



# Alameda County Leather Corps Newsletter

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## From the Editor

*Mr. Allan*

Welcome to our first hiatus newsletter! I know it seems like everything's been very quiet, but the board has been working hard behind the scenes to evaluate our situation and work through possible futures for the club.

Enjoy!

*Mr. Allan*



## State of the Club: Hiatus Year 2018-2019

*Mistress Nyna*

Here's what's happening: We said that we would have quarterly board meetings, and we are! Our last board meeting was held on 1/13/19 as posted, with two guests in attendance.

Our next board meeting will be held April 14, 2019, with the location to be posted on our website 30 days in advance of the meeting.

We won't have general assembly meetings until later this year, exact date and location To Be Announced.

We can still host events during the hiatus year! **Any ACLC-sponsored events must be presented to the board electronically for approval two months in advance.** For example, any events for May and June need to be presented to the board at the April 14 meeting.

Newsletters with updates will be published after each board meeting. Thus, this issue is being published after that January board meeting. The next newsletter will be published after the April meeting.

There were no current ACLC sponsored events scheduled recently, but social gatherings of the members are always encouraged (see the *Recent Events* section elsewhere in this newsletter). However, the Board approved the Lecherous Leprechaun Lounge event on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and all ACLC members are encouraged to attend!

In somewhat more practical news...Den found the Corps a smaller storage unit for less money, and with the help of others moved everything into the new unit. A *huge* thank-you to Den for taking care of this and reducing our overhead costs this year!

In addition to moving our storage, Sean disposed of some items. If you're curious about it, contact him. I promise, we only threw out items that weren't worth the cost of storage for another year.

As a side benefit, there are various tents from storage available to members to purchase. For example, 10 X10 gazebos, 11 X11 dining canopy, tents from contest, summer cabana, etcetera. Please email the board for more information. (Contact information is on the last page of this issue.)

We gave notice to BAYC that we are no longer using the room or building for our meetings.

We're hoping to sell some storage leather items at a fetish flea market in the future but need volunteers for this project. Please contact Nyna for details.

In addition, we are planning this year for both a beer bust at the SF Eagle and a How Weird Faire Beverage booth. Again, if interested, please contact Nyna to sign up.

We miss you all during the hiatus! I really missed our annual Santa event this year. Not only does the event raise money, but it also raises spirits when we "gather the tribe" for some holiday cheer. I hope all of you had wonderful holidays!

In leather love,

*Mistress Nyna*

## Getting to Fun!

Alex McGowen

In the previous issue of this newsletter, we talked about consent and some examples of what that looked like. Now, we'll talk about negotiation: *Getting to Fun!*

Negotiation can simply be defined as the process of how people plan activities, which also involves deciding about what will and what will not happen during the activity or in the relationship.<sup>1</sup>

Depending on the context, negotiations may be brief or long. In our lifestyle and community, with different relationship styles and different types of play, negotiation can even be on-going.

- Perhaps you want to receive or carry out a specific type of play, like fisting or whips (or more!).
- Maybe you'd like to become a Titleholder, or mentor and support Titleholders.
- Or perhaps you'd like to develop your service skills or explore your energy in specific roles with different people.

If you love adventures by helping others, you might be interested in several of these possibilities throughout your journey!

Think of negotiation as talking, opening a discussion, and finding a match between you and someone else in terms of your Leather goals and your Leather interests.

Cut to the scene. Let's say you're walking down the street, and you walk into a bar. You see someone new you've never seen in the bar before, just standin' by the pool table with a cue, and a purple handkerchief in a back pocket. They're rare, fresh meat. You want to have some fun. She wants to have some fun.

This piece of rare, fresh meat tells you that that she read about this thing called the hanky code online, 20 years back in the year 2000. This certainly isn't her first Rumspringa<sup>2</sup> around; she's one among many who enjoys helping others, and she's also eager to share some other goodies and tips with and for the new kids on the block...check out the Cliff Notes from the Mean Lady below:

It helps to know that the person you are doing negotiation with is trustworthy and will not do anything outside the limits agreed upon when the negotiation was completed.



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<sup>1</sup> BDSM Wiki: <http://www.bdsmwiki.info/Negotiation>

<sup>2</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rumspringa>

Here are some sample questions to consider discussing during demonstration negotiation.

