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AANR-West Convention News



View of the regional assembly using on-line screen technology.

AANR-West Elects New Board Members at Regional Assembly

The 2020 AANR-West convention and Regional Assembly was like none before it, in that about half the participants were online instead of in-person at Shangri-La Ranch in Arizona.

The meeting was held July 24-26, 2020.

The park went to extraordinary lengths to encourage cleanliness, social distancing, and face masking, but because of the recent resurgence in COVID-19 cases in that state and elsewhere, several board members chose to connect through the Go2Meeting video conferencing link provided.

The headline from the convention was the election of two new members of the Board of Directors, the confirmation of two others who received interim appointments due to vacancies, and the re-election of two others.

For the first time, club delegates were not required to be at the meeting in-person and were allowed to attend online. An estimated 20 AANR-West non-delegate members also attended, about half in-person and half online.

The business meeting was shorted by a day as well, lasting from Friday through Sunday instead of starting Thursday, with plenty of breaks in the afternoon so the host club could hold various other events. However, in the 115-degree heat, most activities were scrapped in favor of taking cool dips in the pool or enjoying conversations around the clubhouse.

Friday morning started with a final meeting of the outgoing Board and saying goodbye to two of its popular members, Ricc Bieber and Rolf Holbach, who were both termed out after four years of service.

The annual Regional Assembly began at 10 am, and the officers and committee chairs made presentations to the

group about their activities during the previous year and the challenge to perform some of them while most of the clubs suffered full or partial shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 18 out of 27 eligible clubs sent delegates to the convention, more than have attended in over a decade. This was due to so many using the video conference link. The board acknowledged the larger and more diverse participation, and they agreed future meetings will also have the ability to dial in.

Board Elections

Candidates for election took about 90 minutes Friday afternoon for presentations and Q&A from the members online and in person. There were six candidates and six positions open, but an election was necessary to see who would get a two-year term (4 candidates) and who would get a one-year term. After Saturday's election, the results were:

- Linda Weber (Hangin' Loose) Two-year term
- Treena Saavedra (Roadrunner Naturists) Two-year term
- Curt Flynn (Glen Eden) Two-year term
- David Ziegler (Shangri-La Ranch) Two-year term
- Larry Gould (Canyon States) One-year term
- Don Hubbard (Laguna del Sol) One-year term



New board members are sworn in.

The four officers (President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer) serve two-year terms and they were not up for election this cycle as they will serve until July 2021.

Passport Winners Announced

The first Passport Program raffle was held on Saturday afternoon. A total of 16 people submitted their stamped book pages. Each time a member visited a nudist park, their book got stamped and each stamp translated into a raffle ticket placed into the jar. Clubs throughout the region had books available to its members for the past 18 months.

Seven prizes were donated by the clubs, usually a 3-day/2-night stay. The winning tickets were publicly drawn, and the names announced at the convention. Winners were notified via email.

We hope for greater participation next year when the COVID-19 crisis is past and people can once again freely visit all the AANR clubs in the region.

Scholarships Awarded

AANR-West announced the recipients of its annual college scholarships at the July convention. Applicants needed to apply by June 1 and include information about their academic record, leadership experience, hobbies, etc. and submit a 100-word essay called "What nude recreation means to me."

There were four winners. First-time recipients received \$1500 payable to the college of their choice. Repeat winners from a previous year received \$1250 each:

- Simone Stout (Lupin Lodge) \$1500
- Samara Stout (Lupin Lodge) \$1500
- Sofie Camp (Mountain Air Ranch) \$1250
- Maxwell Cooper (Mountain Air Ranch) \$1250

AANR-West also has a vocational school program that continues the full year for those seeking help with technical courses or job retraining.

Hall of Fame Award

Ricc Bieber was given the Hall of Fame Award for his 30-plus years of active promotion of nude recreation in the western United States. Ricc retired from the current Board of Directors at the end of the meeting.

Other Presidential Certificates of Merit were given to:

- **Linda Weber** for her positive contributions to social media and for promoting women in nude recreation.
- **Rolf Holbach** for his four years as Finance Chair and redefining the role of that position in the region.
- **Larry Gould** for his calm leadership and legal expertise during the website transition period.



Andy Walden: Before and After

Andy Shaves His Head and Raises Over \$1K for Scholarships

In a fit of impulsive madness, AANR-West Secretary Andy Walden agreed to shave off nearly eight months of facial hair and lovely locks all in the name of raising money for the AANR-West Scholarship Fund.

The Hair-Raising FUNdraiser occurred at the conclusion of the AANR-West convention, as delegates both in-person and online made financial pledges to encourage more and more hair be removed. After an hour of bidding, over \$1000 was raised for the Fund and Andy's hair had been reduced to a buzz cut and minimal moustache. We thank Andy for his sacrifice! He is one cool head!

