

# A.C.L.C. NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

Happy New Year 2022 to all! The board is excited to start doing outreach around Northern California this year and hope that club members will join us when we are out and about near you. We are beginning to plan the when, where, and how for spring socials.

I want to say "Thank you!" to everyone that donated time and items to Santa's Service Auction, we raised \$1,300 plus during a difficult financial time for many. It is a true reflection of support for the club and giving back to the community. Also we jumped on a chance to do an early beer bust at the SF Eagle on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Cody Elkin, Jeffery Wayne and friend along with Joan, Andrew, Beth and me, we raised over \$900 that day with the generous support of the Eagle. We have agreed to 2 more beer bust on May 1 and July 3. I hope to see more of the club members joining us on those dates.

Before we begin on our social tour, we are celebrating the life of Billy Aviles at the World Famous Turf club on Feb. 13 between 1-3 pm. Billy was a huge part of our club life. I met him around 2002-2003 during my title year, we



## **President's Letter (continued)**

were both club members working together on dozens of events, our contest, and meetings. He was also my roommate in SF for over a year. He sat at my bedside when I was in the hospital and I sat with him when he was in the hospital. We would catch up yearly at IMSL when Billy had moved back to San Jose and was doing security for the event. I will miss his smile, warmth and friendship. Join us to share your memories and toast to his next journey in his spirit path. Billy loved many of us as family.

We also mourn the passing of a beloved leather community member and friend Rachel Sullivan. Rachel was a healer and inspiration to many of us and has left us a legacy to follow. At this time, details of her celebration of life are still pending. We offer condolences to her family and friends. Please check out the YouTube clips of her story from "Unsung Heroes" and her most recent interview with Kim and Reika regarding her founding work with Folsom Street Fair. (Links at the bottom of the page).

Our club has brought us together with so many wonderful people in the community since 1992. Please consider telling your friends why you enjoy our club and membership. We are blessed to have years of community work and friendships forged in our club meetings and events. I hope to recognize our 30<sup>th</sup> year of ACLC contest 1992-2022, beginning under the umbrella of the east bay Imperial Court System with our first title holders: Mark McKee and Lil Cooper. We are out of touch with many of our past members and titleholders but we can still remember the place they held in our history, club, and community. Without each personal contribution we would not be here today or have given so much back to the community over the past 30 years.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you this year. Please join us when we are out and when we are on Zoom. Please share your ideas and help us grow! Meet new people and keep leather life alive.

In Leather,

Nyna, President 2021-2022

"Unsung Heroes: the Leather Community's Response to AIDS - Interview with Rachele Sullivan"

<https://youtu.be/iZSa0BANnmw>

"Venus' Playground - An Interview with Rachele Sullivan and girl kim"

[https://youtu.be/CaAa1\\_I3A3M](https://youtu.be/CaAa1_I3A3M)

# Beginner's Knife Play

by *Mistress Nyna*

My opinion is this is not a beginners sport or activity, it is edge play. I did not adventure into this area for my first ten years of BDSM play but my partner requested a knife session so I educated myself. I am not an expert or anything close to an authority on the subject.

Knife play is a BDSM activity that involves blades as a way to create erotic sensations and fear of the unknown danger that might occur. Whichever type of blade is used it can be part of a scene to cut off clothes, tease and pretend to cut but only scratch or apply the edge without cutting skin, A blind fold to cover the eyes helps with the heighten sensation and suspense. Secure and restricted movements will increase the safety and sense of submission or control. Negotiation prior to any scene with established safe words and obtaining a complete medical history including medications that thin blood is a necessary first step. Discuss any history of scaring and areas of visible markings that are not allowed. The dominant should have experience with cutting and has practiced on objects (onion skin, balloons, etc) and able to give reference from others they have played with for reference. The areas of the body to avoid would include face, wrist, elbows, nipples, and behind the knees or over any visible blood veins/lines. Sterile blades should be used to prevent blood borne transmission of diseases and infections.



