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Gary Mussell, Judy T., and Larry Gould share the AANR-West information booth at Glen Eden.

AANR-West Hosts Annual Summer Festival at Glen Eden

By Gary Mussell

The annual Summer Festival, held this year at the Glen Eden Sun Club in California, was held in conjunction with the club's annual 5K run around the park. We thoroughly enjoyed our time at the information booth meeting many AANR members and some interested non-members as well. Some AANR members who came from clubs as far away as Arizona and Nevada who stopped by to say hello.

Our Information Booth

GE could not have been nicer or more supportive. A special thanks to Art, Cheryl, Cindy, and Judy from their staff. They gave us a nice location for our booth next to the volleyball court above the main swimming pool. They supplied tables, chairs, and a popup awning to keep us out of the warm 85-degree sun. We were able to spread out our literature and giveaway items so visitors could easily see what was available.

Besides me, AANR-West board members Larry G., Curt F., and Claudia Kellersch helped staff the booth, as did our other volunteers: Judy T., Rolf Holbach, David Tiktin, and Scott Schmitz.

Many of the nonmembers were curious about AANR and we were happy to tell them about the wide variety of services we provide. The most popular literature given out was about the locations of hiking trails and hot springs where one could be nude outside the clubs. Nude beach information was also very popular, as were flyers about the upcoming World Naked Bike Ride in Los Angeles, the August Summer Games competition

between clubs, and the calendar for future nude 5K running events. It was a diverse collection of interests!

From our table, we handed out iron-on patches, temp tattoos, and commemorative pins to celebrate AANR's 90th Anniversary. We also handed out some free writing pens, emery boards, SPF lip balm, and wrist bands that turn blue if one is in the sun too long.

Those people who had not heard of the AANR-West Passport program said they were eager to visit many of the clubs in the region as soon as the pandemic restrictions were lifted.

We also handed out copies of our monthly Western Sun newsletter.

Last, we also sold several of our GPS T-Shirts.

In the afternoon, GE opened a beer and wine bar near our booth and that helped attract more visitors our way. They also had Broadway Joe & Anita provide background music in the pool area.

Games and the Raffle

In the late morning, we organized a couple of competitive games on the lawn above the pool. The most popular was the "Frisbee toss for Accuracy" when contestants had to fling a Frisbee across the lawn to try to land it inside a hula hoop. It was much harder and than it sounds! The top three winners won AANR towels. Thank you to David and Scott for supervising the fun.

Later in the afternoon, GE organized a Free Throws competition on the basketball court: most baskets out of 10 tries won prizes. We had to forego the pool noodle relay race because the pool area was too crowded with people.

As we always do at our Festivals, we hosted a free raffle at the end of the day for some nice prizes. Grand prize, won by Charlene G., a 2-night stay at Glen Eden. We also gave away a GPS T-shirt, a few Passport books, and several AANR towels.



Larry Gould and Gary Mussell flank Charlene G., the Raffle Grand Prize winner.



The Annual GE “Dare To Be Bare” 5K Race

We would be remiss to not mention the park’s main event that morning, the annual Dare to Be Bare 5K race around the park. An estimated 150 runners participated, and prizes were awarded in several age bracket categories as well as by gender.

We were impressed that so many of the runners stuck around after the awards ceremony to enjoy Glen Eden’s many amenities for the afternoon.

The park upgraded many areas during the COVID shutdown months with a new secondary swimming pool and Jacuzzi, pickleball courts, and picnic/conversation areas to enhance the visitor experience.

AANR-West Convention Delegate Credentials Packets in the Mail

In the next few weeks, all club presidents will be receiving a packet via email concerning your participation in the region’s annual convention on July 30 - August 1.

Clubs get voting delegates based on a formula of one vote per every 25 AANR members.

All clubs need to mail back a signed form listing the names of who their delegates and alternates to the convention will be. Also included in the packet will be nomination forms should anyone wish to run for a seat on the Board of Directors for AANR-West.

There are five Director seats open this year, and all four officers will also be up for election (President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer). Please consider giving some volunteer time this next year!

Also in the packet will be forms to nominate any worthy **Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Family of the Year** from your club. We prefer these awards be given to the unsung heroes in the clubs who work very hard and deserve some recognition.

Please return your completed forms before July 10 to Cyndi Faber, 44444 N Shangri-La Lane, New River, AZ 85087

If you do not receive a packet by June 25, please contact Cyndi Faber by email at information@aanrwest.org.

Kid’s Summer Camp Coming to Olive Dell Ranch June 20-27

With the lifting of all COVID restrictions on California on June 15, plans are moving ahead rapidly for the AANR-West Kids Camp, scheduled for June 20-27, 2021. The full-week event hosted by Olive Dell Ranch in Colton is open to children between the ages of 8 to 17. The cost per child is \$200 for all children. All parents, grandparents and/or legal guardians of campers are welcome to participate in the camp

Youth counselors and volunteer staff with experience from other nudist/naturist youth camps will be leading many different activities, including social skill development, various arts and crafts, a community service project, movie night, nature walks, and two full-day outdoors field trips to Blacks Beach and Deep Creek Hot Springs. The camp week will end with a Talent Show produced by the kids themselves.

The price includes all meals, all activities and supplies plus a tent, if requested. All campers are asked to use their own camping equipment (other than a tent).

Western Region’s Passport Program Is Now Available at AANR Clubs

If you have not yet received your AANR-West Passport book, they can be purchased either from any participating club or directly online at www.aanrwest.org.



These Passports (green colored cover) can be used through July 1, 2022. (Note: If you had a previous 2019-2020 book – blue cover- that book is no longer valid.)

Some clubs may choose to charge their members a small fee for the book. If ordered online the charge will be \$10 plus shipping.

How It Works: Bring your Passport with you when checking in for your club visit.

The club check-in person will stamp/mark your Passport. Visit as many different clubs as possible before the July 1, 2022 deadline! Mail the back tear-out pages in the back of the book to us to be entered into the drawing at the 2022 Regional Convention (prizes include merchandise & stays at various locations).

