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Calif Fires Cause Postponement of Lupin 85th Anniversary Celebration

The following announcement was sent August 26 to all Lupin Lodge newsletter subscribers:

“We have decided to postpone our 85th Anniversary celebration out of respect for those who are grieving and displaced and to encourage everyone to stay safe while the air quality is still vacillating between healthy and unhealthy.

“We will celebrate September 26th and hope you'll choose to join us then.

“Lupin Lodge endured the Lexington Hills fire in July 1985, but thankfully we have been safe from fire this year.

“Our hearts go out to all those who have been fighting against, affected by and perished from the wildfires. This has been a devastating week in California.

“To help support disaster relief, consider donating to the California Fire Foundation.”

<https://www.cafirefoundation.org/programs/wildfire-relief-programs/>



For more than a week, much of the northern coast and also central valley of California has suffered from smoky skies and acrid-tasting air quality.

As of Saturday, August 29, there have been 7,175 separate fires (of greater than 10 acres each) burning in the state since July 1, covering over 1,660,332 acres burned. There have been 7 fatalities and an estimated 2,635 structures have been destroyed.

Fighting the fires was hampered by a lack of personnel on the front lines. Usually, convict labor is used to supplement the regular forces, but the prisons in the state have been locked down due to COVID-19. California is now receiving additional aid from neighboring states.

So far, the fires have not threatened any nudist parks, although Bonny Doon State Beach above Santa Cruz is only a mile from the southern line of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire. Henry Cowell State Park, inland above UC Santa Cruz is closed. It has a well-known skinny-dipping river beach.

Lupin is located about five miles east of the fire line as the crow flies, but it is separated by a mountain ridge and a major highway, and “the wind is blowing the other way,” according to a staff person we spoke to at Lupin. The park is accepting evacuees, and six families are there as we went to press with this newsletter.

Twitter Social Network Suspends AANR-West Without Explanation!

On Aug 5, we received a notice without warning that our popular Twitter site was being “temporarily restricted” for “violating Twitter Rules.” It didn’t say which rule or who has complained, if anyone. Since hundreds of other nudists sites remain okay, we appealed to learn why we were singled out, as this had happened to us before.

A week later Twitter replied we were now “suspended.” No explanation, no way to further appeal. This is not the first time this has happened. We are much more careful than most sites about the kinds of nude photos we use, and we regularly block followers whose personal pages contain pornography.

So, once again, we are mystified. But no fear, we will be back! Search for us when you log into Twitter to find our new regional page!

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Introducing a Young Adults Column



Timothy Sargent



Evan Nix

New Faces: Your AANR West Young Adults Committee

by Timothy Sargent & Evan Nix

At this year's annual meeting, two new faces to AANR West, Timothy Sargent and Evan Nix, were named co-chairs of the region's Young Adults Committee. This was a project neither of us expected, but one which we are both eager to tackle. We had never met each other before this surprising assignment, but in the weeks since the AANR West convention, we've already begun to have enthusiastic and productive conversations about our vision for this committee, and for this region. It's clear, we make a good team. However, since we are both new faces to AANR West members, we think a good way to start is to introduce ourselves to you as well.

Timothy hails from the Pacific Northwest, where he spent several years studying and eventually teaching at Portland State University. He recently moved to Los Angeles, where he now works in the world of pop culture. He also writes a blog called [@AlmostWildBlog](#) which focuses on youth and inclusivity in the naturist community, and he is on the **AANR International PR committee** as chair of the **Youth and Diversity Advisory Committee**.

Evan found his way to Southern California in 2015 from Las Vegas, by way of Denver, where he lived for ten years working in advertising as a director and editor. His great-great-grandfather was a prominent nudist and AANR president in the 1940's named Rudolph Johnson. It was through researching his ancestor that Evan became involved with naturism, and with the **Western Nudist Research Library**, where he now sits on the board of directors. As a nudism historian, Evan also runs the popular twitter account [@NaturistVintage](#).

We quickly recognized that we both share a great deal of reverence for AANR's history and its mission, as well as a passion for the importance of inclusivity for the future of our community. We recognize that fresh perspectives and new voices are an important part of keeping the naturist philosophy relevant for future generations, while also remaining rooted in our history.

