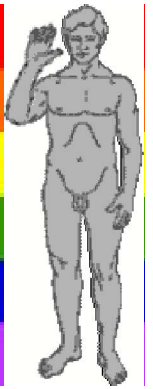




Long Beach Area Nude Guys



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L'BANG: Long Beach Area Nude Guys Held First Meeting

We held our first meeting as a club in the Belmont Shores district of Long Beach the evening of December 21, 2002 and had a fair turnout to watch the 1952 classic thriller movie "Sudden Fear". Those that signed-up to come and did not also missed out on some very yummysnacks, including chips, dips, shrimp, & stuffed hot peppers.

We hope you'll join us next time!



We Need More Members & Event Hosts!

We are (do I want to say "desperately"?) seeking guys to host our events in & around the Long Beach area, as well as new

members!

As a host, all you would need do is offer a somewhat private place to have an event – it can be indoors or out – we do ask that all members pick-up after themselves, and we can even have guys bring their own cups (and flatware & plates) if needed, or take a donation from each guy attending to cover your costs of same.

Ideal places to host warm weather events would have a pool, spa, or BBQ; and anytime events can be hosted anywhere indoors.

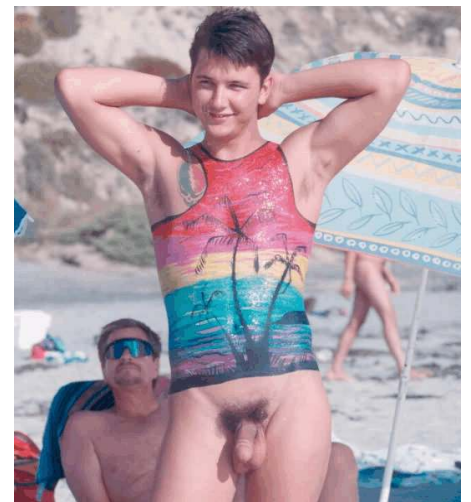
Good indoor events can include movie nights, game nights, potlucks, pizza parties, massage parties, etc!

We'd also like to find "sponsors" to meet at and car-pool to beaches, hot springs, hiking, or camping.

Hosts can opt to have their phone # given to perspective guests, or have yours truly (John) keep a list of who's supposed to come and give directions.

Whether you are "just a member" or an event host too, we value your privacy as much as you do and will

not publish your name or numbers to the general public unless you ask us to. Only members and/or those attending your event will get your information, if that is your wish.



We Need Official Members!

By "official", I mean membership-fee paying members!

We will need funds to get club items like a banner & a PO Box, as well as to start publicizing the group in area publications like "The Blade", and start a print edition newsletter, too!

One-year memberships will start at \$15 per household (single, couple,

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roommates, etc), with an extra \$1 per person over 1 per membership (\$16 couple, \$17 for 3 roommates, etc), plus an extra \$3 per person if you would like a laminated membership card & name tag. The membership card will still be given to members who do not want a laminated card with lanyard.

Members will get their own print copy by mail (or electronically if desired), along with lower door fees (if any) at an event.

Member's guests & non-members make attend an event for the first time without the guest paying the non-member door fee.

Non-members & guests (after their first event) are requested to pay a minimum donation to the group of \$5 per event.

Members of similar clubs (with proof of current membership) may attend at any time at the member rate.



We are a Social Nudist/Naturist Club, not a Sex Club!

We're not a group of total prudes, obviously, however group sex is not our purpose.

We're a social club for guys who are either gay, bi, or even straight (so long as they're comfortable being around gay & bi guys who are nude) who like to get together and relax & have some fun with "just the guys", only we do all official events nude – we are NOT clothing-optional, we do require nudity.

If you're attending our club for the first time, and you've never been to another club, a nude beach, or even an old-fashioned locker room, we'll give you a few minutes to get used to being nude in a social setting by keeping a towel on your lap if you are a little uncomfortable.

We also won't get offended or laugh at you if you get an erection at some point in time – we're all guys and we all know those things have a mind of their own sometimes. –Just don't walk around flaunting it or use your hands (or something else) to keep it that way, please!



The Beach in January?!?

We tried to get a group together while the weather was warm for a

beach outing to San Onofre (nude beach near Southern Orange County/Northern San Diego County), however few seemed interested in going on the suggested days *or* meeting first somewhere in Long Beach and car-pool out, so I won't really call it a group function, even though some guys went.

I'd seriously like to try this again, only since we (as yet) have no banners and only a handful of us know each other already, I really think it would be best to meet in the area *first*, then head out. –This will also give some members without cars the opportunity to go that otherwise cannot, as well as car-pooling will save on the per-car gate fee there.



