

ACLCL Newsletter

November 2025



ACLCL Celebrates 32nd Years!

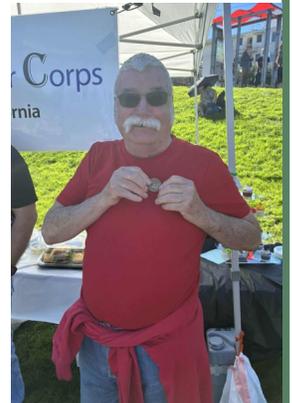
ACLCL was joined by members and friends to celebrate its 32nd Anniversary at Delores Park in San Francisco on October 4, 2025.

A **25 Year Service Pin** was awarded to Andrew to recognize his 25 years of dedication and contributions to ACLCL.



The following annual awards were presented:

- Member of the year - Pup Loadz
- Rookie of the year - Alex Seidel
- Business of the year - The Bolt Bar
- Presidential Award - Noral Kuhlmann
- The Silver Bell/Lee Bell Award - Manny Santos
- Honorary Memberships were presented to Gary Kenyon and Robert Makowka.

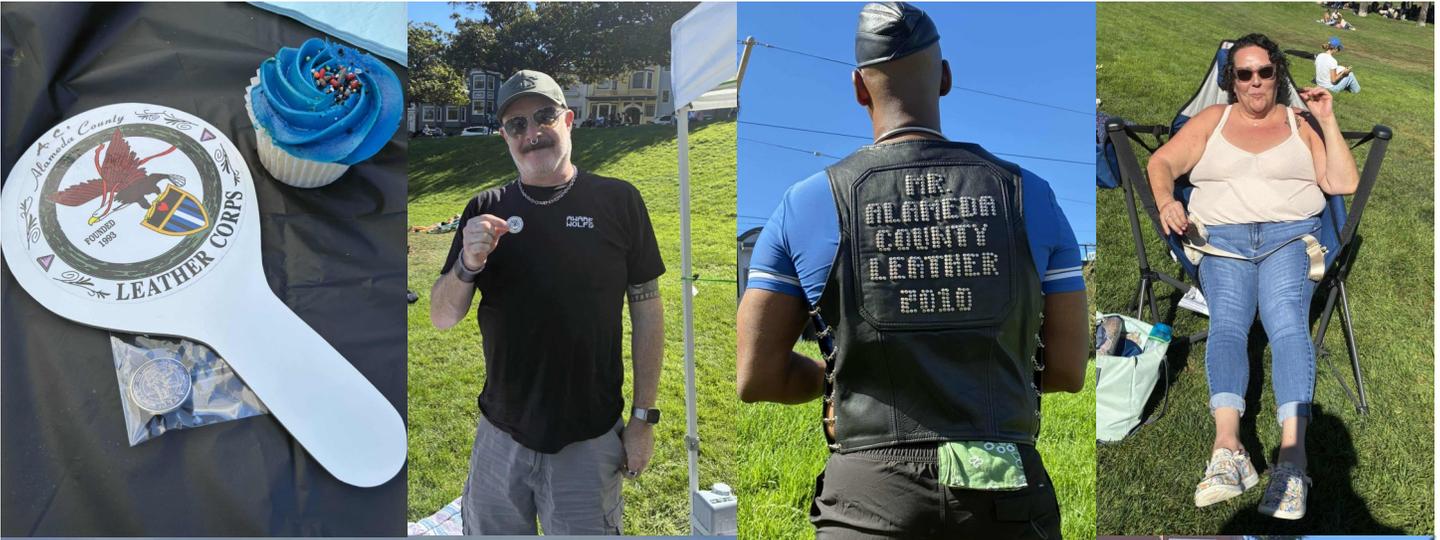


Everyone in attendance received an ACLCL Anniversary pin. It was a beautiful day at the park and everyone enjoyed the sunshine, food, and friendship. Special thank you to Pony and Jim for bringing cupcakes.

Welcome and thank you to the new ACLCL Board :

- President - Nyna
- Vice President - Alex Seidel (resigned 11/5/2025)
- Secretary - Joan Norry
- Treasurer - Andrew Johnson
- Member at Large - Pup Loadz





ACLC 32nd Anniversary Celebration in Photos





ALTA CALIFORNIA LEATHER CORPS

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SANTA'S
SERVICE
AUCTION

Saturday, December, 13th 2025
6pm - 9pm at the Powerhouse

Join us for an evening
of service and gift basket
auctions, food, fun, raffles
and entertainment!

