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AANR-West Board members attending the November meeting at De Anza Springs (l-r): Trustee Bev Price, Curt Flynn, Larry Gould, Cyndi Faber, Jeff Tendick, Gary Mussell, Andy Walden, Linda Weber, Treena Saavedra, David Ziegler, Barry Nielsen. Not shown (they were online) are Ernie Wiese, Don Hubbard, and Claudia Kellersch.

AANR-West Board Approves Reduced Budget for 2021

The AANR-West Fall Board meeting was held Saturday, November 14 at the De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, California. The purpose of this annual meeting is to approve a budget for funding the region's new and continuing projects for the coming calendar year. All 9 directors and 4 officers were in attendance either in person or via Go2Meeting video link.

The 2021 budget was particularly scrutinized because of the impact of COVID-19 on AANR's membership numbers or what activities we can plan around possible orders to sequester within each of our eight states. Finance Committee Chair David Ziegler spent the day hearing the plans and proposals from the various committees and collecting their budget requests.

The entire board discussed these during the day to be sure they were what we wanted to do and could afford in light of the COVID-19 restrictions still in place. In the end, the board approved expenditures of \$62,000, down from \$91,900 approved a year ago. Among the approved items were:

- The **Passport book program** proved to be highly successful last year and so it was renewed. New books will be available to members in January and will be sent to the clubs for distribution. Additional books will be sold online via the website. As before, when participants visit any of the 38 parks, clubs and nudist-friendly B&B locations across the western region, their Passports will get stamped and the person becomes eligible for some great raffle prizes at the end of 18 months (Summer of 2022). More information will be in the January newsletter.
- The Board agreed to go forward with a new **GPS T-Shirt Promo**. This will be promoted through the passport program but also online. Details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

- The Board agreed to start accepting **advertising** in the newsletter and on its website. The first ad will be from the TreeSpirit Project, which will offer photographs to AANR-West members at a discount.
- Participation in various **trade shows** is being cut back for 2021. Our success telling people about Nakations and promoting the clubs requires face-to-face contact with show visitors, but many of these events were cancelled or postponed or converted to on-line events in 2020. We intend to participate again but only in selected targeted shows where we get the best return on our investment once to pandemic restrictions are lifted.
- The **Women in Nude Recreation (WINR)** program will also continue through the clubs and at various targeted public venues.
- The **Spanish-language version** of the AANR-West brochure and other specific material will remain on its original schedule, so material will be available to the clubs during the first quarter. It will also be distributed at targeted beaches and other public venues.
- Plans for the annual **Kid's Camp** will continue with a target date of late June. The Camp was postponed last year due to COVID-19 and organizers are optimistic that this year can go on as scheduled.
- The **Scholarship Committee** will be scaling back its awards for 2021 due to a reduced budget. The committee is looking into simplifying the application forms and requirements in hopes of broadening participation and finding donors to independently fund this program in the future.
- The Board agreed to purchase its own **technical equipment** so that cameras, microphones, and sound equipment would not have to be borrowed to have online participation at **meetings**.
- The **Sports Committee** is developing a series of interclub activities and tournaments to begin once the COVID-19 restriction are lifted. These will include

volleyball, pickleball, tennis, 5K Runs, etc, with trophies and other recognitions for the winners.

- The **Western Nudist Research Library** was budgeted a \$1,000 grant to keep up its good work collecting and cataloging the history of nude recreation in the Western United States. Private donations from AANR-West members will also be encouraged.

Also discussed at the Board meeting:

- AANR-West has formed an ad hoc committee to establish **guidelines for the content of its social media accounts and web site**. There is a concern that some of the photos and memes may be copyrighted and we need to confirm the sources of what we are re-tweeting. We also want to be sure what we post does not violate our own mission statement. This guidance will be also be provided to the clubs. The committee is to report back by the end of the year.
- The Board approved a motion to reduce the length of time it takes to consider and approve **Interim Motions** made between the three scheduled annual Board meetings. Recently, we have needed to make some decisions more quickly than waiting for the next Board meeting and this allows the Board to now handle emergency situations more efficiently (one week instead of three weeks).
- The **Corporate By-laws** are being reviewed for clarity and gender neutrality in its language. These will be brought up for approval by club delegates at the summer convention, along with a motion to make permanent the ability for club delegates to participate and vote online instead of requiring in-person participation at the regional convention. The Board also agreed to fund an attorney to review our ruling documents to confirm there are no loopholes that could open us up to lawsuits.
- The Board also agreed to review the **written contracts** between the Board and hosting clubs for all Board meetings for clarity and completeness.
- It was announced AANR is asking each of its clubs complete a **List of Available Services** for posting on the Impexium club page. More about this elsewhere in this newsletter.
- The Board will attempt to coordinate the **online Yoga classes** being offered by various clubs into a regionwide schedule so that persons interested in participating can do so using all the teachers in an organized calendar after the first of the year.