What Are Your 2021 Priority Project Ideas for AANR-West?

At the July 2020 Regional Assembly and during the Incoming Board Meeting on the following day, many ideas were suggested for us to consider as priority projects. We welcome the comments of our readers and their additional suggestions. Send yours to information@aanrwest.org

- We need to include **online videoconferencing** for all future Board meetings and conventions to increase participation by all members and clubs.
- Have the region and its clubs do a better job of promoting AANR's **diversity** inclusion by-law (gender, age, sexual preference, race, etc.)
- Find **new sources of revenue** besides memberships (such as web/newsletter ads, sales from books and merchandise etc.). Create fundraising promotional events for region and clubs similar to what public television does.
- Everyone likes the **Passport Program**. Print new books but not until after the pandemic subsides, with a probable target date of January 2021.
- Ask the clubs to have a special "**Family Weekend**" periodically with reduced gate fees for families if they bring kids under age 18. Encourage clubs to hold dances, movie nights, and other events with music attractive to those who are under age 30.
- Increase **Town Hall meetings** at clubs to show members what AANR-West does for them, and also to listen to the ideas of members directly.
- Create new brochures in **Spanish** to attract a segment of the populations we have been overlooking. Distribute at clubs and trade shows.
- Have the clubs partner with local travel agencies to attract visitors interested in a **Nakation™**.
- **Scholarships** should promote more emphasis on vocational school training support open to all ages.
- DO a better job of introducing **women** into nudist activities including online ZOOM meetings and special women-only gatherings at the clubs.
- Create intra-club **sports** tournaments between clubs in close geographic proximity. This includes not just the traditional team sports such as volleyball, but also online game tournaments. Develop playoffs and trophies. Look to use Summer and Fall Festivals as times for these competitions.
- Encourage clubs to submit **articles** to the newsletter and videos to the website about themselves.
- Hold a **Kid's Camp** next June, since the last one was cancelled due to COVID-19. There seemed enough interest to make this a success.
- Have more clubs sponsor offsite bowling, yoga, and comedy nights. Add hiking, beach, and hot springs activities to what they provide.



AANR Legal Department Sees Rise in Backyard Nudity Complaints

In May, the AANR Legal Department reported on a situation in Arizona wherein a nosy neighbor looked over a fence into a member's backyard and made a complaint to the Sheriff about the member doing yardwork nude.

A few weeks later an East Coast neighbor looked under the fence in the narrow space between the ground and pickets. The neighbor is making life difficult by informing others on the block about him and by calling authorities who, intelligently, did not take any action.

We also learned about a different nudist homeowner in the South who is dealing with the aftermath of a complaint made against him when a neighbor learned that he had been going nude in his private backyard.

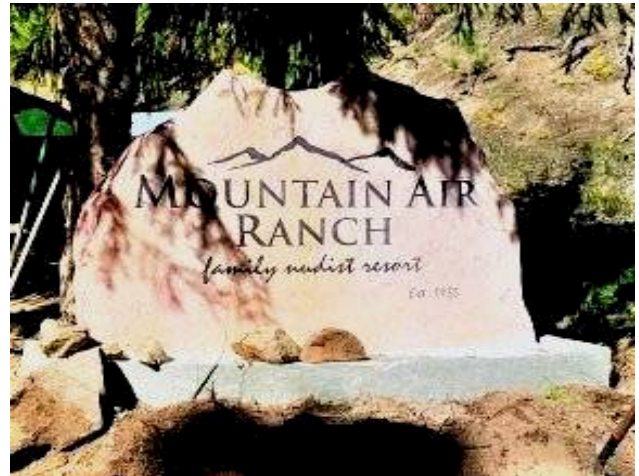
If you are outraged reading at this point you should be. If you believe it is the nosy neighbors who have done something offensive, you have just stated a strong case of why AANR exists.

Laws about being nude in your own back yard, about nosy neighbors, hobby drones taking photos, etc., vary from state to state. Don't assume your safety is assured. **Look up your local ordinances, and act responsibly** so we can be of assistance.

How do we do that? We research the names of attorneys whom members may consult. We have prepared legal fact sheets and/or collateral material addressing the subject that they can review and take with them to meetings. And we are prepared to work with local counsel, as necessary.

These victims are members who have made the effort to act responsibly. At a time of social distancing and stay-at-home orders, more members than ever are turning to their backyards for much-needed sun and restorative time in the nude. At the same time closure orders mean there are more neighbors at home with less to do, which no doubt prompts their invasive conduct.

The AANR main office is available to field calls for help and to provide credible information when situations like these arise.



