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AANR-West Board Meeting Moved to De Anza Springs for Nov 14

Here are the links if you want to tune in:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/352860141>.

The AANR-West Board Fall Board meeting will be held Saturday, November 14 at the De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, California.

The Fall meeting is when the Board creates and approves its budget for the following calendar year. The 2021 budget will be particularly scrutinized as we do not yet know the impact of COVID-19 on our membership numbers or what activities we can plan.

The meeting will open at 9 am and last until about 5:30 pm as the nine Board members and four officers deliberate on the best ways to carry out our mission. Such topics as what trade shows to attend, launching a new Passport program, establishing inter-club sports competitions, and finding alternative sources of revenue will all be on the table.

Also to be discussed is the final design for the new AANR-West GPS T-shirt, to be sold by the region starting next year and also through the 2021 Passport books. More about this in the December newsletter

We originally announced the meeting would be at the Glen Eden Sun Club near Corona, but a sudden increase in COVID-19 cases in that club's county caused restrictions on meetings to be re-imposed (see Club News elsewhere in this newsletter). The region quickly moved the meeting to a different county with a lower COVID-19 infection rate, about two hour's drive to the south. We hope to return to Glen Eden in the future once the virus regulations allow.

At the new location we are allowed to meet in person, with mask and social distancing protocols in force. De Anza graciously stepped up on short notice and we appreciate their hospitality.

AANR members are invited to attend (either in person or by video link) and advocate for specific programs and policies if they wish.



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



AANR-West July Convention Featured on ClothesFree International Video Blog

AANR-West is featured in another video show produced by ClothesFree International. This show, #366 released October 24, 2020 highlights the AANR-West Convention at Shangri-la Nudist Ranch in Arizona.

On the show is an interview with Bev Price, past President of AANR and newly elected AANR Trustee representing our Western Region. Two members of the AANR-West Board of Directors, Treena Saavedra and Linda Weber talk about their work promoting women in nude recreation. The reporter also interviews various members of Shangri-la Ranch.

On the October 31 show, Linda Weber gets her own 3-minute interview to discuss her current project to help normalize nudity across the world. She invites everyone to submit a photo of themselves to the hashtag **#iamthefaceofnaturism** in hopes that the world can see nudists are all around and they are the same as everybody else.

These videos may be seen at: <https://clothesfree.com/videos>. There is a CFI membership fee required for viewing.



The above images are screen shots from the Clothes Free videos #366 and #367.

Reminder: Co-Op Advertising Receipts Deadline is November 30

AANR Western Region chartered clubs may be reimbursed for advertising in outside (non-nudist) publications or online sites. To qualify for reimbursement:

- (a) the advertising must specifically have a link to the AANR-West website home page (www.aanrwest.org) and
- (b) the logos of AANR, or AANR-West (or both) should be displayed if space permits, and
- (c) the club's website home page must provide a link to the AANR or AANR Western Region website page.

(d) Copies of 2020 club receipts or bills which have been paid, and a copy of the advertising must be submitted to the AANR-West Treasurer no later than Nov 30.

(e) Ads in AANR's *The Bulletin* and other AANR publications are not eligible for reimbursement. Advertising in any other nudist publication must have prior approval of the AANR-West President for reimbursement.

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.

AANR International 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.

AANR Office News

New AANR Website Includes Searchable Club Benefits List

General

- Limited Number of Non-Member Visits Policy
 - Quiet hours
 - Gay Men's Club
 - Retirement Community
- Nudity**
- Clothing Optional
 - Nudity Required
 - Nudity required at pool/jacuzzi/spa

Gender/Age/Marital/Family

- Age Discounts Available
- Club has Non-Discrimination Policy
- Families welcome
- Gender Quotas on Membership
- Gender Quotas on visiting
- LGBTQ ally
- Singles friendly
- Under 18 Not Admitted
- Under 21 Not Admitted
- Under 18 Restrictions on Activities

Technology

- Electronics allowed
- Electronics in Designated Areas
- Wi-Fi

One of the new features on every Club Page on the AANR website is a checklist where clubs can mark what facilities it has, types of activities it promotes, and what (if any) policies it has about singles, families, etc.