As committee co-chairs, we are open to all sorts of new ideas and avenues, especially given the current obstacles we all face due to COVID-19. With these challenges come opportunities to spread our message using new forms of technology and media.

In future columns, we look forward to bringing the ideals of AANR West to a new generation of nudists and naturists, working to engage young people, and fostering an environment that welcomes all to this great way of life.

Other Region News

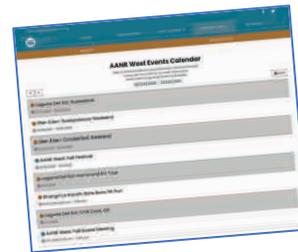
New AANR West Web Site Launched Sept 1

By Larry Gould, PhD,
AANR West Director in Charge of the new Web Site Committee

While the link remains the same – www.aanrwest.org – the look and arrangement of the region's website changed on September 1, with our move to a new web management company. Our old website served us well for several years but was in need of a major revamp to make it run faster and on a number of different kinds of devices.

At the direction of the Board the Website Committee has been working with our new website developer One Stone Web over the last couple of months. Not only did we revamp the website, we worked with One Stone Web to conduct the research needed to make sure that we created a web presence that is inviting to our truly diverse audience. Another positive aspect to our move to One Stone Web is a significant reduction in the cost of maintaining the website.

We are proud to say that we are one among the growing number of naturist groups doing business with One Stone Web, who also handles the websites for Shangri-La Ranch and De Anza Springs Resort. **Shangri-La was awarded the Best Web Site Award at the recent AANR national convention.**



There are many changes to the website. For example, it will be more compatible with mobile devices. The calendar page (left) will have a new look and be interactive with the club's website.

Other changes include a different color scheme and menu system, making it easier to find the most popular pages. We are reducing the amount of information on the site, as well as on each page so that the pages load faster and are more viewable on mobile devices. Finally, we are going to a system that uses TABS to reduce the amount of information on a single page.

We would like to thank Rocketboy Media for all of the work they did to make our former website as good as it could be.

Clubs: Please send us your calendar info on a regular basis so we can post it online.

The Contact email information@aanrwest.org remains the same.

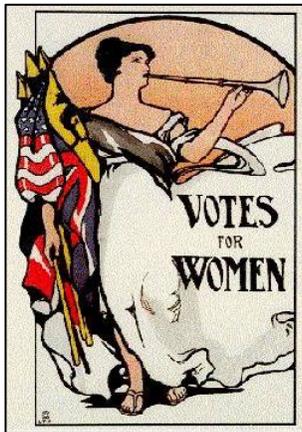


Laguna del Sol's Naked Man festival was cancelled due to COVID-19. All they got were some beautiful human-like butterflies, pictures above and below. The club tells us the butterflies give us all hope that LdS can make next year's event the best ever. Pictured from left to right are AANR-West Director Don Hubbard, George Galluzi., Terri Ortega, and Keahi Hubbard. The foursome fluttered around the park grounds and brought smiles to everyone.



Women in Nude Recreation

Naturist Women's Groups at Clubs Celebrate 100 Years of Suffrage



Over the past year, several of our clubs have started monthly or quarterly meetings for women only to discuss subjects of mutual interest. These have proved quite popular and are becoming a stable part of the ongoing activity schedule.

This month, the theme is a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women winning the right to vote.

This was a tough 75-year struggle to convince male voters that the world would not end if women were allowed out of the kitchen.

The struggle for nudist acceptance has seen a similar struggle, with one big exception: nudists refuse to identify themselves so the world can see how many of us there really are!

On the good side, in recent years many women have had major leadership roles in AANR, with 4 of the last 5 national presidents. Many of the clubs in our region have women who are the owners.

Recently, the women of the SCNA club, which has bi-monthly gatherings, named their women's group the Dragonfly Ladies and they developed a mission statement they wish to share with the other clubs:

Dragonfly Ladies Mission Statement

We provide a safe and nurturing group where women naturists, women partners of naturist men, and women curious about a naturist lifestyle can feel comfortable sharing with other women in a confidential, relaxed, and fun setting. All females are welcome. You do not have to be an active naturist, attend other events, or be a member of our club to attend.