Mountain Air Ranch Celebrates its 85th Anniversary in Colorado

We celebrated the 85th anniversary of MAR on the weekend of July 10th -12th, 2020. Thanks to all the faithful members, it was a great success. Ernie W. starting things off with Friday night Karaoke. Even with technical internet problems, everyone appeared to have fun.

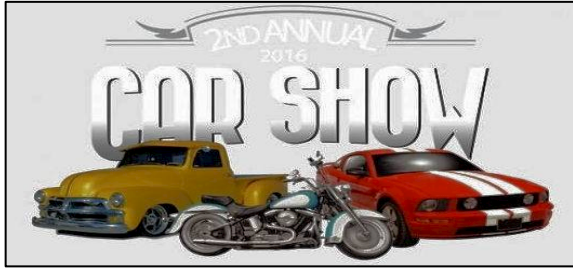
Saturday, we started our day with the annual "Golf Cart Rodeo". The McFarland Family (Blue Bus) swept the trophy in every category. We continued the celebration with poolside live music performed by the "Brian Hornbuckle Band". During the first break of the band, AANR presented us with a plaque, recognizing our 85 years in the nudist community. The plaque is on display in the Clubhouse upstairs lounge. We also received a personal "Proclamation" honoring us for our 85 years personified with the absolute best there is in nude recreations and in the values and goals that AANR advocates from Gary Mussell, sitting president of AANR-West. With the help of both Kathy W. and Marco C. we had the 85th Anniversary photo taken. Copies will be available for purchase in the office sometime in August 2020. [Note: last names omitted at request of club]

In the evening, we enjoyed the fine cooking of Ron & Randall of the "Lost Bikini Grill." Spaghetti and Meatballs was served, compliments of the BOD. To end the day, we all gathered by the Community Kitchen and Tent Meadow to enjoy Anniversary Cake and dance the night away to the "Banderkamp Band".

Sunday started out a beautiful sunny and very hot day. Barry Gustofson of Advantage Insurance provided over 60 of our members with a Hot Dog and Brat lunch by the community kitchen. To be followed by music provided by the "Finaleyes Band". Unfortunately this was spoiled by afternoon storms. The band packed up early and ran from the hills.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Anniversary Weekend, for putting in a noticeable effort to practice "Social Separation".

- Christine Opila May, Manager



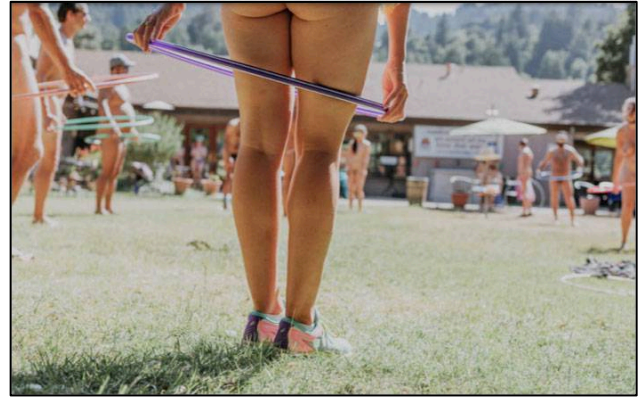
Laguna del Sol's Annual Rockets and Sprockets Car Show Was a Great Success!

Laguna del Sol held its annual "Rockets 'N Sprockets" car and motorcycle show on July 18. It was the first special event of the season that was able to be held with the COVID-19 restrictions.

The popular outdoor car show was held on the grass beside the lake and the featured marquee car this year was the Corvette. There were several Corvettes on display, from a first year 1954 model to two brand-new 2020 C-8 Stingrays.

Other cars and bikes ranged from a classic Mustang to a late model Ferrari to an antique motorcycle with sidecar. In all, 36 vehicles were in the show. They were spread out with plenty of room for social distanced viewing and chatting with the owners.

Club members and guests were very happy to have something special going on. A volunteer crew spent the week decorating the grounds with flags, banners, and signs. The beer wagon cart is always transformed for the event and this year was no exception, with its checkered flag face mask!



Hula Hoop fun at the Lupin workshop

Lupin Lodge Celebrates BodyFest Weekend With Fun Workshops

By Rochelle, Hospitality Director Lupin Lodge

July 24-26 was our BodyFest Weekend and we had many happy guests enjoying all the events.

The Talent Show kicked off the weekend with a bang! Talent Night included burlesque performances, spoken word, violin performance, song, dance, and improv! A truly magical performance by acro-performer, Kelcie, on the lyra blew everyone away! Sara's hula hoop dance light up the night thanks to her amazing talent and LED hula hoops.

