



Glyn Stout

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At 77, Glyn Stout has survived multiple wars, life threatening illnesses, one knee replacement, corporate battles, the Lexington fire of 1985, the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, and to top it off, he's the father of twin teenage daughters. He's done much of all this while living in the nude at Lupin Lodge. The story of the naturist resort's owner is as fascinating as the history of the 80-year-old paradise in the redwoods.

Born and raised in Amarillo, Texas by a single mother, Glyn's first experience in social nudity was swimming in the pool at the local YMCA. In those days, nudity was required in the men's pool, like nudity is required in the pool at Lupin. He went on to become a student at Yale, which at that time had an all male student body. Nudity was required in that pool, too.

After graduating from Yale in 1960, he went to OCS, became an officer and a navigator in the U.S. Navy, and served his country in the Cold War and Vietnam era. After completing his active duty, he pursued and completed his MBA at Stanford Business School in 1966 while serving in the Navy Reserves. He married his first wife in the chapel at Stanford, and the two of them lived for a brief time in Fresno while he began his corporate career.

Glyn read an article in the *Fresno Bee* that talked about a small naturist club near their home. They decided to go for a visit, and soon learned that they enjoyed the nudist lifestyle, and visited regularly. They met a couple with similar interests who told them about Lupin, and that's where the love story between him and over 100 acres of natural beauty began.

When they moved from Fresno to Santa Clara in 1967, they began visiting Lupin often as an escape from the pressure cooker of their fast paced jobs. Glyn developed a sophisticated inventory management system for a wholesale pharmaceutical distributor. Using a program he wrote for the IBM 360 card system, the company expanded exponentially in the next several years. Glyn helped open several new divisions, and was made President and CEO before age 40.

While his corporate career skyrocketed, his love of naturism and Lupin blossomed. He visited as often as possible, and in 1977, formed a business partnership with fellow member Laura Boswell to operate a lease on the property from the owners. He invested his corporate resources and used his experience to improve the property,

After he left his career in what later

became Silicon Valley, he moved to Lupin full time to run it with Laura. His marriage ended amicably in 1976; in fact, both he and his wife used the same divorce attorney, a Lupin member who also lives full time at the community.

During the late 70s and the early 80s, Lupin's membership grew while Glyn and Laura improved the resort cosmetically. In 1983, he bought out Boswell's partnership, and took over the day-to-day operations of the resort while enjoying the lifestyle he loved.

During the devastating 1985 Lexington forest fire, he was terrified because the wildfire was heading straight for Lupin. Thankfully, the firefighters used Lupin as a base camp, and all of the resort's structures were spared. Some of the nature trails that Glyn had painstakingly carved out were destroyed for the creation of a firebreak, but no buildings or lives were lost. He still remembers how frightening it was to have the fire right above where the swimming pool still sits, and how miraculous it was to have rain in July. The summer is usually completely dry at Lupin.

Lupin was not so lucky after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The restaurant and lodge were destroyed, several buildings slid off their foundations, and one of the pools was lost.



In order to rebuild, Glyn exercised his purchase option with the owners in 1990. The clubhouse restaurant was completely rebuilt with a new design and location on the property, and membership in the private club grew even more. In 2001, Glyn married Lori Kay, an accomplished artist and sculptor who first came to Lupin while a student at UCSC. She later gave birth to beautiful mirror identical twin girls, now teenagers. The entire family still lives at Lupin. Glyn believes that his daughters are the most significant part of his life's odyssey.

In the past decade, while still very involved in day-to-day operations of the resort, Glyn has weathered three major health crises, two recessions, and multiple droughts. In 2006, he retired from active management and appointed Lori Kay as CEO. At 75, he spearheaded the installation of an ecologically sound water system, a gravity powered slow-sand filtration system for Lupin's natural spring-fed sources. This will insure Lupin will have plenty of clean drinking water for future generations of naturists. This was no small task; multiple government agencies looked at every step of the project under a microscope. Glyn made sure that everything met their rigorous standards. So far the system is working well.

Glyn said that he realized near the end of his corporate career that what he thought he really wanted most in his life was to be "rich, anonymous and free." His definition of that life has changed for him these many years later. For Glyn, rich is no longer defined by possessions and

material wealth. Rather, Glyn says that he is rich in peace, surrounded by the beauty of Lupin and the love of his family and friends. Anyone visiting will see that he has accomplished all this during his love story with Lupin. They will also probably see him but won't know he is the owner. He will just tell you his name is Glyn...or maybe not.