We thank **De Anza Springs** for hosting this meeting on short notice. You were awesome!

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Last Chance! Deadline Passes for Co-Op Advertising Reimbursements

The November 30 deadline has passed for clubs to submit their receipts for 2020 advertising in outside (non-nudist) publications or online sites. Ads in AANR's *The Bulletin* and other AANR publications are not eligible for reimbursement.

If your club forgot, we can accept receipts for ads published in December if we know about them in advance. Please contact us at information@aanrwest.org for further information about how to qualify for reimbursement.

Receipts are to be sent to the AANR-West PO Box (see address in copyright notice on page 2). Receipts submitted in January will be credited to 2021.

Clubs can be reimbursed at either **50% of the cost** of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed **\$400** per year per club, or at 25% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year per club, at the club's option.

A bonus for 100% membership clubs: Reimbursement can be as much as **50% of the cost** of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed **\$800** per year per club, or 25% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed **\$2,000** per year per club, at the club's option.

Advertising which conflicts with the principles and standards of AANR and/or AANR-West is not be eligible for reimbursement.

Provisional (newly formed) clubs are not yet eligible for co-op advertising reimbursement.

The AANR main office has a similar program with similar guidelines. By submitting to both, a club could "double dip" and possibly get a rebate for nearly 100% of their cost.

Advertising does not need to be in the print media. If a club bought coffee cups with the AANR or AANR-West logo, for example, they could be eligible for reimbursement up to a certain dollar amount.



De Anza Springs Nudist Park Sold to San Diego Investment Firm

Owner Dave Landman has announced the De Anza Springs Nudist Resort has been sold, with escrow closing expected by Jan 1, 2021. Landman announced this to us at the AANR-West Board meeting on November 14, although the sale was disclosed to De Anza’s members on October 30 at a special club meeting.



Dave said he had been looking for a buyer of his property holdings in the town of Jacumba for some time. Last August he sold the Jacumba Inn and the other Jacumba properties for \$3.9 million. This was announced in several local newspapers at the time.

However, the buyers, a property investment company in San Diego, also said they wanted to bid on the nudist park. Dave initially resisted until buyers made him a fair offer. The selling price was not disclosed.

Dave told the Board the investors are both in their late 30’s and were looking for new opportunities since the COVID-19 pandemic had reduced their buying options in the San Diego-El Cajon corridor. Dave did not reveal their names, but he said one had visited the Swallows nudist park when it existed while the other is new to nude recreation. The buyers have agreed to keep the park clothing optional. Dave and Helen will continue to live on the site and offer consulting for a few years.

De Anza Nudist Resort is located about an hour’s drive east of San Diego right off Interstate 8, between El Cajon and El Centro, 5 miles north of the Mexican border. It has over 300 trailer hookups, two swimming pools, a tennis court and pickleball court, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard area, and a 12-seater built-in Jacuzzi whose water gets changed every night. The resort itself is over 500 acres in size, most of it underdeveloped, but with plenty of room to spread out in the future. The park borders a 100,000-acre state park and is surrounded by volcanic mountains and “miles and miles of view.”

Landman originally purchased the property in 1996 when it was a closed KOA campground up for auction by the bank. He quickly turned it into a viable nudist destination

where about a hundred residents now live full time in motor homes and RVs, with another 75 to 100 visitors who come out on weekends.

In the 2000 census, Jacumba was down to just 561 residents, about 200 families, living in homes which when viewed from the street could politely be described as “rustic.” The international border is only a few hundred yards to the south of the town and “The Fence” imposes its ominous presence on the entire landscape. The main drag – old California Highway 80 – had a post office, a county library, and a market but not much else. Driving through the town, the movie “The Last Picture Show” would flash through your mind, with perhaps the forlorn theme from “Fargo” playing in your head.

In 2012, Landman was invited by the town leaders to buy a good chunk of the town, which included the once proud but now dilapidated Jacumba Inn where celebrities used to hang out before Highway 8 was built and the town suddenly got bypassed by the tourists.

Landman agreed and found the promissory note he paid off covered more than just the Jacumba Inn; it also covered 28 other properties nearby. Landman was now the owner of about 80% of the town!

Over the years, Landman did his best to invest in upgrading the town, refilling a lake with fish that migratory birds could use, and rebuilding the 28-room Inn into a viable place to stay.

