

# The Western Sun



News from the Western Region of the American Association for Nude Recreation

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## Club Headlines



### Sale of De Anza Springs Resort Sale is Completed

We received this email on February 23 from the club's general manager:

"Jacumba Partners, Inc. is pleased to announce the purchase of the assets of De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, California effective Friday, February 12, 2021.

"De Anza Springs Resort was established in 1997. The Landman family has served as leaders in the community by providing a relaxing venue for nudists and naturists to enjoy nude recreation with outstanding service.

We plan to build on and continue their success and send warm greeting to our new team members, guests, members, and residents.

"Jacumba Partners has begun the process of transferring accounts and evaluating the operations of the resort. We are also pleased to announce that all current team members have been asked to stay and are welcome to continue their service with us.

"At this time, no decisions have been made as to any future changes, though there will be some changes coming. You will notice when visiting the resort that some clean-up is already under way.

"We look forward to a smooth transition and continued exceptional service for our customers."

The new owners are hosting a Meet & Greet with the resort residence on Saturday, March 6.

The sale of De Anza Springs included a good chunk of the nearby town of Jacumba Hot Springs which was also owned by David Landman.

Escrow opened last September. Sources told us the delay in closing the deal was caused by delays by the County of San Diego, whose inspectors are required to inspect the properties. The inspectors apparently were backlogged and all that the buyers could do was wait until they got to it.

### Encore Dates Announced for Online Performances of Nudist Play "Disrobed"

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

There will be four encore performances the weekend of March 19-20-21 as follows:

- **March 19, 7 PM**
- **March 20, 7 PM**
- **March 21, 12 Noon and again at 7 PM**

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at [www.disrobed2021.com](http://www.disrobed2021.com).



### Desert Sanctuary in AZ is No Longer Clothing-Optional

Last month we received word from the owner that *Desert Sanctuary at Rincon Peak* is no longer clothing optional and has removed itself from the listing of AANR-affiliated clubs. The B&B is located just east of Tucson, Arizona.



## Glen Eden Volunteers Paint Highway K-Rails

By Cindy S., Sidelights Editor

Led by Elin T., consummate artist, GE volunteers are painting the unsightly, but necessary, K-rails around the club, which are placed each year to hold back the mudslides and the floods that have occurred after the Holy Fire.

Each K-rail depicts a local scene such as the Cleveland National Forest hiking trails just outside our gates, the butterfly migrations in springtime or a lazy day at Lake Elsinore.

As part of our wellness focus, we started with a vision for beautifying the club with cooperative art, collected paint and volunteers, then gathered safely to first paint an undercoat of white. Elin then led budding artists in a “paint by numbers” type of activity so that many could participate and share in the unfolding of the image. At least 20 people have wielded paintbrushes and many others have donated supplies or funds.

“Anyone can be creative,” says Elin. “Often people are told, or get the impression, that they’re not artistic, but anyone can play with color, light and shape. Imagine when the k-rails look like forests, deserts, and seascapes. They’ll still be pretty when they are stored and waiting for the next round of rains next year.”

For more on the K-Rails and other activities going on at Glen Eden, sign up for Sidelights at [www.gleneden.com/newsletters](http://www.gleneden.com/newsletters). There will be a link to a short documentary about the K-Rail project in next month’s magazine.



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## Western Region News



## AANR-West Board of Directors to Meet on March 13

Each March, the AANR-West Board of Directors meet to discuss policy issues and to check the progress on our planned activities for the year. The meeting will be held Saturday March 13 at the Mira Vista Resort, just outside Tucson, Arizona.

All AANR-West members are invited to participate in the discussions and to contribute their own ideas. The meeting will run from **10 AM to approximately 6 PM** with a lunch break in the middle.

We are providing online link to the meeting for those who prefer to participate remotely:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/714121853>

You can also dial in using your phone at:

**(571) 317-3122, Access Code: 714-121-853**

No special software app is needed. Just copy the link into your Internet browser and you will be launched into the meeting.

A packet of information was sent to all club presidents via email at the end of February. A copy of the report is available to all AANR members by request at [information@aanerwest.com](mailto:information@aanerwest.com).

On the planned agenda is:

- Finding Additional Sources of Revenue for the Region besides membership dues. The appointment of Advertising Manager.
- A review of our current regional web site and social media pages, with recommendations for improvements for what we post and also respond to.
- A presentation about the region’s Kids Camp, planned for June at De Anza Springs Nudist Resort. Pricing and itinerary will be decided.
- The GPS T-Shirt promotion will be launched.
- A review of the monthly Women in Nude Recreation meetings.
- The Sports Committee will report on setting up interclub Activities and competitions. Revising the annual Bill Hawk Award will be considered.