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

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

Call the main AANR office and ask for Arlette at (800) 879-6833 to learn how to enter your club's information.

A partial list sample is shown above.

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

We invite you to contact AANR Club and Member Relations Director Carolyn Hawkins to schedule a session for your club's Certifying Officers and other leaders 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.

Normalizing Nudity is New YouTube Subscription Channel

On October 4, photographer Rick Anthony launched a new YouTube channel called *Normalizing Nudity*, where he interviews various people – so far, mostly nude models – about their experiences with nudity, how it feels, relationships with non-nudist friends, etc.

The publisher is based in Colorado Springs. There are nine episodes posted as of November 1. To view and/or subscribe, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9I3XZSbrSDbSvFL6B3Cig?app=desktop>



The Wide World of Nudist Sports



Olive Dell Hosts Annual "Naked Beer Mile" Run

By Dennis Crane, NitOC

Probable a more accurate title to this article would be: **The Alcoholics Who DON'T Remain Anonymous Beer Run.**

Olive Dell Ranch's Naked Beer Mile traditionally is run on Saturday, before the grueling Bare Burro 5K. Due to COVID-19, these events were postponed until the weekend of October 24-25.

This year we had about 40 people participate in the Beer Mile, which was smaller than last year but considering the virus restrictions, still a pretty good turnout. The weather at the time of the race was in the mid-60's, so drinking a cold beer was not as refreshing in previous years, but those of who signed up did so because it remains one of the most stupidly fun races you can ever do, regardless of the weather. It starts out really competitive, yet by the time we all cross the finish line, nobody really cares who won.

Before the start, everyone must raise their right hand to take a verbal oath, which went something like this:

1. *I will drink more than I think I can*
2. *I will be drunker than I think I am*
3. *I will not barf*

The race is a quite simple concept. It's held on a 1/8 mile stretch on one of the roads at ODR. You start your uphill at the top when you give the manager, Becki Kilborn, a high five. You then turn around and run back down the hill and drink a full can of beer back at the start. For those who don't want a beer, there are sodas, but in reality, this is a worse choice because of all the carbonation!

So, the run sequence goes like this: Drink a beer as fast as you can, hold the empty over your head, and run 1/4 mile. Repeat three more times (if you can).

Along the sides of the course there are many people who applauded the runners. Their cheers inspired us on when things started to get a little fuzzy in the brain. I noticed Brian, one of the new owners of ODR, was cheering us on from the patio.

I also noticed as the race went on, that several of the runners got creative with the rules. I saw one person shake their beer can first before opening, causing lots of beer to "accidentally" shoot out for the can, thus leaving a little less for them to guzzle. I saw others letting the beer run down their chin onto the ground, essentially with the same result as the first guy. Later, one other said, "Oh I have to pee" and spilled some of his beer near his crotch area. Me... well, I drank half of my beer and handed it to someone and said, "hey, hold my beer and watch this", and I went and ran.

The beauty of the Beer Mile is people really do forget what lap they are on. Some people ran only 3 laps, some 4 laps (a full mile) and a few guys ran 5 laps because they lost count. I suspect a few might still be running if we had not stopped them.

But once the finish line is crossed, there is an amazing participant medal for you: it's a recycled beach shovel.

Patrick, one of the race organizers, runs along Manhattan Beach often. While running, he picks up the discarded beach shovels left on the sand. He repurposes these into our winner medallions. I cannot express how much meaning these have to us. Patrick has picked up someone else's trash and turned it into gold for us. And just to show off, a few runners wore their past "medals" during the race as badges of honor!

If you have never done a Beer Mile, this is the best way to do it, nude and breaking all the rules along the way. Trust me, you won't get banned from next year's run.

Cheers!