The residents in town started calling Landman the Duke of Jacumba and they began having hope again. In an April 2013 story in the *San Diego Union Tribune* he said he was hopeful he could change the town’s fortune. He made future plans to build an adjoining Day Spa and perhaps offering mineral mud treatments. He said a vacant lot near the lake looked like a perfect future RV park. Landman hoped also to attract more businesses to the main street, with stores selling Indian jewelry, an art gallery, a variety store, a medical center, a 3-par golf course, plus another restaurant or two. He also gave some thought to opening a railroad museum.

But change did not come quickly enough, and Landman started to look around for a buyer a year ago.

After the new owners settle in, Landman is still hopeful they will make an investment in the town to continue with his initial dream. “But that is up to them.”



The international border “fence” as seen from the Jacumba Inn.



Shangri-La Club Members Collect Clothes and Cash for Local Radio Station Holiday Event. Pictured are Patty and Cyndi Faber with the four KNIX radio personalities (Tim, Ben, Brooke, and Barrel Boy).

Shangri-La Pitches in With Food/Cash Drive in Phoenix

By Cyndi Faber

A local Phoenix radio station runs a food/cash drive every year in November to help St. Vincent de Paul, a national organization that helps to feed, clothe, house, and help the homeless and underserved members of the community.

102.5 KNIX is a favorite with the members and owners of Shangri-La, so when they asked for help there was no hesitation to help the community. Members, day visitors and the owners of SLR raised \$1,700 over the course of 2 weeks which guaranteed the morning crew from the radio station was personally going to come out and pick up the generous donation.

All 4 radio personalities were taken on a tour and commented several times how well maintained the grounds were and how friendly the people are. They seemed to be surprised that the amenities are what you would find at any other RV park, or even a local hotel/resort. The ranch was featured 5 separate times on the morning show and 2 songs/jingles were written about them.

Feel free to visit <https://shangrilaranch.com/> to hear the songs.

Glen Eden Adopts Local Family

P.S. As we went to press, we learned Glen Eden is adopting a local Horsethief Canyon family, a single mom and her three children, one six-year-old boy, and two girls, one is seven and one is eight,

“Please bring your donations of new unopened items, gift cards, or cash to the office or the Sunshine Café before December 6.”

Also, the club is collecting canned goods for the local food banks for delivery before Christmas.

For more information contact the club at (800) 843-6833 or (951) 277-4650.

Laguna del Sol Raises Nearly \$4,000 for charity

We received this email as we were going to press from the LdS office: “We are overwhelmed with the amount of support and love the Laguna del Sol community has shown this holiday season. 2020 has been a hard year, to say the least, and now, more than ever, many are struggling.

“Every year, Laguna del Sol hosts a Holiday Basket Raffle during the annual Christmas Craft Fair to raise money to help local children and families have a nice Christmas. This year, with the current COVID restrictions, we were not able to do that. However, that did not stop our amazing community from coming together to make something out of nothing! So far, we have raised more than \$700 dollars for the Sweats for Vets! (in addition to actual purchase of needed items by many members).

Those donations have provided socks, gloves, caps, sweatshirts and pants, long sleeve tees and toiletries, all of which were delivered on December 1st to local Vets in need.

“AND....more than \$3,000 has been raised for the Christmas Kids Fund this year!! Your generosity, despite not having a hosted event and the struggles you and your family may also be facing, you will make a huge difference for many local children during this Holiday!”

Clubs Are Encouraged to Do a “Clothes Off Our Backs” Charity Drive for Holidays

“We Won’t Scare the Pants Off of You, But We Will Give You the Shirts Off Our Backs.”

By Gary Mussell,
President, AANR-West

AANR-West clubs are being encouraged to adopt a local homeless shelter in their area this holiday season and have members donate clothing, canned goods, and personal care items – and then write a news release about it to a local paper or radio station. Where nudists do it, local newspapers and radio stations tend to pay attention to us.

We recommend that clubs go online and select a local shelter or food bank to donate to. Then, establish a collection location within their park grounds where members can bring their donations and the club can bring over the material on a designated day. Clothing is not the only thing needed at most shelters. Personal Care items such as deodorant, comb/hairbrushes, tooth paste and toothbrushes, body / hand lotion (Purell!), shaving cream, razors, shampoo, toilet paper and facial tissue, and towels are always in short supply. For the ladies, donating a box of tampons or sanitary napkins are greatly appreciated.

Canned food (not beyond the expiration date) is always good too. Donations to local food banks are also an option for a club to make. If all else fails, donations to Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries can be considered.

Let’s create some good news this holiday season and help finish the year on a positive note!