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## Low Response to Our Annual AANR-West Member Survey

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West President

In January and February, AANR-West mailed out survey forms to all of our clubs to distribute to their members, and to all of our non-club "Associate" members across our 8-state region. We were disappointed we only received 30 responses, about half of what we received last year. (Perhaps it was the forced sequestering due to the pandemic?) We thank those who did take the trouble to respond and one should see these answers in light of their low numbers.

### What Do You Like to Do?

Most checked Yes for everything (pool parties, visiting parks, and nude beaches), however, some were less enthusiastic about nude camping, sailing, or yoga. A few said they want to go on a nude cruise but have not yet had the opportunity.

### Club Visited

Most check clubs that were geographically within 100 miles of their homes. When we get this pandemic behind us, we hope there will be more travelling as people take advantage of the Passport Program and its regionwide raffle.

### Party Themes

The most popular themes selected were athletic events and holiday parties. The 5K Runs were liked by almost everyone, if just to watch and not participate. Least popular were costume parties and cooking competitions. About half the responders checked no party themes at all, so I guess they just want to go somewhere and lay their towel down.

A few requested that clubs provide more potluck dinners. Also desired were "Nude at the Museum" day field trips, and for clubs to provide massage training classes. There was a murmur of support for movie nights. One person wanted us to stop promoting women-only events (no, we aren't stopping, sorry).

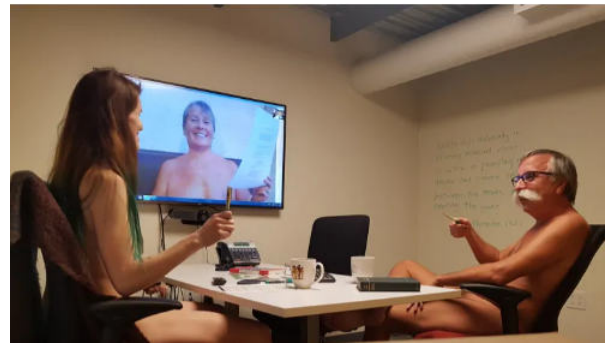
### Rating What We Are Doing

Everyone likes the AANR Bulletin and the Western Sun newsletter. (Thank you!) There was widespread support for our legislative watch and our advocacy of body positive issues, "Free the Nipple," nude beaches, and the World Naked Bike Rides.

### Devices Used/ Social Media

Laptops were the most popular device used, followed by cell phones, Pad Devices, and Desktops. That was the same order of preference as last year. About the same order as last year:

Facebook and Instagram were the most popular social media platforms, followed by YouTube, Twitter, Meetup, Reddit, and Nextdoor.



Stephen Deschene of Bare Oaks Family Naturalist Park in Ontario, Canada does a weekly video show with interviews of prominent naturists from around the world.

## Las Vegas Naturists Starting Weekly Video Blog, Looking for People to Interview.

A few months ago, the Las Vegas Naturists club started a daily "podcast" on "Clubhouse". This application appears to be the new up and coming audio type of social app, the new "Audio Facebook." A podcast is normally put on every day (or weekly) at a certain time for a half hour or longer. It already has thousands of listeners from all over the world. Most are younger listeners, like what our clubs are missing.

A successful podcast requires interesting guests to interview, and so AANR-West is joining with the Las Vegas club to recruit guest speakers from our clubs to talk about themselves, their clubs, and/or about social nudism in general.

Hardy Brunell, the owner of LV Naturists, is also looking for a co-host, someone with a smooth voice and good listening skills, who can carry a conversation. If you are interested in participating, contact Hardy at [ActionNude@gmail.com](mailto:ActionNude@gmail.com).

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## Reminder: AANR-West Has Blog for Your Stories

AANR-West has launched a **Blog** on our website. The stories and articles submitted must be about nudist activities. We are looking to have a wide range of articles including but not limited to first experiences, funny experiences, informational experiences, special places that you have visited, travels to nudist resorts, clothing optional beaches or other clothing optional places.

Send your contribution as an attachment to an email to [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org). To view the Blog, go to the [www.aanrwest.org](http://www.aanrwest.org) home page (see above) to find the link.

## Reminder: AANR-West Scholarship Applications 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 a letter 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).

## 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 at our website store.

The shirt 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 and range in size **from Large to Triple XL**. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.95 shipping if purchased online.

Visit the new AANR-West Store online at:

<https://aanrwest.org/our-region/store>. The Q-R code for the regional web page is also imprinted on the back of the shirt.

## Women in Nude Recreation

### AANR West Women's Workshop Online March 19

By Treena Saavedra, WINR Co-Chair

AANR-West hosts a monthly Woman in Nude Recreation (WINR) online workshop for an hour or so. Our next meeting will be on **Friday March 19** at 7 PM Mountain time (that is 6 PM Pacific time and 3 PM Hawaii time).