Olive Dell's Annual Bare Burro 5K Run Is Great Fun!

by Rolf Holbach

Thanks to the COVID-19 crisis, Olive Dell's 11th annual Bare Burro 5K race was delayed from their traditional date in April to Sunday, October 25th. I arrived at the gate a few moments before it opened at 8 am and drove right up to my surprise. There were only a couple of cars parked on the side instead of a huge line as there have been in years past.

We got a table on the patio and settled in with a hot cup of coffee for one of the premier naturist events in Southern California. While it was overcast and only in the low 70's it was really perfect weather for running a 5K.

As in the last couple of years, I didn't walk, or run in the race, but attended to represent the SCNA, greet members, answer questions about the club, and catch up with old friends from Olive Dell and other groups. I got to meet one of our newest members in person, Zachary, and present him with his new membership card!

Whether it was due to COVID-19, or the cooler weather, only around 120 people showed up to participate in the race. This was down from over 300 last year. In order to safely distance everyone, the runners were grouped into small groups of 5 that were set off on the course at timed intervals starting at 10:30 am. Also, the starting gate was reversed this year, so the runners had to start running uphill right away. Most of the runners will tell you that it's a challenging course.

The fastest runners started arriving back in just over 20 minutes with the rest of the runners and walkers coming in over the next 90 minutes. Around 12:30 the awards ceremony started with the top three contenders in every age group receiving a nice medal and some Gooder® sunglasses.

Congratulations to AANR-West board member Claudia Kellersch and her son Alexander (second photo at right) who both medaled in their age divisions.

About 10 minutes into the ceremony an intermittent drizzle began coming down on us. Some of the runners said it felt good after their race. The drizzle only lasted about 20 minutes and by mid-afternoon the sun finally broke through.

We highly recommend this event, whether you want to run, walk, or just come out, and enjoy the afternoon naturally!

Olive Dell is planning on hosting the 2021 race back at its usual date and time in late April. Note: The Boston Marathon, originally scheduled for April, will be postponed until at least autumn, 2021, so all serious runners have no schedule conflict should they wish to fulfill their bucket list item and run in the Bare Burro event!

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How the Results of the November Election Affects Nudists

After all the angst and tension leading up to the November 3 general election, it seems the voters have decided that they prefer the existing status quo, at least at the Congressional and state legislative levels. Here are two reports:

National Policy

By John Hunter, GAT, jhunter@aanr.com

First, I don't anticipate anything happening legislatively to directly affect social nudism. It is likely that Congress would continue to defer to the states on such matters.

Second, there could be changes by any of the land managing agencies to the Code of Federal Regulations. For example, the **National Park Service** could ban nudity across the board, instead of just at certain units, such as Cape Cod. However, I don't see that as probable. More likely would be regulatory changes at specific parks. And I see that happening only where park staff resources are not adequate to control crowds in places where numbers of users have increased dramatically because of opportunities to be nude (as at **Gunnison Beach** at Gateway NRA and at Fire Island). It could happen also where textile users have complained about proximity to nude users and the nudists haven't made a strong enough case for their rights. That kind of situation in the NPS is usually dealt with by banning nudity though a new Superintendent's Compendium that does not have to be publicly reviewed like regulatory changes do. I imagine similar arrangements would be made by the other agencies.

Third, I believe that the most likely losses of nude recreational opportunities would come as a result of cutbacks to staffing and maintenance by the land managing agencies due to insufficient funding. When an agency doesn't have enough money, it typically will tighten its belt by restricting access to certain places where they can't maintain ranger patrols or by discontinuing maintenance of roads, trails, campgrounds, and other amenities with the result that people no longer are attracted to those places.

While restrictions such as these can be handled by a Superintendent's Compendium initially, if enough units face the same situation, we likely will see agency-wide regulations put in place. Similarly, we could even see some units closed entirely or turned over to state operation.

My opinion is a Biden administration would try to maintain recreational funding and restore environmental protections that Trump has cut, but this could be hamstrung by insufficient Congressional funding.