Our two Yoga ladies led their outdoor yoga sessions, Beth on Sat, Marie on Sun. Beth led her Hike to the Labyrinth on Sat as usual. She also did a "Conscious Connected Couples Yoga & Massage" using yoga techniques, massage, breathing and touch exercises Saturday had music on the Lawn from 12:30 to 6:30 and then Tangerine and Moonbeam led and DJed "The Summer of Love" Dance with dancing on the lawn and a light show on the screen.

Some other events seen were a hula hoop workshop, nude Olympics, talent show, a burlesque workshop, pool play time, a folk band and a lotus flower meditation that closed our BodyFest weekend.

The Nourish restaurant served some wonderful food and from the looks on peoples' faces there were a lot of people enjoying their meals. Thank you, Chef Michelle!

We also honored the Camera Club for meeting here on Sunday.

The Bare Bun Hash met here to run the trails on Saturday. This was their 4th or 5th time and they said they "had a ball!"

To all of our visitors and friends, we wish everyone stay healthy, wear a mask, and stay six feet of social distancing. The virus is still with us. Keep safely connected to loved ones, let your eyes smile at those in the front line of grocery stores, pharmacies, and business clerks. And give them all a hearty thank you.

P.S. Lupin celebrates its 85th Anniversary next month. We will have a story about it in our September issue.

AANR PR Committee Proposes Changes in What We Call Our Members and Clubs

The Public Relations (PR) Committee, in conjunction with the Membership & Marketing (M&M) Committee have been discussing terminology that AANR uses in its descriptions, legal documents, ads and social media. Specifically, associate member, landed club and non-landed club are terms that have existed for years and are understood by clubs and long-standing members. So why even think about it?

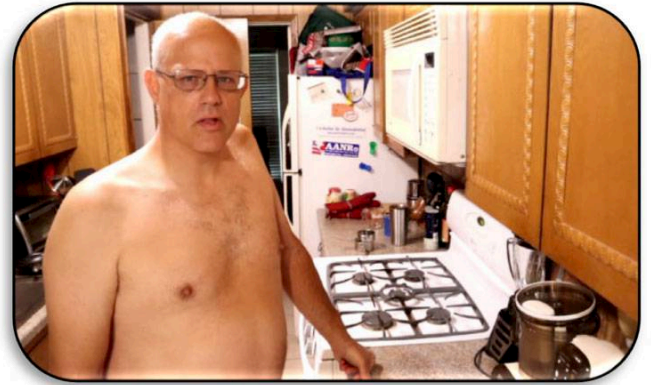
Language may change (called semantic change or shift) when the modern interpretation of a word has evolved from its original usage. Names, like labels, are words that may not always have the same meaning as initially used (for example: gay, cool or lifestyle).

For this reason, the Board is being asked to reflect and comment on the following terminology changes. This will be in preparation of a discussion at our online convention in August 2020. It is understood that any subsequent change of language will not occur before 2022 and require club buy-in and membership approval in accordance with our bylaws. It is recommended that AANR:

- a. Use the term “**MEMBER**” for anyone who belongs to AANR. It should not matter whether an individual joins AANR directly or through a club. Moreover, the term *associate* may be perceived as being valued less than a member.
- b. Change the term **landed club** to “**DESTINATION CLUB**”. Rationale: It has been recommended by those in the travel industry that this term is more modern and better understood by the general public as being an actual venue that one visits.
- c. Change **non-landed club** to “**EVENTS GROUP**.” Rationale: Someone unfamiliar with our terms may be unsure what this type of club is. In fact, it is not uncommon for some of our officials to refer to these clubs as travel clubs. Some other choices included travel club, events club, travel/events club, or club was substituted with group. One member felt that not all groups traveled, and that travel was an event. Another member felt that group would be more appealing to younger members. Thus, the recommendation.
- d. The PR Committee is also recommending that clubs incorporate more positive language. For example, rather than saying a club is *non-discriminatory*, consider stating that a club is **inclusive and welcoming of people of multiple diversities** who uphold AANR’s behavioral standards. Another suggestion is for clubs to consider using other terms besides *family-friendly*, which may be less attractive to younger people who have no children.

What do you think?

Since these are initial recommendations, additional feedback is being sought. Send your responses to Ronna Krozy, PR Committee Chair, at ronna.krozy@aanr.com.



SW President Mitch London Hosts Nude Cooking Video Blog

Early in 2020, Mitch London, who is the President of the AANR Southwest Region (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas) decided it would be fun to start filming himself doing one of his favorite hobbies, cooking, and to start a video blog online. The COVID-19 shutdown happened soon thereafter so he suddenly had much more time on his hands. Mitch had always enjoyed photography, videotaping, and editing. Suddenly all those skills came together. And the rest, as they say, is history.