AANR Convention News



AANR Holds Its International Convention Online

By Gary Mussell

AANR's international convention was held August 12-14. An estimated 100 members from the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Mexico attended the online event over the course of the three days. We were pleased to see so many members from the Western Region participated! Highlights:

- AANR members voted last year to approve a By-Law change to reduce the number of Trustees from 14 to seven. That change took effect at this meeting.
- It was recommended that AANR develop the **Passport Program** (currently in use in the Western and Southwest regions) be expanded to a national system using QR smart phone technology, but this will require hiring a programmer to write the application. If approved, it is several years away from implementation.
- There was some discussion about the proposed changes in our naming conventions ("member" instead of Associate, "**event group**" instead of travel club, etc.) Much discussion remains as there is no consensus nor is one expected soon, and some strong negative opinions heard.
- Under New Business, a convention visitor from Gunnison Beach suggested AANR repurpose the annual **Skinny Dip Day in July to be a charity-giving day** with funds raised at the local clubs going to either a local charity or AANR place the donations to a national one. This will raise awareness of AANR and nude recreation through positive public relations. What do you think?
- **Annual AANR Awards:**

The Jim Cossins Award went to Kathy Lahey of the Washington State SLUGS club. This award is issued at the discretion of the AANR President to an individual who has performed distinguished and meritorious services to AANR, for her work with the new AANR Impexium database system. Next to the Hall of Fame, it is AANR's highest honor given.

The **Alonzo Stephens Award** for his untiring work on behalf of Government Affairs and legislation was awarded to Tim Mullins.

Two **Hall of Fame Awards** were given. One to Nancy Tiemann Solvin (for her pioneering work reinventing the nude cruising industry at Bare Necessities) and to Shirley Gauthier of the NW Region for her national government affairs work championing nude use of hiking trails, lakes, and beaches

Best Website Award went to Shangri-La Ranch; The **Ilsley Boone Best Newsletter Award** went to SCNA.

• On Day 2 the Trustees had a long discussion about changing what we call ourselves: "**Associate Member**" (not in a club) or just "member"; "**Landed Club**" or "Destination Resort"; "**Non-Landed Club**" to "Event Group." Consensus is everyone liked everyone being called a "member" and most on the call disliked "event group" but there was no consensus on any alternatives. An updated report will be made at the Mid-Winter Trustee meeting in February.

• **Diversity:** The problem of enforcing the AANR By-Law requiring club diversity was also discussed, but not resolved. The following motion was defeated:

"I move that an entity, to be selected by the President, be instructed to compile information from AANR clubs regarding exceptions from the non-discrimination clause, to be included in the AANR directory of clubs. Purpose - To allow visitors to know before they go if they are going to be denied admittance or if they don't want to go there because of age or gender discrimination."

Instead, a committee was formed to research this further and to report back at the Mid-Winter Trustee meeting in February.

• The Trustees voted to award the **2021 Midwinter Trustee meeting** to Lake Como in Florida next February 5-6. The 2021 annual convention will be at Star Ranch in Texas (a do-over from this year's cancelled location). The 2022 AANR convention will be at Suwannee River Resort in northern Florida (instead of the previous award of 2021).



AANR main office staff stopped by the meeting to say hello. Left to Right: Erich Schuttauf, Max Schuttauf, Jeff Baldasarre (black jacket); Eve Bratton (Blond hair, glasses back row) Sarah Roberts (denim jumper), Arlette Lowery (blue dress back row, center), Judy Mason (red white blue mask), Katie Fitzsimmons (light blue mask front row), Carol de Aldana (black top front row), Frances John (black mask next to Canadian flag), Hanna Usher (back row, black and white mask), Carolyn Hawkins on far right

August Club Events



Sunny Freedom Club Holds Pool Parties in Utah

By Linda Weber,
Member, AANR West Board of Directors
SUNS Pool Party St. George, UT

On August 8, Andy Walden, AANR-West Secretary, Stan Weber, and I, a newly initiated AANR-West Board member, attended the regularly-scheduled, second weekend of the month SUNS – Southern Utah Naturists Society - pool party at Arlene and Mills home in St. George, Utah. They graciously opened up their home and pool to members and potential members.