The number of raffle tickets you receive is equal to the number of different clubs you visited during the contest period. **The more locations you visit the more chances you have to win.**

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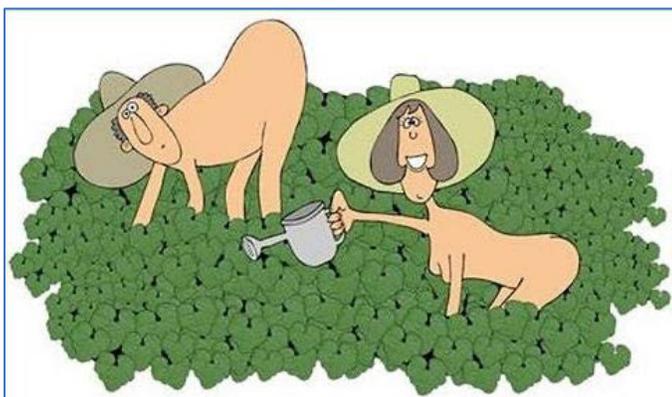
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Nude Gardening Day Photo Contest Deadline is June 15

As we did last year, AANR-West is soliciting photos from its members for World Naked Gardening Day. Send a photo of your World Naked Gardening Day experience to information@aanrwest.org. We will publish them in a future newsletter issue. The submission deadline is **June 15**.

We are awarding prizes for the best photos! The criterion used for the judging will be as follows:

- Relevance to Theme
- Uniqueness/Originality of Concept
- Composition/Color/arrangement
- Overall Artistic Impression
- Clarity and Quality of Submission
- Persons photographed must be AANR-West members for the entry to be considered.

For those unfamiliar with WNGD, it is celebrated the first Saturday in May each year. The year 2021 marks the 16th annual year when people across the globe are encouraged to tend their gardens, flower boxes, and backyards clothed only as nature intended. We heard some people without gardens used the moment to pull weeds or grow herbs in their kitchen.

Drop us a note and tell us what you did, where you did it, etc. and we will publish your stories here in a future newsletter.

AANR-West GPS T-Shirts Online Sales Are Off to Fast Start



Have you ordered your AANR-West GPS T-shirt yet?

The attractive new 2021 T-Shirts showing the GPS coordinates for each of the major nudist parks/resorts in the region without providing any names. Nobody will know you are a nudist unless they ask what the shirt coordinates mean. This allows the wearer to

reply with a description of nearby nudist parks and the joy of skinny-dipping.

The shirts are now available for purchase online at: <https://aanrwest.org/our-region/store>. Shirts come in white and range in size **from Large to Triple XL**. The cost is \$20 plus \$5.95 shipping if purchased online.



DISROBED ENJOYS MORE ENCORE PERFORMANCES

The online adaptation of the one act comedy *Barely Proper* was rebroadcast for three additional performances May 20-23. The ZOOM version comes from the modern re-telling of the 1931 play about a young man who goes to meet his fiancé's parents and siblings for the first time and not knowing the whole family is nudist.

The British play, originally by Tom Cushing was first updated in 2019 by award-winning author Steven Vlasak for the Hollywood Fringe Festival as directed by SCNA member Brian Knudson. The twist was the theater audience was required to be nude as well as the performers on stage. The immersive experience was a hit, but the COVID pandemic prevented it from its encore run the following year. Enter USC film student, Troy Peterson, who collaborated with Vlasak to rewrite and adapt the plot to now take place as a Zoom meeting.

The new version premiered for three performances on January 15, 16, and 17, and then for four encore shows on March 19-21. The show was subsequently nominated by the prestigious Young-Howze Theatre Journal, and it won the Producers Encore Award.

The May encore was promoted as part of the Big Sky Fringe Festival, based in Missoula, Montana and *Disrobed* was awarded the Best On-Demand show of the Festival!

What's next? The show's producers hinted at a Q&A session after the last performance that Ian Hayes, the actor who played Axel in the show, has written an original theme song and they are working on a music video version of the show.

Have You PodCast Yet? Looking for People to Interview!

The Las Vegas Naturists club has started a weekly "podcast" on "*Clubhouse*". It already has thousands of listeners from all over the world.

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.



If you or your club is interested in participating, contact Hardy Brunell, the owner of LV Naturists at ActionNude@gmail.com

AANR Designates June as Women in Nude Recreation Month (WINR)

With recent news stories about harassment and discrimination in the American workplace, AANR thought it would be timely to have the clubs set aside June for workshops or discussion groups where these topics can be explored more thoroughly.

We have learned several of the clubs have scheduled workshops. It is hoped that the sharing of experiences can lead to a more thorough understanding of the issue so people can come away with ideas for a plan of action.

Check your local club to see when they will be holding their Women's event(s). We will also be hosting one of these workshops at our summer convention.

June 23 Online Women's Forum Will Discuss "What Has Held You Back from Trying Nudism?"

By Treena Saavedra, WINR Co-Chair

For the past six months, AANR-West has hosted a monthly online workshop for the women members in our region. This workshop lasts about for an hour or so, depending on the topic being discussed and the enthusiasm of the participants.

Topic **"What has held you back from trying nudism?"** The workshop leader will be **Treena Saavedra**, AANR-W Board member and WINR co-chair.

The gathering will run approximately an hour and will be clothing-optional. If you would like to be nude like the hosts, great! If not, please feel free to wear whatever makes you comfortable.

Wed, June 23, 2021 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Arizona & Pacific Time Zones). Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. This month's link to connect:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/246303477>

You can also dial in using your phone. **(669) 224-3412**

Access Code: 246-303-477

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!

In attendance have been women from several different clubs, women who are AANR members but not affiliated with any club, and some non-member guests who are curious about social nudism and want to hear more.

If you have a female friend who would like to "dip a toe" into nudism/naturism, please feel free to have them sit in as we will have a Q&A session to answer questions you may have regarding living the naturist philosophy.

To ensure the integrity of this "ladies only" event, participants must have a camera and be visible. At this time, we cannot entertain call-in visitors. Thank you for your understanding.

SCNA's Dragonfly Ladies Meet for Potluck Dinner



The women of SCNA held our first in-person gathering in a long time on May 22 and it was fantastic.

When we started at 1:00 pm it was still a little chilly.