State by State Results

By Gary Mussell

Arizona

This state narrowly went for President-elect Joe Biden over President Donald Trump by about 60,000 votes (unofficial).

Former astronaut and gun-control activist Mark Kelly defeated incumbent U.S. Senator Martha McSally (R) by 53% to 47%. This is the first time since 1953 that the state has been represented by two Democrat senators.

The state's nine U.S. House seats remain split between five Democrats and four Republicans.

In the legislature, Arizona remains a Republican "trifecta" at the state level. Democrats thought they had a chance at winning a majority in the state House, but they fell short by 3 seats. Bottom line is no change in policy is expected for nudists.

Last, Arizona voters decided by a wide margin to legalize possession and recreational use of marijuana.

California

This state remains the "bluest" of the "blue" states, with Democrats holding all statewide elected offices, and holding a 2/3 majority in both the State Assembly and State Senate. The California Senate will go from a 29-11 Democratic majority before the election to a 32-8 majority following the election as three Republican incumbents lost their races. By comparison, no incumbents in the Assembly lost their race on election night. The first openly bisexual, 25-year-old Alex Lee was elected to the Assembly.

New bills can be introduced starting December 1.

Fifty-three members of Congress come from California. Each party flipped one seat with three still too close to call. The current count is 40 Democrats, 13 Republicans.

There was no election this year for U.S. Senator from the state. However, with the election of **Kamala Harris** to the Vice Presidency, Governor Gavin Newsome gets to appoint her successor (who will need to run again in 2022).

California Beaches Towns

Carpinteria

Our favored candidates won their seats on the Carpinteria City Council in last Tuesday's election. As expected, Mayor Wade Nomura was re-elected in a landslide and Natalia Alarcon won the open seat vacated by our friend Council member Fred Shaw. McIntire, who opposed our beach, came in a distant third.

Pirates Cove, San Luis Obispo

Farther north in Pismo Beach, we had mixed results. Scott Newton, a friend of nearby Pirate's Cove nude beach came in first place for city council, but incumbent Erik Howell, another friend of the beach placed third and lost his seat since only the top two won. Howell is also on the CA

Coastal Commission and has been a staunch champion of the beach, but his loss also means he loses that appointment.

The Governor gets to appoint Howell's replacement and so we are lobbying for him to appoint Newton. We will not know his choice for a few more weeks.

Colorado

Ex-Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) won the Colorado U.S. Senate seat currently held by Sen. Cory Gardner (R) by a 55% - 45% margin.

Democrats also picked up a Congressional seat making that count now four Dems and three Republicans, with one not yet decided. Congressman Jared Polis will be the country's first openly gay man to serve as governor.

Colorado's State Senate also flipped with 18 Dems and 17 Republicans, while the state House now has a Democratic majority 37-23, a net gain of four for the Democrats.

Coloradans also approved the state joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Hawaii

Hawaii has been a Democratic trifecta for many years, controlling all state elected offices, and both state houses by wide margins. The party won the single US Congressional seat by a 50% vote margin. Of the seven seats up for election in the State Senate, Democrats won 6 and Republicans won 1. In the State House of Representatives, Democrats won 27 and Republicans won 3.

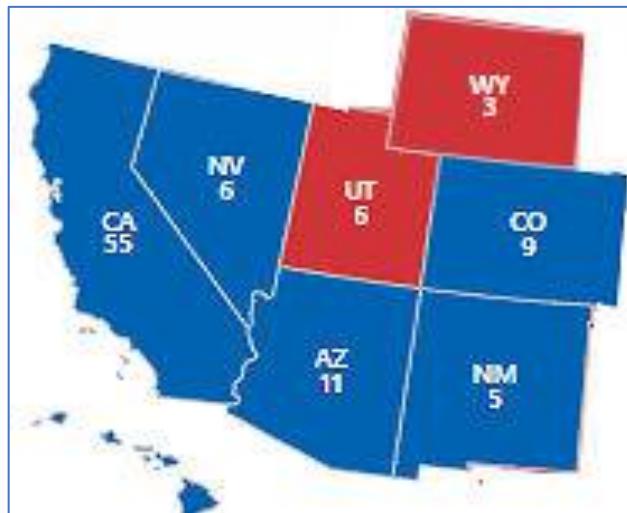
Biden won the state's 4 presidential electors, 64% to 34%. Hawaii has not supported a Republican candidate for president since 1984.