The walls around the spacious pool exhibit an ocean theme. Even though there was plenty of comfortable patio furniture to relax on, the majority of the time was spent relaxing and socializing in the pool. With the heat of the Utah sun, it was a welcoming oasis of water, friends, and conversation.

About 20 people attended with the majority of them members. Everyone was so welcoming, and the introductions made us feel right at home. The event was well-organized, and plans were in the works for a “movie night” and additional pool parties.

A group picture showcasing the AANR Flag was taken to round out the afternoon.

We warmly welcome the SUNS and are glad to have you part of the great group of clubs that make up AANR-W.

Tucson’s Buff-a-Teers Club Enjoys Desert Sanctuary Trip

By “Hunter”

On August 16, sixteen Tucson Buff-A-Teers members enjoyed an exclusive, clothing-optional day out at a member's beautiful resort The Desert Sanctuary. Located east of Tucson, Arizona, there was plenty of room at the 120-acre resort to properly social distance including while enjoying his exceptionally large pool and while lounging in the spacious patio area.

We Buff-A-Teers are fortunate to have a member who opens up his exclusive resort occasionally just for us Buffs! We look forward to an as yet another safe return visit soon.



Congratulations to Olive Dell and their team for winning the Club Trophy back again!

Olive Dell Recaptures Trophy at Annual So Cal Summer Games

By Rolf Holbach, SCNA President

Throughout this beautiful day up at Olive Dell Ranch everyone seemed to have a lot of fun participating or watching the various competitions, which is the whole point of the Games!

Thanks to the COVID-19 crisis there were not as many people attending the Summer Games as in year's past, although I'd estimate that throughout the day there were between 85-100 overall. We took as many precautions as possible during the day, reminding everyone to wear their masks, and keep as socially distanced as possible. For some games we even offered gloves to the contestants to protect each other. Despite all that, I would estimate that only about 25% of the overall crowd were wearing masks, mostly SCNA and NitOC. Olive Dell's policy is that it is your choice whether to wear a mask or not.

The various games included an inner tube pool race, hula-hoop relay, water bottle dive, noodle race, pool baton relay, javelin noodle toss, water balloon toss and a Frisbee toss for accuracy. For safety sake, we replaced our Pudding Toss with a water balloon fight!

Because so many of those who participated were members of Olive Dell, they easily took back the trophy with a total score of 140. SCNA came in second and NitOC was third. GE, Camping Bares, and De Anza also had members who competed.

We had a 3-way tie for First Place in individual points accumulated between 3 Olive Dell members.



The tiebreaker was an inner tube race between two of the three, since the third did not show up after numerous announcements.

For the second year in a row, Trace Register took 1st place, Mario Avalos took 2nd, and Cameron Cole was third. We found out later that Cameron is a new nudist, and this was only his fourth nudist event ever. Congratulations guys!



After the awards ceremony Bobby and Becki served up a delicious BBQ Pork ribs, dinner on the BBQ.

Thanks once again to the staff and volunteers for making this another great day of fun in the sun!

Tahoe Club's "Highway Cleanup



June 6 was the annual Highway, Beach, and Trail Cleanup. TAN volunteers worked hard and picked up 30 45 gal bags of trash along the highway parking lots and beaches, but then it kept coming.

With the trash cans closed folks just started leaving trash literally everywhere, next to the closed trash cans, along the trails and just left on the beaches. It included glass bottles, food, floating devices, broken beach furniture, just about everything imaginable.

Do You Need a "Nudist and I Vote Button?



As the 2020 political season heats up, a few members have requested **Nudist and I Vote** label buttons for wearing around town. We have a limited supply but are happy to send one out as long as supplies last. Email us at information@aanrwest.org.

Include your name and mailing address, and be sure to wear it when you go to the grocery store, barber/beauty shop, etc. Start a conversation!



ARIZONA

• **BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)**

All Buff-A-Teers Members continue to commit to enjoying each other's company while maintaining a safe, clothing-optional environment.

