

Men's club seeks out 'blood & guts' movies

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If someone made a movie about a muscular mercenary who infiltrates a Banana Republic run by a malevolently obnoxious miscreant and kills or maims more people than Hambo ever dreamed of, using every weapon in creation, nice West Bloomfield men would be first in line, providing the movie opened on Tuesday.

"If it says kill or die in the title, we're probably seen it," said Joel Buss, a mild-mannered stock broker who cuts a caper once a week with the "Latchkey Boys Tuesday Night Movie Club."

"We usually try to see something that's not popular with our wives," said club founder Bob Weinstein, a podiatrist. "We have very low ideals about seeing films. It has to have no redeeming social significance."

SAID MEMBER Martin Rosenfeld: "The film must have as much blood and guts as possible. We work very hard to pick just the proper film."

Of the club's nine members, all men in their 40s, 50s and 60s, six have wives in real estate, a profession that frequently keeps its practitioners occupied into the evening.

"We don't know what the women do on Tuesday night," Rosenfeld said. "They're probably working. At least I know where (my wife) is, or where she's supposed to be."

As founder, or "founder" as Buss calls him, Weinstein's responsibility is to choose each week's film. ("It's not terribly democratic," Rosenfeld said.) They've seen all the "Missing in Action" movies, all the "Rocky" movies, all the Rambo movies, all the Jean Claude Van Damme movies, all the Chuck Norris, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Steven Seagal movies, and "every kick boxer movie available," Weinstein said.

ADDED BUSS, "We don't neces-

sarily need sex. We don't even look for sex. It's just a nice night out with the guys, and nobody gets in trouble. It gives me an excuse to eat popcorn and talk with the boys. Half the time you can't remember the title."

Yet the cabal is so tightly knit that when Rosenfeld got married recently, the "boys" required his wife to sign a prenuptial agreement to the effect that she will "understand and accept the fact that my betrothed may go to see any damn movie we select, and I may not try to influence his going to that particular movie."

But the wives aren't entirely left out. Once in a while the boys permit their wives to accompany them, but not too often. "Maybe once a year we allow them to go out with us on this kind of basis," Weinstein said. "But we make them sit in a different row so they won't bother us."

A TYPICAL TUESDAY evening for the group starts at an area restaurant at 6 p.m. They often frequent the Rikshaw Inn on Orchard Lake Road where they have a pet waiter. "We've trained Richie to believe 5 percent is an excessive tip," Buss barked.

But Tuesday they ate at the Golden Phoenix, a new restaurant on Orchard Lake Road. From there they packed into a couple cars and sped down the street to the Americana West theaters where they saw "Ricochet," spilling popcorn and violating the theater's rule against talking, no doubt.

Their chief interlocutor is Al Stein, who is "an authority on everything," Buss said. "He taught God everything he knows."

In fact, Weinstein said Americana's "Silence is Golden" policy was instituted because of Stein's predilection for running commentary during films. "That (rule) has nothing to do with children crying," Weinstein insisted.

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movies with a running line of (AI's) commentary," Buss said.

Although there are some theaters the club no longer visits, it's not the fault of Stein's loquacious behavior. "They stopped showing the kind of movies we like," Rosenfeld said. "We're going to take care of them in our own way."

Of course, the club has a rule that everyone must sit all the way through every movie, but Bruce Willis' "Hudson Hawk" put a stop to that earlier this year.

"I was ready to walk out after seven minutes, but we made it to an hour," Buss said. "It was a real slug."

"You can only take a certain amount of pain," Weinstein added.

The other club members are Richard Abel, Mike Browner, Dow Tunis, Ray Zelch and Jerry Sonnenchein. Membership is by invitation only, but there are no dues. "We maintain no treasury," Weinstein said. "It's pay or don't go."



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

There are those who go for movies like "Barton Fink," and then there are those who prefer something a little more subtle, like a good Jean Claude Van Damme movie. Those would be

The Latchkey Boys, who are, from left: Dow Tunis, Ray Zelch, Joel Buss, Michael Browner, Bob Weinstein, Al Stein, Martin Rosenfeld and Richard Abel.

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