Nevada

Biden remains ahead of Trump in the presidential election by nearly 3%, although some are asking for a recount. No Republican presidential candidate has carried Nevada since 2004.

Two incumbent U.S. House members, Republican Mark Amodei in northern Nevada and Democrat Dina Titus in Las Vegas won reelection Tuesday. The other House race is still too early to call. Democrats continue to control both houses of the state legislature by wide margins.

Nevada voters overwhelmingly agreed to make the state the first in the nation to protect same-sex marriage in its constitution.



The AANR-West region covers eight states and western Mexico. This map shows how the Western Region voted for president, November 2020 (Blue = Biden, Red = Trump).

New Mexico

Biden won the state 54%-43%. Democrats expanded their domination of the state's legislature. State Senate: 26 Dems to 15 GOP, State House: 42 Dems and 25 GOP. Women are expected to hold a majority of seats in the state House for the first time. New Mexico elected its first Black senator. Harold Pope Jr., a Democrat, defeated a three-term incumbent to win Albuquerque's District 23. Three Senate races and five House races remain undecided.

Democrat Ben Ray Luján won the open U.S. Senate seat. His victory ends a 44-year hiatus from Hispanic leadership in New Mexico's U.S. Senate delegation. The last was Democratic Sen. Joseph Montoya, who lost reelection in 1976.

Utah

Utah remains a Republican trifecta, controlling the governorship as well as a large majority in both the State Senate and State House although the Democrats had a net gain of four seats in the lower house. Gov. Gary Herbert (R) did not run for re-election this year. Spencer Cox (R) defeated Chris Peterson (D) by 61% to 34%. This is the 11th consecutive gubernatorial election Utah Republicans have won, the longest current winning streak nationwide. Utah Republicans have controlled both U.S. Senate seats since 1947.

Wyoming

President Trump won 70% of the vote in this state. Republican Cynthia Lummis also won the open U.S. Senate seat with 73% of the vote. The state's sole member of Congress, Liz Cheney, daughter of the former U.S. Vice President, won with 68% of the vote.

Wyoming is also a Republican trifecta, with that party holding the governorship and a wide majority in both the legislative branches. Republican state representative Roy Edwards (R) died a day before the election but he won anyway.



CLUB NEWS

ARIZONA

• BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)

The Wesworld outing on October 24th was well attended and reminded me that it is important to have multiple events through the month scheduled for folks available to attend at their convenience. I counted 23 people at the outing in total - but not everyone was there at the same exact time. The weather was perfect, and we had good games of Timber Toss and horseshoes. A little later on the fancy hat competition brought out a number of rather colorful head gear. Unfortunately, the pumpkin carving contest didn't have any takers so, to help declutter our prize box, Hunter improvised by having a random drawing for prizes.

We will have another outing there on November 22 in anticipation of Thanksgiving.

Our Fall outing to Mira Vista will take place on Sunday, November 8. Members have a discounted rate of \$18 for the day fee and guests and newcomers will pay the regular day fee unless they already are a Mira Vista member.

I hope everyone is safe and well. I have not heard of any member coming down with the virus (knock on wood). I hope everyone continues to social distance, use masks and wash hands regularly. We seem to be doing better here in Pima County than Maricopa. but that can change if we let our guard down.

I hope that the year 2021 will eventually get us back to a sense of normalcy where lunch and dinner outings can resume. Until then, continue to be safe.