1. Are you comfortable doing play piercing in public? Have you ever done play piercing before? Have you ever done so in public?
2. Communications: What is your safe word? What is your “slow down” word?
3. What clothes are you comfortable with being on/off and what position are you comfortable being in during the demonstration? (For example, some want to face the wall and would prefer no clothes be taken off in public.)
4. Are any parts of your body off limits during this demonstration?
5. What about photos? Are you okay with photos being taken and/or shared, or not?
6. What about other people that are interested in participating in the demonstration? Are you okay about other people getting some practice after the demo?
7. I am going to pierce this hunk of flesh. I will be talking and answering questions from others; not paying attention to your comfort, between placing needles) are you ok with that in this type of situation?
8. What type of aftercare will you need after the demonstration? Can it wait until the class is over?
9. Do you have someone that can “spot” you during the demonstration and take care of you after the demo so that the presenter can continue to do the education if needed?

Follow the prescription above and let the thrill ride begin!

## Treasurer's Report

*Mistress Nyna*

Thank you for the donations from Lavender Seniors, MaMa P., and Nyna!

We have small patches for regular and affiliate members (\$5) and large patches available for regular members (\$25), replacement member pins and replacement prior anniversary pins (\$5).

In the future we will make items from storage available for sale to members to reduce storage space.

Contact [treasurer@acleather.org](mailto:treasurer@acleather.org) if you are interested in purchasing a patch or pin.



### 1Q Board Oct –Dec. 2018

Income .....	231.16
Expenses.....	0

### Budgeted Income: 2Q19 (Jan-Mar)

Spring Beer Bust- SF Eagle.....	(800.00)
How Weird: Beverage Booth May disbursements and tips .....	(1400.00)
Block Captains (2) Sean and Nyna –June SF Pride).....	(1000.00)

### Budgeted Expenses: 2Q19 (Jan-Mar)

Storage Locker rental.....	2,250.00
Board Liability Insurance .....	1,350.00

### 2018-2019 charitable disbursements:

None anticipated.

Remember, you can designate ACLC on Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>) as your choice for a charitable organization to receive money from each Amazon purchase.

Finally, a huge thank-you to everyone that donated to ACLC in my birthday Facebook request for my birthday! I can't say thank you enough, because every penny counts this year.

## Informal Gathering at The World Famous Turf Club

For many years, ACLC has held events at The World Famous Turf Club in Hayward. The Turf Club has been a long-time supporter of ACLC. Although there have been no ACLC sponsored events during the hiatus year, ACLC members and friends enjoyed some informal social time at our home bar, the World Famous Turf Club, to begin the holidays.

There was good conversation, and fun entertainment--dancing and a band--plus a Holiday buffet meal.

On this page you'll find photos of ACLC members, their friends, and their happy memories. We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays in 2018, and we wish everyone happiness in 2019!

Also, did you know that the Turf Club has a listing of local resources in Alameda County, the greater Bay Area, and nationally for the GLBT community, including seniors and youth? Stop by their website at [www.worldfamousturfclub.com](http://www.worldfamousturfclub.com) and come on down to say hello!

Finally, a very special thanks to Larry Gray and the rest of the Turf Club for their generous, ongoing support of ACLC, and their donation for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party!

*Note: Photos courtesy of Dan Lloyd and Rich Stadtmiller, [www.richtrove.com](http://www.richtrove.com)*





## Recent Events Where ACLC Attended/Represented

### Ms. Sacramento Leather Contest

October 12-13, 2018

The Ms. Sacramento Leather Contest was held in Sacramento, CA this year for the first time since 1998! ACLC member Alex McGowen attended the contest and represented ACLC during the Parade of Colors. Other ACLC members Luna Chase (Ms. ACL 2014), Krystal Cade (Ms. ACL 2015), and many others enjoyed socializing at the Victory Party at The Bolt Bar following the contest.

### Mr. San Francisco Rubber Contest

October 20, 2018

Aisia Fletcher (Ms. ACL 2016) and other ACLC members attended the third annual Mr. San Francisco Rubber contest at The Eagle.

