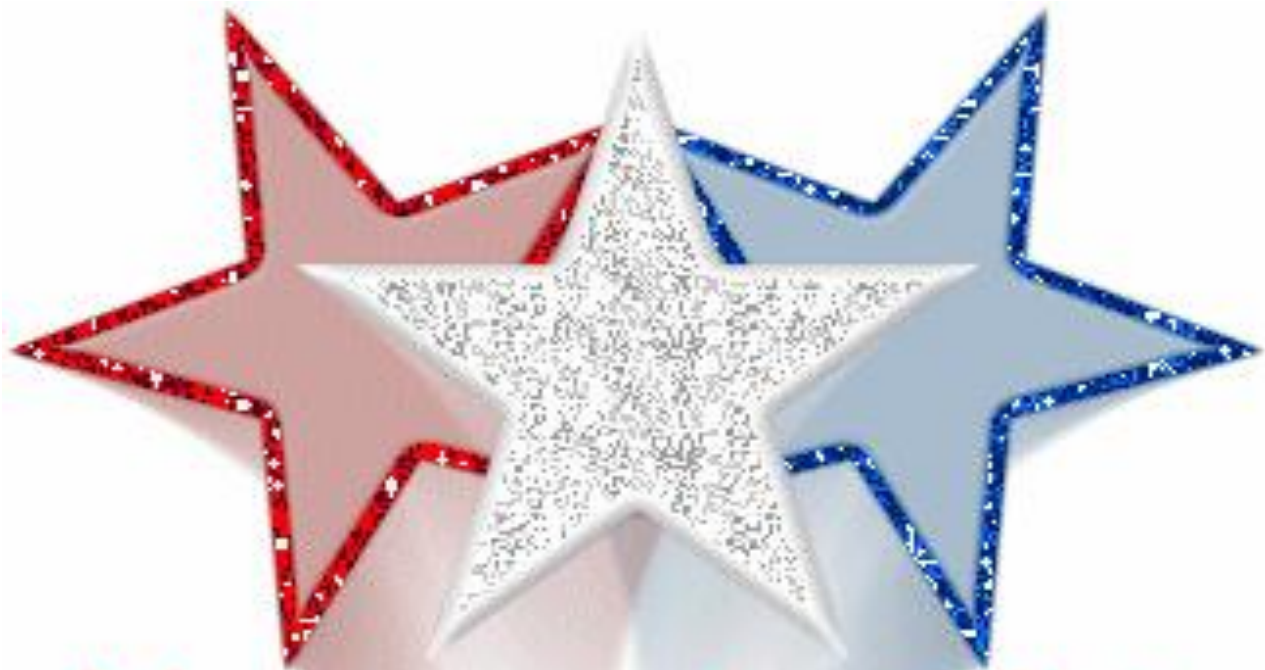


SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun



Happy 4th of July

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WHAT A GREAT 4th CELEBRATION!

By Mike Weems

The Ranch really knows how to celebrate the 4th of July (minus the fireworks).

Friday night we had the second in a surprising round of Wine and Cheese at the Parrot. Lots of varied dishes along with a nice selection of wine. Thanks to all!

Kate and her crew fired up the griddles at the Parrot Saturday morning and served a near-record crowd of folks. At 9AM the pétanque tournament kicked off the day's activities, followed by water volleyball, then washers then cornhole. See the winners list below. Midnight Smokers opened up their food trailer at noon, and provided eats until 7PM. At which time a line of decorated golf carts entertained the crowd, as they snaked through the property. DJ Trav rocked the crowd until midnight with his eclectic mix of music. And Saturday came to an end. Oh, wait, there's another day?

Sunday's sun came out blazing. Breakfast was served. A small group competed for the towels in the pickleball tournament. At noon, Nancy and Jean brought out food for the crowd, just as the water volleyball tournament kicked off. It was followed by washers. Then came the FRIED CHICKEN BOZANZA – thanks to Mike M., Bruce and Rob – as homestyle fried chicken plates with all the fixings were served at the Parrot! DJ Tara rounded out the night with her All-Requests Dance. I was too exhausted to finish it off...