AANR-West and TreeSpirit Project Agree on Fundraising Proposal



“AANR-West and the TreeSpirit Project agreed on a joint Fundraising Proposal at the Nov. 14th meeting. The AANR-West Board of Directors approved a proposal to raise funds by offering the magnificent TreeSpirit Project photographs created over the years by photographer Jack Gescheidt.

Under the agreement, AANR-West will provide website, newsletter, and email promotions to members in return for a share of the profits (after production and shipping costs are recovered).

Many of you may be familiar with Jack's work. His TreeSpirit Project includes the world's largest collection of fine art photographs of naked, tenderly vulnerable humans communing with trees and forests — dramatizing our interdependence with them and all of the natural world. It's likely some of you have participated in creating them.

View & enjoy the TreeSpirit collection online: www.TreeSpiritProject.com/gallery

POSTERS: AANR-West members can purchase one or more of 3 different TreeSpirit art posters: "Tea Tree Tangle" / "Last Stand" / "In the Land of the Ancients" for \$25 each, or 2 for \$45, or all 3 for \$55.

CUSTOM HIGH-RESOLUTION PRINTS: In addition, all the images in Jack's TreeSpirit gallery are available as prints, custom-printed to your order, in sizes from 11x14" to 40x60", all at up to 50% off their retail prices, on 3 choices of substrates: 1) canvas; 2) 100% cotton archival photographic paper or; 3) contemporary aluminum alloy sheets. (Allow 2 weeks for poster delivery; 3 weeks for custom prints delivery.)

Although the AANR-West promotion officially begins next year, we're offering the TreeSpirit prints and posters **RIGHT NOW**, as of December 1st, 2020, for the 2020 holiday gift giving season.

To choose the print(s) or poster(s) of your choice, view the TreeSpirit gallery: www.TreeSpiritProject.com/gallery.

Then email AANR-West at information@aanrwest.org.

We will coordinate with Jack to confirm details (cost, production, and shipping times) in time for your holiday gift — for your friends, family, or yourself!

New AANR-West Passports Will Be Available in February

Starting in February 2021, AANR members and non-members can purchase a new Passport for use during the following 17 months (through July 1, 2022).

The Nudist Passport is designed to encourage visits to multiple nudist parks and non-landed clubs throughout AANR-West.

Bring your Passport with you when checking in for your visit. The club check-in person will stamp/mark your Passport. Visit as different many clubs as possible!

Before the July 1, 2022 deadline, mail the back tear-out pages back to us to be entered into the drawing at the 2022 Regional Convention (prizes include merchandise & stays at various locations).

The number of raffle tickets you get is equal to the number of different clubs you visited during the contest period. The more locations you visit the more chances you have to win.

You can obtain a passport from any participating club, usually for a minimal fee (probably \$5 but this may vary from club to club) or they may be purchased directly from the www.aanrwest.com website.

Advertising Will Be Accepted Starting in January

Beginning in January, AANR-West will begin accepting paid advertising in its monthly newsletter and on its web site.

A few months ago, we did a survey of members about how they felt about this and by a 2 to 1 ratio, people thought it was a good idea. The Board of Directors approved the idea at its November meeting.

Ads will be accepted for products that fit the organization's mission statement to promote a healthy acceptance of the human body in all of its forms through the promotion of social nudity. This will include ads for useful merchandise such as towels, lotions, beach equipment, and physical activity such as yoga and exercise. It will exclude sexual products and activities such as alternate lifestyle clubs.

Ads will be either "business card size (2 inches by 3.5 inches) or double business card size. They can be purchased month to month or at a slight discount for six months or a year at a time. Personal ads will be accepted on a month to month basis of 25 words or less.

Rates will run up to \$75/month to \$400/6 months to \$750/year depending on what is negotiated. Personals will cost \$35/month and be for AANR-West members only.

Ads may contain images, but all ads must be received as "photo ready."

For more information and to download a contract form, contact information@aanrwest.org.



The design for the new AANR-West GPS Shirt was finalized at the AANR-West Board Meeting November 14.

GPS T-Shirt Promotion Gets Go-Ahead from AANR-West Board

Beginning in February, AANR West members can purchase one of our new “GPS” T-shirts, which list the latitude and longitude of each of the landed clubs in the region without naming the clubs. It is designed to be a conversation starter when at the market or when shopping at store by people who ask what it is all about.

Prices will be in the \$25-30 range depending on size and shipping.

The shirt can be purchased directly through the AANR-West website. It will also be available through the 2021 Passport book program.