“Since I am the activities chair for our local AANR club, and we could not get together, I just started making a fun cooking show. After my first or second show I filmed “How to Deep Fry a Turkey -Indoors” that I had first done a couple years back. People enjoyed it, so I did a few more shows.

“I have no script. I just figure out what I want to make, get the ingredients, set up the camera and go. I do the editing myself. I try to keep the shows to about 20 minutes. Much more and I think people would get bored.”

Mitch releases a new show every three or four weeks. Since the beginning of the year, his shows have covered such diverse dishes as: Shanghai Hot Sauce Noodles, Veggie Lasagna, Chocolate Mousse, Biscuits & Gravy, Corn Pudding, Beef Chili, Mushroom Stroganoff, Spiced Moroccan Chicken, Ratatouille, Gumbo, and Banana Nut Bread.

“On the video, I am cooking up these dishes in my kitchen in the nude, which is the way most of us cook anyhow.”

“Many of the recipes I use are family recipes or ones I have found on the Internet. Since I am not selling anything or being paid in any way, I do not have any qualms about using name brand products or talking about what I use.”

Through June, Mitch says he has 178 Vimeo subscribers as of July 1, “Although I only really promote it on Twitter. I am sure there are things I could do to get more exposure if you’ll pardon the pun. Most people’s reaction is positive. I’ve never had negative comments and only a couple of creepy ones.”

You can view his video blog at:

<https://vimeo.com/441100492>



Police Policy Changed After Drones Used to Monitor Nudists at Beach

07/30/20 – Minnesota. The use of drones to spy on nudists enjoying a lakeside beach triggered an uproar last month and caused the local city council to revise its anti-nudity ordinance.

CNN reported the Golden Valley Police Department used the high-tech surveillance devices at Twin Lake on July 10 after receiving complaints. Twin Lake is located just a couple of miles northwest of Minneapolis and is a popular spot for sunbathers during the summer with a well-known quiet corner where nudists like to congregate away from everyone else. Police only come down upon complaint but this time they decided to send a drone first to see if the complaint was valid.

Eyewitnesses said the drone flew over the entire lake, not just the nudist beach and prompted many irate calls to the city claiming invasion of privacy. When police officers showed up a few minutes later “they went straight for the two or three black people who were visible on the camera, not the other white people,” said one witness at the city hall hearing a week later.

Police Chief Olin responded: “Drone footage is accessible only to very few staff within the department and is only used for documentation, evidence collection, and prosecution if needed,” read the police response. “Police staff are trained in data privacy and maintaining confidentiality. By law, people in public spaces have no expectation of privacy from being recorded by security devices.”

“At the beach, the police collected information from eight individuals to determine if citations should be issued for various infractions. Of the eight individuals observed violating the law that police were able to obtain information from, two were people of color.”

The police did not issue any citations. The Golden Valley statement also said the city “strongly condemns racism and discrimination” and “works to make its community a welcoming and respectful place for all.”

After the hearing, the Parks and Recreation Department voted Wednesday to roll back a ban on “showing female

breasts” in city parks. Full nudity, however, is still prohibited. One step at a time.

“Naked Athena” Stops Portland Police & Protesters in Their Tracks

By Gary Mussell

No matter your politics, we found this story about the power of nudism curious enough to share.

In ancient Greece, it is said that the Athenian woman Lysistrata stopped the Peloponnesian War by appearing naked between the two warring armies.

Last month, the ongoing standoff in Portland Oregon between persons peacefully protesting, those bent on destruction of private property, the local police, and federal officers from Homeland Security showed no end in sight. The nightly ritual of marching, followed by tear gas, broken windows, and arrests lead the evening news for several weeks.

Then, on the evening of July 18 in the middle of a tense standoff at the corner of SW Third Street and Taylor Road there suddenly appeared a naked woman. She placed herself in the no man’s land between protesters and police, just standing there, running through a series of ballet poses, and stopping everyone in their tracks.

Proclaimed the “Naked Athena” by the local *Oregonian* newspaper, she wore only a face mask and a stocking cap while facing the police line. The newspaper account read that “Everyone seemed surprised and kind of astounded.”

Photos of the unidentified woman went viral on social media almost immediately. She paced the area near the crosswalk, she laid down, and she kicked up her legs for several minutes. Witnesses said the officers shot pepper balls at her feet. Then a protester ran out in front of her with a homemade shield, but she sidestepped him and his shield. The whole time, nobody heard her say a word. About 10 minutes after she arrived, the officers left. The woman left soon after that, without any additional fanfare, back into the darkness of the night

But for this particular moment, just as Lysistrata stopped the Peloponnesian War, a naked woman had again stopped a small war. At least for a night.