Alcohol cleansing of the skin prior to cutting and after care should be included with proper skin care and bandages. Follow up in the days after for signs of redness, pain, swelling, or heat should be monitored and treated. Any break in the skin barrier can be a portal for infection. Superficial cuts should stop bleeding with minimal pressure applied with sterile bandages within 15 minutes. Combining hot wax play and removal of wax with a knife can be a lot of fun with proper experience and skills. Attending educational presentations by others doing knife play is a good start to learning and chance for asking questions.

Safety and consent is the top priority to any dynamic and the illusion of cutting can be as exciting as real cuts, so enjoy the creation of tension and foreplay. It's important to know the limits of the dominant's skills and knowledge.

# Billy Aviles - In Memoriam



On January 5th, 2022, Billy Aviles, former president of ACLC, passed away unexpectedly.

On February 13th, 2022, ACLC hosted a celebration of Billy's life at the World Famous Turf Club. Although the occasion was sad, it was marked by more laughter than tears as Billy's friends shared their memories and stories.

If you were unable to join us for Billy's Celebration of Life, we recorded the event and have posted it onto our YouTube site.

The event can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22DIKirsvpM>

# The First Alameda County Leather Contest

## A Look Back 30 Years

In 1992, Wayne Frank and Steve Meisner, leather advisors to the Imperial Star Empire (ISE) Inc. of Alameda County, produced the first Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather contest. The event, a fundraiser for charities serving Alameda County, was held at the Turf Club in Hayward.

The first Mr. Alameda County Leather was Mark McKee and the first Ms. Alameda County Leather was Lil Cooper. With the success of the next year's contest, won by Randy Wright and Beth Elliott, a strong Alameda County leather community had begun to emerge. These local leather folk did not identify themselves with ISE and founded the Alameda County Leather Corps (ACLC) with the purpose of promoting educational and charitable activities through social interaction among people with an interest in leather, Levi's, and uniforms

In July, 1994, ISE gave the Mr. and Ms. Alameda County Leather titles to ACLC with the provision that the group establish its independence by increasing its organization and developing a set of by-laws. Pursuant to that, in September of 1995 the club elected its first Board of Directors.



**Lil Cooper**



**Lil Cooper, Andy Hlebakos, and  
Beth Elliott**



**Mark McKee and Lil Cooper**

# Treasurer's Report

October-December 2021

Starting Balance	8,389.91
Income	2,175.02
Expenses	683.00
Ending Balance	9,881.93

708.65 is outstanding from the Eagle Beer Bust revenue.

## Don't Forget: Dues Are Due!

Annual Membership dues are currently due. Full membership is \$25 per year and affiliate membership is \$10 per year.

Dues can be paid through:

- Venmo (go to [www.venmo.com/u/ACLeather](https://www.venmo.com/u/ACLeather))
- Paypal (go to [www.paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and search "Alameda County Leather Corps")
- Use one of the QR Codes below
- Send a check to

ACLC  
P.O. Box 2981  
Castro Valley, CA 94546



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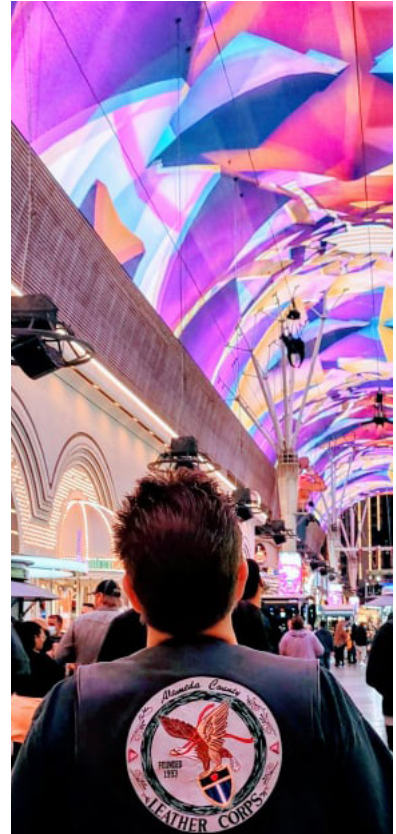
**venmo**

# Catch the Patch

## ACLC Members Out and About

Eagle Beer Bust  
January 9, 2022

And Wherever  
Joan Is



## ACLC Board of Directors



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Nyna Kaiser

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Joan Norry

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Andrew Johnson

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**Member at Large**  
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