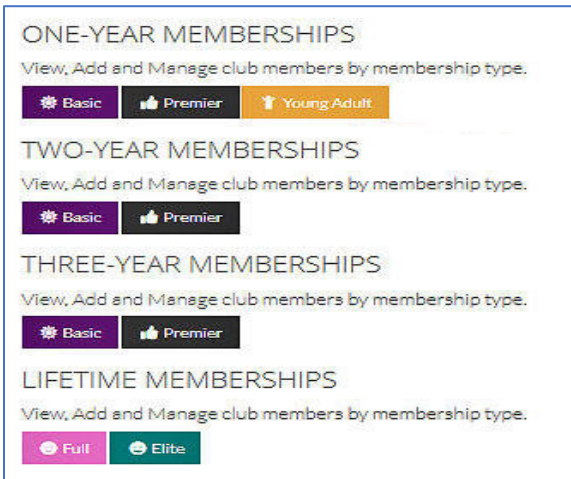
AANR Office News

Reminder: AANR Office Invites All Clubs to Get Impexium Membership Database Training

We remind the last few remaining clubs who have not yet done so to contact AANR Club and Member Relations Director Carolyn Hawkins and schedule a session for your club's Certifying Officers to learn more about using the Association's Membership Impexium Database and how it can assist you with tracking member data and needs.

Sessions typically take about an hour with an additional 15-20 minutes for questions and answers. We look forward to holding a session with you soon!

Call Arlette at (800) 879-6833 to make your appointment.



Sample screen from Club Membership Renewal Menu in Impexium database program

AANR Diversity Initiative Asks Clubs' Participation

By Gary Mussell

Last month during a conference call with the main AANR office, the seven Regional Presidents were informed that AANR Trustees have adopted a motion asking all of its affiliated clubs to reaffirm the organization's non-discrimination declaration found in its By-Laws. This request is being emailed to all clubs during December with a prompt reply requested.

Each region is then asked to post the declaration onto its website with a list of the clubs who agree. The point is to publicly reaffirm AANR's commitment to the declaration and to help visitors discover which clubs agree.

The website declaration will say:

AANR-West Welcomes All

The following clubs reaffirm the AANR non-discrimination policy by-laws. Section 1 Article IV-A states “AANR welcomes all people willing to conform to its principles and standards, regardless of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.”

To AANR, this includes welcoming all single, partnered, and married people of all gender identities, ethnicities, sexual identities, ages, sizes, religions and physical abilities.

These AANR-West clubs embrace these standards:
<following is a list of all clubs so agreeing.>

All clubs on the list will receive a stand-up sign (8.5 x 11) to display at their registration desks for visitors to see. These signs will be mailed to the clubs after the first of the year.

Club Services Checklist

As we previewed last month, each club will be sent a checklist to complete of services available at their facilities or events. These include such amenities as camping sites, Wi-Fi, RV hookups, etc., but also to declare if they are kid-friendly, for couples only, are alcohol or body jewelry restrictive, etc. There about 80 items on the checklist.

This list will be searchable on the AANR website so that potential visitors can find clubs and resorts/parks that match what they are seeking before they arrive at the front gate.

Each club's certifying officer has access to this list that can be modified at any time.

Between the Non-discrimination Declaration and the Club Services Checklist, it is hoped there will better understanding how serious AANR takes the need to be attractive to a younger generation and to potential members from minority groups demanding such a declaration from all membership organizations such as ours.

Clubs should expect to receive the checklist as an email attachment soon.

How Our GAT Team Monitors Legislation and Local Public Issues

By Gary Mussell, Regional GAT Chair

As we are between sessions of Congress and new legislatures have yet to open for business, this might be a good time to acquaint our readers with how Government Affairs works.

There are 36 people from around the United States and Canada, from both AANR and The Naturist Action Committee, who meet by telephone and/or video conference once a month to report on nudist news and any proposed legislation affecting nudists. We do this for an hour, and we offer advice and sometimes we



decide it is something important enough to issue an Action Alert to fight or to support.

Most nudists are not aware of our successes beating back proposed restrictions and penalties, and also the ones we sometimes lose. Beaches and hot springs and hiking trails on public land are often won or retained because of the work of this dedicated band of activists.

GAT uses a nationwide service, *CQTracking*, which alerts us to any legislative bills that contain certain key words, such as “nude,” “park,” and “beach.” Some of us also employ Google to alert us to community issues. Some of our recent issues have included the use of drones, top freedom, backyard privacy, and phone “sexting.”

We also try to cultivate friends among local officials and politicians. It is always frustrating that many are willing to help us privately but they won't do so publicly.

And sometimes we go to court, filing suit or joining others fighting the good fight.

Your ability to enjoy your moments in the sun on your towel often is a result of these unsung heroes working in the background on your behalf.