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!)

We look forward to "seeing" you at the event!!

### AANR-West WINR Meeting Link



Fri, March 19, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
(Pacific Daylight Time).

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/662979645>

You can also dial in using your phone:

**(669) 224-3412 Access Code: 662979645#**

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!



International Women's Day

## Club to Celebrate International Women's Day March 8

KISSIMMEE, FL—Cypress Cove Nudist Resort in Kissimmee, Florida is hosting an online 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. The day aims to help nations worldwide eliminate discrimination against women. It also focused on helping women gain full and equal participation in global development.

**The events are open to all women around the world, whether they are AANR members or not.**

For more information and to join the festivities, visit the website at <https://cypresscoveresort.com/events/whats-coming-up/international-womens-day-weekend/>

## Olive Dell Ranch Opens Registration for Annual 5K Bare Burro Nude Run

COLTON, Calif. – Olive Dell Ranch has opened online registration for its annual nude running race, the Bare Burro 5K Trail Run, set for Sunday, April 25. Ongoing safety concerns led Olive Dell to open registration early, said Olive Dell Ranch manager Becki Kilborn: "We are only accepting online reservations this year. Even if you come day-of, you have to register online. We want to give runners plenty of time to reserve their spaces, because when we get 300 runners, we have to close registration."

The challenging 5K route runs through the trails and hills in the rustic Ranch, and nudity is mandatory for all runners — although shoes are recommended. The 2019 Bare Burro 5K Trail Run was sponsored by Goodr Running Sunglasses and Pickle Juice isotonic sports drink.

"This isn't a nude walk through the hills, it's a serious running race," Kilborn said. "The Bare Burro is a 5K like no other."

Registrants receive a packet with their race number, timing chip, participation gift and last-minute details. To avoid crowding on the course, the race starts will be pulsed, with a few runners taking off at a time, starting with the fastest runners. Each runner's timing chip guarantees a personalized race time, from that runner's crossing the starting line to their finish.

When walking through the pool and clubhouse areas, everyone is requested to wear a mask. When seated, it can be removed — much like at a restaurant. "We believe we have a responsible and considerate group of runners, walkers and volunteers," Kilborn said. "But as always, anyone creating a nuisance will be asked to leave."

The Bare Burro Run was first held in 2010, and the Bare Burro is now established as the premier nude running event in Southern California. The local wild burros often visible from the course inspired the punning name of the race, because competitors run the race bare... burro. More than 275 runners completed the course in 2019. The Bare Burro has been featured in the calendar section of Los Angeles alternative newspaper LA Weekly, and the 2016 Bare Burro was featured in OC Weekly and was the subject of a two-page article in the British naturist magazine *H&E*.

Running shoes are strongly recommended for runners on the gravel and dirt course, but nudity is not an "option" at the Bare Burro: It's a requirement.

"We're a nudist resort, and we expect our runners to get with the program. Many dedicated runners are fine with it: 'You want us to run naked? Okay.' Then we don't see them again until the next year," Kilborn chuckled. "When it's chilly, early in the morning, everybody wears something to keep warm, even the longtime nudists, but by race time it's



warm enough. After a few minutes, we've found, everybody acclimates to being nude. You may forget you're naked until you're on the freeway going home."

Runners can spend Bare Burro weekend at Olive Dell with karaoke Friday night and Saturday events including a cornhole tournament in the morning and the annual Naked Beer Mile in the afternoon, with runners downing a 12 oz. beer (or soft drink) every quarter mile.

Runners can register now for all Bare Burro Weekend events through the Olive Dell website at [olivedellranch.com](http://olivedellranch.com). **Registration for Bare Burro runners is \$40 in advance through March 31, \$45 until April 22, and \$50 from April 23-25, if space is available. Bare Burro registration for runners 17 and younger is \$10.**

Package deals are available for participation in all weekend events. The Bare Burro 5K Trail Run is limited to 300 runners. Registered runners may bring friends on race day to cheer them on; they will be required to pay the Olive Dell daily entrance fee. Runners and their friends are welcome to remain on the Olive Dell grounds for the awards ceremony and use the property's pool, hot tub, and other facilities for the rest of the day.

Awards are given to the top three male and female finishers and the top three finishers in each decade age range from under-20 to as high as 80.

At Olive Dell, unauthorized photography is strictly prohibited at all times. A special area near the pool will be dedicated to taking selfies and group shots of runners and their friends. Attendees are encouraged to post on social media using the hashtag #BareBurro2021. The race maintains a Twitter presence at @ODBareBurro. Information about the race can be found on the Olive Dell website at [olivedellranch.com](http://olivedellranch.com).

