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## AANR News

### AANR Trustees Hold Annual Mid-Winter Meeting via ZOOM

The AANR Board of Trustees held their annual Midwinter meeting on February 5-6, 2021. Although originally scheduled for Lake Como in Florida, the continued pandemic required the meeting be held instead via ZOOM videoconferencing. Attending were the seven Trustees, the AANR officers, the Regional Presidents, and as many as three dozen AANR members who chose to log in.

On Friday, Executive Director Erich Schuttauf gave an update on the Impexium database implementation. He said all new membership applications and current member renewals for persons not affiliated with a local club are now being processed through the new system. The process of one-on-one training of the certifying officer at each club continues, starting with the larger clubs, so they can renew their own members in the new system as well. This process will probably continue through the summer until all are trained. (Note: Call Arlette at the main office to request training if you want it sooner than later.)

Erich also said the office spent much of the past six months making follow up calls to Associate members, those that did not renew, as well as those newly enrolled. The purpose was to introduce AANR to them directly and to hear their concerns and suggestions. So far 2900 of the 11,000 Associate members have been contacted this way. Erich said most of the callers were “very positive.”

George Oberle, an outside web design consultant next gave a presentation on the changes being made in the current main AANR website. George reviewed the site statistics and they showed AANR is averaging nearly 100,000 page views per month from an average of 26,000 visitors/month. He called those numbers good, but they need to get better. His solution is to rebuild the website so it is more easily seen on smart phones, with more photos and more emphasis on events on the front pages. “This is what the younger viewers want to stay interested.” He also advocated we build information alliances with some of the major outside bloggers such as Naked Wanderers and Irish Naturism. He hopes the new website can be launched within a few months.

On Saturday, the meeting focused on committee reports.

There was an excellent presentation about the Kids Kamp in the Midwest region by its organizers Susan Cappa and Rick Markle. Their camp always draws about 30 kids (even last year during COVID-19) with a five-day program full of fun and interesting activities. [Note: AANR-West will be announcing its own Kids Kamp plans in our March newsletter – Editor].

President Kathy Watzel addressed the problems at the clubs caused by the pandemic this past year, to keep them active in creative ways and economically viable.

Other reports came from the committee chairs for Government Affairs, Membership, and Strategic Planning. The Trustees also approved its budget for fiscal 2021-2022.

The most interesting discussion of the day involved the “Diversity” Committee and how to enforce the AANR bylaw statement on diversity:

*Article IV A. “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.”*

The Trustees confirmed they are seeking to attract new members from a wide range of cultural and racial backgrounds and to work with its clubs to develop activities and attitudes that will be welcoming to that diversity. A committee was formed to explore different “carrot or the stick” alternatives so that the few reluctant clubs can be motivated to make the necessary changes.

Under New Business, the use of the name “AANR International” by the organization’s marketing team was discussed, as it has never been authorized by the Trustees. The members online from Canada thought it was a positive acknowledgement that clubs and members existed outside of the United States, while others at the meeting thought we should continue to use our legal name “AANR” only. Again, an ad hoc committee was formed to discuss this and to report back at the summer convention.

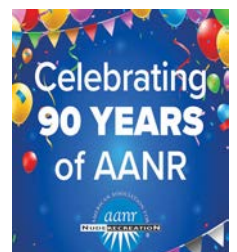
### AANR Seeks Suggestions for 90th Anniversary Celebration.

The year 2021 marks the 90th year since AANR was founded. It has been our honor to represent Family Friendly Nudism all over the world!

Linda Weber has graciously agreed to chair the 90th Birthday committee. Linda is interested in getting all of your suggestions and ideas to create a spectacular celebration.

If you have an idea to share, or if you would like to help Linda with the committee please contact Linda at [truebluenude@gmail.com](mailto:truebluenude@gmail.com).

P.S. 25-year celebrations are called “Diamond,” and 50-year celebrations are called “Golden,” A 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is celebrated with a traditional gift of stone and a modern gift of diamond and emerald.



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## AANR Regional Presidents Meet Ahead of Mid-Winter Trustee Meeting

The seven AANR Regional Presidents held their semi-annual meeting online on January 31 and they discussed a variety of subjects.

Among the most urgent was the need for a faster rollout of the new **Impexium database program** purchased by AANR 18 months ago. While some clubs have been trained on how to update their member information there, not all have, nor has much of the data from the old system been moved.

The presidents want the ability to run specific administrative reports on their own, but these are not yet operational. They also want club members to be able to renew their AANR members without having to go through their affiliated club.

Third, we have noticed that some of the **clubs have not updated their websites** recently so that the contact information and even some old event announcements need to be changed. The presidents also suggested that the clubs rotate in new photos to give their web sites a fresher look.

Also, some **club mailboxes** are full so people cannot call in to leave messages. These need to be cleared asap.

The presidents discussed the recent decrease in memberships nationwide as many clubs remain closed due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Clubs should be encouraged to **find creative ways to keep the members** (and prospective members) engaged via online meetings, game nights, yoga classes, a book club, or a film night. We learned one region held a “Best Nudist Photo” contest for its members with cash prizes for the winners.

There was also agreement that the various **awards and plaques** given out at the summer convention probably needs to be updated with some categories dropped and others added because of the push toward blogs and other online activities. They will ask AANR to initiate a review.

There was a discussion about the annual **Hall of Fame Award**, since the presidents comprise the committee that annually selects the winners (see story below).

Last, the presidents agreed that online member participation in meetings is now here to stay and both the clubs and regions need to purchase quality **cameras and other equipment** so that people who attend remotely can have a good experience too.

A report on what was discussed was submitted to the AANR Board of Trustees for review at their annual meeting February 5-6.

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## Hall of Fame Nominees Sought

The AANR Hall of Fame award is the most prestigious award AANR bestows on its own. It is given only for contributions made by an individual for actions or services to family social nudism that are of considerable magnitude and truly of national importance.”

If you wish to nominate someone, there is a form that must be completed. Email me directly at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) and I will mail it to you. All names must be submitted by May 1 and all forms must be completed and returned by May 31.

An article containing more details about eligibility may be found in the February *Bulletin*, published by AANR.

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## AANR Marketing Committee Meets to Discuss Our Social Media Guidelines

Prior to the Trustee meeting last week, the AANR Membership Marketing and Public Relations Committees held a joint session on ZOOM to discuss setting some guidelines for posting text, photos, and memes onto social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook.

A 3-page report was submitted for consideration that covered such topics as Topics and Messaging, Timing, Expected Conduct, and Criteria for Blocking Followers and secondary accounts.

The consensus of the meeting is AANR, its regions, and clubs should strive to maintain a positive message regarding the organization and nudism in general and to not get bogged down in exchanging messages with people who insist on negative posts.