The legislatures all come back into session in January and several allow bills to be submitted in December. Be aware that Government Affairs is one of the critical uses of your AANR dues money.

We are all volunteers; there is no paid staff. **We can always use more help.** If you think you can spare a little time each month, please give us a hand as the more eyes we have working on this the better the job we can do for all nudists everywhere. Contact us at information@aanrwest.com if you want to give us about an hour of your time per month to help protect your naturist way of life.



Pirates Cove is near San Luis Obispo, along the Central California Coast.

Good News from Pirates Cove Beach: Permanent Status Granted

By Gene & Cathy Quayle

There is pretty much universal agreement that the year 2020 sucks. But we managed to find something to be thankful for. Our favorite nude beach, Pirates Cove, will remain "clothing optional" valid for the life of the project. San Luis Obispo County Parks Department has been granted a Coastal Development Permit to improve the parking lot area of Pirates Cove. The plan includes improving the parking lot by adding fill and leveling out all the deep ruts in the parking lot, adding a few ADA parking spaces, adding trash enclosures, interpretive signs, and a maintenance and operation plan.

But the most important part to us is that the project includes retaining the current clothing optional use of the beach.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of this permit. If you have dealt with government regulations and permits you will understand. This permit is now final and the period for appeal has expired. Part of permit DRC2020-00097 ongoing conditions of approval (valid for the life of the project) is this item 19: **"THE CLOTHING OPTIONAL BEACH USE SHALL CONTINUE ON-SITE."** In the past, nude beach access at other beaches across the country has been taken away when local Parks Departments simply changed their rules and regulations to prohibit nudity. Or when County Supervisors vote to ban all public nudity. Once that happens, it is very difficult to get clothing optional use back again. (Look at what happened to Bates Beach). Nothing is impossible, but having this permit means that our right for nudity at this one beach cannot be taken away without a public hearing to amend an existing Coastal Development Permit.

On October 19 the project gained another milestone. Roughly half the necessary funding was granted when the Coastal Conservancy awarded a \$250,000 matching grant to complete this project. Usually what happens, when half the funding is granted, the County will find a way to fund the rest rather than lose those funds. So, hopefully, at this time next year the project will be complete.

On this Thanksgiving Day 2020, we are truly thankful that at Pirates Cove, we can have Thanksgiving without "dressing". And for many more years to come.



ARIZONA

• BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)

Tucson's Buff-A-Teers will host one clothing optional outing event this month on December 20 as we will return to the beautiful 120-acre resort, The Desert Sanctuary. To top off the group's holiday celebrations, there will be an exciting Grinch Christmas Gift exchange.

All Buff-A-Teers members are looking forward to seeing each other one last time this year while being steadfast in their determination to maintain a healthy and safe, clothing-optional environment.

For more information about the Tucson Buff-A-Teers club, please send email queries to tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com or call (520) 298-2427. You can also check out the club's activities on Meetup.com under Tucson Clothing Optional Recreation Meetup or on their website at <https://sites.google.com/site/tucsonbuffateers/>.

There are no plans yet for January 2021 and beyond.

• MOHAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)

Mohave SUN Club held a "textile chili dinner" on Saturday December 5 with people bringing sides to the London Bridge Park on the channel on the island side. Members wore masks and practiced social distancing. Outdoor games followed by watching the Parade of Christmas boats through the channel after dusk. There was a prize for the best Holiday Hat.

Contact us at mohavesunclub@gmail.com

• SHANGRI LA (NEW RIVER)

Shangri La conducted a canned food/cash charity drive this past month (see story on page 4). The club is keeping its upcoming Holiday events to members only at this time. Check the club website for further details: <https://shangrilaranch.com/>

• MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)

No December events are posted on their web site. COVID-19 update 11/01/2020:

We are open to room rentals; Day guests are welcome The Cantina is open for to-go cocktails 9-5 daily; The Desert Cafe is open for dine in and carry out Friday, Saturday and Sunday; The Lounge is open Friday and Saturday. Please contact us if you have any questions, call 520-744-2355 for details

CALIFORNIA

• DE ANZA SPRINGS (JACUMBA)

According to Gary Holden, the De Anza Springs Activities & Marketing Director, the club has had to cancel all activities for the month of December because of stricter COVID-19 guidelines imposed by San Diego County.

• GLEN EDEN (TEMESCAL VALLEY)

Glen Eden is adopting a local Horsethief Canyon family, a single mom and her three children, one six year old boy, and two girls, one is seven and one is eight, Please bring your donations of new unopened items, gift cards, or cash to the office or the Sunshine Café before December 6. Also, the club is collecting canned goods for the local food banks.