"The race gets bigger every year, and this year we will fill the Ranch with a weekend of fun," Kilborn said. "We look forward to seeing all of you here as we launch Spring with the Bare Burro 5K Trail Run."

Olive Dell Ranch is located at 26520 Keissel Road in Colton, California. Gates open at 8 am Sunday morning for check-in and the Bare Burro 5K race starts at 10:30 AM.

## Government Affairs

# Gainesville City Commission Rejects Proposed “Free the Nipple” Ordinance

GAINESVILLE, Fla. Feb. 11 - Gainesville City Commissioners struck down part of a gender-neutral ordinance Thursday evening that would have allowed women to be topless in public.

The original proposal would have changed all city ordinances from using male and female pronouns to “they/them” pronouns, ultimately allowing female nudity.

The BEACHES Foundation was vigorously supporting the gender-neutral language because then women would have the same rights as men to be top free on the city’s beaches. After hearing this, the Commissioners unanimously voted to split up the issue of nudity standards from the rest of the ordinance. In a three-to-three vote, the proposal allowing nudity was voted down (one Commissioner was out of town and avoided the vote).

The proposal was originally put forward by Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos in January. The March meeting will consider the remaining part of the proposal to remove male and female pronouns from city ordinances.

Source: WCJB-TV video blog.



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

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West GAT Chair

*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

**Arizona 2021 HB 2568** 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. Bill passed Arizona House on 02/24/2021: 45 Yea, 15 No. Bill transmitted to Senate.

#### Arizona 2021 SB 1248

It is unlawful for any person, with intent to knowingly terrify, intimidate, threaten, or harass a specific person or persons by directing any obscene, lewd, or profane

language or suggesting any lewd or lascivious act to the person in an electronic communication. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill passed Arizona State Senate 02/23/2021: 28 Yes, 2 No. Bill transmitted to House.

### CALIFORNIA

**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 (no hearing date set).

*Action: We hope to amend SB 53 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. The Judiciary Committee referred the bill to Public Safety on February 12. No hearing date set yet.

### UTAH

**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.

*Last month we said the bill is given a good chance for swift passage with little chance of our ability to amend it. During February it passed both houses unanimously and was sent to the Governor for signing on February 24.*

### WYOMING

**Wyoming 2021 HB 85.** This bill makes the nonconsensual dissemination of an intimate image a crime; specifying elements and penalties of the offense; providing definitions; providing exemptions; and providing for an effective date. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee; hearing date is March 5.

## AANR Office Requests COVID Status Report from All Clubs

Carolyn Hawkins ([pubaffairs@aanr.com](mailto:pubaffairs@aanr.com)), the club liaison at the main AANR office has requested all clubs send her an update on their status in light of so many various COVID-19 regulations in the different states and counties. She would like clubs to report on any closures and/or restrictions. This is requested of the travel clubs as well as the landed destination parks. Carolyn says she receives calls all the time from members asking status on the status of clubs and this would be very helpful at this time. And please keep her updated of any changes!

## AANR Seeking Member Ideas 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 Anniversary 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 her 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.

## Several Western Region Writers in March AANR Bulletin



The March issue of the AANR *The Bulletin* magazine contains several articles by AANR-West members. Linda Weber, one of our board members has a nice feature story about visiting nude venues in Australia. Trustee Bev Price writes about her frequent nude trips to Lake Powell and through the Grand Canyon. Gary Mussell gives a nuts-and-bolts

review of how Bates Beach in California was won back after being lost for many years.

We hope you will enjoy reading these and other interesting articles in this month's issue. *The Bulletin* is available online for members on the [WWW.AANR.COM](http://WWW.AANR.COM) web site. It also will arrive in most member's mailboxes during the first week of the month.

## May 1 is Deadline for Clubs to Submit Hall of Fame Nominees

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.

## AANR Marketing Committee to Discuss Social Media Guidelines

AANR is in the discussion phase of setting some guidelines for what all of us post in texts, photos, and memes onto social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook.

The consensus so far is 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 AANR members post on their own web sites is also important. While people have a right to express their own opinions about their own interests, stating extreme political or sexually suggestive content may require they remove any references or logos connecting them to AANR. **How to enforce this** remains under discussion and will be the subject of future meetings.

**If you would like to contribute to the discussion**, drop us your name and email address at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) and we will contact you.

## AANR Club Suspended for Lifestyle Advocacy

Last month, Kathy Watzel, AANR President, suspended the charter of an AANR club that neglected to remove a link on its website promoting a lifestyle organization after several communications urging the club to do so.

Watzel said this was a difficult decision but “the association's reputation and trust with lawmakers has been earned over 90 years. Numerous state legislatures and local governments specifically recognize clubs chartered with AANR and exempt them from adult entertainment laws based upon our reputation.