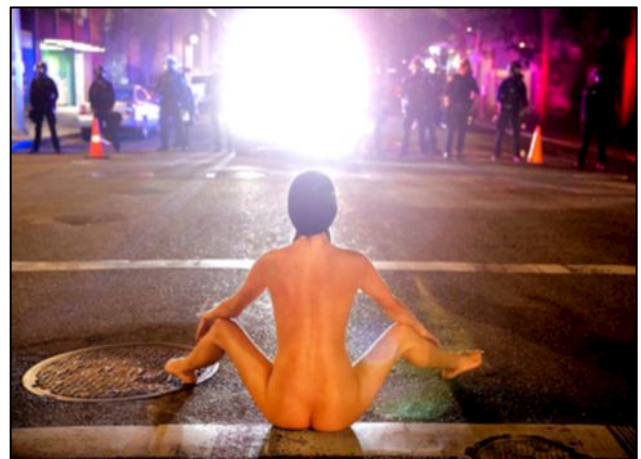




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The Most Disgusting Tax Ever Imposed on Any Woman in History

By Mythili, in the *Medium Daily Digest* June 9, 2020.
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Yes, it was real and was one of the ugliest by-products of the heinous caste system prevalent in India in the early 1800s.

The “breast-tax” system was imposed by the king of the erstwhile State of Travancore, one of the 550 princely states that existed in the British ruled India. Women from lower castes were not allowed to cover their breasts and were taxed heavily if they did so.

The royal officials of the king would travel door to door, collecting this breast tax from lower caste women who had passed puberty. The amount of tax collected would depend on the size of the breasts. The tax collector would examine it by touching it with bare hands and calculate the tax depend upon the size.

And the purpose of this tax collection was only to humiliate the lower castes. The upper-class women were allowed to cover their breasts and no such restrictions were imposed on them. These were the times, during which a person’s social status was decided based on their caste and this required a clear identification of the person basely on their way of dressing.

As Dr. Sheeba KM, an associate Professor of gender ecology and Dalit studies at the Shri Shankaracharya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya in Kerala, India tells us.

“The purpose of the breast-tax was to maintain the caste structure and nothing else. Clothing was considered a sign of wealth and prosperity and the poor and the lower-castes were simply not entitled to it.”

And in his book, ‘Native Life in Travancore’, author Samuel Mateer talks about a list of almost 110 extra taxes imposed only on lower castes by the princely state. It was a system that ensured that the lower castes remain always at the lowest rung of the ladder while the upper castes thrived. The “breast-tax”, he says was one of the worst of these taxes.

The rebellion of the lower castes

The discontent against this continuous injustice was already brewing for quite some time and it reached a crescendo in 1859 when two lower caste women were stripped in public by Travancore officials for wearing upper body clothes. The

two women were then hung on a tree in front of everyone as a lesson.

“Enough is enough”, said a brave woman called Nangeli who decided to stop this injustice, once and for all. Nangeli belonged to the Ezhava caste in Kerala whose people were one of the victims of this heinous tax.

It is said that, when the tax collector arrived at her house to collect money, instead of placing the money, she cut off her breasts with a sickle knife and presented it to him on a plantain leaf.

Her body succumbed to the excessive bleeding and she died the same day. Her distraught husband also committed suicide by jumping into her funeral pyre.

The death of Nangeli instigated the brewing revolt like wildfire and resulted in huge protests by locals in Travancore kingdom against the king. The king fearing for his life, and under the pressure of governor of Madras presidency, was forced to grant rights for all women to wear upper body clothes in 1924.

Her selfless act finally, brought a century-old brutal tradition to an end. The place in which she protested and cut her breasts is now called Mulachiparambu meaning ‘the breast woman’s plot’.

As Maniyan Velu, her cousin’s great-grand-son, rightly says

“Her act was selfless, a sacrifice to benefit all the women of Travancore, and ultimately forced the King to roll back the breast-tax,”

Nangeli’s legacy still lives on

The story of Nangeli is again being brought back to life by a local artist Murali.

Five years ago, when he was flipping through an in-house magazine of a local bank, he stumbled on a small report about Nangeli, written by a native from her area. Fascinated by the story, he made his way to the small sleepy town called Mulachhipuram or ‘the land of the woman with breasts’. He was so moved by Nangeli’s story he decided to immortalize her by his paintings.

His three paintings of Nangeli have now been published in the book, *Amana — The Hidden Pictures of History* and he has also held 15 exhibitions of his paintings across Kerala and other parts of India.

As Murali proudly says about his mission.

“If I can get the people to take notice, that may help convince the government to include this important act as part of our official history.”