For more information about the Tucson Buff-A-Teers club please call 520-298-2427 or send email queries to tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com. You can also check us out on Meetup.com under Tucson Clothing Optional Recreation Meetup or at our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/tucsonbuffateers/> where we have updates regarding events.

• MOHAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)

Mohave SUN Club has rented a large cabin in the Hualapais Mountains for the weekend of November 13-15, which is now at full capacity. Our Holiday Party is December 4 at 5 pm at a member's home in Bullhead City. There will be an optional gift exchange where the gift can be stolen twice and stays with the third owner. There will be a holiday hat contest as well as best holiday nude costume and a holiday trivia game.

Nov 13-15 Camping weekend in cabins at Hualapai Mountain near Kingman by prior RSVP and attending

planning meeting prior. Outside activities such as golf frisbee and hiking will be textile with indoor meals and activities nude.

Contact us at mohavesunclub@gmail.com

• SHANGRI LA (NEW RIVER)

The Ranch is open to members and visitors. Check the club website for further details: <https://shangrilaranch.com/>

The AANR-West Fall Festival was held there October 9-11. Great water volleyball tournament with several teams from different clubs. About twenty people participated in the Billiards Tournament and twenty some played in the Pickleball Tournament. All had a great experience and lots of fun.

• MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)

The park is open for lodging and members every day. Day guests are welcome Monday through Friday. If you are a frequent day visitor, this is a good time to become a member, call 520-744-2355 for details. We ask that you do your part in practicing social distancing by 6 feet, washing your hands often and using common sense in social situations.

The Mira Vista Lounge is open Friday & Saturday night for indoor and outdoor seating. Happy Hour is 5 to 7 on Friday and 4 to 7 on Saturday with background music

The Desert Café is open Friday (lunch and dinner), Saturday (breakfast, lunch and dinner) & Sunday (breakfast and lunch).

Massage Therapy by appointment only: 60 minutes for \$80, 90 minutes for \$115.

CALIFORNIA

• DE ANZA SPRINGS (JACUMBA)

De Anza Springs has changed its weekly newsletter and transformed it into an on-line magazine. It covers not only club activities but also contains feature articles about different topics of interests to nudists. To sign up for a free issue, contact Graham Stewart at info@deanzaspring.com

COVID-19 Restrictions: De Anza Springs continues to provide a safe environment where social distancing remains a priority for most people. Masks are required in the clubhouse and they are optional outside on the porch. The indoor pool has a max occupancy of 15 people within the pool building. Both pools and the hot tub require the six-foot social distancing, as ordered by the State of California.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office during normal business hours.

• GLEN EDEN (TEMESCAL VALLEY)

We celebrated a "Horror" filled Halloween at GE.

The transvestites, ingénues and assorted fantasy characters all showed up for social distanced, outdoor dinner gathering (BYO food and beverage) and viewing of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Halloween. Guests received a goodie bag of props for audience participation,

including newspapers to cover their heads from the rain (supplied by squirt guns), clappers, bells, blue rubber gloves and flashlights. The costume contest revealed some clear winners, T.B., P.M. and K.W. stole the show in their gender bender outfits.



Steve Spencer writes:

At the October Board Meeting the following major outcomes resulted from another marathon meeting:

GE club elections: All corporation members should have received a ballot in the mail for the election of officers, board members, and IR committee members. Please complete your ballot and return it before the November 13 deadline.

The Board approved recommendations from the Recreation Committee to expand activities following risk/mitigation planning and state and county requirements. As a result, the committee will be working on planning bi-monthly activities.

Many thanks to Cheryl L. and her team for making October Fest a success...the German Potato Salad was a hit! Proved we can plan and execute recreation events and maintain COVID-19 precautions

We salute our Veterans in a special ceremony November 11 at noon in the main recreation area.

Saturday Nov 14 will be Godfather Night, with special Italian food and a showing of The Godfather movie, of course, on the outdoor stage.

November 24 will be the annual Turkey Trot Poker Run. Decorate your golf carts! This is followed by the Fall Harvest Dinner and Comedy Show.