“AANR and its regions are vigorously protective of that reputation and are prepared to take action as may be necessary. AANR is deliberative in its process for taking necessary steps. This should not be confused with a lack of resolve to protect nudism's good name. Too much depends upon it.”

## Other Nudist News



### First Commercial Showing Lactating Breasts Aired During Golden Globes TV Show

Parenthood brand Frida Mom aired what is believed to be the first commercial ever to show lactating breasts on television. It ran during the 2021 Golden Globe Awards on NBC February 28.

“Alright girls, you’ve got this: Latch, and latch better, and oh God, unlatch, unlatch,” a female voice narrates in the one-minute and 15-second commercial as two new moms breast-feed their babies with their nipples uncensored.

“We’re lifting the veil on the challenges new moms (and their breasts) face as they DIY their way through lactation woes — from massaging out clogged ducts with an electric toothbrush to slowing the flow with cabbage leaves,” reads the video’s caption on YouTube. “It’s time to care for your breasts, not just your baby.”

The commercial can be seen on YouTube at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y\\_838QUw46Y&ab\\_channel=FridaMom](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_838QUw46Y&ab_channel=FridaMom)

The ad is part of Frida Mom’s #sprayitforward campaign, the launch of which coincides with a new line of products for postpartum breast care. Despite the fact that breast-feeding brings with it numerous physical pains, “it never gets any airtime,” Frida CEO Chelsea Hirschhorn told Insider. “

The video has received praise from viewers on YouTube, some of whom are mothers themselves:

*“Y’all moms are doing great! Stay strong on your breastfeeding journeys and don’t let anyone convince you you’re doing wrong. Your body you do what you want with it. And you feed your baby how and when and where you choose!!”*

*“Society doesn’t acknowledge breast feeding is a full-time job. Breast feeding is beautiful but can be brutal. [This commercial] makes women know that their experiences are not uncommon or rare. Every woman can rest assure that enough women out there are going the same thing.”*

*“Men don’t know the Hell they go through to bring in Life to this world. And so many Women go through this Alone all over the world. They need this kind of PSA.”*



Some sample background with outlines of how people are to stand in the photo. Example is at right.

### The Standing Project Looking for A Few Volunteer Photos

Marisa Papen is a former model and a nudist advocate, who has gotten into trouble a few times for taking nude photos of herself visiting exotic and sometimes controversial places around the world.

Her currently project is *The Standing Project*. Basically, volunteers stand naked in some interesting outdoor location and have a photo taken of themselves (see above). The idea is to project a positive message about naturism being accepted around the world.

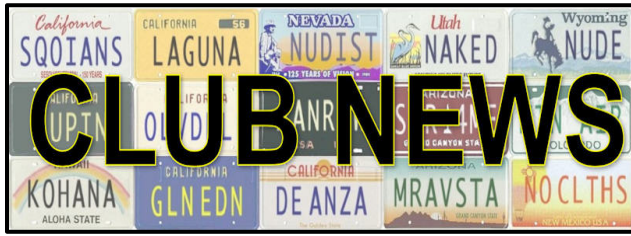
The collected photos will be combined into an on-line book that can be purchased or sold by other organizations such as AANR-West clubs.

Marisa hopes to reach people from all over the world who are willing to bare their skin, to free their body and to collectively stand up for a good cause. AANR, The Naturist Society, and the BEACHES Foundation (Florida) are discussing endorsing her Project.

If you want to talk to her directly, her email is Marisa Papen [marisa.mush@gmail.com](mailto:marisa.mush@gmail.com).

A promotional graphic for a cooking show. The background is light blue. At the top, the text reads "This Dude Cooks in the Nude" in a large, black, hand-drawn font, followed by "Watch on Vimeo.com" with a mouse cursor icon. Below that, in bold black letters, is "THE BEST NUDI ST COOKiNG SHOW!". A yellow starburst graphic contains the text "Limited Edition Koozie!". Below the starburst, it says "Just \$5 each" in pink and "Call 737-333-5353" in blue. At the bottom, it says "OR VISIT thisdudecooksinthe nude.com" in blue. On the right side, there are three koozies: a pink one with the show's name, a brown one with "S.A.T.", and a blue one with "Naked Soluter" and "DOUBLE WASHABLE RECYCLED".





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

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.

### • ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS

No club activities are listed for March.  
PO Box 26465  
Phoenix AZ 85068

### • BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)

No club activities are listed for March.  
(520) 298-2427  
Web: [sites.google.com/site/tucsonbuffateers](https://sites.google.com/site/tucsonbuffateers)  
Email: [buffateers@email.com](mailto:buffateers@email.com)

### • CANYON STATES (PHOENIX)

No club information available this month

### • MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)

2/24/21: "Dear members and friends,  
It's been a trying year for all of us ... Suzanne and I didn't take on the massive task of turning the Mira Vista property from a rustic motel into the finest resort of its kind in the world to get rich. We saw a rough stone that if cut and polished properly could be the jewel in the desert it is today.