GE is hosting Pottery Studio Classes online across several days throughout December. Sign up in the office.

All other activities at the club have been cancelled through New Year's because of the rise in COVID-19 cases in the county and new sequestering regulations that the county has imposed on all local businesses.

The Sunshine Café provided takeout of some delicious turkey dinners to those who ordered in advance.

• NORTHERN CA EXPOSURE / RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)

All events through the end of the year remain cancelled. Once we have a firm date when social activities are again the norm, we will let you know when we will hold these events.

• LAGUNA DEL SOL (WILTON, NEAR SACRAMENTO)

We regret we will not be having a craft fair December 5 as originally planned. There are no other December events planned. Visitors are still welcome. The restaurant is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday for takeout only, with a limited menu.

• LUPIN LODGE (LOS GATOS, NEAR SAN JOSE)

This is a friendly reminder that COVID-19 is still very much a threat to our livelihood. We have been very lucky at Lupin and are continuing to keep safety at the forefront of our mission. PLEASE remember to WEAR YOUR MASK and maintain a 6 FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCE from anyone not in your immediate family or pod. We need everyone to adhere to these guidelines to provide a safe space to gather.

Friday November 27 was the annual cutting of the club Christmas tree. There were also several self-guided nature hike in the hills above the park to enjoy the fall changing colors. Saturday was Game Night on the restaurant lawn by the fire pit.

In December, music on the lawn will be provided every Saturday and Yoga classes are scheduled for Sundays. No other events are on the December calendar.

- **OLYMPIAN CLUB (RIVERSIDE)**

The Olympian Club plans a Zoom Happy Hour on December 12 at 5 pm with a Christmas theme. Members are asked to provide their own appetizers and beverages. Sharing of holiday recipes is encouraged. Contact: CarolynAmour@yahoo.com to RSVP.

- **SEQUOIANS (EAST BAY)**

Sequoians is the San Francisco Bay area's membership-based destination for nude recreation. Their open season is April through October. For members, most facilities are closed by order of the County of Alameda, including the rec hall, hot tub and cooking facilities. The hiking trails are open as are several sunning areas.

For more information, email: sequoians@gmail.com or phone: 510-582-0194.

- **OLIVE DELL RANCH (COLTON)**

Visit Olive Dell Ranch's Facebook page for the most recent information about restrictions. You must maintain proper social distancing from other guests at all times. Many of the chairs and lounges were removed from the patio and pool area to enforce social distancing. Masks are optional.

During December, their web site calendar shows a tree trimming party set for December 13, a Christmas Day potluck, and a New Year's Eve Dance Party.

- **SCNA (LOS ANGELES)**

SCNA will be doing an online game party on December 5 at noon, and an Online Christmas Party and White Elephant gift exchange on December 13, also at noon. The annual club awards for member volunteer of the year, best potluck cook, and new member of the year will be presented at this time.

Paralleling these events will be the monthly Men's Only Nude Yoga classes in Canoga Park as well as Co-Ed Nude Yoga classes that take place online.

We continue to host two online monthly Meetup dinners for the greater LA area and Ventura/Carpinteria.

COLORADO

- **MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER)**

Report from Oliver: "The infection rate here in the Denver area is scary again now, although the rural areas are in better shape. Everyone at MAR is healthy. Only full members are allowed on the property now.

The only December events we have are Christmas decorations at individual sites so people can drive through the park and enjoy them. The December 12 cookie and gift program for our kids has been cancelled, as has our New Year's Eve party. The restaurant is offering only take-out or outside dining. I'm looking forward to a joyful holiday."

NEW MEXICO

- **ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)**

Roadrunners have canceled all of our events for the month December. Email us at: RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com

NEVADA

- **LAS VEGAS BARES**

Email for event information to nakedinvegas@yahoo.com

- **LAS VEGAS NATURISTS**

Email for event information at: actionnude@gmail.com

- **NORTHERN NEVADA NATURISTS (LAKE TAHOE)**

Because there have been a large number of active COVID-19 cases in the Reno area this month, and because outside temperatures are hovering around 30 degrees, the Northern Nevada Naturists club is pretty quiet for the holidays.

"We did finally launch a new web page at <https://nnnaturist.org>. Hope to get some activities soon."

We are approaching local movie theaters to arrange a private movie night as many are heavily advertising private showings in the local media. No takers yet.

- **TAHOE AREA NATURISTS**

TAN reports people have stopped visiting both Sand Harbor and Zephyr Cove because the weather has turned cold and there is now snow on the ground around the lake.

HAWAII

Many of the quarantine mandates in the state are slowly being lifted, but still there are no planned activity this month in any of the clubs or beaches.

