

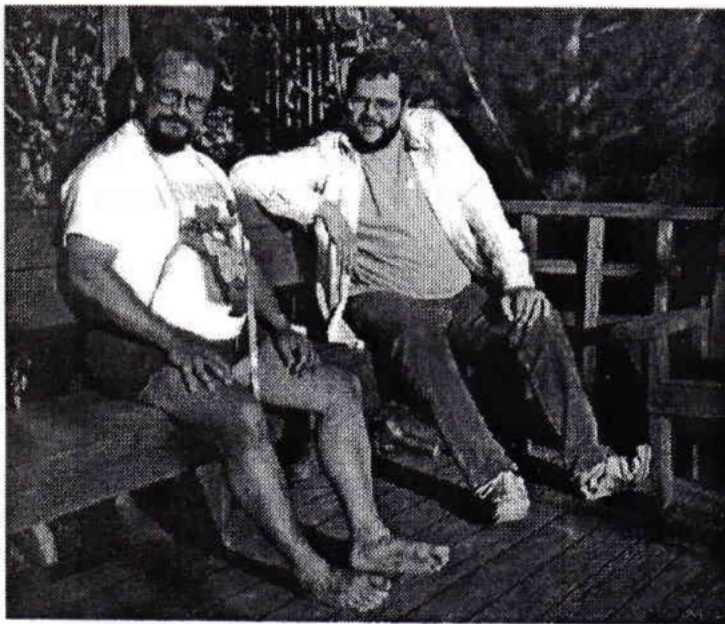


WELCOME TO WILDWOOD!!!

You take 101 North to the Redwood Highway, traveling past green plains dotted with wineries, and hills covered with tall trees. Then you come to a very narrow road winding up a hillside. As your car climbs up the curving precipice you see beautiful the vistas of the valleys below. The road stops, you turn right, and there you are, at Chubby Valahalla. Wildwood Retreat. Encouragecon '94. As the brochure states, this is a rare experience in tranquility and privacy. It's just you a group of Gainers and Encouragers alone for the weekend. Thanks to Randy [REDACTED] and Bob [REDACTED] and others for finding such a gem of a place and hosting such a wonderful time.



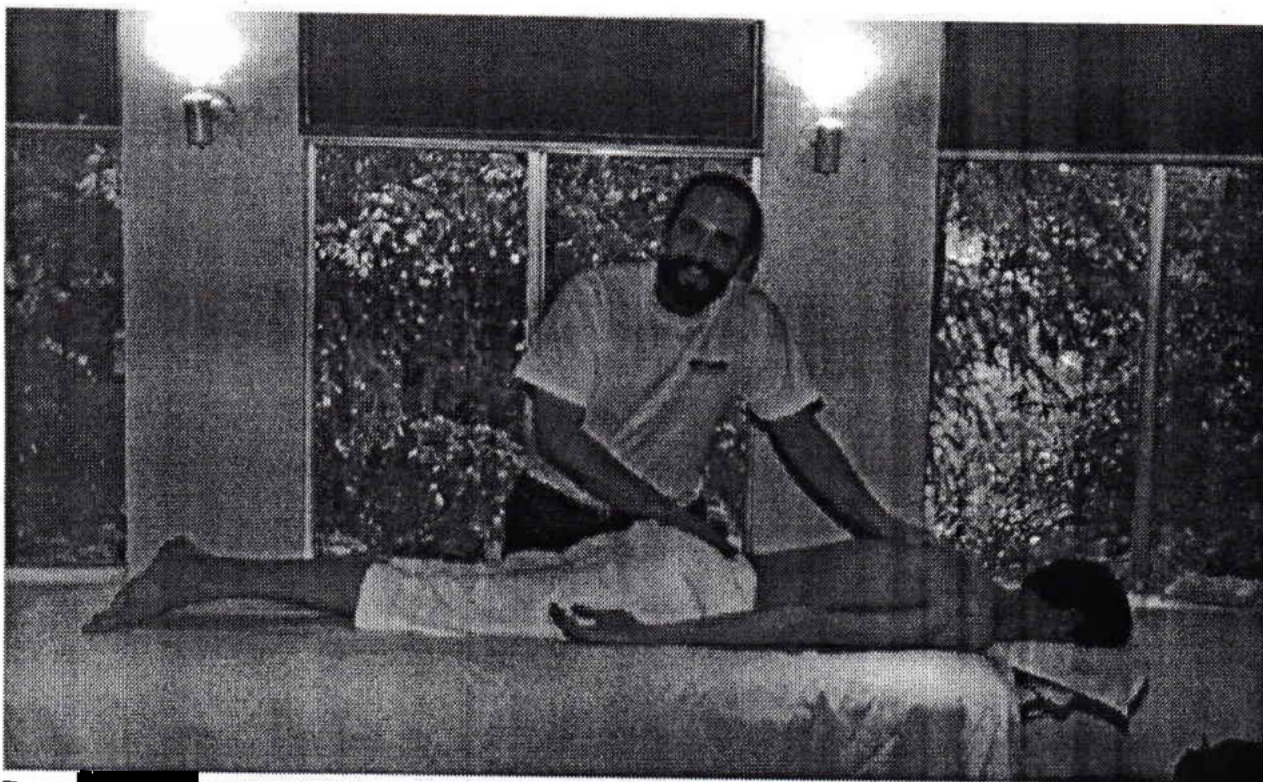
You sit near the pool with handsome Bob [REDACTED] as he registers people in for the Con. There are clear blue skies, and the temperature is in the 70's.