What people post on their own web sites is not as important because people have a right to express their own opinions about their own interests. However, the committee agreed that if the other person is a proud member of AANR but also expresses extreme political or sexually suggestive content, we need to ask them to remove their references or logos connecting them to our organization. How to do this remains under discussion and will be the subject of future meetings.

Any members who would like to suggest ideas on this topic are welcome to contact the AANR main office and the information will be forwarded to the committee for consideration.

The committee also discussed the launching of a new international “Universal Naturist/nudist” symbol that has been adopted by many international nudist organizations and web sites during the past several months. The possibility of AANR and its clubs also adopting this as a supplement to our existing logo was discussed but no conclusions were made.

See the story on page 4 for further details. How do you feel about this? Email us with your opinion.

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## AANR Announces Year End Membership Numbers

On February 1, the AANR office released year-end membership numbers for each club and region. This report is available to all AANR members. Contact us at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org).

The totals show about a 9% decline in membership for 2021, attributed to club shutdowns as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is far less than feared several months ago. AANR-West lost 7% overall. Our region has 6,666 members as of January 1. Of that total, 1836 are “Associate” members not affiliated with any particular club.

The largest loses were at the destination parks and resorts. The region has worked hard to minimize this pandemic slippage by encouraging creative engagement such as online member meetings, nude yoga, game nights, and other such activities. Those clubs that produced such activities saw a lower percentage of decrease. We are all hoping for a better 2021 as vaccines get distributed and clubs are allowed to open up their options again.

## Women in Nude Recreation

### AANR-West Women Plan Monthly Online Meetings to Discuss Common Goals

By Treena Saavedra, WINR Co-Chair

On January 15, the AANR-West Co-Chairs hosted the first monthly Woman in Nude Recreation (WINR) online forum. After many months of planning, we were very excited to finally set this program into motion!

AANR-West Board Member and co-chair Linda Weber, AANR-W Treasurer Cyndi Faber and several other women from different clubs joined me for this opening meeting. We spoke about several topics and gathered ideas for future meetings.



With the lack of socializing during the pandemic, this is a perfect opportunity to stay in contact with other Nudists/Naturists and get to know new people who you may run into at different clubs. **We welcome all women** whether you have been with a club for years or if it's your first day!

We are planning to host the Women's Forum monthly using our GoToMeeting videoconference software. Participants do not need to download any applications to use it. If you have an Internet browser, just click the link and you are in!

Our next meeting will be on **Friday February 19** at 7 pm Mountain time (that is 6 pm Pacific time and 3 pm Hawaii time).

Our theme will be: **"How to Counter Stereotypes of what Nudism/Naturism is When Talking to Non-Nudists."**

Clubs are asked to please distribute the information to your members. We also encourage members to "bring a friend" who are not AANR members but who are curious and might like to "dip a toe" so to speak, into the nudist/Naturist world and find out what it is all about (YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NUDE TO ATTEND!)

If you have a specific topic you would like to talk about in our forum, please bring it with you to the next meeting or else contact myself or Linda at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org).

We look forward to "seeing" you at the next forum!!

#### AANR-West WINR Meeting Link

Fri, Feb 19, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
(Mountain Standard Time).

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/208668069>

You can also dial in using your phone: (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 208668069



## International Women's Day

### Women to Celebrate Body Equality at Nudist Resort's International Women's Day Event March 6-7

KISSIMMEE, FL– To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, Cypress Cove Nudist Resort in Kissimmee, Florida is hosting a weekend-long event that has been designed by women and for women to explore issues of equality, body acceptance, and freedom in a naturally safe and inclusive environment.

Beginning on Friday, March 6, Cypress Cove's "International Women's Day Weekend" will feature speakers and presentations by experienced women who have found freedom by uncovering their true selves.

"This year's International Women's Day theme is 'An Equal World is an Enabled World: Celebrating women's achievements and increasing visibility,'" said Susan Shopiro, the event coordinator. "Women continue to be leaders in the nudist movement and have demonstrated that without the barriers of clothing we can cooperate and build on our individual strengths to create a better life for all."

The event at Cypress Cove is not just for nudists, though. Any woman who is curious about clothing optional resorts and wholesome, family-oriented nude recreation is encouraged to visit and learn from other women who have found health and freedom through shedding their costumes, preconceptions, and the emotional baggage that comes from a negative body image.

"You will find yourself being accepted for who you are and not for how you look or how you are dressed," Shopiro said. "Just come and be."

For more information about Cypress Cove's International Women's Day Weekend, visit the website at <https://cypresscoveresort.com/events/whats-coming-up/international-womens-day-weekend/>

The day aimed to help nations worldwide eliminate discrimination against women. It also focused on helping women gain full and equal participation in global development. International Men's Day is also celebrated on November 19 each year.



## The #IAmtheFaceofNaturism hashtag co-brands with new “Universal Naturist” Symbol

By Linda Weber, Director, AANR-West

The Universal Naturist Symbol, created from a contest held on Twitter and decided on by the followers, has co-branded with a hashtag created by Linda Weber, from the AANR-West region.

The Universal Naturist Symbol, yellow sun with seven rays, representing the seven continents over a sly double-meaning three blue waves, is meant to recognize existing nudists/naturists and a way to introduce the subject in a subtle way to textiles.

The hashtag #IAmtheFaceofNaturism was created by Linda Weber for social media to introduce the campaign she came up with to relate to non-nudists/naturists and to dispel some of the stereotypical ideas that come with introducing the naturist philosophy to them.

The initial campaign consisted of 4 faces of naturists with the narrative: “My friends and I are your neighbors and acquaintances. We work and shop together. Our kids attend the same schools. We enjoy all the same things in life with one exception – my friends and I enjoy being nude in a non-sexual, wholesome way.”

Both the Universal Naturist Symbol and the hashtag have been trending on Twitter and other social media platforms as they are being picked up by other naturists and used in tweets and posts.

Logo items with the Universal Naturist Symbol and those co-branded with the hashtag are available for purchase from at least two on-line outlets and can be accessed here: [https://www.redbubble.com/shop/?iaCode=all-stickers&query=I%20am%20the%20face%20of%20naturism&ref=search\\_box](https://www.redbubble.com/shop/?iaCode=all-stickers&query=I%20am%20the%20face%20of%20naturism&ref=search_box) and <https://sillybare.com/shop/page/3/>

If you would like to participate in the social media campaign to get the message out and be featured in a tweet or post, please contact Linda Weber at: [TrueBlueNude@gmail.com](mailto:TrueBlueNude@gmail.com). Let’s get the word out introduce the philosophy to those who are not nudists...yet...

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The design for the new AANR-West GPS Shirt.

## GPS T-Shirts Have Arrived and Are Available for Sale

The attractive new 2021 T-Shirts showing the GPS coordinates for each of the nudist parks/resorts in the region is now available for sale.

