



„Judgements“

26th January 2017 – On 23rd January the court in Leeuwarden acquitted two holidaymakers, who had been walking naked in a forest near Zeewolde. The matter was in appeal. The judges decided that the only phone call, which had led to the summons, had not indicated that the site was not suitable for nude relaxation. Also the fact that the hikers regularly used the forest paths in the immediate vicinity was no proof that, at the moment of denounce, the naked hikers had been at an “unsuitable” place (Note of the NFN: in fact there were no other hikers in the vicinity at that moment). Finally it also was of help that the owner of the site, “Staatsbosgeheer”, himself had previously organised naked hiking on that side and that he had not been prevented from doing so, because the site would not be suitable for this (note by the NFN: but because there was not enough enthusiasm before).

In June 2015 the police filed a complaint against two naked hikers in the wood “Het Holsterwold” near Zeewolde. They did not pay the fine, but brought the case to court. In December 2015 the cantonal judge decided that one had walked naked, at a place, which was not indicated for nude recreation, and therefore maintained the fines as being justified. As the judge had ignored that outside of designated places one may also relax nude at suitable places, the two men filed an appeal.

It is the second time within two weeks that the judge equalizes naked hikers. This happened last week in the “Delftse Hout-zaak”. In this case the conclusion was that city administrations cannot close a lawn or a beach, where during years people sunbathed in the nude, without true arguments why the site is unsuitable. This is also valid for the hikers in Zeewolde. The uniqueness of this acquittal is, that here naked hikers are concerned. For this there was little or no jurisprudence at all and here the legislator does not make any difference either.

18th January 2017 – This morning the court of The Hague acquitted eight naked hikers. They had been prosecuted in 2015, for “nude sunbathing at an unsuitable place”. The NFN, as representative federation for the naturists, is glad about the acquittal and of course feels happy for the defendants, as now a yearlong court proceeding has come to an end. Since the affair concerns the essence of the law on nude recreation, the NFN had asked the top-lawyer Spong to defend the naturists. This judgement does not give ‘carte blanche’ to the municipalities to close naturist beaches, and if yet they want to do, they must bring well-founded arguments.

The judge had given a comprehensive motivation why, according to the court, the lawn in the “Delfts Hout” is suitable for naturism. He invoked



both social points and public order. Spong:
"I am very happy about the judgement. I highly respect the social appraisal of the Court."

In the Netherlands it is permitted to sunbath nude on beaches designated as such by the municipalities or on beaches being suitable for this. There is such a place in the recreation area of the "Delftse Hout", but in 2013 the municipality of Delft found the lawn in the Delfts Hout" as no more suitable and during the following summer it started to complain en masse. The visitors of the naturist beach did not agree with that: during the thirty years this place had been used as naturist beach, neither the site nor the situation had changed a lot. This was the beginning of a long legal battle.

In January 2014 a total of no less than 43 complaints were brought to court in a "mass process". For two thirds of the cases an acquittal was immediately made, because the judge considered the lawn as actually being suitable for naturism as long as "less than 150 clothed persons were present in the "Delftse Hout". Due to impracticability of this judgement both the NFN and the Attorney General made an appeal.

This led to the acquittal of the remaining cases. In July 2014 the judge decided that the nude recreation is only punishable in case of "obvious unsuitability" of the site. The Attorney General, however, did not agree with this and approached the Supreme Court. They decided that the court had motivated its judgement in an insufficient manner and therefore the complaint must be dealt with again. This took place in November 2016 and the judgement was made today.

Among others, the NFN is committed to the preservation and the quality improvement of the naturist beaches. Their preservation is better guaranteed by this judgement, because it is up to the naturist to evaluate the suitability of a site and because the municipalities cannot simply forbid naturist recreation.

The Attorney General still has two week's time to approach the Court of Cassation.

Please read below the complete judgement of the court:

Authority	Court of The Hague
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Legal service	Supreme Court
Details of content	The Court in The Hague acquits the naturist hikers in Delftse Hout.

The suspects, who were charged for nude recreation in the Delfts Hout in 2013, are acquitted. This has been decided today by the Court of Justice in The Hague. A previous acquittal by the Court in The Hague had been revoked by the Supreme Court, upon which the Court had to make a new judgement. Also now the Court decides on an acquittal.

The nude recreation took place at a part of a lawn, which in the past had been designated as a place for naturism. The Court has decided that this place, although no more officially been designated as such, cannot be designated in 2013 as a non-suitable place for naked recreation.

Websites Rechtspraak.nl
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Judgement

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Date of judgement: 18th January 2017

Naturist Trail - 7 steps to become a naturist

1. Station: Why at all clothing?

There are good reasons to wear clothing, such as protecting the body from the cold, against (excessive) sun exposure or injury or for hygienic reasons. Indigenous peoples in warm regions have always been undressed, because there was no reason for clothing (otherwise)...

2. Station:

Shame comes from feeling ashamed!

There is no reason to be ashamed of our own bodies! Not even in the name of religion or faith, because if a person who has faith believes that he is as he is and was created, then there is no reason to feel ashamed about the body that one was born with.