UTAH

- **SUNS (ST. GEORGE)**

The SUNS activity scheduled for November 21 was cancelled. Our next activity is scheduled for December 12 where we are planning a fun holiday party. Wishing all of our SUNS friends a very holiday season.

Contact us at: info@SouthernUtahNaturistSociety.org or 801-252-5055.

- **WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)**

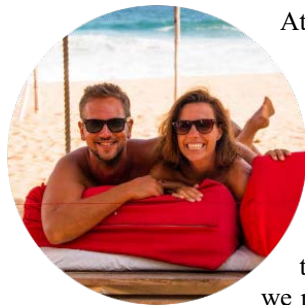
With the recent COVID spike in Utah, our in-person events are still on hold. We hope to resume our monthly swims and other activities as soon as the pandemic is under control. For more information, email the club at: wasatchnaturists@gmail.com

What Will Nourist Vacations Look Like in 2021?

By Naked Wanderings, November 16, 2020

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For avid travelers like ourselves, 2020 was the weirdest year ever. We had gotten so used to being able to hop on a bus, train, plane, Uber, or rickshaw and end up at another spot on this world. Then suddenly, it stopped. Conversations about traveling were flooded with new terms like “staycation”, “red zone”, and “quarantine”.



At first, we never thought that the virus would make it outside of Asia. Then we figured that it would be gone after a month or so. When that didn't happen, all eyes were on a possible vaccine by the end of the year. Now that the end of the year is near, we realize that we might be stuck

with this virus for a while to come.

But all of that is history, let's look forward to how this pandemic will influence our naturist vacations in 2021 and maybe completely change the way we travel.

Is the Staycation Here to Stay?

From July to September, parts of the world briefly opened up again, and traveling, although limited, reappeared on the possibilities list. We took advantage of that, but not in the way we had planned. Given the constantly changing rules and measures, we gave up on the idea to visit several European countries and picked a safer choice instead: A big road trip through France. This way we could stay within one country, and we weren't too far away from Belgium, a place in which we were sure to find shelter and health care if things would go wrong.

Many shared this way of thinking and staycations and nearby holidays grew in popularity. It quickly became obvious that resorts in or near the countries where the majority of their guests come from were thriving, whereas resorts that are used to receive many visitors from far away weren't doing all that well.

We've all seen the news articles of people getting stranded, sick, or worse in a foreign country and the question is how long these images will be stuck in our heads. Will we be more concerned about the possible risks of long-distance vacations in the future? Time will tell. What is sure is that in 2020, lots of naturists have (re)discovered their local resorts and have realized that a bright white beach or the Caribbean sun doesn't have to be a necessity for a successful naturist vacation.

Party Like It's 2019

Another increasingly popular term of 2020 is “COVID-fatigue”. For many months, we've been dealing with a constant threat of illness, death, and economical disasters. Our typical methods to cope with such fears like social gatherings, comforting hugs, or even a museum visit are being denied.

This led to another (unfortunate) trend of the summer. People started using vacations as an escape from this emotional exhaustion. An escape from COVID. A chance to party like it was still 2019. Although understandable, such a mentality will have consequences for tourism in the long run. At the time of writing, many countries are still closed to foreigners. If travelers would show responsibility and care about the safety of the local people, this would facilitate opening up more vacation destinations.

How to Help Your Nourist Resort

Many naturist resorts in the northern hemisphere can consider themselves somewhat lucky because they have been able to receive guests during the summer months. Other regions were less fortunate. **Thailand** was quickly on the rise to become a popular destination for tropical naturist vacations. The first naturist resort opened less than a decade ago. In 2019, there were five resorts. Four additional naturist resorts appeared by early 2020. But since the naturist vacation industry in Thailand highly depends on intercontinental visitors, today that number dropped back down to 5 naturist resorts.

Through early bookings, you provide the resort some financial stability and you may even benefit from early-bird discounts.

How Will We Travel in 2021 and Beyond?

The news during the COVID-pandemic wasn't all negative. The worldwide shutdown of factories and traffic earlier this year painted blue skies and bright suns in even the most polluted cities. What the environmental movements couldn't accomplish during the last years, was achieved by an invisible virus. Now that we've seen the possibilities and smelled the fresh air, will we become more conscious about our ecological footprint?

One more trend in naturist vacations of 2020 was an uprise in first timers. While the overall number of guests dropped, many resort owners reported a growing number of guests that wanted to try naturism for the first time. The option of a new experience in times when not much is possible and the health benefits that are linked to naturism proved to be a great combo. We definitely hope that this new insight is also one to stay.

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