

The Western Sun



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We publish this newsletter every month for our independent members and clubs. We appreciate it being forwarded to club members and other AANR guests as you feel appropriate. Communication is the key to everyone understanding all the things that AANR and AANR-West does for the social nudist movement.

2018 AANR Elections in May



Every even numbered year, AANR International holds elections for both its officers and Board of Trustees. The board consists of fourteen people, seven representing each of the organization's seven regions and seven representing the 230 organized clubs as defined by the number of members from largest to smallest. A Trustee can only serve two successive 2-year terms, so many will be "open seats" this time around. All three officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer) are similarly "termed-out" this time, so we will be electing an entire new team to serve until 2020.

Anyone who is a member of AANR in good standing may seek one of these offices provided they have previously served as a region board officer or as an officer of a local club (other restrictions may apply).

If you want to volunteer to help us steer the future of nudist recreation, you are encouraged to read more at the AANR members section (separate username & password required) at:

<https://www.aanr.com/members/member-downloads>.

Deadline for submission of your forms is March 15.

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements or prefer to start at the regional level, the AANR-West region has 5 positions on its 9-person Board of Directors up for election at its annual convention next August 2-5 at the De Anza Springs resort in Jacumba CA. More information about our regional elections will be in a future issue of this newsletter.

As of this writing, two candidates have announced for the office of AANR President: **Tim Mullins**, AANR Trustee representing AANR-West and Chair of the national Government Affairs Committee, and **Kathy Watzel**, AANR Trustee from Mountain Air Ranch in Colorado. We will have biographies and other candidate information in upcoming issues.

Upcoming Trade Show Booths

We need volunteers to staff the booths at these trade shows, and we also **need club literature**. Please send about 50 of your brochures (include any discount coupons you want to give to first-timers) and send no later than January 12 to:

Patty Faber
Shangri-La Ranch
44444 N Shangri La Lane
New River AZ 85087

The names of all those show visitors who come by our booth will be given to all the nearby clubs.

We expect to add more booth locations in the coming months with the hope of exposing the joy of nude recreation to the general public across the region.

We encourage all clubs to seek out similar shows in their area so we can apply to have a booth there. Please contact us at information@aanrwest.org if you find a place worth our efforts.

Quartzite RV Travel Show

January 20-28, 2018. Come visit us at **booth #506!**

This show is promoted as "the largest Sports, Vacation, and RV show in the world" in Quartzite, Arizona, Over 100,000 are expected to attend.

Quartzite is located about 30 miles east of the California border on Hwy 10, and about 2 hours west of Phoenix. This will be a camping/RV experience as there are no hotels/motels in the immediate area.

If interested, contact Patty Faber at (623) 465-5959.

L.A. Travel and Adventure Show

February 24-25, 10 am – 5 pm each day, **Booth #646.**

Location: LA Convention Center, Downtown Los Angeles.

The show has hundreds of booths representing foreign lands and domestic destinations such as cities, parks, or resorts. The show draws about 40,000 visitors each day, so the booth gets real busy! Many have free drawings for trips to their destinations. And the lectures about exotic places and travel tips are always interesting.

AANR-West is sponsoring the booth to promote all Southern California naturist clubs.

We need volunteers to help staff our booth at this annual event. Call the SCNA club line at (818) 225-2273 to add your name. We ask for a 4-hour shift (minimum) either Saturday or Sunday (or both).

Parking at the LA Convention Center is \$15-20 (depending on proximity). If you are working the booth, admission is free, otherwise the show costs \$12/day or \$20/both days. If you cannot help, please stop by our booth at #646 anyway. See you at the show!



California Parks and Recreation Department Conference & Expo

March 13-16, 2018, 10 am □ 5 pm, **Booth # 355**

Location: Long Beach Convention Center.

20,000 people expected.

This is the largest regional park and recreation expo show in the nation. The Expo is billed as an opportunity for park rangers, area supervisors, legislators, and local law enforcement leaders to learn the latest trends in park management, guest services, and legislative issues. We intend to be there to push the legalization of nude beaches and hiking trails across the state.

Because this is a mid-week meeting we expect fewer volunteers, but we sure could use the help! Volunteer at (818) 225-2273 or email us at scna@socalnaturalist.org.



San Diego Earth Fair

Sunday, Apr 22, 2018

Balboa Park, San Diego, CA

Exhibit Area: Area 6, Site: 614

This one-day Fair is billed as the largest free annual environmental fair in the world. Each year, the Earth Fair draws around 60,000 visitors.

