 5109-6012/13, www.lan-global.com

### Summer Madness: Outdoor Hotpot

Twelve straight hours of outdoor chilling as DJ Wordy rips up the decks in classic Hotpot style. Usually a staple at Punk, this is the first time Wordy will be bringing his tunes to 2 Kolegas. Expect nothing but the best electronic music in a range of styles all day and night on the lawn. 3pm  
**2 Kolegas** 135-5227-6845, 136-9118-0119  
2kolegas@163.com, www.2kolegas.com

### 87FE187

Verktyget and Black Mansions play skweee, wonky and glitch-hop. Don't miss these innovators and their synth rhymes at Bed Bar, where drinks are a mere ¥35 a pop. 9pm  
**Bed Bar** 8400-1554

## Teachers Night

Show off your dance moves and learn some new ones at this event, held in honor of the Chinese Teachers' Day Festival. Some of the most skilled dancing teachers in town will be there to teach you how to shake your money maker, and hot DJs will be laying down the beats, including DJs Dio, Ou Yang and Bite-Size Buddha. ¥50. 10pm  
**Tango** 6428-2288

## The Drop feat. JCC

Oshi & Them bring you The Drop #12, featuring DJ JCC, the best female drum 'n' bass DJ in China, with support from Oshi and Them for a night of electro madness in Beijing. 10pm  
**Earl Bar** 8511-6646  
whatsup@waitforthedrop.net, basskake.com

SUNDAY, SEP 11

## Dio + Weng Weng

Dio and Weng Weng spin their beats at Lantern, bringing some of the hottest underground electronic music back to the capital in Lantern's reincarnated club north of Gongti West Gate. Free. 10pm  
**Lantern Club** 135-0134-8785  
www.acupuncture-records.com

## Move On Up

DJ Bite-Size Buddha brings fellow DJs Suki, Saul D, Martin Star, Ludo V, Nassdak, Zhi Qi, Simon Adams and others to the decks on Migas rooftop for an eclectic afternoon of disco, soul, funk, reggae, pop and more. The event kicks off at 4pm and will run until the wee hours of the morning.

**Migas** 5208-6061, feverfunk@gmail.com

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