For more information about the Tucson Buff-A-Teers club please call 520-2982427 or send email queries to tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com. You can also check us out on [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) under Tucson Clothing Optional Recreation Meetup or at our website:

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

• **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

You can enjoy the pools, pickle ball courts & recreation room. Our pool occupancy must be 10 or less with an emphasis on physical distancing. The Cantina is open for to-go cocktail 9-5 daily. The Desert Cafe and Mira Vista Lounge are closed until further notice. There are restaurants & grocery stores within 3 miles of the resort.

• **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 will be held here October 9-11. Make your plans to attend now!

• **MOHAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)**

With the increase in COVID-19 cases in our state, Mohave SUN has decided to postpone its activities.

Please contact us if anyone is interested in online games or an online party. Email mohavesunclub@gmail.com for more info.

• **CANYON STATES NATURISTS (PHOENIX)**

CSN has extended our Phase 1 plans for reopening the club until further notice due to the continuing large number of new COVID-19 cases in Arizona. During Phase 1, our events are limited to members only (no guests) and limited in number of attendees to ensure proper social distancing.



The AANR-West region covers eight states and western Mexico.

CALIFORNIA

• OLIVE DELL RANCH

ODR is hosting a **POLYNESIAN FESTIVAL AND LUAU** Sept 5-6. Gate Fee for AANR members showing their card: \$16/person, otherwise \$22/person.

Sunday is the main event, the park's annual Polynesian Dinner Buffet (pork, teriyaki chicken, rice, pea salad, pasta salad, fruit salad & banana pudding) and entertainment by a troupe of Tahitian dancers and fire-twirlers. There is a separate fee for the Luau dinner and entertainment.

Important: ODR remains open to members, but otherwise visitors need to call ahead first as quotas are in effect.

Visit Olive Dell Ranch's Facebook page for the most recent information. 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 force social distancing. Masks are optional.

The 11th annual Bare Burro 5K Run is Sunday October 25 and the Naked Beer Mile is on the previous day, Saturday October 24. Tickets may be purchased at:

<https://www.active.com/colton-ca/running/trail-run/bare-burro-nude-5k-trail-run-weekend-2020>

• GLEN EDEN

Glen Eden is open for business, with all its outdoor recreational facilities operating. There are lots of fun things going on to entertain everyone.

Glen Eden offers a wide variety of activities, including Tennis, Pickleball, Water Volleyball, Zumba, Karaoke, Disc Golf, Billiards, Ping Pong, Yoga, Taekwondo, Hiking, Bicycling, Pottery, and Ukulele. You can visit the Love Me Two Times Thrift Shop & Bookstore or Western Nudist Research Library, or just relax in one of the pools.

The Sunshine Café is also open on weekends for take-out orders. Glen Eden is family and pet friendly and hopes to see you soon!

• DE ANZA SPRINGS

From their Aug 24 newsletter:

Our goal moving forward here at De Anza Springs Resort is to provide a safe and fun place for our members and guest to relax and enjoy nude recreation to the fullest. We are currently reviewing our procedures and operations to determine what changes need to be made to continue providing a safe environment while entering into the new era of where social distancing will most likely be priority for most people.

As we are able to return to many of our usual activities and looking at new events, we will be focused on what is best for our members and guests, in maintaining a safe environment. We know that we will be able to create and execute many activities that will both bring enjoyment and guarantee that they will be safe for you to join the fun. Until your next visit, please stay healthy and safe. We hope to see you soon.

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.

The Cactus Flower Café is open for takeout only, the dining room is closed. The Oasis Lounge is also open Thu – Sat 5-10 PM for takeout only.

All organized activities have been canceled. The gym is also closed.

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

• LAGUNA DEL SOL (SACRAMENTO)

Reservation Day

Reservation Day is Saturday, September 5th at 2 pm at the Volleyball Courts. There aren't enough RV and dry camping spots to handle the demand each year at the major calendar events, so the park is forced to host a lottery for the available spaces to members only.

Only one raffle ticket per person/couple. Once your number is called you can submit your reservation form. Reservations will be made in the order they are received.

Please contact the office with any questions. Forms and a preview of events is available now in the office and can be emailed to you if requested.

Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day Weekend is typically one of our busy 3-day holiday event weekends. We invite you to come out and spend the holiday weekend with us. The Lakeside Inn will be open for takeout and patio service. While social distancing restrictions are still in place, it has not prevented people from having a good time. There is plenty of room for camping and we still have a few rooms available! We look forward to seeing all of you! Call the office now to make a reservation!