3. Station: Protect the children...

Children have the least problems being unclothed alone and being unclothed with adults. The "shame of nudity" is instilled, some by their family, but mostly by the community! Thus (at least initially) children are totally natural around unclothed adults.

4. Station: I can not afford it...

Nobody (!) ought to be ashamed of his/her own appearance, regardless of age, body condition (thin, heavy etc.), disabled, or scarred. Of course, aesthetics can be discussed, but everyone has the right to enjoy the natural beauty!

If you look at people with an open mind, then the „lower parts“ all become a natural part of every human being and soon become as common to view as an arm or a leg. If you assume that there are more than about 8 billion people in the world, and about half of them women and the other half men, all (without clothes) observed from the back are equal and observed from the front side there are only 2 different characteristics - that's all!

5. Station: Naturists are ordinary people, not weirdos of perverts

There are (already) many millions of people taking naturist holidays, or are at least temporarily unclo-

thed at beaches and lakes! A lot of people have no problem „showing“ themselves undressed in front of strangers (that stranger, I will never see him again...), but within the own family, it is often unfortunately contrary and here it should also be natural!

6. Station: Undressed is healthier

It is often funny to observe, while hiding behind a constantly slipping towel, as someone tries to change a wet bathing suit. Just leaving the wet stuff on is also not a really good idea, for this may cause illness such as a cold or arthritis.

For me it's just an icky feeling when I must wear a wet swimsuit!

7. Station: Enjoying sun and wind all over your body and a seamless tan

Everyone (!) should just try and feel what a great (body and freedom) experience it is to be unclothed in nature and to feel the wind and the sun or to play with the children or others on the beaches or elsewhere, to swim or to walk or making sports! ...There is no rational reason why some parts of the body may never get any sunshine (but be careful at the first time ;-)) Who has not ever looked at his or her great holiday tan undressed in front of a mirror and then recognize how "silly" that looks... I wear my seamless tan with pride and have no problem showing it - because we all are nothing but nature!

CONCLUSION:

At the end only one question remains: Where does my opinion come from, the bad feeling or cramps in the pit of your stomach – I shouldn't do that, or... you shouldn't do that, or... I „cannot“ do that? It is all only a social conditioning, nothing more. Try it the first time in a secured private area, such as in the outdoor area of a sauna, at the „lonely“ lake or as a „trial“ in a naturist club!

It takes a "leap of faith" to do it the first time, but believe me: it's worth it!

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Events April

28.04. - 02.05.2017 The Gathering, UK



Schottlands Internationales Naturisten Event

Venue: SANER Region organise a fantastic weekend in the gateway to the Highlands over the May Bank Holiday. The Glenmorag Hotel in Dunoon are once again hosting this popular naked weekend for BN and INF members.

Arrivals from 3pm on the Friday 28th April 2017 from 3pm through to Monday morning 2nd May 2017 at 10am when we vacate the hotel. Traditionally we have visited the Argyll Secret Coast on the Monday morning for those fortunate to delay their departure. Fortunate to be able to extend your stay?

The weekend event costs just £139.00 p. p. with all food and entertainment included. Supplements apply for single occupancy and sea views. The majority of rooms are twin bedded and we ask people to share whenever possible as there are only 72 rooms.

Although it is possible to remain naked for the whole weekend, include a stroll through Morag's Fairy Glen, you may like to join us at the Riverside Pool or our ramble through the Argyll Forest. Our boat trips through the Kyles of Bute are always well subscribed at just £10 pp. Or maybe you want to explore some of the most beautiful scenery Scotland has to offer.

Twin rooms can be booked through Urquhart Travel for just £30 deposit p.p. and we urge you to do so now to avoid disappointment. Contact Head Office for room share service.

Contact Julie on 01355 271577 now and follow the SANER thread on the forum for more updates.

For further information, contact:
thegathering@bn.org.uk

Events May

25.05. - 28.05.2017 EuNat Meeting, DK



Ferie Center Slettestrand

For further information, contact:
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31.05. - 03.01.2017 Pashut Festival, IL



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Desert Ashram is excited to invite you to Israel's traditional naturist festival. A fourdays journey in the spectacular Negev desert. We invite you to simply BE. Being naked and beautiful, letting go of layers of fear and shame. Being nude and simple, just as we are. Pashut Festival is calling us to live life totally and joyfully.

"Your clothes are not just clothes- they are hiding you from everybody else's eyes. And it is good sometimes to be with the birds and with the animals and with the trees, just as they are-utterly nude." (Osho)

NOTE: Past experience shows that the festival works best when the number of male and female guests are equal. In order to achieve this you will have to find a registration partner. There is no commitment to anything this is for registration purposes. Contact: **pashutfestival@gmail.com**
www.desertashram.co.il

Info Focus June

Deadline to remit articles: 20. May 2017

Release of Focus latest: 05. June 2017

The Focus in Spanish

By this "action", we want to give a special pleasure to our Spanish speaking members. Since the motion from the Brazilian Federation to introduce Spanish as the 4th INF-FNI language had been rejected during the Congress in Wellington, among others for costs reasons, we have thought about within our EC, how we could at least fulfil a small part of the requests. We are very pleased to be able to inform you that in future we will at least offer the Focus also in Spanish.

We do hope that with this contribution we have found a special service to this group of members.

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