"Mira Vista Resort will continue to follow all the safety practices and required protocols to maintain as safe an environment as we can for our members, guests and staff. As soon as weather permits, we will begin having music and dancing outside under the Ramada until the mandated guidelines change. Sincerely, Wayne Schell"

If you plan to visit Mira Vista, please wear a mask to the cafe, lounge & front desk. Continue practicing social distancing and wash your hands often. Reservations: Please call 520-744-2355

The Mira Vista Lounge is open for indoor and outdoor seating: Friday 5 to 10 and Saturday 4 to 10

### • MOHAVE SUN CLUB

Mohave SUN Club is looking forward to St Paddy's party with all the fixings on March 20th in Lake Havasu City at 4 pm. Please rsvp at [mohavesunclub@gmail.com](mailto:mohavesunclub@gmail.com) by March 14. Bring an appetizer to share, and BYOB. We ask that members and guests wear masks and take advantage of free COVID-19 testing available in Mohave County through the community college with usual 1 to 2 day turnaround prior to the event for everyone's safety.

### • SHANGRI-LA RANCH

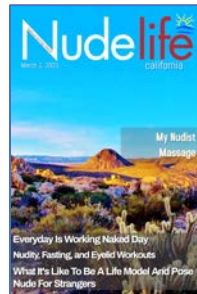
The March 2021 calendar is full of volleyball and pickleball, karaoke, and line dancing fun! For more, go to the website activity page at:  
<https://shangrilaranch.com/calendar#year=2021&month=2&day=27&view=list>

## CALIFORNIA

Statewide, all counties statewide have returned 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)



Sale of the resort was completed in February (see story on page one).

The March Nude Life magazine is available on their club website at: [www.deanzasprings.com/](http://www.deanzasprings.com/)

The park is open with facial masks and social distancing required.

The Oasis Bar & Lounge is open Thursdays through Saturdays from 4:30 pm – closing. It features weekly drinks specials, cold beer on tap and a beautiful outdoor patio to enjoy the sunset. Join us for Social Hour, play a game of billiards or dance the night away or enjoy singing some Karaoke.

On September 26, 2021, De Anza will host its Bare Booty 5K Fun Run/Walk. The course starts within De Anza Springs Resort, followed by a 2.1-mile trail run on a scenic desert trail. The course finishes within the resort, returning to the same point as the start. Registration opens first weekend in April 2021.

The website shows no activities for March. Meanwhile there are weekend clothing-optional hikes up nearby Round Mountain. The Naturists in the O.C. club is coming to hike on Saturday, March 6, starting at 10:00 AM.

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## • GLEN EDEN (TEMESCAL VALLEY)



The February Sidelights Magazine (image, left), published by Glen Eden, contains many interesting articles.

A letter from Steve Spencer, GE Board President 2/26/21:

*“The Stay-at-Home order has been lifted and GE, as a result, has lifted some of the restrictions that were in*

*place. Tennis, Pickleball, common recreation areas, pools, and spas are now open with approved risk/mitigation plans that provide for continued COVID restrictions. We need to continue in our efforts to remain vigilant in taking every precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The pandemic is not over yet. The good news is the vaccine is now becoming more available. Several residents at GE have now had their first shots. As the vaccine roll-out continues, we continue to recommend that everyone assume that any contact you make with people not living in your household may be COVID positive. Continue to take steps to ensure social distancing and wearing a mask.*

*We continue to encourage outdoor activities such as walking, biking, swimming laps, tennis, pickleball, and hiking. As conditions improve, we will be incrementally adding COVID safe recreation activities. When outside, always have a mask on when near other people. If you are walking down the street alone or with members of your own household, it is ok to have your mask down. However, have it ready to put on should you encounter other people.*

At the February 2021 Board Meeting the following major outcomes resulted [partial list – Editor]:

- Tennis Courts 5&6 have been prepped and contracts are soon to be signed for new fencing and resurfacing. This project should be finished before the end of March.
- A motion was passed to also resurface the pickleball courts. There are several cracks that may become more hazardous.
- Work continues on the volleyball patio improvements.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or input at: [President@GlenEden.com](mailto:President@GlenEden.com)

### GE Hiking Trail Cleanup

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 the two benches behind the dog park 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 and working on a new trail to replace the one over the ridge that washed out. Safety and cleanliness are valuable assets when you need to get away into the wilderness.