The sun finally broke through in the afternoon for our pool swim and some good conversation comparing COVID sequester stories.

Our topic of the night was, "What did we learn during this crazy Covid time?" It was enlightening to hear from everyone.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a sit-down potluck dinner. It was a mixture of exotic to healthy food that was delightful.

The name "Dragonfly Ladies" came from the first get-together two years ago when an errant dragonfly passively hopped from the hand of one woman to the next while the group soaked in a swimming pool. The insect's actions were so unexpected, the group decided that would be their name.

Glen Eden Will Host Women's Open House July 10

Women's Open House Day

July 10, 2021 10 AM-2 PM

Clothing optional for first-time women visitors.

Free Gate Fees for the Day!



Free 2nd Visit Coupon!

Designated location.

Ambassadors will be available.

Call our office at 951-277-4650 to schedule your FREE visit!



What Are You Doing for Nude Recreation Week, July 5-11?

AANR is again promoting "International Skinny Dip Day" on Saturday, July 10. This is during the final weekend of Nude Recreation Week, which celebrates the natural joy of a carefree swim without cumbersome clothing.

AANR clubs across North America are asked to host a special celebration of the day with special activities such as open houses, dance parties, sports tournaments, chili cook-offs, "bare buns fun runs," health screenings, art shows, and more. It is also the day AANR is celebrating the 90th anniversary of its founding in New York by Kurt Barthel.

What are you doing to celebrate this day and this special anniversary? Let us know how you celebrated and we will print the accumulated stories in our August newsletter.

Why Should I Join AANR?

By Gary Mussell,
AANR-West President

I was asked this question several times at our Summer Festival booth last weekend. So I decided it was time to remind our readers why your membership is so important.

If you are a practicing nudist or naturist, your life has been touched already by what we do. We provide opportunities for fun activities and the ability to meet others who also enjoy nude recreation through our clubs and other venues.

More importantly, we constantly interact with local officials and legislators to make sure no laws are passed or enforced that will restrict your ability to be nude in appropriate places. We are constantly working to improve nudist opportunities for all. If you enjoy being nude at home, in the privacy of your backyard, with friends, at a club, or in natural settings, it is because we advocated on your behalf.

And, as our members often want to know, we advocate for better environmental protection of hiking trails, beaches, lakes and other places where our members like to visit.

Sometimes we assist people in custody fights or visitation court battles by working with their lawyers.

Even though all of our region's leaders are volunteers, the administration of these activities is not free. This is where your member dues are used. We are a non-profit corporation and every dime goes back into making the enjoyment of nude recreation possible.

We appreciate your continued financial support.

90th AANRversary Committee Has Swag Available For Clubs

Saturday, July 10 2021 will mark a day of special celebrations of our 90th AANRversary. AANR formed an Ad Hoc committee a few months ago to figure out the best way to celebrate it. The hashtag #AANR90th has started to be used in all social media posts.

In our April Western Sun newsletter, we wrote that all 240 clubs were being encouraged to think and plan now for an activity honoring the occasion. One such suggestion is for their members to take a group photo spelling out "90," either by ZOOM, or by arranging nude bodies to form the number in a pool or having people hold up individual "90" signs on a lawn, etc.

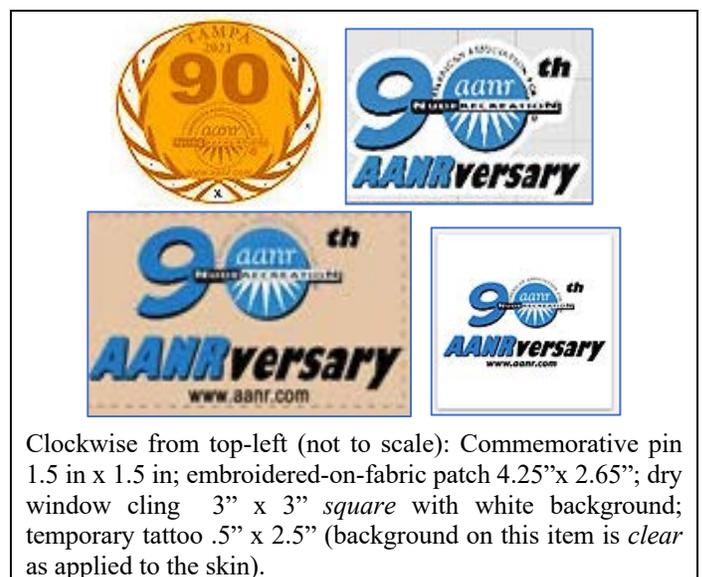
The AANR main office is asking that any such photos be submitted to them no later than July 15 so they can appear in a double-page collage in the September *Bulletin* issue. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative way "90" is used in a photo.

Individual members not affiliated with a club are also asked to participate in the photo contest and to find their own creative ways to incorporate the "AANRversary" theme into a photo. Anything that embodies the spirit of the 90th celebration is welcome.

While AANR is suggesting the photos be taken on **July 10**, the designated day for the anniversary, that is not a hard and fast rule. Photos can be taken any time just as long as they are submitted by the July 15 deadline.

Giveaway Swag!

Additionally,, the committee has authorized the purchase of several giveaway items for interested AANR members. These will be available through the clubs or via email request in May after they are shipped to the various regional offices for distribution. Photos and descriptions of giveaway items available:



Clockwise from top-left (not to scale): Commemorative pin 1.5 in x 1.5 in; embroidered-on-fabric patch 4.25"x 2.65"; dry window cling 3" x 3" square with white background; temporary tattoo .5" x 2.5" (background on this item is clear as applied to the skin).



AANR-West Regional 2021 Intra-Club Sports Calendar

April 24	Olive Dell Beer Mile Run
April 25	Olive Dell Bare Burro 5K Run
June 5	Glen Eden Dare to Be Bare 5K Run
July 27	Regional Volleyball Tournament, Shangri-La Ranch
Aug 7	Annual SCNA Summer Games Competition, Olive Dell Ranch
Sept 18	World Naked Bike Ride – Los Angeles
Sept 26	De Anza Springs 5K Fun Run
TBA	Shangri-La 5K Run



Glen Eden Volleyball Returns with a BIG SPLASH!

