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Procedure for clubs to modify their data on the INF Webpage

REMEMBER: All operations must be done on the computer where the club E-mail address is active!

Click this link: http://www.inf-fni.org/eng/user/login to get direct access to the data entry fields.

- Insert your club E-Mail as username here (1)
- Insert your password here (2) (2.1)
- Click « LOGIN »

After inserting your password, activate « Remember me » to save your password for further logins



(1) If you don't know your club E-mail Address or if it was changed meanwhile, send a message to INF: vicepresident@inf-fni.org + naturism@inf-fni.org and indicate:

- Your club name (exactly as spelled on our webpage) and your country.
- The new club E-mail address. (or a reminder for your active E-Mail address)
- The new address will be inserted by INF in our database and we will inform you when activated.
- Continue then with point (2.1)

(2) If you **forgot your password**, click « Forgot your password? » and a new one will be sent automatically per E-Mail to your actual E-Mail address from INF.

(2.1) When you login for the first time with a **new updated E-Mail address** from INF, click also «Forgot your password? » and a new one will be sent automatically by INF to your new E-Mail address.

REMARK While correcting your data, please remember that the information about credit cards acceptance is now mandatory.

Nudists to Fight Beach Ban at European Court of Human Rights

A Spanish nudist group is appealing to the European Court of Human Rights to defend the right to strip off on beaches in Catalunya.

The Guardian reports that the town of Castell-Platja d'Aro to the north of Barcelona banned nudism on its beaches in 2009 to appease visiting families, a decision the Catalan Naturist Club has been fighting ever since.

The ruling was upheld first at the regional high court in Catalunya, and then at Spain's supreme court this week, leaving the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg as the final option of appeal for the naturists.

The president of the Naturist Spain Federation (FEN), Ismael Rodrigo, says that the ruling in Spanish courts doesn't have a practical impact on nudists, who still have many beaches to visit, but that it is a matter of principle and ideology. "It's important to say that the supreme court has said that nudism is not an ideology. This is totally stupid. Nobody can say if something is an ideology or not, it's impossible to deny that naturism is an ideology," Rodrigo says.

"This is not the end. The next step, we are going to the human rights court, because we feel the court will defend this freedom."

Ismael Rodrigo, President of FEN

Donations (legal costs) FEN account: IBAN.: ES58 2038 1790 1560 0030 3460 BIC: CAHMESMMXXX Nudist beaches are widespread in Spain, and the FEN claim around 3,000 members in the country. Rodrigo says that nature is widely accepted in Spain, and that the first laws against public nudity were only passed in 1988.

"We are worried about this, but we are making a big campaign in Spain, so people understand this is not the final sentence," says Rodrigo. "We hope that all other cities don't imitate this."

Rodrigo adds: "We have six months to appeal. We will not hurry because we expect that in November the Spanish people will change the government, which is very conservative. Many liberties are in danger, not just ours. There are lots of demonstrations in Spain against the government. It is time to change."



INF-FNI FOCUS

Focus will appear every 2 months, it can and it shall be used by the federations to communicate interesting events from the federations to a wide audience. By this means Focus will turn into an interesting medium for any reader. As Focus is published in our three languages and as we have to arrange appropriate translations for each article we receive, we have fixed following date:

Focus October:

Deadline to remit articles is 20th September, Release of Focus latest 5th October

Holiday in the Far North

For years Rolf and Jose Comez have made the Far North of New Zealand their holiday destination and like to take their holidays in February when the days and sunshine are mostly nice.

Bream Bay, or, as it known to most of us, Ureriti Department of Conservation (DoC) campsite, is 20 km from Whangarei and our preferred stop. The DoC camp is very busy around Christmas time, with 1300 people enjoying the beach, but is less crowded in February and lots of naturist people enjoy coming to this place at the beach.

Access to the beach is in the far right corner of the camping ground. For the last 30 years this stretch of beach has been known as a clothes optional beach.

Crossing the sand dunes, you go to the right for the naturists and left for the clothed option. This does not need explaining, as it is very obvious when you take a look around, hardly anyone on the left and popular on the right side.

The weekend of 21 February was "king tide" and if you had left your belongings at the low tide mark, most of these would have been lost, as high tide came right close to the sand dunes.



After a few days we set off to Cape Reinga with a special stopover in the little township of Houhora in the top of the Far North, about 60 km before Cape Reinga.

There is an old Post Office and Information Center and the most Northern pub. The old dancehall and movie theatre are long gone, but some of the remains are still there.

The Motorhome and Caravan Club magazine published front page photo of a motor home in front of the 100-year-old post office and we had the idea of taking one in the same spot, with our own motorhome in the picture.

Once we had taken our photos at this landmark we moved on, planning to camp at Tapotupotu campsite, very close to Cape Reinga.

Travelling over a dusty road, we came to talk to a grader driver, working on the road near P Point.

He told us that Taputupotu was renowned for the size of the sand flies and lots of mosquitoes; "it is general knowledge that five mosquitoes are enough meat for a bowl of soup" and his advice was to take the 14 km gravel road to Spirit Bay where there was a fantastic DoC camp close to the beach.

When we arrived on Saturday at the camp it was busy but by Monday most of the holiday makers had left and we had almost the whole place to ourselves.



We have never seen a beach that nice and quickly stripped off for a lovely swim.

With a nice breeze to cool us down, we brought the kite out to fly on an empty beach - ideal for naturists.

This campsite is the starting point for the 9 km Kapowairua to Pandora coastal walking track. The stunning track traverses a variety of beautiful and unique landforms, and offers spectacular views of the cape region. It is a wide walking track and is ideal for fit people.

We spent a few days at this camp and we had brought some items from home to make our 2015 /2016 Christmas card with a beach scene.

So if you have traveled this far, just take the trouble to drive the 14 km of dusty road. (It's good to travel at slow speed!).

This camp is certainly worth a visit. It has good water and very good toilet and shower facilities.