Nudestock Arts & Crafts Vendor Fair, September, 18-20

The music part of our annual Nudestock Festival has been cancelled some of our favorite Nudestock vendors have been busy creating an outdoor bazaar, perfect for this year's limitations. Please remember your masks while shopping at the vendor booths in the meadow above the stage. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact James via email at: office@lagunadelsol.com

Oktoberfest Beer Garden Saturday, October 10

The meadow will be the site of the Beer Garden. There will be beer, German food, music and fun games! More details next month.

• LUPIN LODGE (SANTA CRUZ)

The park says, "We are still open because we have adapted our business to be outdoors. Our pool is open, but the sauna and hot tub are still closed. We require social distancing on the pool deck and in the pool between people who are not residing in the same household.

We will continue to offer outdoor restaurant seating. Please wear a face mask **before** approaching the office as we are unable to admit you without one. We have begun using a forehead thermometer to check guests' temperatures upon registration. Indoor activities are currently postponed.

We keep outdoor gatherings to 25 people or less. Currently, guests are required to wear a face mask when using indoor facilities, like restrooms, lounge, kitchen, etc. to keep others safe. Masks are not required in outdoor areas, but recommended, but social distancing must be practiced."

• NORTHERN CA EXPOSURE / RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)

All events through September 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.

• SEQUOIANS

Sequoians is the San Francisco Bay area's membership-based destination for nude recreation. Their open season is April through October.

To comply with California and Alameda county COVID-19 restrictions, we're open on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10 AM to 7 PM to all members, member's guests, AANR members and prospective members who are interested in visiting our club to evaluate membership. The office is open from 10 AM – 5 PM. Visitors may check in anytime from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Prospective members need to contact the office before their visit to ensure other regulations have not been put in place. Masks and social distancing is mandatory and enforced. Some facilities are currently unavailable due to restrictions including the rec hall, pool, hot tub, cooking facilities.

Sequoians is a member-owned co-operative; where we enjoy days of nude relaxation, tanning, swimming, hot-tubbing, camping, hiking, wildlife, bird watching, lawn games and other activities. Visitors may visit three times on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays before deciding if

they'd like to apply for membership. Membership entitles them continued access onto Sequoians' grounds.

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

• SCNA (LOS ANGELES)

Taking an abundance of caution for everyone's health during this time of COVID-19 restrictions and since those concerns will cause logistical problems at both events, we decided to cancel two of our most popular events, the Zorthian Ranch Pool Party and our Halloween party.

We are also delaying our annual Ice Cream Social and thinking about combining it with an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 10. Right now, we're unsure if the pool party will be in Simi Valley or Altadena.

Until the COVID-19 restrictions loosen up a bit more, we've instituted some online Meetups, Game and limited get togethers. We have some ideas for more online events like possibly an online Halloween costume contest and dance-at-home party.

The picnics at Bates Beach have been switched to Thursdays when the beach is less crowded. The team felt it important to maintain that space away from the textiled beachgoers and avoid any potential user conflicts.

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 in Altadena. People can also participate online.

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

COLORADO

• MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER)

Due to the uncertain nature of event planning during the pandemic there will not be an official calendar of events published in the newsletter until event planning returns to normal. Event information is available on the MAR website and there is event information contained in the periodic emails sent by MAR management.

The second Friday of every month you can join Ernie to sing your heart out at karaoke. The music begins at 7:00 pm but the location is TBA. Any gatherings in the upper clubhouse are limited to 50 persons.

There is a General Membership Meeting on September 12 at 11:00 am. You will have the opportunity to learn what our committees do and what they are planning for our future. Full members have the opportunity to vote on Referendums (if any). Members can have the option of running for open Board of Directors positions. We will feed you!!

MAR's COVID-19 Guidelines

Per the Colorado State and Jefferson County all members, guests and visitors will be required to follow these guidelines.

Your presence and participation are AT YOUR OWN RISK. Only members, their guests and applicants in process are allowed. Guest visits are subject to state

restrictions and must make an appointment to visit. Friends of MAR are welcome but are encouraged to call ahead due to capacity restrictions.