### Mr. San Francisco Eagle 2019 Contest

### Mr. & Ms. Santa Clara County Leather Contest

November 3, 2018

It was a busy Saturday for ACLC members! ACLC members Beth Elliott (Ms. ACL 1993), and Pony Owens (Mr. ACL 2010), along with at least 6 other members, attended the Mr. & Ms. Santa Clara County Leather Contest in San Jose, held at the Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center.

One of our members (Randy Hensley) served as a contest judge and another represented ACLC in the Parade of Colors. Two others were the dynamic duo in providing entertainment! Other ACLC members and honorary ACLC members enjoyed the Mr. San Francisco Eagle contest in San Francisco.

### Exiles Carnal Carnival

December 21, 2018

All women (trans and cis), femmes & butches, non-binary/genderqueer/gender fluid folks who feel their space is in the Leatherwomen & Leatherdyke community and those whose gender self-identification is other than male were welcome to take part in this annual play event.

This year, ACLC members Laurie Girl (Ms. ACL 2007), Luna Chase (Ms. ACL 2014), Krystal Cade (Ms. ACL 2015), and other ACLC members enjoyed a night full of all kinds of fun with other community members!

### 1st Annual Memorial Cass "Sailor" Leung Toy Drive

December 22, 2018

Aisia Fletcher (Ms. ACL 2016 & International Ms. Leather 2017) produced a toy drive to benefit Children's Hospital Oakland. Within two hours, two tall bins were filled with 71 toys totaling over \$950.00.

### Mr. Powerhouse Contest

January 11, 2019

The legendary Powerhouse Bar at 1347 Folsom Street had its 22nd annual Mr. Powerhouse contest. Congratulations to the winner, AJ Huff! As usual, many ACLC members were in attendance!



## Upcoming Events

### Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest

February 9, 2019

Mark your calendars now for the Ms. SF Leather Contest to see who will become Ms. SF Leather 2019! The contest will take place at SOMARTS, 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco, CA. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Our own Nyna Kaiser (Ms. ACL 2002) will serve on the Judging Panel, along with Aisia Fletcher (Ms. ACL 2016, IMSL 2017).

For more information: <http://www.mssfleather.org>

### Leather Alliance Weekend

February 28-March 2, 2019

It's that time of the year again...the Mr. SF Leather & SF Bootblack contests!

Other events such as the annual Awards Dinner and play parties will be held over this weekend.

The Awards Dinner and Contests will be held at SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco, CA.

Get your tickets now at <http://www.cognitofirms.com>, and be sure to check out the Facebook page "Leather Alliance Weekend 2019" for more information!

### The Lecherous Leprechaun Lounge

March 16, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Come join us at the World Famous Turf Club at 22519 Main Street in Hayward for a rollicking St. Patrick's Day fundraiser and celebration!

Thank you to Larry Gray and the staff of the World Famous Turf Club for their ongoing support of ACLC!

### International Ms. Leather/Ms. Bootblack 2019 (IMsLBB)

April 11-15, 2019

Who will be the new International Ms. Leather and International Ms. Bootblack in 2019?

This year's IMsLBB will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA.

Besides the contest, you won't want to miss out on some steamy, hot entertainment and fun education workshops. Tickets are still on sale for the event!

Go to <http://www.imslbb.org> or check out the Facebook Page, "IMsLBB-International Ms. Leather & International Ms. Bootblack 2019 for more information.

*Note: ACLC will not be hosting a Hospitality Suite at IMsLBB this year.*

## Northwest Leather Celebration

May 2-5, 2019

This year, NWLC will be held in Sacramento at the Doubletree Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA.

NWLC will also produce *three* contests as part of this weekend event:

- Northwest Master/slave
- Northwest Bootblack
- Northwest Person of Leather

Come and enjoy education for topics such as developing healthy relationships, communities, and practical hands-on techniques. Don't miss the Boot and Cigars party at The Bolt Bar the Thursday evening before the event, located at 2560 Boxwood Street in Sacramento.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit <http://www.northwestleathercelebration.com> or check out the Facebook page, "Northwest Leather Celebration".

*Note: ACLC will not be hosting a Hospitality Suite at Northwest Leather Celebration this year.*

## Thank you!

Thank you for reading this issue! The newsletter can be found on the website. Remember, all members are welcome to submit articles and photos!

Your Editor,

*Mr. Allan*

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## Club Information

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