

# The Western Sun

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

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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.

## What's New on the Web Site: [www.aanrwest.org](http://www.aanrwest.org)

Thank you to the clubs for sending us their monthly promotional events. We have these listed on the Calendar and displayed under News. Please continue to send these to us, and also email us a brief summary of how your event went (number of participants, awards given, highlights, etc.) so we can post these also.

The "Contact Us" [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) email is now functional on the web site. We have begun forwarding inquiries to the clubs nearest the person seeking information. Please follow up ASAP.

Feel free to use the comment section to send us your thoughts about the web site and your suggestions for how to improve it.

## Combined Event Calendar

We currently are working on a combined 2018 calendar that includes all clubs in the eight western states. All clubs please submit your planned events and activities as soon as you have them decided to [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org). AANR International also has plans for a few special "weekends" in which all clubs may participate. These include:

- **Women in Naturism Weekend**, to be celebrate on one of the first two weekends in June. Plan something specific for the ladies. We can give you some suggestions if you like.
- **Nude Recreation Week** is always the second full week of July when clubs are supposed to let first time guests for free or at a substantial discount with appropriate workshops or events tailored to those visiting a nudist resort for the first time. Many clubs like to schedule a skinny-dip or an inter-club volleyball tournament on the last Saturday of this week.
- **Regional Convention** – in 2018, this will be August 2-5 at De Anza Springs Nudist Resort. Start making plans now to send delegates to attend this important meeting of club in the eight western states.

This calendar will be posted on the web site just as soon as we have submissions from most of the clubs, but no later than January 15.

## Did you Know?

### Cooperative Advertising Reimbursement

A reminder that AANR-West will reimburse up to 50% of the cost for advertising in a local newspaper, magazine, or on social media not to exceed \$400/year. The AANR or AANR West logo should be displayed in display advertising where space permits. In addition, a club web page must provide a hypertext link to the AANR or AANR West web page. Advertising which conflicts with the principles and standards of AANR and/or AANR West shall not be eligible so pre-approval is recommended.

Copies of receipts or bills, plus a copy of the ad must be submitted to and approved by the AANR West President and/or Treasurer no later than the last day of the calendar year in which the expenditure was made. Please submit

this either via email to [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) or mail to AANR-West P.O. Box 6313, Santa Barbara, CA. 93160.

## **New Club Application Fee Reimbursement**

If you want to form a new AANR club, there is a \$100 filing fee that accompanies the application form to the main office in Kissimmee, Florida. AANR-West will reimburse this fee once the club reaches the required 15 members within three years of applying. Funds are tough enough to come by when you are just starting out, so this refund is our way of thanking you for wanting to belong.

## **Your Regional Board at Work**

### **Fall Board Meeting at Shangri-La November 4.**

Your elected board meets each November to discuss critical issues affecting the region. This is also when we approve our budget for the coming year. All the ideas from our members are reviewed and the best ones receive a cost-analysis and are prioritized for action. If you want to see us in action, contact Shangri-La at (623) 465-5959 in New River, Arizona.

### **Some of The Projects the Board is Working on for the Fall Meeting:**

- More face-to-face contact with our members by hosting **information booths** and ice cream socials at clubs throughout the year.
- An increased presence at local travel shows and specialized community events such as Earth Day, Women's Workshops, and chambers of commerce events.
- A re-thinking of the **Scholarship** program to make it more attractive to those of all ages who want to improve their technical or college-level skills.
- Linking the **sports events** held each year by the clubs into multi-club competitions with trophies and medals going to individuals and club teams. In 2017 we experimented with linking four of the 5K runs together for the first time, and we want to expand this to include more clubs and more sports such as tennis, volleyball, and card/board games.

### **Government Affairs**

The Government Affairs Committee monitors all nudity-related legislation or county/city ordinances proposed in the eight western states. To do this, we subscribe to CQ Tracking, a software site that sends us daily updates on what is happening in the legislatures. We also watch out for news stories or court decisions that could affect the positive message about social nudity that we advocate.

At the moment, there is little to report as most legislatures and state commission boards are out of session or concerned with other issues such as health care or regulating marijuana. December is when we can expect the first batch of bills to be introduced in many of the states. We will keep you informed in this space if the need arises for a letter writing campaign or if we need people to testify at a hearing somewhere.