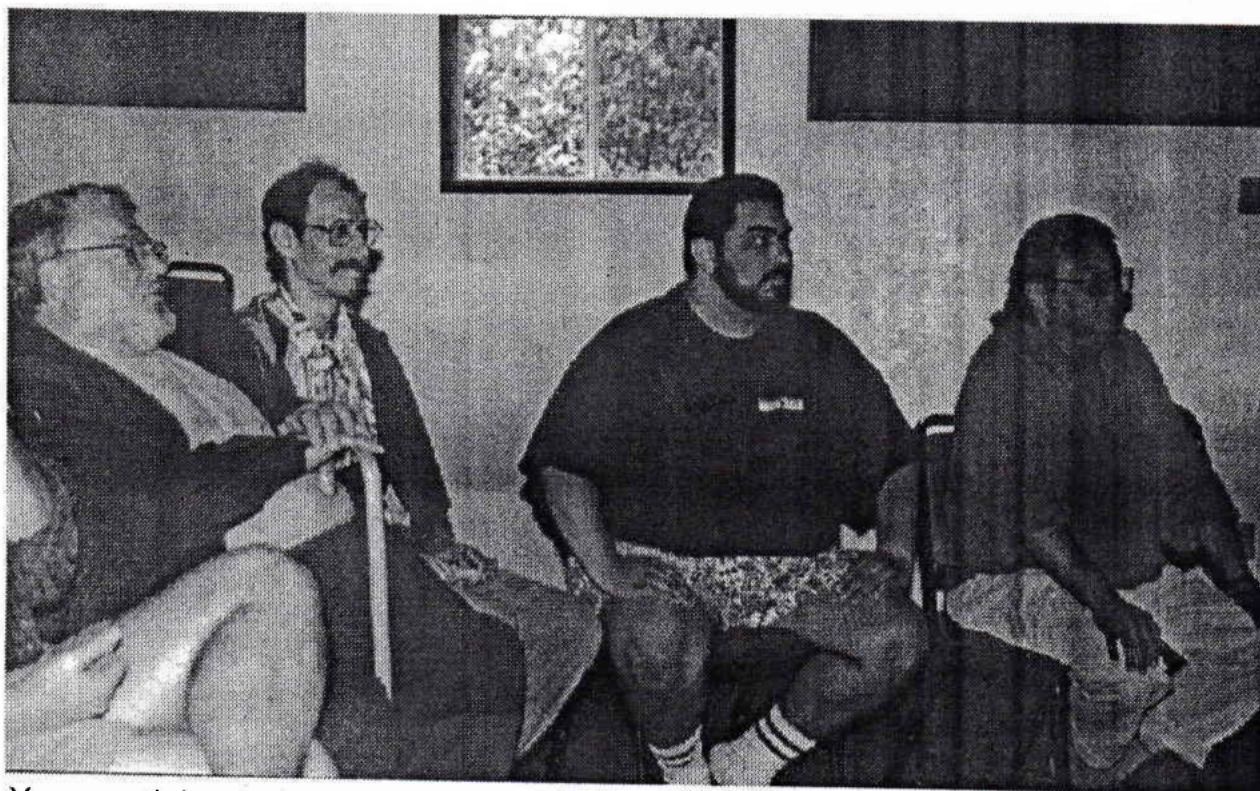
Harry [REDACTED] and Jeff [REDACTED] relax at the Julie Andrews Vista. They were at last years Encouragecon, and have come back bigger and better. Harry wears around his neck one of the free tape measures that was given out to measure the expanding guts of attendees.

