

Sapporo



The Scottsdale teppenyaki and sushi palace is the ultimate pickup scene. The ever-packed patio is huge, with room for 80, and the interior reflects the Chinese philosophy of yin and yang. As such, there's much talk of combining value and opulence and hipness with neighborhood comfort, all while serving exotic yet familiar dishes.

Who's there: Women with waists so small one assumes they don't eat the rice in their sushi rolls. Men with VIP tickets to the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Women who hold local beauty-queen titles. Men who love that teppanyaki onion-and-volcano trick.

When to go: Friday and Saturday nights, or during the 3-7 p.m. daily happy hour.

Details: 14344 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. 480-607-1114, sapporoscottsdale.com.