The pool at MAR is open, but all users must sign a waiver and a maximum of 60 persons may be in the pool area at any one time. A max. 2 people may use the hot tub at the same time with social separation and masks required. A max. 2 people may use the sauna at a time with distancing & masks required. Maintain distancing while waiting for your turn.

At the Lost Bikini Grill, all are encouraged to order food at the the outside door. The dining room has been set up for social distancing; tables and chairs should not be moved.

Sports equipment cannot be adequately disinfected and therefore any Sports Court (tennis, bocce, horseshoes and shuffleboard) usage is at your own risk.

Restrictions subject to change at any time. Please be courteous to others, wear your mask even outside when social separation isn't possible.

NEW MEXICO

• ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)

After much discussion, we have decided to cancel our event at Faywood Hot Springs the weekend of September 25-27. Hopefully, we will be able to get together soon!!

I know our annual membership meeting and voting is coming up soon. I'm going to suggest we do it via Zoom or Go2Meeting if things have not calmed down.

We are planning a "bring a friend" get together for WINR, I will keep everyone posted.

If members choose to have their own private gatherings, please maintain social distance, and stay healthy.

NEVADA

• LAS VEGAS BARES

We were going to start up again, but AZ and NV have gotten a virus spike, so we are re-evaluating. Email for event information to nakedinvegas@yahoo.com

• LAS VEGAS NATURISTS

Las Vegas Naturists has really enjoyed the Summer and looking forward to the Fall. We have installed even more shade around the grounds, this record hot year. Our new virus safety rules everybody likes, and we are happy to report no nudist in Vegas has reported any problems. We have weekly "potluck" and water volleyball events every Saturday until the end of October. Moving to Vegas? Look us up.

Email for event information at: actionnude@gmail.com

• NORTHERN NEVADA NATURISTS (LAKE TAHOE)

It is with great regret that the TAN Board of Directors has decided to cancel our annual Hat Day Celebration this year. After much deliberation we decided that the possible

negatives far outweigh the positives for holding the celebration this year.

Although we have hosted 2 potlucks successfully this year, we felt that with increased attendance likely at Hat Day, it could possibly put us in non-compliance with State directives on public gathering, which could lead to a closing of the CO beach.

Everything in Northern Nevada has been cancelled this year but the beach is still open!! And since the textile crowd also visits the beach, it is a good idea to get there early as possible to stake our place.

UTAH

• SUNS (ST. GEORGE)

On August 22, we certainly had a fantastic time at the SUNS Evening Swim and Potluck! The water was just the right temperature! We enjoyed sitting around the fire pit and continuing the conversation there late into the evening. We had 14 members attending including three new members. We hope they felt very welcome at our event.

The potluck was stocked with yummy offerings of all types and was considered a hit by all. There were two desserts, an apricot cheesecake, and a key lime ice cream, that were both pretty much demolished!

Remember, we feel it is important to respect each attendee's level of concern regarding COVID-19, so bring your masks if you feel so inclined and let the other members know your social distancing boundaries.

Fortunately, the CDC is finding that outdoor events are generally not a major contributor to the spread of COVID-19 and we have sufficient space to allow for social distancing in and around the pool. Also, participation in our potlucks is always optional. Please feel free to bring your own dinner or snacks as an alternative.

While the group was gathered in the pool, a vote was taken regarding the starting time for the next event. The group preferred the later start time, so our next event on September 12 will begin at 4 pm and will include an evening swim and optional potluck, so mark your calendars now!

SUNS are looking at a group trip to Shangri-La, perhaps the weekend of Oct. 4 or 11? We will keep you posted.

As the temperature dips in the fall, we will begin our events earlier to maximize our time in the sun and will keep you informed. If you have any suggestions for starting times or types of events, please feel free to share them.

Until the next time we meet, stay Sunny!

HAWAII

• SWIM FREE HAWAII

Capt. Chuck Haupert says: "All commercial permits were suspended so we cannot charter any boat trips.

• HANGIN' LOOSE

"It's really hard being shut down. We have all our ads on hold. We hope to be able to reopen in the fall."