The Sunshine Café is also open on weekends for take-out orders. Glen Eden is family and pet friendly.

- **NORTHERN CA EXPOSURE / RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)**

All events through November 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)**

The December 5 Craft Fair wil be held downstairs in the lounge with plenty of room for social distancing, if enough vendors are interested. Please let the office know ASAP if you want to be a vendor. The table fees will be collected for charity.

While we're pretty certain that there won't be a drawing for New Year's Eve party tickets, it can still be a festive day to do a little shopping! NYE low-key festivities will be determined by government guidelines as we get closer to the date and see what options are available.

Halloween was celebrated at the Volleyball Courts on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct 31. We had BBQ/Drinks, Games, Face Mask Decorating, and a Photo Booth. There was also a Pumpkin Carving Contest. And a Best Costume Contest in categories of scariest, funniest, couples, best mask, and people's choice. A Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade started at 6:30 pm. Social distancing and face coverings were required and incorporated into many of the costumes.

- **LUPIN LODGE (LOS GATOS, NEAR SAN JOSE)**

Halloween Party at Lupin Lodge, 2020

By R.A.S.

It was a Halloween weekend at Lupin complete with a full moon and not just any full moon but a blue moon. We celebrated with dancing and trick or treating and having a steam punk party as well. We even had yoga and hikes and progressive art.

Let's start with Friday evening and the day before the full moon there was a celebration with Karl and Lindsey on the sand court which kicked off the spooky side of the weekend. Then on Saturday we started with Dylan leading our Yoga class and taking people on a hike to the Labyrinth. Music on the lawn sounded great with amazing talent. We are so grateful to this wonderful Saturday event which has been filled with wonderful musicians from 12 to 6 every Saturday. Thanks to Dave T. and Sara and Charlie for spearheading it.

We had trick or treat for the young-un's on the lawn which seemed to be quite fun and then Moonbeam and Tangerine DJ'd the Halloween Costume party. Lots of folks showed up in costumes but the best original one went to Troy P. with the best couple costume going to Brandon and Rachel. Congratulations to all of you for your inventiveness. On Sunday, yoga was led by Francis and Mindy showed up to create great walking sticks at her progressive arts class. We also had our first Qi Gong session with Michael.

Save the date and RSVP to the Lupin office for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

- Earring Workshop - Thursday, November 19.
- Burlesque Weekend: *Kill Bill* - November 20-21.

• **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 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.

The 11th annual Bare Burro 5K Run was Sunday October 25 and the Naked Beer Mile was on the previous day, Saturday October 24. See story on page 4.

• **SCNA (LOS ANGELES)**

We are sad to report that Board member Cheryl Case died from natural causes in mid-October. She had been ill for some time.

Also, in October the club had a successful Ice Cream Social combined with an Oktoberfest on October 10 in Altadena. Attendance was limited to ensure proper social distancing. An Online Game and Cocktail Party October 24 attracted over 20 players from as far away as Canada.

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)**

By County rules, masks are still required inside all buildings (except when dining) and outdoors when social distancing of six feet is not possible.

MAR's lodge and the community kitchen have new colors for Fall. We thank those members who volunteered to help with the painting.

The club held a fun family weekend with a Halloween theme for the weekend of October 24-25. The **Boneyard Thriller** event was held mid-afternoon in the Tent Meadow, with a pumpkin carving, haunted hayride, and a headstone design contest. Members dressed like zombies for the Thriller (a la Michael Jackson's song) Dance.

The next day Sunday October 25, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm was the Ghouls and Goblins Nude Bowling at the Crown Lanes Bowling Center in Denver. People were invited to wear their favorite Halloween costume and your scariest looking COVID-19 mask. Open to members only.

Due to the uncertain nature of event planning during the pandemic there will not be an official calendar of events. The club website shows the scheduled November 21 Thanksgiving event has been cancelled.

NEW MEXICO

• **ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)**

Congratulations to Treena Saavedra who was elected the new club president at the elections held in mid-October. Treena is also a member of the AANR-West Board of Directors.