The shirts displays the latitude and longitude of nine of the destination parks located in our Western Region without naming them. It is designed to be a conversation starter when out in public, such as when shopping at a store, as people are curious to ask what it is all about. This gives the wearer the opportunity to start a conversation about nude recreation.

Shirts come in white only and range in size from Large to Triple XL. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.95 shipping if purchased online. The shirt can be purchased directly through the AANR-West website, but it will also be available through the 2021 Passport book program. The Q-R code for the Regional Web page is also imprinted on the back. For more information, contact [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org).



## Government Affairs

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West GAT Chair



### Hawaii Shuts Down Maui's Little Beach Citing COVID-19 Violations

On the first weekend of 2020, state officials in Hawaii shut down Puu Olai Beach, also known as Little Beach, at Makena State Park on Maui “for an indefinite period.” State officials cited the beach’s ‘blatant nudity, illegal alcohol and hundreds of maskless people in close contact with one another.

An estimated 400-1000 people have gathered at Little Beach on an average weekend day since the 1960s to enjoy the sand, surf, wearing various levels of optional clothing. On Sundays, the locals traditionally throw a large sunset celebration featuring a circle of drums and fire dancing. The dancing often continues into the night. Some local residents have sought for years to shut down the beach, but law enforcement has been reluctant until now. The lack of mask wearing by the large beach crowds and the lack of mask wearing finally gave them a reason to close the beach.

“For everyone’s health and safety we cannot continue to tolerate the lack of personal responsibility,” said DLNR Chair Suzanne Case in a news release. “The parties have the possibility of becoming so-called super spreader events.”

“Out of an abundance of caution we are forced to take the extraordinary action of closing off [Little Beach] due to the egregious behaviors of a segment of Maui residents and visitors,” said State Parks Administrator Curt Cottrell in a statement.

Officials have put up closed signs and installed fencing at the path leading to the beach and said anyone caught at Puu Olai could be cited for entering a closed area.

Officials added that the park’s closure is “temporary,” but officials did not say when it would reopen.

#### Little Beach Fence Vandalized

Two weeks later, officials discovered that vandals cut through the steel posts of the fence and gate put up to close the beach, most likely with power tools. The vandals also discarded the signs, poles and fencing into the ocean.

As reported in to local *The Maui News*, state workers said they were able to retrieve the pieces and they believe they can weld

the fencing and gate back together. The incident, meanwhile, is under investigation.

“This behavior is not only destruction of government property, but whomever did this misses several important points,” said State Parks Administrator Curt Cottrell in a news release. “This kind of senseless vandalism is an assault on everyone who pays taxes in Hawaii. These materials and the labor to install these barriers are not cheap and now we’ll have to spend limited staff resources on putting the gate up again.”

Cottrell said today’s vandalism will likely delay options that were being explored to reopen Little Beach.

“We understand many folks on Maui want Little Beach reopened, but in good conscience we cannot do so as long as some people continue to misbehave, break the law, and endanger the health and safety of those around them,” he said in a statement. “These actions reduce our confidence that once we do reopen, we’ll see compliant and responsible behavior.”

For more information, click here:

<https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2021/01/state-shuts-down-little-beach-over-big-maskless-parties/>

Follow updates on the Little Beach Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/917188165001060/>



*Typical Sunday at Little Beach: A drumming circle at sundown.*

### AANR’s Government Affairs Team Switches Bill Tracking Software

January 1, AANR switched its bill tracking software subscription from *CQTracking* to *FiscalNote*. This program alerts us whenever legislation gets introduced in any of the fifty states and also Canada that contains certain key words such as “nude,” “beach,” “state parks,” etc.

In the Western Region we look for eight such key words. These get pinged into our personal email daily so we can review the bill and see if it is something we should react to.

We also use *Google Search* to look for key worlds in news stories anywhere in the world so we can discover what is happening in cities and counties that do not rise up to the level of legislation. Our team then reviews to information and will take action if deemed appropriate.

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## Summary of Legislative Bills We Are Following in the Western Region

*One of the primary reasons to belong to AANR (besides having fun) is to support our work that protects our right to be nude through legislation and the courts and, where possible, to expand social nude recreation opportunities. Here are some of the bills submitted for the 2021 legislative sessions in our region that we are watching:*

**Arizona 2021 HB 2568** Passed Judiciary Committee on 2/3/21. Makes it unlawful for a person, with intent to terrify, intimidate, threaten, or harass a specific person or persons, to direct in an electronic communication any obscene, lewd, or profane language or suggest any lewd or lascivious act to the person or to threaten to inflict physical harm on any person or to property in any electronic communication. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. Action: we are watching the bill to make sure its definition of "lewd or lascivious act" is not expanded to include nudity.

**Arizona 2021 HB 2502** Essentially the same bill as HB 2568 above except the violation may occur at the place where the communications originated or at the place where the communications were received. Judiciary Hearing scheduled 2/10/21.

**California 2021 SB 53.** This bill would make it a crime for a person to knowingly send an unsolicited image by electronic means depicting any person engaging in an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, sexual penetration, or masturbation or **depicting the exposed genitals or anus of any person**. The bill would make the crime punishable as an infraction by a fine of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for a 2nd or subsequent offense. We are opposed to the bill in its current form as it directly affects our nudist web sites, publications, and sharing of images between members. The bill has been referred to Senate Committee on Public Safety.

*Action: We hope to amend it before it gets to a committee hearing. Its legislative summary also misstates CA state law (section 314-318.6) as the current law requires lewd intent. This bill's summary states that is no longer required for enforcement.*

**California 2021 AB 307** Covers the same territory as SB 53 but focuses on lewd intent when images are distributed, and it requires registration as a sex offender if the person is convicted. Judiciary Committee hearing set for Feb 25.

**Utah 2021 HB 147.** Current Utah law forbids the distribution of "intimate images" (genitals, breasts, intercourse, etc.); that in a "reasonable person" might cause personal emotional distress or harm" if the person in the image did not consent to the image being taken. The definition includes the **visual depiction of nudity or partial nudity** This bill would eliminate the requirement of actual emotional distress or harm. Hearing in Judiciary Committee 2/1/21.

*Action: The bill is given a good chance for passage with little chance of our ability to amend it.*

**Utah 2021 HB 193** is similar but affects images that have been altered (cut and pastes heads onto other bodies, for example) to depict people without their consent.

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## Federal Lands and Open Space Regulation Changes in the Works

How the Antiquities Act of 1906 gets administered has a direct effect on places where nudists can enjoy hiking trails, rivers, or lakes enjoyed by our community.

**The new software program GAT uses to track legislation is now going to send us summaries of all changes in federal regulations and park supervisor directives that may affect the nudist community.**

We can report that many conservation organizations are asking the new Biden Administration to reverse some of his predecessor's actions affecting public lands and the environment. In our region Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments are up for early attention.