Yes, such women are rare, an aberration, whose path-breaking acts are never ever approved by society at large. But thanks to such women and their brave acts only, the women of today are reaping the benefits of gender equality to a large extent. The sacrifice of women like Nangeli should neither be forgotten nor ever downplayed in the years to come.

As Joan of Arc has rightly said. “A strong woman stands up for herself. A stronger woman stands up for everybody else.”



Note: The information below is believed to be accurate as of the date we received it from the club. However, events are changing fast, so we recommend you check with the club's website to see the latest news.

ARIZONA

• BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)

While continuing to maintain safe social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate, the Tucson Buff-A-Teers are looking forward to two clothing-optional outing events during the month of August:

The first outing will be Sunday, August 16th held at a member's beautiful 120 acre resort The Desert Sanctuary. The resort is located 46 miles east of Tucson in Benson, AZ. A second event will be held at a member's home on Saturday, August 29th.

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

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

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

• MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)

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

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

• SHANGRI-LA (NEW RIVER)

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

• MOHAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)

• This club is spotlighted in the August 2020 AANR Bulletin (Page 24).

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

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

• CANYON STATES NATURISTS (PHOENIX)

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

CALIFORNIA

• OLIVE DELL RANCH

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

“For as long as we are not under a lock-down or shelter in place order, Olive Dell Ranch remains open to visitors. You can visit our Facebook page for the most recent information. There will be no organized events and you must maintain proper social distancing from other guests at all times. Many of the chairs and lounges were removed from the patio and pool area to force social distancing. Masks are optional.

The restaurant is closed for indoor seating and ordering is done outside to avoid people having to line up inside.

The August 8 SCNA Nude Summer Games is still being held as scheduled.

The Bare Burro, Naked Beer Mile and other activities have been rescheduled for the weekend of October 23 – 25, 2020 with the 11th annual Bare Burro Nude 5K on Sunday October 25.

• GLEN EDEN

GE has revised its member and visitor rules due to a recent spike in COVID cases in the county. The Sunshine Café is closed until further notice through Labor Day weekend.

All weekend themed events are also cancelled for August.

Access to common areas is restricted. No more than 35 in the main pool at one time; hot tub limit is 8 people. No entertainment permitted. Dry Camp limited to 16 people. Some sports (water volleyball, Zumba, yoga class, ukulele jam, tennis, pickleball, outdoor volleyball, karaoke allowed subject to social distancing rules. Face coverings are required in the pools but not on outdoor volleyball or pickleball courts.

Please check the park web site or call the club office before visiting, as the guidelines are subject to change on short notice.

• DE ANZA SPRINGS

Yes, we are still open and welcome a visit from you! The indoor pool as a max occupancy of 15 people within the pool building. Both pools and the hot tub require the six-foot social distancing, as ordered by the state of California.

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

Our rental units are available for those who would like to spend the night or weekend. Please be advised that room servicing is limited as there is no room refreshing by housekeeping if you are staying less than 4 days.

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

If you have any question, please feel free to contact the office during normal business hours. We hope that everyone is doing their part in staying safe and healthy

• LAGUNA DEL SOL (SACRAMENTO)

Guest reservations are currently required, including for day use. Please call the office prior to arrival: 916-687-6550 or email office@lagunadelsol.com. Members do not need day use reservations. Temperature checks given upon arrival. Registration includes a signed agreement to park's COVID-19 guidelines.

“As we review the recent July 4th weekend – the busiest so far this year, we have to pay close attention to what needs to change to minimize your exposure to COVID-19 going forward. For the most part, you have all been great. We know it's hard not to gather in close groups with your friends and to do without the dances that you love, and to see your favorite events being cancelled or re-scheduled to 2021.

“Re: Pool Area: Members and guests – you have to do a better job at maintaining a 6' distance between people! While pools themselves are fine, people standing/sitting close together in and around them are not. In addition to a staff pool monitor on weekends to remind you, James also had to frequently remind people.

We really don't want to have to do what some other nudist resorts are doing – limiting pool use to 10 people at a time with time limits. They also limit the number of people in the pool area. We have 4 separate pool areas, so the next time you see the main pool area reaching its safe limit, why not make a visit to the upper pool next to the tennis courts? Or take a walk to the river? Or visit with a few friends at your campsite in a large circle?

There were many, many small groups socializing over the holiday weekend very safely. There is just no substitute for in-person social interaction, and we are so fortunate to have the beautiful outdoor spaces that we do at LdS. We believe we are taking the precautions necessary to minimize exposure risk, but you have to do your part too!”