If you would like to volunteer by letting us know what is happening in your local community, we could sure use the help!

## **Hurricane Relief Fund**

As you may have heard, Hurricane Irma in September completely devastated Club Orient on the Caribbean island of St. Martin. Nearby nudist cruise destinations from St. Barts to Grand Turk also were badly damaged.

Steve Payne, owner of Club Orient tweeted the following a few days after Irma passed through what was left of his resort:

*"It's ugly. All the wood units are gone...the gatehouse is gone, all that is left is a pile of debris...the waterfront chalets are gone as well as the contents of all the houses, presumably*

*sucked out by the wind and tides....no sign of furniture or appliances, etc....the frame of the Papagayo restaurant is standing but it may not be structurally sound...several of the concrete buildings survived but their roofs are gone.*

*“Looters have cleaned out the boutique...we will let them take the contents because presumably they need the stuff worse than we do!” He reported soon after that all staff were accounted for and safe.”*

We are happy to report that Payne emailed us last week to say the rebuilding is well under way and he hopes the resort can reopen sometime by late Spring.

Meanwhile, Nancy Tiemann of **Bare Necessities Cruises** has set up a **GoFundMe** account for those who want to help the 150 employees of Club Orient who now have no job for the foreseeable future. They need help with family bills and food. Go to <https://www.gofundme.com/hurricane-relief-for-club-orient>.

The series of hurricanes that smashed through the southeast United States and the Caribbean in early September caused damage at some nudist clubs throughout the region, but nothing major. Here is a summary of the damage:

In Florida, Hurricane Irma did a 1-2 punch on both coasts, bringing major flooding to the Miami area and severe structural damage to the southern west coast south of Tampa. Paradise Lakes and Caliente in Pasco County were in direct path of the storm and lost power for a few days, but otherwise came through in reasonably good shape, according to their web sites.

The AANR main office in Kissimmee reports the staff came through in good shape although there was street flooding nearby and no power for several days. The office was back in operation about a week after Irma passed overhead.

AANR President Beverly Price also started a relief fund to assist all of its affected clubs. Donations can be made at: <https://www.aanr.com/donatecss.php>

Laguna del Sol held their own relief fundraiser a few weeks ago and raised over \$2,000 for the American Red Cross! Thank you to all that made this event possible! [#LagunadelSol #charitypic.twitter.com/Hr0wFk7XBf](https://twitter.com/Hr0wFk7XBf)

## Upcoming from Around the Region

While we appreciate receiving promotional material announcing future club activities, we also want to give each club some space in this newsletter to review their recent events, including photos if possible. This might include weddings, hiking trips, camping weekends, bowling, etc. We want to show the FUN in nude recreation! Limit 250 words, please.

### Activities October 21-31

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
10/21/17	Rock Horror Picture Show Dance	Mira Vista	<a href="mailto:relax@miravistaresort.com">relax@miravistaresort.com</a>
10/22/17	Nude Bowling Day	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
10/27/17	Woof-a-Ween Pet Costume Party	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
10/27/17	Tarantino Halloween Dance	Glen Eden Sun Club	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Bash and Costume Party	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Ball	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelSol.com">office@lagunadelSol.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Costume Party	Mira Vista	<a href="mailto:relax@miravistaresort.com">relax@miravistaresort.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Bash	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Pool Party	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Party	Sequoians	<a href="mailto:sequoians@gmail.com">sequoians@gmail.com</a>
10/28/17	Halloween Party	Roadrunners	<a href="http://www.roadrunner">www.roadrunner</a>

[naturists.com](http://naturists.com)

## Activities November 1-15

*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>
11/4/17	Star Wars Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
11/4/17	Airplane! Movie & Costume Dance	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
11/4/17	AANR-West Board of Directors Mtg	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
11/11/17	Members Meet & Annual Elections	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
11/11/17	Veterans Weekend	Glen Eden Sun Club	info@gleneden.com
11/11/17	Prince and Princess Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
11/11/17	Thanksgiving Dinner and Pool Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
11/17/17	Leather and Lace Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
11/18/17	Leather and Lace Weekend	Glen Eden Sun Club	info@gleneden.com
11/18/17	Pajama Party & Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
11/18/17	Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
11/23/17	Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
11/23/17	Thanksgiving Day Potluck	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
11/25/17	Black & White Dinner & Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
11/25/27	Thanksgiving Without the Dressing	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com

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