This is the morning fog in the valley below the Julie Andrews Vista. As the haze burns off you can see there are on other visible homes or roads for miles around. It's so quiet you can hear fat cells growing.





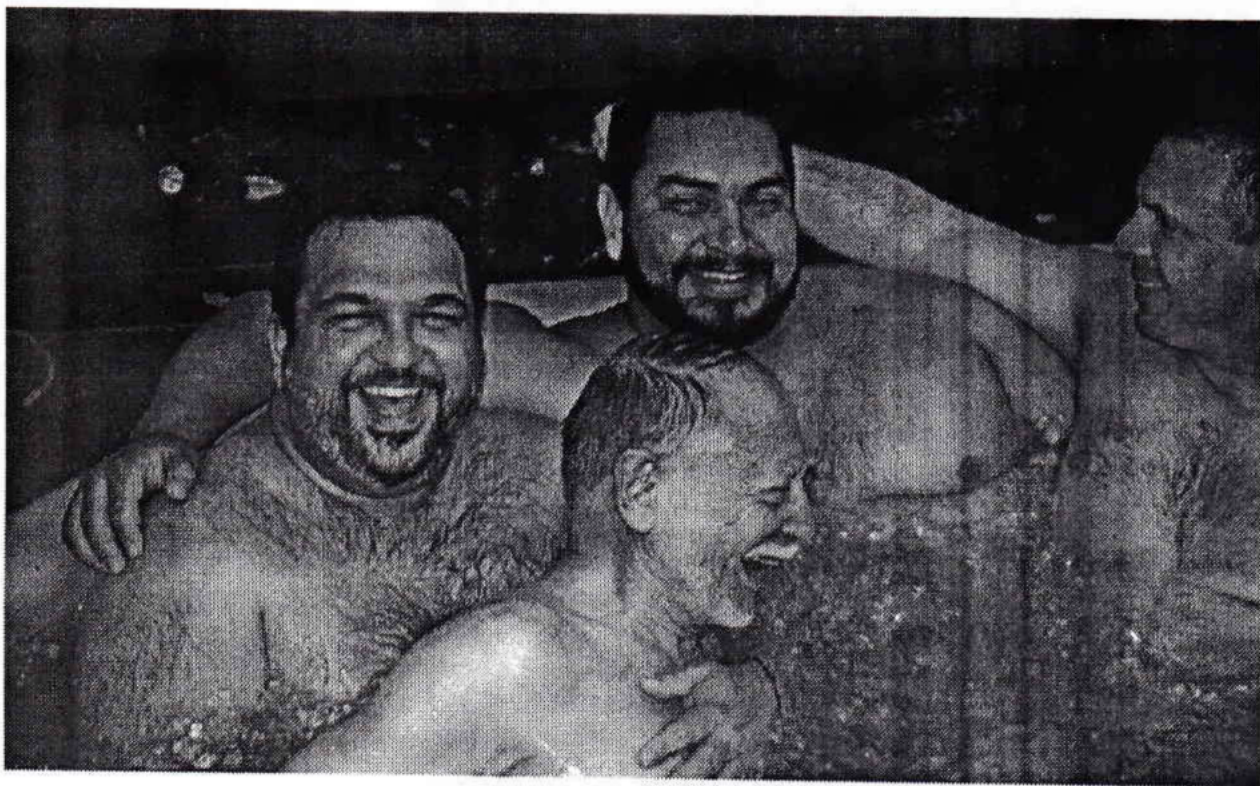
Dan [REDACTED] licensed massage therapist, gave a seminar on therapeutic touch, and he gave massages to members. After a good rubdown you can't remember when you last felt this relaxed.



