

ACLC Newsletter

August 2026



WELL FED AT THE ACLC PRIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Held Saturday, June 13, 2026 at The Bolt Bar, Sacramento



BEER BUST WELCOMING HOME

ACLC welcomed home Gray Gibson and Pup Denali from IML during a Beer Bust on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at The SF Eagle.



SF BEAR AND SF OTTER CONTESTS

ACLC was a sponsor of the SF Bear and SF Otter Contests, August 14-16, 2026 at the SF Eagle. Welcome the new San Francisco Bear and Otter 2027 Matthew and James!!!



SF BEAR AND SF OTTER CONTESTS (CONTINUED)





President's Report

Nyna Kaiser

Dear Membership,

As we wrap up our fiscal year, it has been an absolute pleasure serving as your President for another term.

Looking ahead, we will hold our board elections in September, followed by our Anniversary Party in October to celebrate our members and our collective success. We strongly encourage you to consider running for the board or nominating yourself for a position. Working together on our events, policies, and community initiatives is what brings us closer and allows us to continue the vital traditions of the leather community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the club this year, whether by serving on the board or volunteering at our events. Your contributions are what make us one of the longest-running Leather and Levi clubs in the Bay Area and Northern California. Thanks to your support and participation, we successfully met our budget this year, covering our operational expenses while also donating to support other nonprofits.

Thank you for your dedication to the club, and I look forward to seeing you at the Anniversary Party in October.

Best regards,

Nina Kaiser, President 2025-2026 ACLC



ACLC Board of Directors

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Nyna Kaiser

Vice President
Sam Campbell

Treasurer
Andrew Johnson

Secretary
Joan Norry

Member at Large
Pup Loadz

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Johnson



2025-2026 ACLC Budget				
<i>Income</i>	Proposed	Actual	Difference	%
Dues	500.00	621.00	121.00	124%
Donations	250.00	665.00	415.00	266%
Pins/patches	100.00	40.00	-60.00	40%
Event revenue*	4000.00	3592.60	-407.40	90%
Raffles	500.00	693.00	193.00	139%
Total	5350.00	5611.60	261.60	105%
Expenses				
Anniv. Pins-annual	150.00	0.00	-150.00	0%
Anniv. Service Pins	150.00	89.18	-60.82	59%
Anniv.	500.00	174.52	-325.48	35%
Banking fees-venmo-PP	100.00	36.84	-63.16	37%
Election-Buddy	100.00		-100.00	0%
Insurance	1600.00	1484.00	-116.00	93%
P O Box	300.00	276.00	-24.00	92%
Postage-printing	50.00	1.56	-48.44	3%
Pres. Fund	100.00		-100.00	0%
Filing Fees	100.00	75.00	-25.00	75%
Storage	1300.00	1142.85	-157.15	88%
Web/wordpress/zoom	200.00	85.94	-114.06	43%
Title registration	0.00		0.00	--
Charity disbursements	0.00	500.00	500.00	--
Event expense	500.00	1502.98	1002.98	301%
Patches	500.00	874.25	374.25	175%
Rachel Sullivan Scholarship	500.00		-500.00	0%
Total	6150.00	6243.12	93.12	102%
Net	-800.00	-631.52	168.48	

Education - The Joy of Punching: Impact, Intimacy, and the Power of Play

By ACLC Associate Member, Tomo

Let's talk about punching.

Not street fighting. Not bar brawls. But consensual, erotic, joyful punching. The kind that makes some of us melt, cry, giggle, or fly.

Impact play through punching is one of the most direct, primal, and connective forms of body-to-body sensation in kink. It's raw. It's real.

And when done well, it builds incredible intimacy between partners.



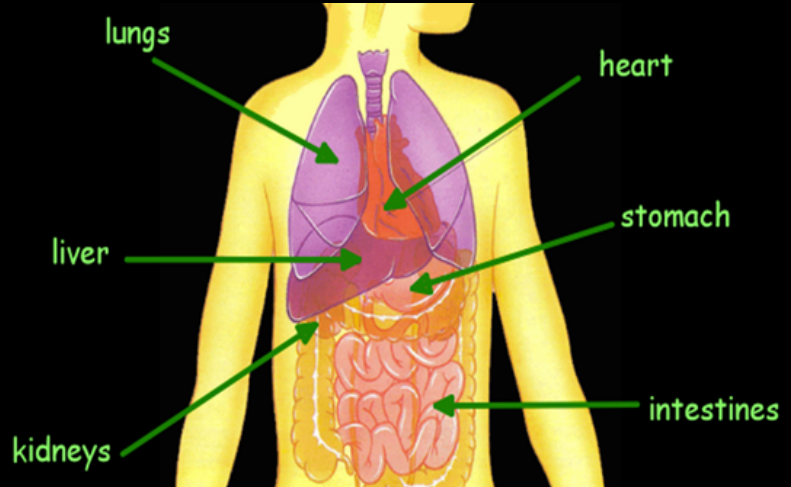
Many people assume punching is inherently violent or dangerous. But like all kink, it depends on context. In a negotiated scene, with clear limits and mutual trust, punching can be as loving as a caress.