Neither the National Park Service nor the Bureau of Land Management has had a permanent director for several years and that is about to change also.

At the top of the priority list is implementation of the **Great American Outdoors Act**, Public Law 116-152, enacted last summer by Congress. The law provides \$1.9 billion annually to Interior agencies and the U.S. Forest Service for deferred maintenance projects, such as critical bridge repairs and campground improvements, in fiscal years 2021-2025. The Biden administration will be responsible for prioritizing deferred maintenance projects when it submits its budget request to Congress in February.

The Great American Outdoors Act also provides funding for land acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. However, the Trump administration hampered implementation when it issued Secretarial Order 3388 in November establishing criteria, including requiring written support from county and state governments prior to an acquisition.

As a rule, it can take 1-3 years to implement any changes in regulations as some require Congressional or public review.

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## Federal Bills to Watch

**US Senate SB 4983 Hawley (R-Mo)** Whoever knowingly possesses or distributes, or with the intent to distribute, by means of interstate or foreign commerce, or who operates or provides an internet website, web service, or web application that displays visual depictions of "sex acts," shall be fined or imprisoned for not less than 5 years. Hawley defines a "sex act" as the exhibition of the post-pubescent female nipple or genitals. In other words, **frontal nudity**.

*Action: This bill died at the end of last year without a hearing, but we are watching to see if it gets reintroduced.*



### Florida Nudists Suggest More Access to State Parks as Solution to State's Budget Woes

Florida is facing a \$2.7 billion state budget shortfall, and efforts are underway to find ways of cutting services and also finding new sources of revenue to balance its budget. Governor DeSantis doesn't want to give the appearance of raising taxes and has said he is open to new ideas.

On January 22, a committee of legislators held a public hearing in Pinellas County (covering the west central coast and the city of Tampa). Many community groups testified at the hearing including the Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, who suggested a sales tax increase and enforcement of collecting sales taxes from internet sales. Others advocated cancelling construction of new highways through underdeveloped parts of the state.



Also among the speakers was Yvette Riggs, 56, a local nudist activist.

Riggs referenced the 2017 study from the **American Association for Nude Recreation** that found the state's nudist resorts get about 2.2 million visitors every year and creates an estimated \$4.3 billion in direct revenue.

Riggs said that directing the state's Department of Environmental Protection to expand opportunities for naturists could add serious dollars to Florida's tourism revenue.

"Beaches that accommodate naturists are crucial when they and their families make vacation plans and decide where to buy homes or locate their businesses," Riggs said. "To allow state parks to set aside land for naturists use will expand Florida's appeal as the world's premier destination for millions of naturists within Florida, the United States and worldwide."

As an example, she cited Haulover Park, a city-owned nude beach in Miami that earns \$1 million a year in parking fees alone. She said it also creates ancillary revenue to the area totaling hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Riggs suggested that by allowing nudists into designated areas of the state park system, and perhaps raising entry fees to those parks by a couple of dollars, the state could close much of its budget deficit.

Riggs' comments were picked up by local newspapers and both television and radio the following day. We found generally positive comments in response.

Shirley Mason, Executive Director/Secretary of the B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation Institute wrote us to say she also endorsed expansion of nudist opportunities to enjoy Florida's state parks. "We suggested to park administrators they raise the parking fee an extra 50 cents to \$1.00 and put it into upgrading, capital improvements and special services."

Riggs served on the Board of Tampa Bay Free Beaches up to about 3 months ago. Since then she and her team has created an exploratory committee called Gulf Beach Naturists targeting the Pinellas County property of Fort DeSoto Beach as a potential site for a new designated nude beach.



### Only in Los Angeles... HollyBoob" Sign Vandals Arrested

February 1 – Six people were arrested after being caught changing the letters on the famed Hollywood sign about Los Angeles to read "**Hollyboob.**" The main perpetrator, Julia Rose, 27, whose *Shag Mag* company brands itself as a modern rival to *Playboy* was quoted on social media as saying the experience was "awesome." The breast-obsessed provocateur took credit for the prank on *Twitter*, posting footage of her handcuffed from behind and the altered Los Angeles landmark. Rose's previous 15 seconds of fame was flashing her breasts on live TV during the 2019 World Series.

Rose told the *Daily Mail* that the act was in protest to Instagram allegedly suspending her account this year for nudity. She added that as a result of the ban, she had lost "millions of followers" — and part of her livelihood — when her account was shuttered.

Rose also claimed it was also a way to raise awareness for breast cancer, although that is definitely not what the rest of her *Twitter* account focuses on.

She and five men were allegedly caught on surveillance scaling Mount Lee on Monday around 1:15 p.m. — prompting a police helicopter and park rangers to respond, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. The five were charged with trespassing and malicious mischief and then released.

The letters of the Hollywood sign are 45 ft tall and ranged from 31 to 39 ft wide.

The sign, first erected in 1923 as a promotion for a local real estate development, has been a frequent target for vandalism over the years. In 1983 and again in 2017, the sign was altered to read "**Hollyweed**" by marijuana advocates. The sign has also been vandalized in years past to read "**Go Navy**" before a football game and by college students to say "**Cal Tech**".

### Encore Performances Planned for Online Nudist Play "Disrobed"

If you missed the run of this highly rated nudist play during the Fringe Festival in the summer of 2019, or if you just want to see it again, here's your chance!

Encore performances will be shown on Vimeo the weekend of **March 19-20-21**. The link to RSVP and purchase a ticket was



not available at press time but we will have it for everyone next month and also on our website.



## Annual AANR-West Member Survey Deadline Nears

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West President

I want to thank all the people who replied to our annual member's survey last month. We received some interesting ideas I will be sharing with everyone in a future newsletter.

Meanwhile, I want to remind all those who forgot to respond that we still want to hear from you!

We are extending the deadline to receive your survey until **February 20**.

This is your chance to tell us what we are doing right, what you would like to see changed, what are your ideas for new events, along with any other thoughts or concerns.

Another copy of the 2-page Member Survey is included with this newsletter. If you are a club leader please be sure to forward it to your club members. If you are an Associate member not affiliated with a club, the survey can be downloaded from our website with this newsletter at:

[www.aanrwest.org/newsletters/survey2021.pdf](http://www.aanrwest.org/newsletters/survey2021.pdf)

Please return your completed survey either as an email attachment to [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) or by printing and mailing it to:

**AANR-West Member Survey**  
23670 Calabasas Road #966  
Calabasas, CA 91302

## Reminder: AANR-West Scholarships Are Now Available

AANR-West is offering a merit-based scholarship this summer to students graduating from high school during the 2020-2021 academic year.



Specific requirements are available on the AANR-West website for those interested.