By Mark P., Glen Eden

GE water volleyball is BACK, BABY!

The water volleyball (WVB) community held its inaugural tournament and barbecue in the new pool area on Saturday, May 22, 2021. It was a long time coming. The Water Volleyball program was created by Ray and Cook V. in 1997. The first fundraiser for a new outdoor pool was led by Dave J. in 2003. By 2008, the account had over \$24,000. But a large donation in 2018 from the estate of Al Sandoval made construction financially possible. Our dream, however, was for something more ambitious. In 2019, we held a fundraiser that generated enough funds to make possible multicolored pool lights so we could play in the evenings, and a barbecue area with sail shades that would allow us to hold our frequent post-tournament potlucks and barbecues in style. Once the barbecue area was completed, the pandemic dictated that we still had to wait a few more months until it was safe enough to hold our inaugural tournament and barbecue. That time finally came, and it felt so special!

The tournament consisted of 48 players randomly assigned to six teams. The winning team members each were awarded a prize of a \$5.00 GE café coupon. What made the competition extra special was the inclusion of thirteen players from De Anza Springs Resort and one player from Laguna Del Sol. We have a great history of friendly, spirited competition and great camaraderie with our friends from De Anza, going back to a WSA convention tournament in 1998.

The barbecue that followed the tournament was the first event of its kind allowed at GE since the pandemic started. And we did it up right with hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst (to include vegetarian entrée options) - with all the trimmings, salads, beans, bottled water and a special cake for dessert.

After the barbecue was over, many of us got back in the pool and played friendly games for the next couple of hours.

This was a Herculean effort, and everything went very smoothly.

Come join us! We play at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Saturdays and Sundays, and at 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

Registration Open for Bare Booty 5K Fun Run at De Anza

Date: Sunday, **Sept 26, 2021**, 9 am

Registration Fees: \$34 Adults, \$5 Children under Age 18



Event limited to first 100 to register. No Registration after Sun Sept 19, 2021.

Registration includes a custom beach towel. There will be prizes for the top six female finishers and top six male finishers.

This event, like the original Olympics, is a nude run. Shoes, hats,

sunscreen, and big smiles are welcome. De Anza Springs Resort is clothing optional, so before and after the run, feel free to dress/undress, as you feel comfortable.

To register, go to:

<https://www.runguides.com/event/10652/bare-booty-5k-fun-run>

So. Cal. Clubs Preparing for Annual Summer Games Competition August 7

Olive Dell is again hosting the annual Summer Games competition on August 7, where individuals and clubs from all over the region are invited to compete for medals and a prized trophy.

These eight planned events will test your strength, endurance, and teamwork including an inner tube pool relay, hula-hoop relay, diving for bottles, noodle race, water balloon toss and Frisbee toss. Plus: the best for last! Our annual PUDDING TOSS! (Yes, it's just what you think it is!)

Show your AANR card to get gate fee discount. Call ODR for more information (909) 825-6619.

Summary of Legislative Bills We Are Following in the Western Region

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West GAT Chair

The Western Region includes Hawaii, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and the western half of Mexico.

Here are some of the bills submitted for the 2021 legislative sessions in our region that we are watching:

ARIZONA - SESSION ENDED 5/30

Arizona 2021 HB 2512 and SB1248. These bills were signed by the governor and are now the law. They make 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 in any electronic communication. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. Our concern: emailing innocent nudist photos could be defined as harassment.

CALIFORNIA – 2-YEAR LEGISLATURE



California 2021 SB 53. The bill is having trouble getting out of committee and has been amended several times. It makes 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 (and this part affect nudists) “depicting the exposed genitals or anus of any person.”

This bill is sponsored by Bumble and is supported by Feminist Majority and the California Women’s Law Center. **We are opposed to the bill in its current form** as it directly affects our nudist websites, publications, and sharing of images between members.

UTAH – SESSION ENDED 3/5

Utah 2021 HB 147. This bill was signed by the Governor on 3/11/21. Current Utah law forbids the distribution of “intimate images” (genitals, breasts, intercourse, etc.); that is 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 law now eliminates the requirement of actual emotional distress or harm. In other words, do not distribute anyone’s nude photo through the internet without written consent.

Wyoming 2021 HB 85. This bill was signed into law by the Governor on 3/31/21. It makes the nonconsensual dissemination of an intimate image to be a crime; specifying elements and penalties of the offense; providing definitions; providing exemptions; and providing for an effective date. In other words, you need a photo release for anyone you take a nude photo of. Our concern: **This could include nudist photos.**

Update on Hawaii’s Little Beach (Maui) and Kehena Beach (Big Island)

By Gary Mussell

Little Beach was quietly reopened in mid-March but new signs at the park entrance ban drug and alcohol use, nudity, and fires. New beach closure times for the beach were also posted.

Several eyewitness reports indicate that the nudity ban there is not being enforced, but the weekend drumming circles have not returned because the beaches are closed several hours before sunset.

On the Big Island, Kehena Beach is the only accessible beach on the Puna coastline because of nearby lava flows. Nudists have traditionally used the beach for several decades without a hassle. Because of a large number of textiles now using the beach, state park deputies began issuing citations for “public lewdness” (i.e. “nudity”) there in April.

Law enforcement is using the excuse of enforcing social distancing and mask-wearing to issue the tickets and also cite cars parked along adjacent highway 137 near the beach.

The Naturist Action Committee (NAC) and AANR’s Government Affairs Team (GAT) have joined forces with several local nude beach advocates in Hawaii to present a united voice supporting this traditional nude beach. They have revived the old **Friends of Little Beach** club and are also filing papers for its incorporation.