Otherwise, the Roadrunners have canceled all of our events for the month October.

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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)**

There were no planned activities for this club last month. Some members continue to visit Sand Harbor and Zephyr Cove on the east side of the lake.

• **TAHOE AREA NATURISTS**

TAN reports people continue to visit both Sand Harbor and Zephyr Cove although the weather has turned cold.

Tickets are being given to cars not parked behind the white lines on State Route 28 so be careful where you park!

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 SUN club held a logo competition. The rules:

1. A simple design is preferred.
2. Use only a few colors if possible.
3. The use of "SUNS" or "Southern Utah Naturist Society" is not required but may be incorporated if you choose.
4. Must fit on a business card and able to be enlarged for flyers and our website as well.
5. No nude photos should be included in the design.
6. People may submit as many entries as they wish.

Submissions has to be emailed by midnight November 2. We will announce the winners in next month's newsletter.

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Movie Review

SKIN: A History of Nudity in the Movies

By Gary Mussell

Did you know the first movie to win a best picture Oscar (the 1927 silent film "Wings") had both male AND female nudity? This and other fascinating facts are on display in this fascinating and definitive documentary on the history of nudity in the movies.

Director Danny Wolf traces nudity in Hollywood films since the late 1800s, beginning with the silent movie era through present day. By doing so, he also examines the changes in morality that led to the Motion Picture Production Code in 1934, which set moral guidelines for what's acceptable or unacceptable in the film industry. Wolf guides us through the puritanical hurdles of these rules, also called the "Hays Code," and the games of double entendre and innuendo played by script writers and the studios to get around it. Examples: can Jane Russell carefully bare cleavage to get by the censors? Are DeMille's Biblical epics okay for public consumption if the nudity is in the service of factually depicting Roman orgies?

To its credit, Wolf does not dwell on "great moments in nudity" but rather peppers his history with several dozen actors and directors whose performances marked the changes in what was accepted by an ever-changing public over time.

In 1968, the Code was replaced by the MPAA and its G, PG, PG-13, R, and NC-17 (originally "X") film ratings that we know presently.

Among the talking heads here are a who's who in Hollywood, including Peter Bogdanovich, Shannon Elizabeth, Pam Grier, Mariel Hemingway, Traci Lords, Malcolm McDowell, Eric Roberts, Kevin Smith, and Sean Young, among many more.

Also discussed are the contributions of actresses like Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield and Mamie Van Doren, "who knew way back when that sex sells."

I found particularly enlightening the comments by Malcolm McDowell on how *Caligula* was hijacked from a serious film and turned into soft porn. Director Amy Heckerling explained how *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* avoided an X rating by having the studio, over her objections, edit out the male frontal nudity in the essential sex scene between teens Jennifer Jason Leigh (her frontal nudity was okay) and Robert Romanus.

Shannon Elizabeth chats in the "Skin" documentary about her breakthrough role in *American Pie* whose foreign-exchange student Nadia disrobes to just her panties. The movie "changed everything," she says. "If I hadn't done the nudity, I might not have a career today."

The film also digs into the impact of the #MeToo movement that is challenging the power of present-day entertainment industry practices. It singles out the discredited Harvey Weinstein and also others who have been accused of improper and/or illegal behavior.

It culminates with a look at CGI nudity that seems a large part of motion pictures' future. The documentary will compare the use of nudity to further storylines vs. simple exploitation and discuss how nudity is used in movies today with the explosion of must-see television (*Game of Thrones*, *Shameless*) and its influence on the film medium. It also informs that actors and actresses now typically have very detailed contractual protection in regard to nudity.

The documentary runs a very fast 2 hours 10 minutes in length. It is available through Vudu, iTunes, and other Video on Demand platforms like Fandango Now and Google Play. On Prime Video, one can rent it for \$3.99.

A nice preview summary can be seen on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYMjiYXY1xA>

It is well worth seeking out!