The deadline for receipt of all material is June 1, 2021 with a subject line of "AANR-West Scholarship." A completed application consists of the most current high school transcripts and the letter described as described on the

website. Incomplete applications will not be considered; thus, it would be best to send all of the required material in the same email. The committee will review the applications and respond no later than June 10, 2021.

All material must be sent via email to [Larry.Gould@nau.edu](mailto:Larry.Gould@nau.edu). Visit the Scholarship web page at [www.aanrwest.org/our-region/scholarship](http://www.aanrwest.org/our-region/scholarship).

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Frequency:	Business Ad Sizes:	
	2" h x 3.5" w	4" h x 3.5" w
1 time only	\$ 55 ea.	\$ 75 ea.
6 times	\$240 (\$40/mo)	\$400 (\$67/mo)
12 times (annual)	\$400 (\$34/mo)	\$750 (\$63/mo)
Personal Ads		
Per Mo. Only	\$25 one time	30-word limit

## AANR-West and TreeSpirit Project Agree on Fundraising Proposal



Jack Gescheidt's TreeSpirit collection of fine art photographs are now available to AANR-West members at a discount.

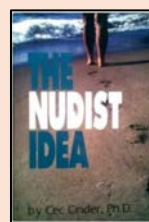
AANR-West members can purchase one or more of three specific TreeSpirit art posters at 50% off their retail prices.

Visit the TreeSpirit gallery:

[www.TreeSpiritProject.com/gallery](http://www.TreeSpiritProject.com/gallery)

To order, email your choice and a full name and mailing address to AANR-West at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org). We will coordinate with Jack to confirm details (production and mailing costs, etc.) For custom sizes or materials, allow 2-3 weeks delivery time.

## TWO BOOKS THAT BELONG ON EVERY NUDIST'S BOOKSHELF!



Available Through Our Online Book Club.

Email us at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) for more information.



## “Disrobed” De-mystifies Family Nudist Values

By Gary Mussell, self-appointed drama critic

In 1931, British playwright Tom Cushing wrote a one act comedy called “*Barely Proper*,” about a young and strictly raised young man going to meet his fiancée’s parents for the first time, not realizing they are a family of nudists.

The play, now retitled, “*Disrobed — Why So Clothes-Minded?*” was revived to much acclaim in 2017 by award-winning playwright, Steven Vlasak and re-written and updated for an American audience as part of the Los Angeles Fringe Festival. The twist, besides having the actors be nude on stage, was requiring the theater audience to be nude also. The three performances were sellouts, and the play was well received.

Reviving and restaging the play during our Year of the Pandemic was obviously going to be a challenge since the writers and directors had to figure out how to relate to a remote audience on the other side of a computer screen sitting in their pajamas, or less. Also, the actors had to find a way to interact between separate screen windows reminiscent of the Brady Bunch opening credits.

I am happy to report that last month’s production of “*Disrobed*” overcame most of these challenges and gave a worldwide audience a well-crafted and updated version via the technological wonder of ZOOM video conferencing. The play was not presented live, but rather pre-taped. Kudos to the post-production team whose editors gave the viewer a well-paced experience and kept the action interesting.

The cast was generally excellent. Both Eric (Troy Peterson, who also directed and edited) and Skye (Eloise Gordon), the couple engaged to be married, showed genuine affection for each other. This is the key to the play because if one does not believe they are genuinely in love, the final decision to remain a couple would fall apart. Skye’s “you have no idea” directly into the camera when Eric, the prudish accountant, presses her for the answer to the family’s “big secret.” His wrong guesses of them being in show business or perhaps vampires (“I liked *Twilight*”) bring a chuckle as it shows his love will overcome such differences, but he is taken aback when Skye reveals (literally) that she is a nudist, as is her family.

Unfortunately, Skye has misled her family into thinking Eric is a nudist also, which leads to an openly relaxed attitude both by Skye’s sister Kat (Shaley Gunther) and especially her obnoxious brother Alex (Ian Hayes) that might not have happened had they known Eric was not “one of us.” In reality, most nudists are far more respectful of newcomers than this family is. Eric’s reaction to all this as the family goads him out of his clothes tests the limits of his love and it is the essence of the play. I would have liked to have seen more of Eric’s inner conflict building during

the middle of the play as he decides at first that he has to call off the engagement, and conversely Skye decides she doesn’t like his attitude either. Eventually love conquers all as Skye decides she would rather wear clothes than lose Eric and he decides he would rather lose his clothes rather than lose her.

In the 2017 stage version I thought some of the father’s speech extolling the virtue of being socially nude bordered on being “preachy” but in this virtual version, that dialog has been rewritten and softened so it fits much more naturally into the conversation. Both Sierra Karen Lasater as the mother and George David McClain as the father do a good job balancing their nudist lifestyle and with a deep love for their daughter’s happiness. Had they been more exaggerated in their carefree nature they could have tipped Eric into leaving.

On the other hand, the script still portrays the sister and brother as more one-dimensional than I would have liked. Alex, the obnoxious brother, is written as over-the-top (was the farting really necessary?) and that is how he is portrayed. I admit I did chuckle when his aggressive guitar playing breaks a string and Eric comments it must have been the “G string.” Nice double entendre!

Congratulations to the entire production for bringing this old chestnut of a play into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and adapting it so well to the social media format. At 55 minutes the time never really dragged, and the actors kept the story moving, leading us once gain to believe that true love conquers all.



## INTERVIEW WITH THE PRODUCER

### Deconstructing “Disrobed”: An Interview with the Writer/Producer

By Gary Mussell

After the successful Vimeo performances of *Disrobed* last month, we requested an interview with USC film student Troy Peterson, who was the show’s producer, writer, and lead actor in the show. He graciously agreed. Below is a summary of our Q&A session:

**1. How did you become involved in the conversion from stage to ZOOM? What was your thought process about how to convert it? What problems did you face and have to overcome in order to convert it?**

Troy: “I actually came up with the idea to do a virtual ZOOM-based film version of the show myself. I had seen the show twice in its stage run and wanted to be a part of a future production. Having been part of two filmed ZOOM productions, I was looking for material to adapt myself and thought this was the perfect project because of its contemporary setting, cheap costume budget, hilarious script, and positive message.

Once I had permission from Steven Vlasak to update the script for ZOOM, I was excited by the potential to adapt the show to being about a ZOOM Call because it opened the door for new comedic set pieces about how our society struggles with viewing nudity and fixing some awkward notes in the original piece. After all, it made more sense for someone not to tell their fiancé about their family being nudists before a weekly ZOOM call instead of before meeting them and getting naked in person. The actual writing went smoothly, though our biggest challenges were making sure the ending ended believably for both of the characters in the main couple and that the prudish main character's anger was justifiable without making the nudist characters too weird or unlikable. There also were the challenges of making the snappy comedy flow well when our technology made us time-delayed and we couldn't talk over each other. However, I am happy to say our cast rose to our challenge.