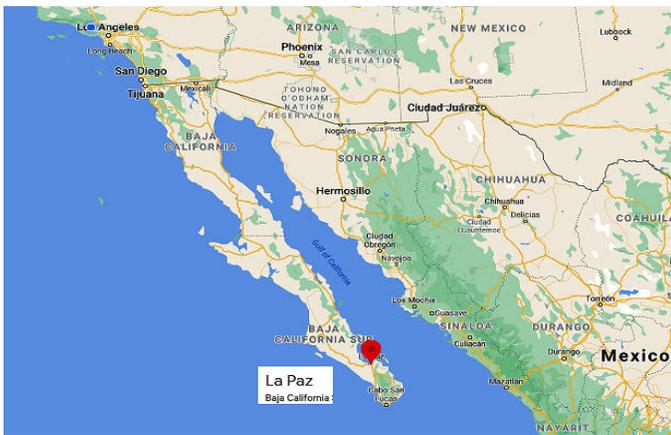
Friends of Little Beach representatives are planning to attend public hearings and will ask for designated clothing-optional beaches on several different islands.

Meanwhile, the Hawaii Parks Department has announced it is reevaluating all of its recreational priorities. There is an online survey we can all take (as tourists) to advocate the state parks revoke their rule against optional top free and nude beaches. The survey takes about five minutes and is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCORP2021>.

In the comment box, be sure to tell them clothing-optional beaches, and Little Beach in particular, is the main reason you visit the islands when you come.

Curt Cottrell, state park administrator, has made several anti-nudity remarks on local news stations so we fear he might ignore and survey that shows public support for nude recreation in the state in any form.

TRAVEL CORNER

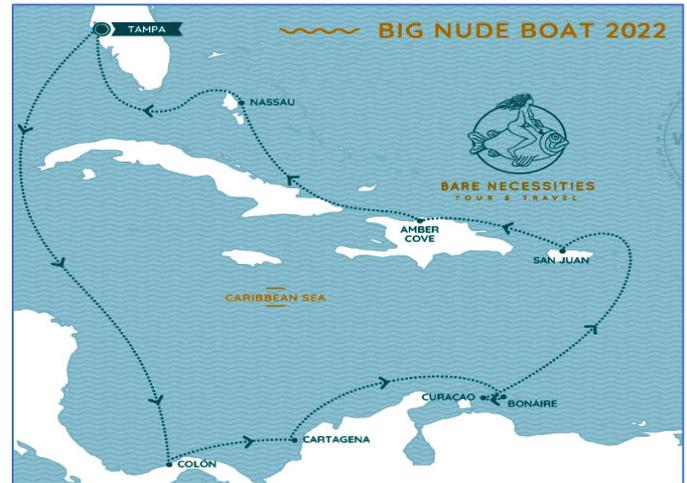


Catamaran Nude Cruise to La Paz Planned from So California

SCNA's intrepid adventurer Peter has organized an 11-day trip to La Paz, Mexico, eight of which will be on a private 38 ft. catamaran.

The announced dates are June 11-22, 2021, and he says there are only a few spots left for those interested in a week of nude sailing. The cost is \$995 per person including meals on the boat (but not including airfare). Meal preparation and cleanup will be a shared responsibility. People will have to cover their own meals while on shore.

For further information and to sign up, contact Peter directly at: peterconnolly1@gmail.com.



Early Booking Brisk for Big Nude Boat Cruise in 2022

Bare Necessities will host its Big Nude Boat event aboard Carnival Cruise Line's Carnival Pride starting on February 13, 2022.

The voyage is currently scheduled to sail for two weeks and will depart from Tampa before making stops in Panama, Colombia, Bonaire, Curacao, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas.

Reservations can be made at <https://cruisebare.com/cruise/big-nude-boat-2022/>



Barely There Travels Promotes "Naturally Nirvana" Vacations at Paya Bay in Roatan

By Cheryl Baker
cheryl@lakecombie.com

Paya Bay is located on the island Roatan, Honduras. This is a family-owned property that opened in the early 1990s.

There are only twelve rooms with four of them cantilevered over the ocean and you can hear the ocean waves all night. This is not a five-star mega resort but the rooms charming, clean and super comfortable - and prices are very reasonable.

The resort is divided into three zones:

- Zone 1 is the restaurant and reception area, which is clothing-required.
- Zone 2 is clothing-optional with a beautiful beach bar, fresh water dipping pool and waterfall, large sandy beach and lots of beach lounge chairs and palm coverings.. The beach is very swimmable, and the water temperatures is like bathwater. Snorkeling gives you incredible underwater views. You can also do a Scuba package if you want.
- Zone 3 is nudity-required and has miles of trails and about 15 separate small, secluded sunbathing areas complete with lounge chairs and hammocks; a walk up a hill to a yoga pavilion with incredible views.

Paya Bay is not a party place. It is a place to escape to. We did the all-inclusive package (except cocktails) and I would highly recommend it. The food was plentiful and very good. The staff are super kind.

Watch their website as they run some great specials:
www.lakecombie.com.



Reminder: AANR Bulletin Will Promote Your Non-Landed Clubs

The *AANR Bulletin* publishes articles highlighting AANR's non-landed clubs. To get your non-landed club and activities featured, contact Donna Mollan at donnamollan@gmail.com with information about events, your location, and other promotions.

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

ARIZONA

• ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS (PHOENIX)

By the time everyone receives this newsletter, Bev Price will be on her way to her annual Grand Canyon Nude White-Water trip, June 5 - 15. There are no other club activities planned.

• BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)

"I hope everyone who is able does the patriotic thing and gets vaccinated. We anticipate first Thursday dinners and third Thursday luncheons monthly dinners resuming, beginning in July."

At its election meeting, members unanimously elected the following slate of officers: President – Len, Vice President – Darrin, Secretary – Lorelei Treasurer – Dan, Members at Large – Joe, Brian, and Kat.

As mentioned in the last few newsletters, to somewhat lessen the impact this pandemic is having on the pocketbooks of our Buff members, the Buff Board has voted to suspend all Buff dues (\$12/member) for a period of one year starting April 1, 2021, extending through March 31, 2022. All membership renewals that come due through March 31, 2022 will only include the AANR-required portion amount (\$44).

On May 15, Buff members gathered for a textile lunch at a popular rustic steakhouse and then proceed to a nearby member's home for a relaxing clothing-optional afternoon in the sun.

We will do it again on July 10. We will meet at Dennis and Sue's and from there, everyone will caravan to the restaurant. The restaurant is a clothed event, where we will meet newcomers interested in the club.

Representatives for the Buff-A-Teers can be contacted at tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com.