Raising Funds for the Club

I already mentioned a few reasons why we need to raise some funds, and we're going to be collecting a donation per guy at each event so (aside from the yearly membership fee) so that we can do things like officially participate in the Long Beach Gay Pride event (have a club booth), and also to have hand-outs we can give to each perspective member at pride or other functions.

Aside from donations, I'd like to raise funds by creating a yearly calendar for the club to sell to members (or whoever)...

There's plenty of public domain

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images online, and members themselves could also pose, if desired, for photo to use with each month's calendar.

After I know what the interest level is like among members, I will get pricing info, however I expect it will be well under \$20 per calendar.

If you are wondering what kind of photos you might see, it won't exactly rival the "Colt" calendar or similar, but you can expect some rather revealing images!



What's Next?

Well, our next event has not been scheduled as yet – we are looking for someone to host it! If you have room for a few guys at your home, you might want to consider hosting an event!

As for what's next for our newsletter... We are accepting articles & images from members & perspective members. –For the newsletter, images must be non-sexual in nature, which means no erections, too. (I'll take these for a calendar, though!)

Images & articles must not be copywritten by someone else that you have not already obtained written permission from for us to use..

You might care to write about your first experiences with naturism/nudism, a short biography about yourself to introduce you to other members, or even a recipe you know we'd love to have! (Like for that dish you brought to an event and everyone raved over.)

We'd prefer submissions be sent in electronic form (e-mail, PC formatted diskette), however typewritten or neatly printed material will also be accepted.

Images not in electronic form can be scanned by me, so that's OK, too.

Submissions should be sent online to: submissions@l-bang.port5.com

Hardcopy submissions can be mailed to:

L'BANG
C/O John E.
472 W. 25th St.
Long Beach, CA 90806-2811



Want to Submit a Classified Ad?

Future editions will feature *free* ads from members (or those paid for by others that we accept for print).

If you would like to feature an item for sale, a room for rent, your

services to offer, etc, please get in touch with us via e-mail at ads@l-bang.port5.com; by phone to either (310) 884-1019 or (888) 487-9025, box 1002; or by mail to the address in the prior article.

Anyone Want to Get into Some Hot Water?

I'd like to (shortly) organize a trip to one of Southern California's many clothing-optional hot springs, were we can soak-away our troubles for a while... Possibly camp-out nearby as well.

If you're game to meet somewhere in the Long Beach area and car-pool to one of the many springs around, speak-up and we'll make a day (or 2?) of it!

I am trying to schedule some other events sometime before our next newsletter is out, so if you'd like to do this or want to host another event, PLEASE speak-up and contact us at one of the methods on this page or the next – those expressing interest in our events via phone or mail (offline, that is) will be called back if we schedule an event before something comes out in print.



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To become a member and receive our monthly newsletter, please send \$15.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional member over 1 per household (\$16 per couple, \$17 if 3 roommates, etc) via Money Order or guaranteed check payable to:

John E.

472 W. 25th St.

Long Beach, CA 90806-2811

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Birthday Month & Day _____

Please check as appropriate:

Is this a: New Membership Renewal

Would you like your:

Name & last initial on our members' contact list? Yes

Phone # listed also? Yes

E-Mail Address also? Yes

Would you permit your photo to be used in:

Our newsletter & online members only areas?
 Yes

Our public web site? Yes

Other club's newsletters? Yes

Can you offer or do you need a ride or wish to car-pool to events?

I can offer a ride.

I need a ride.

I wish to car-pool.

For ride-sharing purposes, what area do you live in?

Nearest *Major* Intersection:

City _____

Zip _____

If you are interested in joining via credit card or electronic check, please e-mail memberships@lbang-port5.com or call us at either (310) 884-1019 or (888) 487-9025, box 1002 for more information. A small (\$1-\$2) handling fee may apply. –Please also contact us at the above e-mail address regarding International (outside the USA memberships).

Our Group's Purpose

Long Beach Area Nude Guys (L'BANG) is a men's naturist/nudist social group. Our focus is as a loosely organized social club, not a sex/adult activity club. (Any sexual activities are at the discretion of the event's host.)

In addition to our membership fees (see left column), we may collect a donation of anywhere from Zero to \$2.00 per member/first time guest per event, and from Zero to \$5.00 per non-member per event. –This does not necessarily take into consideration any additional donation for the host's expenses.

We are not a clothing-optional club, instead we *require nudity*.

We are a private, not-for-profit club that accepts males of all ages (as long as you are at least age 18*), nationalities, sexual orientations, and religions.

Guests, visitors from other clubs, and new members are *always* welcome!

We can be contacted via:

US Mail:

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E-Mail: lbang@l-bang.port5.com

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Web Site:

<http://l-bang.port5.com>

Yahoo Group Forum:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/L-BANG/>

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