**2. How did you recruit the cast? Was anyone hesitant about doing the show? How did cast members feel about it after the show was done? Did they show it to their parents or family?**

Troy: “While our Kat was previously cast for the stage version and casting myself as Eric was a big part of me pitching the project, the other two-thirds of the cast went through the audition and callback process off a Backstage post just like any other Film or TV production. I worked with Sarah, my casting director, to make sure the process was safe and respectful to all involved, with actors signing and consenting to any part of the process that involved nudity. A big aspect that gave a lot of power to the actors was that every person was completely in charge of what could be seen on camera at all times. While some actors respectfully declined the callback, we had a talented bunch

of actors who went through the full process and discovered the perfect five people to play the family. Everyone in the cast was enthusiastic about the production's message and potential and fully committed to it, despite only one third of the cast being comfortable with the label "nudist" at the outset. Most of them showed their friends and family the final product with a unanimous voice of approval from our social circles, which was quite the pleasant surprise. Now we just can't wait to make the sequel and finally meet each other! Well, except for the parents who are actually neighbors.

**3. How many people actually watched the show in total (all 3 nights)? Did anyone in the audience admit to watching it while nude also? (Can you see the audience from your side?)**

Troy: “Our first run sold 474 tickets so we can estimate that at least that number of people got to watch the filmed performance, though we've heard of cast members and nudist resorts having group showings so it's likely we had at least over 500 people watching that first weekend. For safety and aesthetic reasons, we only show a filmed performance which allowed us to take all the advantages of being a movie. While this means we don't see the audience, this has actually allowed us to reach people who might never have considered going to an in-person event. We've heard from people who did embrace the opportunity to watch the film nude despite this being their first exposure to the philosophy and some of them even attended an optional private video talkback after our Sunday show. It's an experience completely customizable to a person's comfort level, which makes it a great intro point for the naturist philosophy to so many.

**4. Are you planning on taking this “on the road” as a normal pay-per-view Vimeo offering that can be seen any time, or only show it occasionally as a special event? You could enter it in one or several of the film festivals held around the country.**

Troy: “The cast and I definitely consider this a film at the end of the day, but we want to make sure watching it remains a special experience. We're doing a second run the weekend of March 19th to the 21st with the Hollywood Film Festival but then who knows what film or fringe festivals we'd like to see host the film. The cast does have to collectively consent to every showing of the film so as long as they continue to have a positive experience, we'll keep showing it!

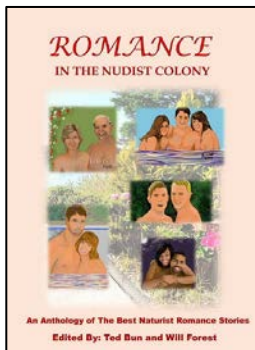
**5. What are your future plans in this genre, if any? Is there another play you may be interested in adapting to the same medium?**

Troy: “As far as future plans go, we'd all love to do a sequel one day showing the wedding we set up at the end of the film if the entire cast were willing to come back. We're also in talks to make a music video for the original song featured in our film, which we hope to shoot in May.

## New eBook Available Feb 14: Romance in the Nudist Colony

Just in time for Valentine's Day, a new Kindle book will be available on Amazon that should interest all nudists.

The eBook, *Romance in the Nudist Colony* is the second book in a series, following the successful *Murder in the Nudist Colony* (2020).



Seventeen writers, eighteen stories, all with a common objective: portraying a romance at a naturist venue somewhere in the modern, Western world. Young love, love between seniors, love twixt people who have just met, the rekindling of old loves, laments for loves lost. They are all included. Amazon's price is \$8.20 plus shipping.

Early in 2020, naturist fiction author P. Z. Walker had the idea for a collection of mystery stories to be called "**Murder in the Nudist Colony**," deliberately using the antiquated term "nudist colony" for a slightly retro, humorous touch.

"I put together the call for submissions, posted it on Twitter," wrote Walker on his Twitter account. "Soon, we had fifteen quality submissions."

Mad as the original idea seemed, it worked. Books were sold and money raised for the editor's chosen charity, Doctors Without Borders.

"It had also been so much fun many of the writers were badgering me to do a follow up," wrote Walker. And the idea for "**Romance in the Nudist Colony**" was born. We lost a couple of writers to other projects but gained new contributors. The new anthology contains many new romances for you to immerse yourself in. We have stories set in pre-war Europe, sixties Britain and America and from around the world, in most of the decades since.

"Young love, love between seniors, love twixt people who have just met, the rekindling of old loves, laments for loves lost. They are all included. The stories in this collection share expressions of the love of life, the love of clothes free living and acceptance of difference."

AANR West's **Linda Weber**, was chosen to be one of the new authors in the book. Her short story is called "*A Chance Encounter at the Road Runner Ranch*."

"I had fun reading the first book "*Murder in the Nudist Colony*" so when the call came out for writers for "*Romance in the Nudist Colony*", and knowing the organization they support, I thought "why not?" This is my first submission and first published short story."

All proceeds for the new book will also go to the Doctors Without Borders charity.

The book is also being highlighted on the **Goodreads** website and will be reviewed there later this month.



Below is a roundup from our 38 clubs in the Western Region, based upon their emails to us and a review of their web sites. The list is organized alphabetically by state.

### ARIZONA

As of January 26, 2021, there are no restrictions for individuals visiting Arizona from other U.S. States. Each resort is to advise guests to observe proper hygiene and wear masks and maintain proper social distance according to that park's specific rules and regulations.

- **BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)**

No club information available this month.

- **CANYON STATES (PHOENIX)**

No club information available this month

- **DESERT SANCTUARY B&B**

For camping information, contact:  
[thesancturyatrinconpeak@gmail.com](mailto:thesancturyatrinconpeak@gmail.com)

- **MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)**

COVID-19 update 2/1/2021: We are open to room rentals. 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 with no DJ/Dancing at this time. Day guests are welcome.

- **MOHAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)**

To learn of 2021 activities, contact us at:  
[mohavesunclub@gmail.com](mailto:mohavesunclub@gmail.com)

- **SHANGRI LA (NEW RIVER)**

The February calendar may be found at:  
<https://shangrilaranch.com/calendar#year=2021&month=1&day=30&view=list>.



### Cyndi Faber and Jeff Tendick Announce Engagement

AANR-West's  
Treasurer and Vice

President Jeffrey Tendick have announced they are engaged to be married. The event will take place April 1, 2021 in Arizona. Both are residents of the Shangri-La Ranch club.