It communicates intensity, presence, and sometimes, devotion. When a Top puts their fist into your thigh, not to harm, but to challenge, you feel it deep in your core. There's joy in that.

Education - The Joy of Punching (continued)

SAFETY FIRST! Let's be clear: this isn't about hitting just anywhere. The body has sweet spots and danger zones. Safe targets include the big muscles: thighs, buttocks, pecs, upper back. Places with padding. Avoid joints, kidneys, the spine, the front of the torso if not well developed or there is specific consent to punch breasts, and anything bony.

Learn how to make a proper fist and know that the difference between a strike and a push is acceleration. Warm up slowly for yourself and your bottom.



Punching doesn't require fancy tools. Your body is the tool. You can start with palm strikes, slaps, or even thumpy thuds with the base of your open hand before progressing to closed fists. Play with rhythm, cadence, and emotional tone. Some people crave aggressive challenge; others seek rhythmic impact that grounds or soothes. Check in, watch body language, look for deep breathing, relaxed limbs, or emotional release.

Bottoms: speak up. It's not weakness to use a safeword or to say, "Softer, please." Your Top isn't reading your mind they're reading your body. Help them read it well. Tops: earn their trust.

Punching without presence is just hitting. Punching with presence is engagement and it's hot!



Know Your History! 2016

20 year anniversary for 2006 titleholders:

- Mr ACL 2016 Ray and Ms ACL 2016 girl complex
- 2016 President - Jay Williams

2016 Honorary Members: Master Scott and Matt Daley* later became full member.

Ms ACL 2106 - girl complex

Ten years, or five million two hundred and fifty - six thousand minutes since I won my first title contest and 9 years before I won my international title. I guess you will use my legal name for this contest which is fine because that is no longer my legal name. These days I prefer to be called Girl Complex, GC, or Complex. You know, like folks have a nickname. Funny thing that, the interesting reason why I chose that moniker, but this isn't about IMsL, it is about this right here.



Ms ACL 2106 - girl complex (continued)

I remember getting the idea of competing because I had no idea what was expected. It didn't seem like it was much of a burden, I am already social and this could either hurt or help. The world may never know. I did learn that the patch may give you some access, but your personality ensures whether you are remembered or not.

I am closer to my friend that came with me to see me compete for Ms. Alameda County Leather, we recall that day so vividly, I was so new and so green. I thought having a title was how you get into "leather", oops wrong turn, I have learned that is so not the way. I would like to go back and not take that path. That would not have changed the trajectory for IMsL, because I competed at IMsL because Mel was the last one to do so. I miss Mel; she is still on my ACL vest.

I still talk about how I absolutely annihilated the words "corps" when I mentioned my sponsor during my IMsL run. I shake my head in utter embarrassment, which is odd, I don't embarrass easily, you literally saw my marriage.

These days, San Diego is where I reside. The thing about parents is that they don't get younger and they tend to age when you are away. I am fortunate to have a good relationship with mine and I wish to be there for as long as they have left and I am the happiest girl. What I do in my private life is live outside of the leather community, but my family is made up of people that I have collected from the community. I am the founder of The Unruly Social Club (yes, they are still here), I currently co-produce San Diego Bootblack and Leather, and I am the Director of Tabulations for Mr. International Rubber. Outside of MIR, I believe those other things would have happened regardless of a title and for that I am grateful.

Upcoming Events!

Get your calendar out!!! The ACLC Events Committee has been hard at work planning many events for 2026!

September 27: Folsom Street Fair, ACLC Meet-up

October Anniversary, Sat Oct 10, 2026 at Delores Park Church and 20th street top southwest corner.



Standing events:

ACLC Virtual Board Meeting – 1st Tuesday of each month

Monthly ACLC Zoom Social – 3rd Tuesday of each month

September – ACLC Board Elections

October – ACLC Anniversary

ACLC PRESENTS:

33RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH - NOON-3PMISH

20TH AND CHURCH ST - FRUIT SHELF

TOP OF DOLORES PARK, SF

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED - BYOB

COME BY AND HANG OUT WITH THE CLUB TO

**RING IN ANOTHER YEAR OF LEATHER, LEVI'S
AND UNIFORM FUN!**



- RECEIVE ANNIVERSARY PIN -

- AWARDS -

- BOARD INVESTITURE -

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