• MIRA VISTA RESORT (TUCSON)

Wearing a mask at Mira Vista is now optional but the park asks everyone to continue practicing social distancing and to wash

hands often. Reservations: Please call 520-744-2355. The Mira Vista Lounge is open for indoor and outdoor seating, Friday 5 to 10, Saturday 4 to 10, and Sunday 2 to 10.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, we held a "Freestyle Open Mic" & Karaoke on Friday night, and a dance on both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

On that Saturday morning, many of the members gassed up their offroad vehicles and cruised on the back roads through Saguaro National Park. There was a Car Show back at the resort when we got back.

On Sunday we hosted our 5th annual Mira Vista Memorial Day Parade. Members decorate their vehicles in red, white, and blue and drove a few laps around the grounds while onlookers applauded. We even had a few cheerleaders!

On Saturday, June 5, there will be dance music in the lounge provided by DJ Harry.

• MOJAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)

The club will host a Skinny Dip Day on July 10, celebrating AANR's 90th Anniversary. This is our only organized activity this summer except members are attending both the Summer Festival at Glen Eden and the convention at Shangri-La.

For more info on Mohave Sun Club events or to RSVP, email club at mohavesunclub@gmail.com or contact Sharron at (503) 803-8189.

• SHANGRI-LA RANCH (N OF PHOENIX)

From June 2 through July 21, we are hosting a community event each week where we are inviting people from the community to come and enjoy our pools. So, every Wednesday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, the main pool, volleyball pool, and our hot tub will be **clothing required**. Everyone must be clothed anywhere in public or outside your home. If you plan to use any of the pools during those times you will be required to wear a bathing suit.

The Ranch continues to host weekly Karaoke every Friday night and dances every Saturday night. For more, go to the website activity page at: <https://shangrilaranch.com/>

In other news, Gary Holden, former Activities Manager at De Anza Springs Resort, has moved to Shangri-La and is settling in working for a local web developer.

CALIFORNIA

The statewide mandate for masks and group sizes expires on June 15. As of our publishing date, several counties have already lifted most restrictions, although Sacramento (Laguna del Sol), Riverside (Olive Dell and Glen Eden) and a few others still lag behind on infection rates. Check with your club before visiting for the latest information.

• DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT (JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS)

"We are situated on more than 500 acres of high desert in eastern San Diego County, and ideal for year-round vacationing. The resort is comprised of 311 spacious RV sites with full hook-ups and plenty of spacious tent sites for dry

camping. “Luxurious rental units consisting of fully furnished park models, midsized RV’s and motel rooms.”

The club does not publish a newsletter this month nor is there any activity list on their website calendar. The website says social distancing requirements still apply.

The AANR-West Fall Festival is scheduled for De Anza Springs Resort on in October.

For reservations, call (619) 766-4301 or visit the website at: www.deanzasprings.com. Email: stay@deanzasprings.com

• GLEN EDEN (TEMESCAL VALLEY)



Above: the weekly ukulele jam is back on at Glen Eden.

The park celebrated its “Grand Reopening” on Memorial Weekend May 28-31. Revealed were new pools, new patios, new lawns, and new pavilion additions. There was also a blood drive in Piper Hall on that Saturday.

On June 5, GE hosted its annual 5K Run through the park. A story about it will appear in the July newsletter.

June 18-20 is “Return to Tiki Island” weekend where Hawaiian décor and semi-dress will be the theme.

On July 10, Glen Eden is planning a Women’s Open House Day (free gate fees!)

From the club president: “Indoor activities remain restricted. If not living in the same household and not fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is required when social distancing of 6 ft is not possible. If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask while participating in outdoor activities such as tennis, pickleball, volleyball, water volleyball, yoga and water aerobics is optional. We continue to recommend that each individual take responsibility for his/her wellbeing.”

Visit <https://gleneden.com/calendar/> for a complete activity list, subject to change.

• LAGUNA DEL SOL (WILTON, NEAR SACRAMENTO)

“As of this writing, Sacramento County is still stuck in the Red Tier, along with 10 other counties out of 58. At this rate, we might advance straight from Red to “full opening” on June 15. Please be patient with new staff members as they are training and with all others as they work very hard to fill the gaps. Remember, masks indoors and social distancing is still part of the current required state/county mandated guidelines. Regardless of vaccinations, please do your part until all the state/county mandated guidelines are lifted.

The gatehouse is now open every day! Please have a photo ID ready when you arrive.

Laguna del Sol has a new Food & Beverage Manager - Ty Goering! He is a member and is an experienced restaurant and bar manager. Since we are operating with a very small staff, right now we are grilling burgers and hot dogs on the restaurant deck and serving bar drinks. The reception from members over the past 2 weekends has been wonderful! We will be adding more hours, service, and food choices as we continue to add staff.

Pools

Except for the indoor pool. Pools are open now with social distancing and occupancy limits. Currently, the conversation pool is open with restrictions as well. The water volleyball pool has been going on safely for most weekends since April with plenty of play!

Sports Courts

The new tennis court is almost complete! The old asphalt court was demolished and replaced with concrete. After curing, the painting began and is almost complete. The other tennis court will become a full-size basketball court!

Naked Man and Nudestock

The club’s two biggest events of the year are back for 2021! **Naked Man** will have the theme that was chosen for last year - Of Fables and Fairy Tales. The dates are August 6-8 and Michael Lawrie has stepped up to coordinate the event once again. It’s not far away, but there is still plenty of time to plan your camps. **Nudestock** is September 16-19. All 6 bands are booked, including one for Thursday night for the first time. The website calendar has all the band details.

Motorcycle Poker Run Coming June 5

Get ready for some fun! Leaving LdS at 9 am (don’t be late). There will be 3 stops outside of LdS. Food will be available. Maps will be provided on the morning of the run. The first stop is about 40 miles out, so be sure to gas up prior to the run! Stay tuned for more information!



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

• LUPIN LODGE (LOS GATOS, NEAR SAN JOSE)

The Pool & Hot Tub are again open to all. And check out our new solar panels for heating the pool! Remember, NO Music at the pool as it is a quiet zone. Please use earbuds if you need tunes.