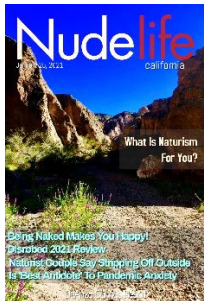
## CALIFORNIA

On January 25, the state's Stay at Home Order, was lifted. This allows all counties statewide to return to the color-coded tiers that indicate which activities and businesses are open based on local case rates and test positivity. As of this writing, all of Southern California remains in the strictest, or "purple" tier.

As a result, many California clubs will continue to restrict gatherings of any size. Restaurants may reopen for outdoor dining, and some limited services may be offered as long as masks are worn, and social distance is maintained. As infection rates drop, daily death rate lowers, and vaccines become more available, we expect these restrictions to gradually be lifted during the coming months. Until then it is important to continue to help lower the threat of infection.

### • DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT (JACUMBA)

Their excellent magazine is available on their club website at: [www.deanzasprings.com/](http://www.deanzasprings.com/)



News from January 25: "First, with the current COVID-19 situation, we are open. So, if you need to get away from your normal routine, we do have rooms and rental units available. Though we are restricted as to the activities we may offer, we are certain that you will find something to do during your visit.

This is a fantastic time of year for a

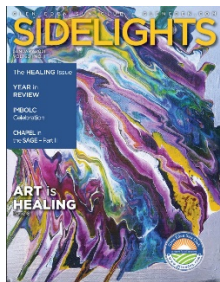
great hike up into the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (as group from Orange County did this a week ago).

"Second, we know that many of you are wondering what is happening and when the sale will be final. The sale of the resort is moving along. There are several items that still need to be attended to. Along with you we are interested to find out what the buyers have in mind for the resort. We do not believe our wait will be exceptionally long.

Visit our website for updates as San Diego County's COVID-19 restrictions are revised.

### • GLEN EDEN (TEMESCAL VALLEY)

By Cindy Savage



"The winter solstice here was celebrated with very low-key fanfare around the labyrinth. Intrepid trailblazers have begun to tackle long forgotten and overgrown trails first built years ago. In an effort to find places to hike nude, volunteers have cut back trees, raked paths and restored rock walls. Hiking up to two benches with outstanding views is a

fine reward. Since we're right next to the Cleveland National Forest, volunteers are doing trail maintenance there as well.

"Besides hiking, biking, yoga and swimming, tennis and pickleball have finally reopened, so that is good news for those wanting to get out in the sunshine and exercise. Members have been entertaining themselves while learning on the Wellness Hour Thursday evenings on ZOOM. Each week, different volunteers present an interesting topic—everything from how to buy a rebounder and use it for cardio to birds, snakes and plants of GE, complete with new ID guides. Usually, there's a five-minute cooking demo, game or craft activity. It's interactive and inspirational. The schedule is on the website.



Despite the rain last weekend, several members joined a community clean up along the frontage road near GE.

Hundreds of pounds of trash were taken to the dump and a fun time was had by all.

One member even found some cash. Someone else found a kayak oar—random, but useful.

January 25, 2021: Effective today, Glen

Eden will return to the Code Purple Level COVID-19 restrictions that were in effect prior to December 3:

— All private gatherings must be held outdoors. A gathering of no more than three households is permitted in a public park or other outdoor space. 6 ft of social distancing must be maintained. Large group activities remain postponed.

— Pools - The indoor pool is closed. Outdoor pools and spas remain open with appropriate 6ft of social distancing maintained. Main Pool – Maximum 6 people; Multi-Purpose Pool – Maximum 2 people. No facial covering is required in pools or spas. However, facial covering must be worn when entering or exiting a pool. When people are waiting, limit use to 30 minutes.

— Conversation Pool – Maximum of 3 individuals or 3 couples maintaining 6 ft social distance. Reservations discontinued.

— Jacuzzi – Maximum 4 individuals or 4 couples maintaining 6 ft social distance. Reservations discontinued.

- Cafe - will remain open for take-out orders. Outdoor dining is permitted.
- Nudist Research Library is once again open with one customer allowed inside at a time.
- Common areas will open with limited seating that accommodates 6 ft of social distancing.
- Art Studio may continue with 6 ft of social distancing maintained and facial covering required.
- Tennis, Pickleball, and Billiard may resume with approved risk/mitigation plan.
- GE short-term rentals will resume.
- Prospective member tours continue to be postponed.

- **LAGUNA DEL SOL (WILTON, NEAR SACRAMENTO)**

Winter improvement project: Last winter we built a new, 1000-foot concrete road on the far side of the lake. It has sure cut down on the dust and dirt and kept the grass nicer! This winter we are doing major work on the tennis courts. The first court's surface is being replaced with concrete. The old asphalt was in very poor condition. While the 2 courts got very little use in recent years, there are still a lot of people playing tennis elsewhere and we think redoing one will increase usage here. The middle court next to the pickleball courts will be converted to full-court basketball. The asphalt will be repaired and resurfaced.



In other news, Laguna del Sol is back in the “Purple” tier. What that means for us is that we are open to everyone, **with the exception of first-time visitors** requiring an orientation tour! AANR and TNS members with valid membership cards and guests accompanied by LdS members are welcome as first-time visitors. They must arrive during office hours to register. Please call the office in advance.

- All camping and rooms are open under normal winter policy. (Far side of the lake closed to camping until May 1st as well as all other grass sites, subject to weather conditions, and if available)

- The restaurant and lounge are not open yet. We are waiting for indoor dining to resume and for warmer weather to bring out more people.

— We are planning for the re-opening of the outdoor conversation pool, but we have to be able to trust that social distancing guidelines will be followed according to current county restrictions and guidelines. We don't want to close it again once it's open due to the failure by some to respect the policy. Spacing will be clearly marked on the deck. Please do your part to ensure that we can keep it open once it opens! However, at this point it, along with the other pools and spas remain closed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these updates, please contact the office directly at: (916) 687-6550. Email: [office@lagunadelsol.com](mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com)

**Laguna del Sol 2021 Events:** We want, just as bad as you do, to be able to host some of the many events that we missed out on last year. We will make every effort to keep in touch regarding any current reservations or changes to current guidelines and restrictions. If you are not sure what reservations you currently have in place for 2021, please contact the office to request a copy.

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

2/5/21: Due to recent rains and earthquakes, we have had a recent water situation requiring repairs to our system. Restaurant, pool, hot tub, showers and community kitchen are all temporarily closed this week, so please bring bottled water for yourself.

Jan 25, we had an extended weekend because of MLK day and the weather totally cooperated! We started our weekend on Friday with Sara having a lady's coffee time at 11 am, and then in the evening Charlie led an open microphone. (If you have never participated, it is so much fun, tell a bad joke or even a good one, sing a song, play an instrument, or just tell a funny story).

On Saturday morning at 11 am Dylan led his Vinyasa Yoga and at 3 pm the Book Club had a ZOOM meeting. On Sunday, Michael led Qigong at 1 pm on the waterfall lawn.