EarthFair 2018 will feature more than 300 exhibitors, special theme areas, a Food Pavilion, four entertainment venues, the Children's Earth Parade, and an arts and crafts show.

Exhibitors represent every type of environmental organization, governmental program and commercial enterprise.

The show's managers are very supportive of nude recreation.



AANR-West Scholarships

Youth Applications Now Available

Two \$2000 scholarships are awarded each year.

AANR West has established this scholarship program for students whose parents or grandparents have been, members of AANR West for at least three years at the date of application. This program will be based on the student's academic records, leadership, and potential for growth. No preference will be given for financial need, gender, race, creed or religion.

Applicants must be seniors in high school or currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school. They must be less than 27 years of age and have at least a 2.5 GPA (grade point average). Part-time students will be considered. No student may win the award more than twice unless there are no competing candidates.

Scholarship funds will be forwarded directly to the post-secondary school of the student's choice. No funds will be transmitted to the student or to the parent(s) of the student.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to <http://www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html>. Click on **Scholarship Application Form**. You can fill it out on-line, but at this time you must print it out and mail it to us. We are working on converting the file to a GoogleDoc format so you can click a button to send it to us directly, but that is not ready yet (maybe by next month?).

There are two additional forms the applicant must download: The **Club Verification** form (to verify the applicant's parents or grandparents are club members) and the **Academic Recommendation** (this is mailed to the student's school counselor to verify the student is of good standing and would be a suitable candidate for the scholarship).

The applicant must also contact either the High School or College Records Office and request an official transcript [not a photocopy] be sent to us.

The applicant should submit all these documents to:

AANR West Scholarship Committee
23679 Calabasas Road, Suite 966
Calabasas, Ca 91302

All forms must be submitted (postmarked) no later than April 1. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by June 1.

News from Around the Region

Errata: Those Two AANR-West Nudist Parks Have Not Closed for the Winter

Last month we misreported that **Mountain Air Ranch** in Colorado and **The Sequoians Club** in Castro Valley, CA, had closed for the winter.

That was not correct. Both clubs are open to their members with a full schedule of seasonal activities. However, neither club is accepting non-member visitors through March.

The Sequoians offer a discounted, seasonal Associate and Millennial membership with limited "in-season" visiting. Email the club at sequoians@wildblue.net for further details if you are interested.



Olive Dell photos by Dennis Crane and Ron Mercer reproduced with permission

Olive Dell Hosts Traditional Polar Bear Swim on New Year's Day

The thermometer above the pool said the air was a warm 75 degrees at 1 pm as 18 hearty souls lined up along the deep end of the Olive Dell pool. The water temperature registered about 50 degrees, which was much warmer than in previous years.

Ages of the participants this year ranged from 8 to 70, according to Ron Mercer, one of the participants. He said everyone immediately jumped out, gave a whoop and a holler, and made a bee line for the 103-degree Jacuzzi where they thawed out for many minutes. About 20 spectators cheered them on.

This "Polar Bear" skinny-dip has been a tradition at the club for about 20 years. Olive Dell Ranch is located in Colton, Ca, near Riverside.

GE Polar Bears Jump into the Fountain Instead

Lisa Johnson from Glen Eden Sun Club, Corona, reports that, since their pool it is heated at 85 degrees year-round, it wasn't much of a "polar bare" challenge.

However, the club found seven volunteers who jumped instead into the unheated fountain the pool instead. It was only a foot deep, but it provided the appropriate "shock and awe" to the participants. "It was a fun time!"



De Anza Plans to Grow a New Garden & Fire Pit Area

De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, CA, is developing a new "garden area" behind its outdoor pool, according to an announcement on the club web site.

"A fire pit has been added which is in place for resort-sponsored activities and for personal use. The resort will supply wood for the resort-sponsored activities. Some seating has already been added to the garden and more will be added later. A rock maze will be going in over the next few months.

"We are considering a small putting green and a few other activities in this area. Planting will start going in at a time when they will survive."

The area should be in full bloom by the time of the AANR-West convention there the first week in August.

AANR Officially Designates the Second Saturday in July as International Skinny Dip Day

As we were going to print, we received a press release from our AANR main office with a request to distribute it to our members. To wit, AANR has officially designated the second Saturday in July as International Skinny Dip Day. For 2018, International Skinny Dip Day will be observed on July 14.



"International Skinny Dip Day (ISDD) serves as the culminating event during National Nude Recreation Week. This annual celebration is an opportunity for individuals and families to visit clothing-optional clubs affiliated with AANR or The Nudist Society (TNS).