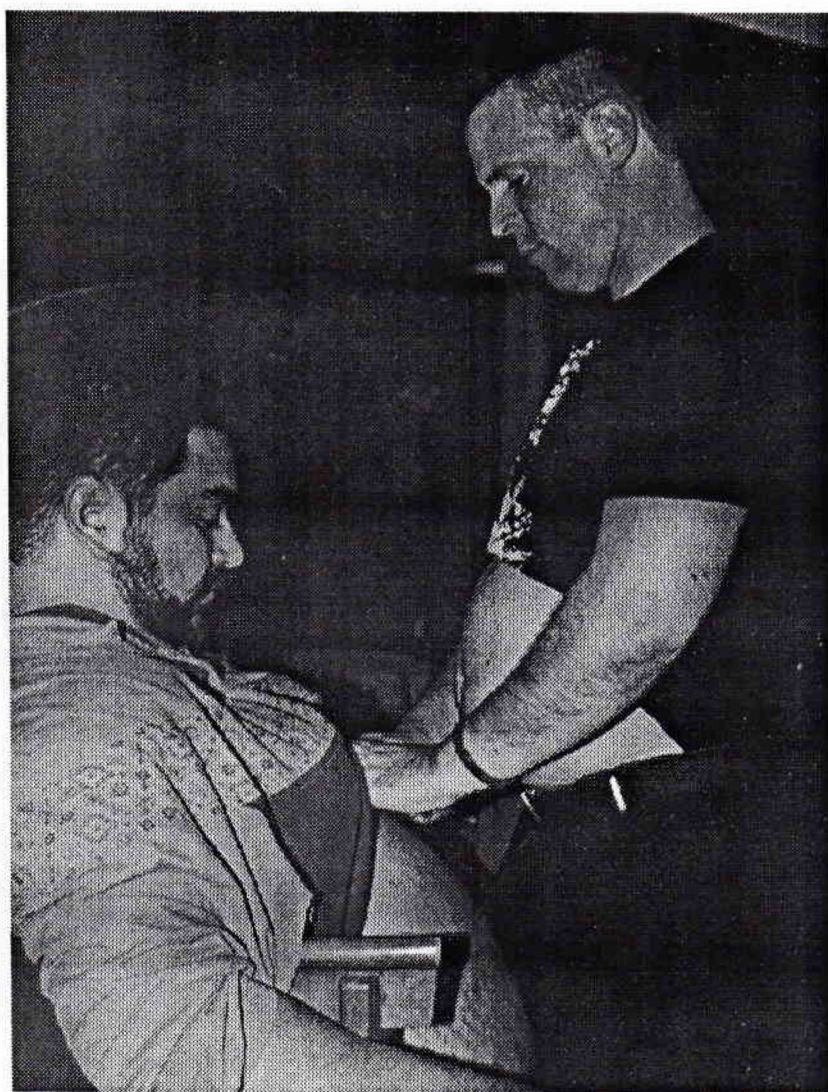
You participate in a discussion group with other gainers and encouragers. It feels good to share stories and to get to know each other better.