Lupin is offering a free glass of champagne for any positive review posted on Yelp or Trip Advisor about the park.

Memorial Weekend: Our long weekend started early! On Thursday evening we held a Discology Aerobic Dance Party from 5:15-6:30 and all one needed was headphones and a smartphone so you could dance anyway your body wanted with silence all around to non-participants.

On Friday morning there was a Ladies Coffee on the lawn, and on Saturday morning Dylan led his Vinyasa Yoga class. We had soothing music on the lawn from noon to six, and then in the evening Charlie led Open Microphone to an enthusiastic group where people sang, told jokes, did impressions, or were just silly. We loved all of it!

The weekend of June 5-6 is **National Pride Weekend** at Lupin. There will be music on the clubhouse lawn all afternoon.

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

For activity information, please contact the club at: members@norcaexposure.com

- **OLIVE DELL RANCH (COLTON)**

Visit Olive Dell Ranch's Facebook page for the most recent information about their events. Park is closed to nonmembers on Tuesday & Wednesday Website: www.olivedellranch.com

Email: bnude@earthlink.net



May 29-30 was the annual Pirates of the Caribbean Weekend with games, entertainment, and food (see photo above). Park visitors were encouraged to wear their best pirate-y gear (except in the pool and Jacuzzi) during the da.

Saturday afternoon there was an auction and flea market, a fortune-telling booth, a Walk the Plank Dunk Tank, "Pelt the Pirate" booth, Tug of War. Saturday night was the traditional Captain Bobby's BBQ Rib Dinner. Afterward, there was a "pirate" theme dance with prizes given for best costume at the dance.

On June 19 OCR is hosting a Trailer Trash Dance.

June 20-27, the park is hosting the AANR-West Kid's Camp (see story above).

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

June 11-13: Weekend at de Anza

July 4-11: National Nude Recreation Week

Website: www.olympianclub.com

Email: olympianclub@aol.com

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

The Sequoians is a clothes-free club happily situated in the beautiful hills near San Francisco Bay. The club has several special events planned for June. There will be Membership Music on Deck on the 4th, three hikes on the 5th, Bocce Ball and watermelon on the 6th, Bocce Tournament and toga party on the 12th, Dice on the Deck on the 13th, a work party and a full moon hike on the 19th, Morning Hike and Crafts on the 20th, Country Western Day and D. J. Dance on the 26th, and Bocce Ball and Watermelon on the 27th.

For more information visit us at www.sequoians.com, write to 10200 Cull Canyon Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552 or call (510) 582-0194.

- **SCNA (LOS ANGELES)**

SCNA continues to host monthly online game parties, which have proved to be very popular. Meanwhile, we continue to host monthly members' meetings on [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) for members and newcomers.

Email: scna@socalnaturist.org Website: socalnaturist.org

The May 8 "Revenge of the Nerds" pool party turned out to be much more than just showing off one's old pocket protector. In fact, there were very few slide rulers in sight. Instead, the event at the home of Rolf and Cynthia became a reunion of sorts, as people were finally able to say hello in person after a year of being shut away in our homes.

COLORADO

- **FRONT RANGE NATURISTS (BOULDER)**

No information was submitted this month. Website is:

<https://frncolorado.com/>

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

To our returning members, welcome back! Check out the new sauna if you have not used it yet. 140 degrees never felt so good. Also, take a peek in the kids' room

MAR Cleanup Weekend

There were several major projects: First, the clubhouse got quite a work-over with newly polished floors and clean windows. The layout of the room was changed somewhat to make it more flexible for different kinds of events.

Second, the Lost Bikini Grill was readied for the season as well. Third, work also started on a redesign of the gatehouse office. It will be more efficient and secure for the staff as we plan for our post-COVID times.

Last, the MAR Membership committee is working on an orientation video for new visitors to watch in the office before they come onto the grounds. This involved some ariel footage shot from a member's drone.

Memorial Day Weekend



We enjoyed three great days of events including Bocce Ball and Cribbage Tournaments, a Bingo Night, Karaoke, and a Spring Dance with black light and body painting. The Ice Cream Parlor was opened for the season, for all to enjoy. It was great seeing everyone again.

That Sunday, the park also unveiled and dedicated a beautiful metal sculpture that was placed by the front entrance (above, left).

Last, the photo above right is of the newest pool upgrade, a chair/lift. It was funded by park funds and also private donations. It is a welcome addition to the pool and will serve many of the senior and disabled members and visitors.

CRAZY Hat Dance
Saturday June 19th 8:00pm -11:59pm
WEAR YOUR CRAZY HAT TO THE DANCE
THE CRAZIEST
HAT WINS A PRIZE!!!
Mountain Air Ranch Crazy Hat Dance promo.

HAWAII

- **LITTLE BEACH (MAUI)**

See story under Government Affairs above.

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

Swim Free Hawaii is a clothing-optional boat charter that gives you the opportunity to explore the island in an exciting, safe, and comfortable environment.

Capt. Chuck has over 30 years of experience to guide our journey through the breathtaking waters of the Big Island. Whether you're interested in snorkeling, swimming, or just sunbathing nude, we offer a unique, safe, and quality experience we guarantee to be unforgettable.

www.swimfreehawaii.com, info@swimfreehawaii.com

NEVADA

“Nevada has reopened all gaming properties effective June 4, as we gradually and cautiously return to a new normal,” said Gov. Sisolak.

- **LAS VEGAS BARES**

The club has scheduled nude kayak trips from Willow Beach twice a month on Mondays or Tuesdays. They also do a full moon hike to AZ hot springs or other locations on the Full moon of each month. Contact us for more information at nakedinvegas@yahoo.com

- **LAS VEGAS NATURISTS B&B**

Las Vegas Naturists is open to out-of-town guests and locals to chill out and work on your tan. We will start our weekly Saturday potluck and volleyball events in June. Email for event information at: actionnude@gmail.com.

- **NORTHERN NEVADA NATURISTS (LAKE TAHOE)**

We are a non-landed AANR club serving Northern Nevada and California. Based out of Reno, Nevada, and formed for the enjoyment of social nudism. We frequently meet at members' homes for activities or Lake Tahoe Nude Beaches and Sierra Ville Hot Springs.