## • LAGUNA DEL SOL (WILTON, NEAR SACRAMENTO)

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)

### Laguna del Sol 2021 Events

Mar 13, 2021 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Lakeside Inn – COVID-19 permitting.

Mar 27, 2021 - Masquerade Ball at the Moonshadow Lounge – COVID-19 permitting.

Apr 03, 2021 - Black and White Ball – COVID-19 permitting.

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.

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)

## • LUPIN LODGE (LOS GATOS, NEAR SAN JOSE)

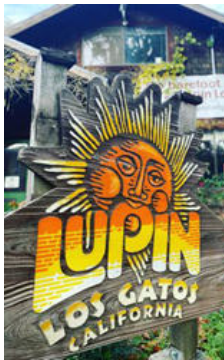
Looking Back at February: 2/23/2021: “At our little bit of heaven where the temperatures were just right and the sun kept peeking through the clouds reminding us of our little microclimate here at Lupin showers could be taken and toilets could be flushed, it was a lovely weekend. On Friday there was a lady's coffee time with Chef Michelle and in the evening, Charlie hosted his legendary Open Mic where people can sing a song, recite a poem, play an instrument or just have fun. It is always enjoyable for the participant and for the audience. On Saturday morning Dylan led his Vinyasa Yoga class. All day there was Glyn Stout Broom Pulling with free entry and lunch. It is very important for Lupin to have Broom pulled as it is highly flammable and wants to take over our plants. Thank you those of you who participated.”



On February 12, KQED, the public television station serving the San Francisco Bay area, offered a short video essay by Erikka Ransom about her discovery of Lupin Lodge and naturist living.

The story is about how she and her newlywed husband used their love of camping to discover “this a loving community near the Santa Cruz Mountains” and more importantly, how the people there taught her body acceptance as self-love” after many years of drug abuse and self-loathing.

To read the full story, go to: <https://www.kqed.org/arts/13892534/finding-acceptance-and-self-love-in-a-naturalist-community>



Regarding COVID restrictions, “We have been very lucky at Lupin and are continuing to keep safety at the forefront of our mission. Please remember to wear your mask and maintain a 6-foot social distance from anyone not in your immediate family or pod. We need everyone to adhere to these guidelines to provide a safe space to gather.

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

All events through at least March 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)**

Visit Olive Dell Ranch’s Facebook page for the most recent information about our events. You must maintain proper social distancing from other guests at all times. Masks are optional but recommended.

Mar 06 – Bingo 7 PM

Mar 13 - St Patrick’s Day Dinner 8 PM

Mar 16 - Potluck

Mar 27 - Karaoke in Clubhouse

Gatehouse hours: Thursday-Monday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Park is closed to nonmembers on Tuesday & Wednesday.

Website: [www.olivedellranch.com](http://www.olivedellranch.com)

Email: [bnude@earthlink.net](mailto:bnude@earthlink.net)

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

Saturday March 13 is the Olympian Happy Hour celebrating St Patrick’s Day (via ZOOM)

Website: [www.olympianclub.com](http://www.olympianclub.com)

Email: [olympianclub@aol.com](mailto:olympianclub@aol.com)

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

The park reopens to visitors on April 2. During the club’s Open Season (April through October) 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 the purpose and enjoyment of nude recreation. During Open Season (April-October) the Sequoians office hours are weekends/holidays: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

[www.sequoians.com](http://www.sequoians.com)

[sequoians@wildblue.net](mailto:sequoians@wildblue.net)

• **SCNA (LOS ANGELES)**

Our monthly free Clothing Optional Virtual Game and Cocktail Parties have become very popular over the last few months. We get 60-80 RSVPs each month with about 30-40 actually showing up to play. We have had players from all over the world joining in from Australia, Canada, England, Mexico, India, and from the east to west coast of the USA. It really took off when a non-nudist Meetup group, “I Wanted to Do That ... Just Not Alone,” asked if they could post our game parties on their site. We agreed as they also support and encourage participation in the WNBR out here. Many of our participants from outside the area come from this group, and many of them participate sans clothes. In February we decided to try charging a nominal \$5 entry fee as many other game parties charge \$15 or more to participate.

One of our traditional January events has been a “Naked at The Museum Scavenger Hunt” where participants roam the Getty Museum (clothed) answering a questionnaire about the nude artwork on display. Of course, we were not able to host that event this year, so we joined Watson Adventures “Naked at The Museum” virtual scavenger hunt in museums around the world on Valentine’s Day.

If local COVID statistics continue to improve we hope to stage our first live socially distanced pool party on the first day of spring, March 20, with monthly parties after that as long as conditions improve.

