

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

Plus Talent Roundup

■ In last month's NPC Report, I covered events from the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic weekend, including backstage activities at the contests and the Fitness Expo. What I didn't touch upon were the Friday and Saturday night afterparties on March 4 and 5. These were not the usual Emperor Entertainment afterparties hosted by **Craig Titus** and **Kelly Ryan**, who did not hold any afterparties in Ohio this year. Instead, the two parties were promoted and organized by **Jason Dhir**, owner of Nutrition Forum in Columbus, Ohio. ■ Dhir had organized a party last year, but it didn't go as planned, and he was competing against the Titus/Ryan juggernaut afterparty. This year, Dhir had no competition for the weekend's afterparty scene. He was also able to secure 42 sponsors for the celebrations. ■ Friday night's bash was held at Redzone, a popular Columbus club, and was billed as "Freq'd Friday Warm-Up Party," the preparty for Saturday's fundraising festivities.

Dhir couldn't have foreseen the snowstorm

that hit Columbus Friday night, which probably kept more people from attending. Those who braved the weather included IFBB pros **Jay Cutler**, **Zena Collins**, **Johnnie Jackson**, **Jennifer Searles** and



Jenny Lynn and hubby Ron LaVelle at MuscleTech's private party

Michelle Adams, along with NPC national-level competitors **Stan McQuay**, **Marcus Haley**, **Carla Salotti** and **Rob Lopez**. Dhir gave away some prizes, including tickets to this year's Joe Weider's Olympia Weekend.

■ Saturday night was billed as the "2nd Annual Charity After-Bash," to raise support for the American Diabetes Association. This event was held at Long Street Entertainment, which features six different clubs under one roof.

Trust me — it was like a maze trying to get from room to room and club to club, and it was easy to lose the person you came with.

■ This blowout also had private areas reserved for MuscleTech, Bulk Nutrition and Weider Publications. Upon arrival, the first private party to hit was MuscleTech's, which was held in a second-floor loft space with its own bar, overlooking the bar below. Many of the MuscleTech athletes were present, such as **Mat DuVall**, **Jenny Lynn** and husband **Ron LaVelle**, **Stan "Curly Top" McCrary** and **Davana Medina**.

On my way to another club, I ran into Zena Collins again, along with her friends, including fellow IFBB pros **Kim Klein** and **Sandra Del Vecchio**. At the next club, women dressed as angels hung from the ceiling. I kid you not. I spotted **Lenda Murray** and **Monica Brant** with their husbands, along with IFBB pros, such as **Dorian Yates**, **George Farah**, **Toney Freeman**, **Dave and Tracy Hawk**, **Amber Littlejohn** with Nutrex president **Jeff McCarrell**, **Tanji Johnson**, **Nicole**



Mat DuVall (right) and a fan at MuscleTech's private party

Rollolazo, **Teri Mooney** with her fiancé **Neal Kline**, plus NPC national-level competitors **Abbas Khatami** and **Rob Lopez** (again). *Hmm*. I have to take note of those who were



From left: Partying IFBB pros Zena Collins, Davana Medina and Kim Klein at the Saturday afterbash

at *both* nights' parties!

Bulk Nutrition's event, hosted by owner **Mike McCandless** and his girlfriend, NPC national-level fitness competitor **Allison Daughtry**, was held in the room of angels, which was partitioned by white sheets.