The Back Side

Forbes Reports More People Getting Naked During Coronavirus

By Gary Mussell

The August 12 issue of *Forbes Magazine* contained a story by Senior Contributor Cecilia Rodriguez that claims there is a rise in nudism worldwide because of people's COVID-19 confinement. She writes that naturist associations worldwide have been noting this interest and corresponding increases in their memberships during the pandemic



Several other stories in major newspapers have caught the same recent trend: "You Can Leave Your Mask On: Nudists Wear Just One Item in COVID Times," the *Wall Street Journal* headlines a recent story.

The take in *Vice*: "The Ongoing Battle to Convince Nudists to Wear Face Masks," while *The Evening Telegraph* runs with "Clothes off, masks on, America's nudist resorts reopen." France 24 reports that "Nudists adapt to COVID times," as *CTVNews* reports on "Getting naked in quarantine: Interest peaks in nudist lifestyle."

In other words, Rodriguez writes, nudism has become a thing.

"The renewed interest in shedding clothes as people flock to beaches, mountains, nature trails and resorts in this hot summer has been linked to the hunger to experience a new sense of freedom as we emerge from months of lockdowns."

VICE recently reported that naturists associations from Britain, France, Italy, and Ireland are reporting increases in membership over recent months — by as much as 31% between May and July in the case of Ireland, for example, as reported by *Newstalk*.

"The number of new people joining us has almost tripled since the beginning of the U.K. lockdown at the end of March," British Naturism's commercial manager, Andrew Welch, told *CNN*.

"Now that more people are working from home, Welch believes that "fewer people are worried about what to wear — or haven't bothered with clothes at all." British Naturism has registered over 370 new members since the pandemic began.

NATURISM GOES VIRTUAL

Vacation travelers have had to cancel holidays and corporations have curtailed business trips during this crisis, so many people have turned to the virtual world of ZOOM to satisfy their needs. So have nudists associations since their members are largely deprived of gatherings by the club pool, picnics, and bowling nights until the pandemic is over. Instead, clubs have shifted to virtual platforms to

offer novel approaches including nude yoga, gym classes, cooking seminars and creative competitions such as the World Naked Gardening Day photo contest with a clear condition: Members should comply with face masks.

The naturist community's pivot toward the virtual world has allowed the associations to stay alive and permitted more people to connect with like-minded individuals in their countries and across the globe they would otherwise have never met.

TO MASK OR UNMASK?

Britain's newspaper, *The Evening Telegraph*, playfully asks the question in its article: When wearing a face mask, are you really naked?

As more crudely explained by *TMZ*, "the face mask controversy is officially everywhere, because even nudist resorts are requiring guests to cover up."

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that while most nude resort visitors are taking the one-piece-of-clothing rule in stride, there are others who refuse. A clothing-free resort in Connecticut, the paper explains, prides itself on a "no tan lines" motto. So, it's been a difficult adjustment and some guests have complained of mask's tan lines.

The *Telegraph* article reports that, before the lockdown, 'nakationing' — clothes-free holidays — in the U.S. "was a multibillion dollar-a-year industry, with Florida laying claim to more nudist resorts than any other state and millennials and Gen Xers driving the experience forward as a travel trend. Even globally, nude recreation and travel accounted for a healthy \$400 million slice of the industry's fiscal pie."

As with others in the tourism industry, nudists destinations are "trying to climb back to some sense of normality." To get there, they must obey and establish health and safety protocols for the protection of guests and staff. But this isn't an item of clothing. It's about health and safety."

Even Cap d'Agde, a well-known seaside nudist destination considered the largest naturist resort in the world, *VICE* explains, visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask with their birthday suit."

ADDENDUM

On August 24, the *Reuters News Agency* reported Cap d'Agde has seen a sharp spike in coronavirus infections and nudists have been ordered by health authorities to at least wear masks and practice social distancing.

Tests had shown a 30% infection rate in people who had visited. That was more than four times higher than the 7% rate recorded in other people in the area who had not visited the center, the authority added.

After the tests, the Government Prefect for the region ordered people to wear masks in the camp, banned gatherings of more than 10 people there and scrapped exemptions on night club opening hours.

He also asked anyone planning to go to the village to delay their travel plans.