MC Host

Alpha Pup Loadz

Team Friendly Bay Area Pup 2024

Pony

Mr. Alameda County Leather 2010



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President's Report

Andrew Johnson



ACLC

Board of Directors

President

Nyna Kaiser

Vice President

Unoccupied

Treasurer

Andrew Johnson

Secretary

Joan Norry

Member at Large

Pup Loadz

Hi all.

Well, it has definitely been a great two years. Heck, it's been a great 25 years. I joined ACLC in late summer of 2000, right after I moved to California. During that time, I've truly enjoyed being a part of this organization, doing good things and having fun while doing it. Okay, this is sounding like I'm saying goodbye. I'm not. I'm just handing the Presidency of the Club over to Nyna, who has already proven that she will continue ACLC's legacy.

I'll still be here, doing Treasurer stuff (mainly complaining about the disorganized state of the cash box when I only stepped out for a cigarillo for FIVE FREAKING MINUTES! ::deep breath:: Be strong, Bootdog. Breathe.

Sorry, where was I. No, but seriously, I make it a policy that I do not love anything that cannot love me back, and I am so proud to say that I love ACLC. The love and support I have received from this Club for the past 25 years is incomparable. I am so happy to be a part of this group and I look forward to continue being a part of it for many years more. And sort and face the bills, people! Were you raised in a barn?

Much love.

Andrew
aka Bootdog





A Message From Our Incoming President

Let me start by saying Thank you to Andrew for being the president for the last two years. In addition, thank you to Jeffrey for his past two years of service on the board. We have accomplished many of our goals including starting a scholarship fund at City college in Rachelle Sullivan's name. We are able to award 2 scholarships from the fundraising we did over the last two years. In addition, we gave out other grants given out to PAWs, Dorothy Day House, and Bay Bear Collective from the SF bear contest.

Our board will end the year with our usual Santa Service auction at the Powerhouse in San Francisco on December 13th. Look for the advertisement on Facebook and join. After that we plan to continue our beer bust at the SF eagle, and host a couple events in Sacramento.

Our focus remains education and social networking in Northern California. Please take look at the education section of each newsletter and join us on the ACLC zoom social on the third Tuesday of each month. Thank you to Joan and Pup Loadz for their continued service on the board and Andrew for being the Treasurer as we move ahead this year. We remain dedicated to having fun, giving back to the community and enjoying our Leather, Levy lifestyle.

I hope to see all of you this year !

Until then, lets enjoy life, the holidays ahead and our community.

Nina Kaiser

President ACLC 2025-2026





Incoming President And Treasurer's Report

Financial report

July 1 - Sept 30

Income \$2528

- ACLC: \$85
- SF Bear Contest: \$2443

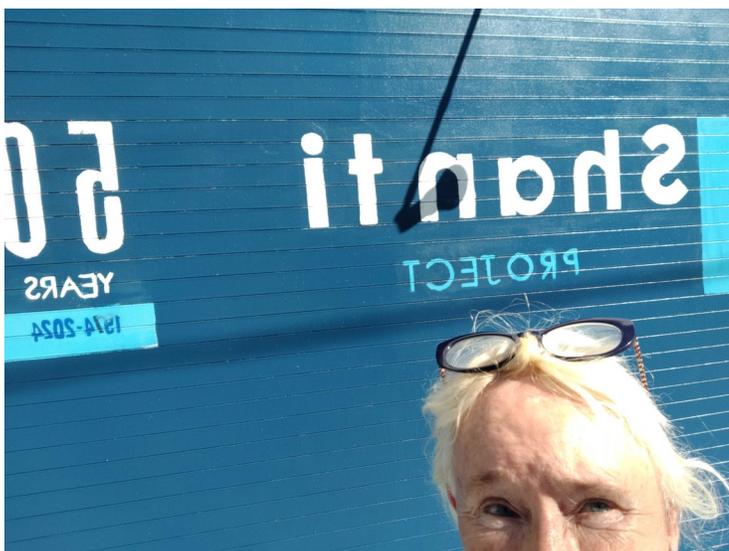
Expenses \$4848

- \$1950 in grants (including SF Bear Contest grant)

ACLC Year End Balance \$3593 (does not include SF Bear or Mendo Pride Funds)

Santi/paws received their grant
money from ACLC.

Nyna dropping off check to city college
for Rachael Sullivan Scholarship fund.



Education

Endurance, Ecstasy, and the Power of Service in Pain Play

by ACLC Associate Member, Tomo

For many of us in leather, pain isn't just something to endure, it's something to savor, explore, and even beg for. But whether you're a masochist who craves the sting, or a submissive who offers your body in service, there's an art to taking pain that's hot, healthy, and sustainable.