We are having a membership recruitment BBQ on June 13, a trip to Laguna Del Sol from July 5-11. Other activities for this summer are still being finalized. Check out our new events calendar at <https://nnnaturist.org>.

NEW MEXICO

- **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. For June and July events. email us at:

RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com.

- **FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS, LLC**

For camping information, call 575-536-9663 or email: faywoodhotsprings.nm@gmail.com

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

For club activities, email: information@suntree.net

UTAH

- **SUNS (ST. GEORGE)**

Southern Utah Naturist Society (SUNS) had a great group of 17 people at our event last Saturday, May 22, 2021, with many new faces and a lot of SUNS members in attendance. We enjoyed some great sunshine, pool time, buffet foods and conversation.

Please mark your calendar for our next event on June 12. An Evite invitation will be going out next week with further details. Contact us at: SUNS.StGeorge@gmail.com



• **WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)**

Here is a summary of a few events scheduled for the next couple of months:

June 11 – 13: Bonnaville Seabase campout. Located 40 miles west of Salt Lake City on the outskirts of Grantsville, there is a natural phenomenon where spring water rising through the ancient lake bed becomes almost 3% saltwater. At the salinity of the ocean, the water wells up as warm springs, and with the addition of ocean fish, an inland ocean was formed. Scuba divers and snorkelers and campers are welcome to come and explore the depths. There is no smoking or drinking while in or around the water area.

June 20: Sunday in the Park - We will meet at the Hidden Grove Pavilion at Sugarhouse Park. This will be a clothed event and a potluck.

June 21: Celebrate Naked Hiking Day with us at Fifth Water (Diamond Fork) Hot Springs. Here is a link to the location: <https://goo.gl/maps/TZYVRkMc74KyZvAi9>.

July 10: Nude swim to celebrate International Skinny Dip Day. This outdoor pool will be at a new location in Salt Lake County. To attend (and receive the location), you will need to pre-pay via PayPal at wasatchnaturists@gmail.com.

July 18 – 21: Clothing-optional campout at Bear Lake State Park.

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.



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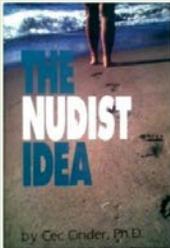
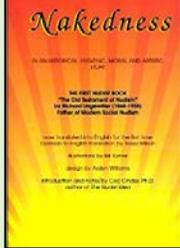
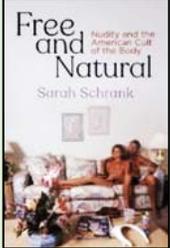
Jack Gescheidt's TreeSpirit collection of fine art photographs are now available to AANR-West members at a discount.

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

To order, email your choice and a full name and mailing address to AANR-West at information@aanrwest.org. For custom sizes or materials, allow 2-3 weeks delivery time.

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Antique Art Gallery, Hermitage Museum.

Official Complaint Gets Rebuffed Over Naked Sculptures in Russia’s Hermitage Museum

The Hermitage Museum in Russia’s Saint Petersburg has received an official complaint from a government agency suggesting that its nude sculptures “may have a bad influence on children” and might have to be put in an adult-only room.

That’s according to Mikhail Piotrovsky, the museum’s general director, who refused to name which official body asked the institution to round up its naked figures.

“I laughed once when someone told us: gather all your nude sculptures into one room and put up an ‘18+’ sign so our children are not corrupted,” Piotrovsky said. “But now we have received an official complaint from an official body, so we are responding to it.”

The Hermitage, located in Saint Petersburg, is based in the Winter Palace, the former official residence of the Russian Emperors from 1762 to the revolution, in 1917. It is the second-largest art museum in the world.

It has a world-class collection, including not only paintings by the likes of Leonardo da Vinci and Rembrandt, but also a Michelangelo marble sculpture and many Egyptian antiquities.

In response to new revelations, controversial United Russia MP and native Petersburg Vitaly Milonov blasted the proposal as idiotic.

“This is outright stupidity, it is not even worth talking about,” Milonov said. “If we’re talking about classical works, Michelangelo and many others, they do not fall under the category of ‘18+’ in any way.”

This is not the first time that art in Saint Petersburg depicting nudity has come under scrutiny. In 2016, as part of a Michaelangelo exhibition, a copy of the statue of David was placed near a church. After a complaint by a local, the exhibit invited residents to vote on whether David should be wearing clothes. They opted to keep him naked.

<https://www.rt.com/russia/520478-naked-sculptures-children-corruption/>

British At-Home Nudism Boomed During Lockdown and Now Clubs See New Members

05/07/2021- British Naturism has a huge increase in applications over the past year while the Scottish Outdoor Club ‘have no doubt it’s linked to coronavirus as people spent time at home during lockdown - naked

Nudism has boomed during the pandemic as lockdown became frock-down for stay-at-home Brits. Now naturist clubs are hoping to encourage more like-minded people to join them out in the open as restrictions are lifted.

Officials at British Naturism have reported a huge increase in applications over the past year. Naturist clubs across Britain are advertising for new members to take advantage of the boom - they claim caused by people ditching their clothes at home during the lockdown.

British Naturism claimed, “social isolation has caused an explosion in naked living” and people have become used to less clothing and more relaxed outfits at home.

And now naturist clubs across the country have started to cash in on the trend - by advertising for new members.

The Pines Outdoor Club in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire is one looking for new nudists this week. The aim of the club, which is soon to celebrate its 50th anniversary, is to “maintain an area where people who appreciate the benefits of social nakedness in the open air may do so in comfort and safety.”

The Scottish Outdoor Club, in Loch Lomond, Scotland, says they also have seen a growth in the number of people wanting to join since 2020.

A spokesman said: “We’ve seen a growth in inquiries to join us and there’s already been new people coming.

“They include a woman who was last a member 30 years ago. She’s now come back.

“I have no doubt it’s linked to coronavirus. People were spending a lot of time at home during the lockdown. And I think a lot of them spent that time naked. It’s only natural that would be carried over.”

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/nudism-booms-lockdown-social-isolation-24064611>



Naturist clubs are booming (Image: SWNS.com)