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

All events through at least February 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.

- **OLIVE DELL RANCH (COLTON)**

Olive Dell Ranch residents and friends generally watch the Super Bowl game in the clubhouse. This year, depending on the weather, the doors may be left open to increase air circulation. If you are comfortable with this environment, come and join us to watch the game on the big TV screen, participate in the quarter and end of game pools, and have fun with the rest of us. If you are not into Football, there is

always the (frigid!) swimming pool or the warm Jacuzzi and Sauna. ODR plans to have their snack bar open, but the restaurant is closed unless county restrictions lift.

The 12th Annual Bare Burro 5K Race is scheduled for April 23-25, 2021. Registration is now available online at the Olive Dell website.

- **OLYMPIAN CLUB (TUSTIN, ORANGE COUNTY)**

Sun Feb 7 Virtual Super Bowl Party  
Sat Feb 13 Valentine Happy Hour, (ZOOM)

- **SCNA (LOS ANGELES)**

The Southern CA Naturist Association has two upcoming fun events are planned:

— SUPER BOWL SUNDAY – a virtual event online February 6. Login and watch the game together. Play one of several raffle games to win some nice prizes including a pool of cash at the end.

— NAKED AT THE MUSEUM: In the past the SCNA has organized very popular live Naked at The Getty Museum events. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, this year the game will be a Virtual Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, **February 14**, 2021. Follow the trail of clues to uncover alluring and amusing nudes and answer quirky questions about what you find. You might bump into a bronzed Adonis, encounter an incontinent Cupid, serenade moonlit sirens, walk in on an ancient Egyptian, marvel at medieval codpieces, attend outrageous feasts, and more. No previous experience with art, or nudity, is required. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time.

### Arroyo del Sol B&B Owners Interviewed by Naked Wanderers



*Naked Wanderings* is a world-famous couple, Lins and Nick, whose video blog is followed by over 40 thousand viewers each week. On January 28, 2021 they interviewed Rolf and Cynthia Holbach, owners of the Arroyo del Sol Bed and Breakfast in Altadena, California. Rolf is also president of the **Southern California Naturist Association**, the largest AANR-affiliated travel club in the state. Arroyo del Sol is also affiliated with AANR.

During the 56-minute interview, Rolf described how the B&B came to be, and of his love for cooking, The World Naked Bike Ride, nude 5K runs, and the naturist movement in general. Rolf also talked about the recent *Disrobed* online play which the SCNA club sponsored.

You can watch the video at:  
<https://www.nakedwanderings.com/events/naturist-resort-sessions-arroyo-del-sol/>

- **SEQUOIANS (CASTRO VALLEY, EAST BAY)**

No club information available this month

### COLORADO

- **FRONT RANGE NATURISTS (BOULDER)**

No information submitted this month. Web site is:  
<https://frncolorado.com/>

- **MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER AREA)**

The MAR website shows all February events have been cancelled.

Due to heightened COVID-19 restrictions in the state of Colorado, no visitors, not even guests of members, are allowed on the property. Site-holders and full members have been told they may be on the grounds “at your own risk”. The office is only open by appointment.

No other information was submitted this month by our publication deadline.

### 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.

- **FRIENDS OF LITTLE BEACH (MAUI)**

This nudist-friendly beach was shut down indefinitely last month due to many complaints about violations of COVID-19 violations of no mask wearing or social distancing.

- **HANGIN' LOOSE (BIG ISLAND)**

No information submitted this month.

- **SWIM FREE HAWAII (BIG ISLAND)**

No information submitted this month.

### NEW MEXICO

- **ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)**

Roadrunners have canceled all of their events for the month of February due to state and county COVID-19 restrictions. Email us at:

[RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com](mailto:RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com)

- **FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS, LLC**

For camping information, call 575-536-9663 or email:  
[faywoodhotsprings.nm@gmail.com](mailto:faywoodhotsprings.nm@gmail.com)

- **SUN TREE TRAVEL CLUB (LAS CRUCES)**

For club activities, email: [information@suntree.net](mailto:information@suntree.net)

## NEVADA

- **LAS VEGAS BARES**

Email for event information to [nakedinvegas@yahoo.com](mailto:nakedinvegas@yahoo.com)

- **LAS VEGAS NATURISTS**

Las Vegas Naturists is working around the grounds getting ready for our spring opening. We have a new shade structure, added to the hummingbird retreat and starting to build a pickleball court. Looking forward to more water volleyball fun and the return of our guests and friends. . Email for event information at: [actionnude@gmail.com](mailto: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 quiet for January.

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

## UTAH

- **SUNS (ST. GEORGE)**

Belatedly, The Southern Utah Nudist Society wants to share a picture from our Ugly Christmas Sweater Party that was held on December 12. Here are the contestants: Fantastic job on your ugly sweaters!!!



Also, at our Christmas party, we had a snowball fight, great lunchboxes from Harmons, a gift exchange and some fun time in the heated pool and the hot tub!

On January 9, we SUNS had a Hot Tub and outdoor game party. The SUNS have just added some new outdoor games for some additional fun in the sun. We finished up the day decorating sugar cookies for our dessert.

On January 23, we had a Hike and Hot Tub party that was well attended, and we enjoyed some great views. The weather was sunny and after the hike we returned to the hot tub for some party games and our usual great conversations.

It's cool in January, but after a good hike and a soak in the hot tub, this sun lover found the rays irresistible.

February 13 and 27, we have scheduled more hot tub parties. “As soon as the weather warms up a little bit more, we will reopen our pool.”

- **WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)**

With the recent COVID-19 spike in Utah, our in-person events are still on hold. We have developed a popular online blog for your stories and comments at: <https://wasatchnaturists.com/blog>  
For more information, email the club at: [wasatchnaturists@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchnaturists@gmail.com).

## Online Clubs

- **CLOTHESFREE INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

CFI is an online subscription service which produces weekly video shows highlighting important nudist news and also local nudist clubs and resorts. For more information, go to <https://clothesfree.com/>.

## WESTERN MEXICO

- **ZIPOLITE NUDIST FESTIVAL, MEXICO**

The festival attracts nudists from all over the world to its beach and hotels for parties, bodypainting, and other activities. Sponsored by the Mexican Nudist Federation, this year the festival occurred from January 29- February 6. For more information, see: <https://www.zipolite-mexico.com/zipolite-nudist-festival/>

## BATES BEACH, CALIFORNIA



*Helen O'Neill submitted this photo of sunset at **Bates Beach**, the nude beach near Carpinteria, California, taken December 27, 2020. Happy New Year!*

Friends of Bates Beach tell us the designated clothing-optional area of the beach remains open although the water is a chilly 60 degrees!

Visit [www.friendsofbatesbeach.org](http://www.friendsofbatesbeach.org) for details about picnic parties and directions.