Endurance in pain play isn't just about gritting your teeth and getting through it. It's about preparation, connection, and purpose. When your body is properly cared for, meaning hydrated, fed, stretched, and emotionally grounded, it can hold so much more than you think. And when your mind is anchored in trust and intention, it can turn pain into something transcendent.

That's where service comes in. For many bottoms, especially those who don't seek pain for its own sake, the meaning of the scene lies in the why. Why am I enduring this? Who is this for? What connection is being forged through this moment? Pain, in that context, becomes a devotional act. Each strike, each moment of struggle, is a gift offered. And when the Top is attuned and leads with safety, sadism and inspiration, they can draw more out of a submissive than they thought possible.

Start by understanding yourself and why you want to experience pain. Do you take it for yourself or to please your Dominant? Is there a specific sensation you desire, a release or just want to ride the adrenalin and endorphin ride?

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Endurance, Ecstasy, and the Power of Service in Pain Play

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Think about what you need to help you get into a space to be able to take pain. Do you need submission, does it have to be serious and light laced with laughter, do you need to control the what, when, and how much? Are there certain positions you need or need to avoid and are specific types of pain better than others for you mind and body? What might inspire you during the scene for example role play or sex? Learn about the different types of pain you might experience like sting (skinny cane, evil stick, quirt, single tail), thud (big heavy flogger, paddles), sting/thud (cat-o-nine-tails), burn (icy hot, branding, fire), zapp (violet wand, stun gun, cattle prod), pinch (clothes pins, clamps), poke (needles, sutures), scratch/cut (knives, Wartenberg wheel), other (rope, pressure points, etc), and the infamous category of THAT JUST SUCKS (zippers, straps, rubber...). Knowing this information about yourself is important to communicate it with your Top and negotiate what you need for a successful scene.

There are points in the scene that often we hit a wall. Some suggestions to move through this barrier are to breathe, relax and focus, adjust your body position, an alternate focus like a vibrator, noise, and remember why you want to be there, communicate your struggle, and above all if you are not okay, use your safeword.

It's not just about taking more. It's about knowing your limits, preparing for the scene, and building your capacity over time. That means aftercare isn't optional. It's essential. Your body just did something extraordinary and it deserves rest, nourishment, and love.

Whether you crave the sting or offer yourself in surrender, endurance is a skill. And like any skill, it can be honed, deepened, and expanded. So stretch, breathe, connect and take more than you thought you could - for yourself, for your Dominant, for the ecstasy on the other side.



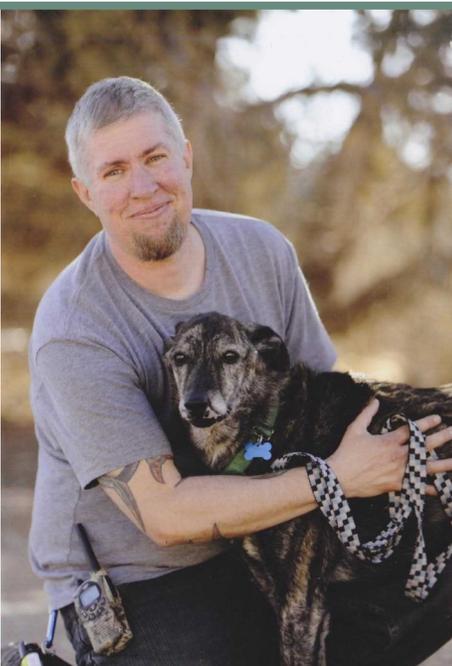
Know Your History! 2015

- 10 Year Anniversary for Ms ACL 2015 Krystal Cade
- The ACLC Contest them in 2015 was “Service”
- The contest was held at the world famous Turf Club in Hayward, CA.

Ms ACL 2015 Krystal Cade



Honorary ACLC member Lance Moore passed away on November 14, 2025. We extend our condolences to his friends and family.



We are sad to announce that Ms ACL 2005 Lee Bonde passed away on August 24, 2025.

We are sad to have lost a long-time Member of our club and titleholder.

Our condolences to Lee’s Family.



2026 San Francisco Bear Contest

ACLC was once again a financial sponsor of the 2026 San Francisco Bear Contest held at the SF Eagle and produced by ACLC Member Cody Bear. Several ACLC members were in attendance. In addition to the contest, events included the raising of the Bear Flag to open the weekend and a game of Family Feud between Powerhouse Family and the SF Eagle Family. Congratulations to Robert Bear, our new 2026 San Francisco Bear.



ACLC Has Moved... *our storage unit.*

In September 2025, ACLC Members Jim and Nyna loaded up the storage unit and moved from Hayward to a new San Francisco location. Our new home for “all the stuff” is less expensive and more easily accessible! Many thanks to Jim and Nyna for the lifting, loading, and moving!