Email: [scna@socalnaturist.org](mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org)

Website: [socalnaturist.org](http://socalnaturist.org)

## COLORADO

- **FRONT RANGE NATURISTS (BOULDER)**

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

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

Mountain Air Ranch is in the foothills 20 miles southwest of Denver, off Hwy. 285. Colorado's Jefferson County lowered its Covid-19 Protection to Level Blue on Feb 26. This means the club is eligible for both outdoor and indoor site-specific variance with up to 10 people maximum. Restaurants can seat up to 50% capacity with 6 feet between parties outdoors.

As a result of this lower restriction, MAR will soon be announcing a revised activity schedule. The website says the Entertainment Committee is excited about the rest of 2021. As of this printing, there are still no activities listed on the MAR website calendar.

Meanwhile, the Kid's Playroom has been remodeled with new bathrooms, sauna, and boiler. Other winter improvements include all the ranch buildings are wearing a new coat of paint. The clubhouse parking lot has been regraded and the ADA parking has been moved. New concrete was poured to access the 2 new bathrooms in the sauna building. Also completed was a beautiful new wet/dry sauna. Both the sauna and one of the restrooms is ADA accessible.

[www.trynude.com](http://www.trynude.com)  
[marinfo@trynude.com](mailto:marinfo@trynude.com)

## 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.

- **LITTLE BEACH (MAUI)**

This beach remains closed and is fenced off.

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

It is with much trepidation that Hangin' Loose has shuttered indefinitely, with the hope that a buyer will keep the 2½ hectare retreat clothing optional.

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

The closure of Hawaii has also hurt the visitors to Honokōhau, yet Capt. Chuck Haupt continues to be optimistic for the future. He is able to greet visitors and take locals to swim the Kona Coast as nature intended on a limited basis whilst he pursues his other passion: deep sea fishing. The Captain is assured normalcy will return and his crew is already ready to go!

## NEVADA

On Feb. 11, Governor Sisolak announced a timeline for a safe reopening – which began Feb 15 and goes through May 1. As of now, businesses moving to 35 percent capacity include: Gyms, fitness studios, yoga studios, martial arts studios and similar establishments, gaming floors, arcades, racetracks, bowling alleys and pool halls. Restaurants & bars, indoor dining & beverage service. Outdoor dining will not have a capacity limit but will have to adhere to social distancing requirements. Reservations are no longer be required and the maximum number per table increased from four to six. Moving to 50 percent are libraries, museums, art galleries, aquariums, zoos, retail stores and indoor malls; places of worship; medicinal and recreational cannabis establishments, community/recreational centers (incl. public pools).

Public gatherings and events can increase to 100 individuals or 35 percent of fire code capacity. Organizations may begin submitting large gatherings plans on Feb. 15, but no events can resume until March 1. Events have to be reviewed by local health authorities and approved by the appropriate state agency.

- **LAS VEGAS BARES**

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

- **LAS VEGAS NATURISTS B&B**

Las Vegas Naturists will give a **free night's stay** at our B&B for hospital "front line heroes." The B&B 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 remains quiet. They have a new web page at <https://nnnaturist.org> and they hope to announce some activities soon."

## NEW MEXICO

- **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)

**ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)**

Roadrunner Naturists is an active group of nudists based in northern New Mexico, with most events held in the Albuquerque area.

The club's website shows no events for the month of March due to state and county COVID-19 restrictions. Email us at: [RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com](mailto:RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com).

**UTAH**

**SUNS (ST. GEORGE)**

Unfortunately, the clubs had to cancel their Feb 13 pool party due to a minor family emergency. They had another event planned for February 27, which is the date we went to press, so we do not have any news about its success.

SUNS has two pool parties planned for this coming month: March 13 and March 27. RSVP to [SUNS.StGeorge@gmail.com](mailto:SUNS.StGeorge@gmail.com)

**WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)**

With the recent COVID-19 spike in Utah, our in-person events are still on hold.

Wasatch Naturists hopes they will be able to have activities again soon, and many of those activities will be for the whole family. In the meantime, take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your family, live naturally at home.

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 Club**

**(CFI) CLOTHES FREE 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/>.

**AANR Bulletin to Feature Non-Landed Clubs in Monthly Column**

Beginning in its January issue, the *AANR Bulletin* is running articles highlighting AANR's non-landed clubs. To get your non-landed club and activities featured, contact Donna Mollan at [donnamollan@gmail.com](mailto:donnamollan@gmail.com) with information about events, your location, and other promotions.

**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.

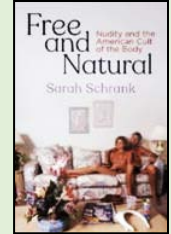
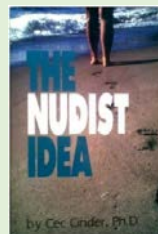
AANR-West members can purchase one or more of three specific TreeSpirit art posters at 50% off their retail prices.

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

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