• LUPIN LODGE (SANTA CRUZ)

The park says, “We are still open because we have adapted our business to be outdoors. Our pool is open, but the sauna and hot tub are still closed. We require social

distancing on the pool deck and in the pool between people who are not residing in the same household.

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

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

• NORTHERN CA EXPOSURE / RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)

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

• SEQUOIANS

Sequoians is the San Francisco bay area's membership-based destination for nude recreation!

To comply with California and Alameda county COVID restrictions, most facilities are closed by order of the County of Alameda, including the rec hall, pool, hot tub, cooking facilities. The hiking trails are open as are several sunning areas and the main lawn. Masks and social distancing is mandatory and enforced.

During the club's Open Season (April – September) visitors may visit three times on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays before deciding if they'd like to apply for membership. The club is open on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10 am to 7 pm. The office is open from 10 am - 5 pm. Visitors must check in before 4 pm. Prospective members need to call before their visit.

• SCNA (LOS ANGELES)

The club's annual elections were held July 18 with all incumbents winning new one-year terms. For the first time, balloting was done via email and 79 ballots were returned, nearly half the club, a new participation record.

SCNA has switched many events from in-person to online. We also instituted a special internet group to share stories, jokes, and information via email. The women's only subgroup, the Dragonfly Ladies met July 11 both online and in person with social distancing. Turnout was also good for that event.

The picnics at Bates Beach have been switched to Thursdays when the beach is less crowded as beachgoers from LA County and Ventura County, whose beaches are closed, are streaming north to Bates on weekends. The team felt it important to maintain that space away from the textiled beachgoers and avoid any potential user conflicts.

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

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

COLORADO

• MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER)



Mountain Air Ranch nudist resort remains CLOSED to the general public; however, guests of members will be allowed to visit and use MAR facilities except for guests that, in the last 14 days, have been in states with a positivity rate greater than 10%. (check the website for admittance updates).

The pool area has been open for several weeks now with a limit of 18 people in the water and 60 in the area. While the dining room is closed, food can be picked up at the outside window of the kitchen for consumption in the pool area. **Volleyball** returned beginning July 18 and will continue on Saturdays throughout the remainder of the summer.

On June 7, a group of artists gathered, in the Clubhouse for a Paint N Sip party. Each participant created a masterpiece inspired by the African Lion (see photo by Molly M). We had 15 members enjoy this event.

Mountain Air Ranch members celebrated our country's Independence Day with friendly competitions and poolside Bocce Tournament. John & Carla's world famous "Tiki Bar" golf cart made the rounds serving up a holiday spirit called the "Cannonball" to all those who desired.

The clubs also sponsored an evening trip to the Crown Lanes Bowling Center on July 27. We have rented the entire bowling facility which keeps this event nudist-friendly and protects everyone's privacy. Because of COVID, the bowling alley limited the number of bowlers allowed in their facility to no more than 50 people. Mask wearing was required to enter the building however once inside, it was optional. The bowling balls and bowling shoes available for rent were sanitized.

NEW MEXICO

• Roadrunner Naturist Club (Albuquerque)

We have cancelled most of our gatherings in order to comply with state orders and keep our members healthy. If members choose to have their own private gatherings, please maintain social distance, and stay healthy. We have cancelled our July 25 pool party in Albuquerque but are still hopeful our August schedule can be maintained.

NEVADA

• LAS VEGAS BARES

We plan to have a Full MOON overnight kayak trip Sept 2. Email for event information to nakedinvegas@yahoo.com

• LAS VEGAS NATURISTS

Las Vegas Naturists, been having their weekend "Potluck" water volleyball events every Saturday. We open this season on the Fourth of July, our 15th anniversary! Safety is number one around here, everyone has to wear a mask to get onto the grounds and sanitize their hands before entry.

We are open to couples only in Vegas on Saturdays to work on their tan, relax in the shade or play water volleyball! With two outdoor restrooms, and great music, LV Naturists has it all for the Vegas crowd. Email for event information at: actionnude@gmail.com

UTAH

• SUNS (St. George)

Our August "Skinny Dip" party at the Johnson pool is Aug 8, at 1:00 pm. I am getting about 1 inquiry a week from new folks who are interested in joining - pretty cool huh?

NOTE: Many people still have COVID-19 concerns. Mask are optional just like clothing, and if you want to social distance - let people know so they can respect your boundaries. Because of these concerns please bring your own food and drink...no sharing!

HAWAII

• SWIM FREE HAWAII

Capt. Chuck Haupt says: "All commercial permits were suspended so we cannot charter any boat trips. In mid-June, the mandated quarantine requiring all incoming passengers—including returning residents—to isolate for a fortnight was extended through the end of July. This essentially eliminates any practical holiday for the average visitor.

• HANGIN' LOOSE

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

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