"Many of the 200+ AANR-affiliated clubs will have activities and events planned throughout the week – such as open houses, dance parties, sports tournaments, chili cook-offs, health screenings, art shows, and more.

The full text of the press release can be found on our aanrwest.org web site under **News**.

There's Always Something Happening Around the Region!

Below is a list of major club activities for the next several weeks from around the region. This is only a partial list. Visit the aanrwest.org web site for a more complete list. Click on the club link at right to view some details about the event at the club's web site.

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs January 6-31

These are major events only as each club holds weekly volleyball games and other parties besides those listed. Click the link to find out more information about the event.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
01/09/18	Movie Night	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
01/11-14/18	Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/12-14/18	Country & Blues Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
01/12/2018	Karaoke	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
01/13/18	Denim & Diamonds Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
01/13/18	January Birthday Dance (with cake!)	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
01/13/18	Nude Scavenger Hunt	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
01/13/2018	Game Day	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
01/13/18	Denims & Diamonds Cowboy Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
01/16/18	Potluck	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
01/7/18	Community pancake breakfast	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
01/18/18	Field Trip - Dendrochronology Lab	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
01/18-21/18	Cheese Lover's Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/19/18	Open mic night	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
01/19-30/18	Quartzsite RV Show	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
01/20/18	80's Theme Prom Dance	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
01/20/18	Crazy Hats & Aprons Party	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
01/20/18	Wine Tasting Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
01/20/18	Foreign Film Festival: "The Skin I Live In."	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
01/20/18	Board Installation Dinner	Olympians	olympianclub@aol.com
01/20/18	Women Only Gathering	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
01/20/18	Buff Campout	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
01/20/18	Wine Tasting, Lakeside Inn	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
01/20/18	Installation Dinner	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
01/21/2018	Committee Meetings	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
01/25-28/18	Batman Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/25-28/18	Women's Appreciation Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
01/27/18	80's Party Theme	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
01/27/18	Karaoke	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
01/27/18	Korean Spa Night	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
01/27/18	Women's Appreciation Day	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
01/27/2018	Do you want to build a snowman	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
01/27/18	Dance	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
01/28/18	SOL Sisters Tea and Talk	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
01/30/18	Pot Luck Dinner	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs February 1 – February 28

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
02/01/18	Buff Dinner – Mimi's Café	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
02/01/18	Valentine Dinner	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
02/02-04/18	Super Bowl Tailgate Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/03/18	Mardi Gras Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
02/04/18	Super Bowl Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/04/18	Super Bowl Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
02/04/18	Super Bowl Party	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
02/1-4/18	Groundhog Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/04/18	Super Bowl Party	Roadrunner Naturists	www.roadrunner-naturists.com

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
02/04/18	Super Bowl Party, Corona	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
02/04/18	Super Bowl Tailgate Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/04/18	Community pancake breakfast	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
02/04/18	Super Bowl party	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
02/04/18	Super Bowl/Chili Cookoff	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
02/04/18	Super Bowl Sunday (members only)	Sequoians	sequoians@gmail.com
02/04/18	Super Bowl Party	Canyon State Naturists	Canyonstatenaturists.net/request-information-2
02/09-11/18	Valentine's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/09-11/18	Valentine's Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/10/18	Valentine and Birthday Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
02/10/18	Sweetheart Dinner & Ball	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/10/18	Valentine's Day Dance	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
02/10/18	Valentine's Dinner/Dance	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
02/11/18	Mardi Gras Party	Canyon State Naturists	Canyonstatenaturists.net/request-information-2
02/11/18	Buff Outing - Valentine Dinner	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
02/11/18	Valentines Dinner	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
02/15-18/18	President's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/16/18	Open mic night	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
02/16-18/18	Mardi Gras Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/17/18	Valentines Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelSol.com
02/17/18	Chinese New Year's (members only)	Sequoians	sequoians@gmail.com
02/18/2018	Committee Meetings (Members only)	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
02/20/18	Party, Rio Rancho	Roadrunner Naturists	www.roadrunnernaturists.com
02/20/18	Potluck	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
02/22-25/18	Chinese New Year Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/22-25/18	National Margarita Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/24/18	Glowing Light DJ Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
02/24/18	Karaoke	Olive Dell	olivedell1952@gmail.com
02/24/18	Rocky Horror Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelSol.com
02/24/2018	Baseball Spring Training Party	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
02/25/18	SOL Sisters Tea and Talk	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
03/01/18	Dinner – Cattle town Steakhouse	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com

Clubs: If you have not done so already, please send us your complete 2018 Calendar as soon as possible so we can update the web and keep it as complete as possible.



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