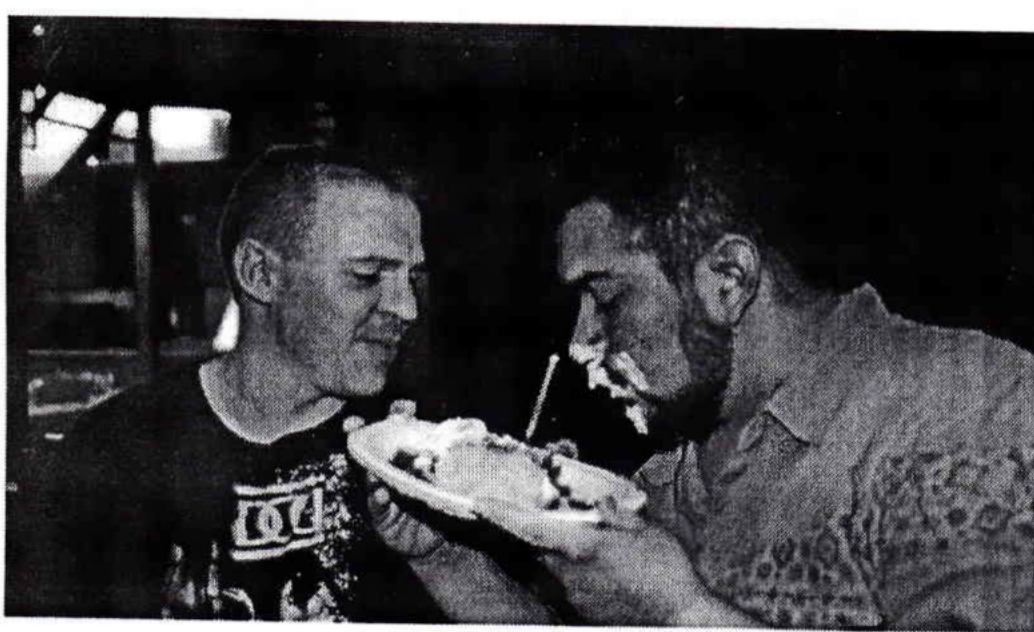
During the day you relax by the pool in the California sun and chat about chubby matters. The only exercise you can think of is turning over to make sure you're evenly tanned.



During those chilly California nights Randy [REDACTED], Jim [REDACTED] and others, found out that they could stay warm and make new friends in the hot tub.



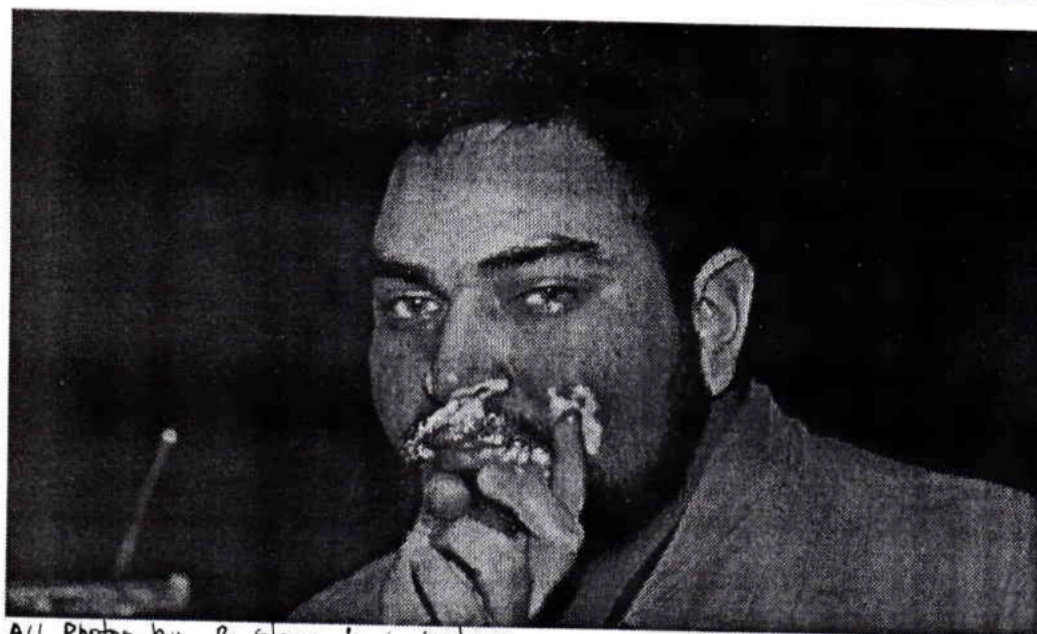
Every meal was delicious and prepared buffet style, which was included in the lodging price. There was enough to keep our little porkers happy and then some. When your belly becomes properly stuffed, and you've had some time for dinner to settle, you fill your tummy up again at the ice cream sundae party. By the time the eatings done, you undo your belt and let your round mound roam free.



Rick [REDACTED] helps Philip [REDACTED] make short work of some strawberry shortcake.



A friend indeed, is the man who will help you feed.



A Gainer needs an Encourager when the going gets tough, and after all the food you've eaten, it still is not enough.

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