Our Independence Day Celebration ended with Breakfast by the Pool Monday morning. Nancy reports over \$1,000 in food sales for the weekend (not counting the food truck). We do like to eat – someone say sorbet?

Another successful weekend, but a little smaller than last year, because unlike other 3-day holiday weekends, a lot of our visitors left on Sunday to go back to work on Monday – not a holiday – bummer. Safe travels to all.

Saturday Tournament Winners	Sunday Tournament Winners
PETANQUE 1st - Super Dave, Mike Wo 2nd - Kim, Byron	PICKLEBALL 1st - Angie and Mike Wo 2nd – JASON
WATER VOLLEYBALL 1st - Mark S, Dave W, Anthony M, Rick T, Teresa S, Kim D 2nd - Bill B, Mike K, Travis L, Ray M, Scott B, Dillon	WATER VOLLEYBALL 1st - Jamie M, Mike (Barefoot) K, Ray M, Kate M, Larry D, Chris H 2nd - Mark S, Jason A, Sean J, John G, Tim V, Justin A
WASHERS 1st - Teresa S, Tim R 2nd - Byron M, David O	WASHERS 1st - Robert G, Sean J 2nd - Tim V, Justin A
CORN HOLE 1st - Mark B, Tim R 2nd - David O, Sadelina	

President's Message

Well, the summer fun is in full swing!

It is going to be a long hot summer, so just a reminder to hydrate and try not to get too burnt! One of the big changes we implemented this weekend (June 30, 2023) is no smoking within 10 feet of the pool area. This change comes after a vote at the Straw Poll to make this change. The request came from a number of people who have survived upper respiratory cancer, or who have compromised lung function. The goal was not to ostracize smokers, but to protect the vulnerable amongst us. We have plans to expand the seating area so that there will be a covered area outside the pool that can be dedicated for smoking.

We have a number of projects in the works over the next few months. Cabin 5 is getting redone to be put back into the rental pool. Thanks to Tommie S. for making this possible through his expertise and making the limited budget work. We have new sturdy poles at the pool for the shade sails that now cover that area between the pool and the showers. No more hot feet!

When we have a better idea about where we are budget-wise at the end of the month, we will continue on with other proposed projects. Thanks to all who participated in the affinity voting exercise to help us understand the projects that are most appealing to the membership.

Thanks to all who serve and continue to show up to do the hard work to keep us chugging along. I am planning on being in the office over the next few months to assist the staff with getting new leases signed. It will be an interesting process to get everyone up-to-date with this paperwork. Please bear with us as we get that massive project completed.

I am so happy when we can see the fruits of our labors, especially those that have been a long time coming.

Crystal



Saturday, July 8, 2023

Next installment of The Beginning and History of the Sahnoans and Star Ranch by Myrl and Ditto S.

Tom Knight's Death in 1977

A young couple, John and Tommie L. and their children came to Star Ranch to work with Tom and Cecile. After Tom's death, John and Tommie became managers. Tom and Cecile were on the Council and Board of Directors, John and Tommie were on the Council. After Tom's death John was on both the Council and the Board of Directors as well as the Manager of Star Ranch. This joint system of employee, manager, Council and Board of Directors was the governing body for about 30 years. The Club had some ups and downs, but they kept the Club operating. As with all politics, some people like those in the office and some do not. Some people wanted the Club to run like a large, national operation business instead of a small local business, which it is. The general operating system was changed to what it is today.

After Tom's Death

After Tom's death, Cecile was advised by her attorney and a "friend" who wanted to own and run the Sahnoans and Star Ranch, that she should sue the "Sahnoans", several individuals plus whomever she could think of. The trial went on for two years and was very costly to the Club. All the money Tom and Cecile left was gone. The club sold Class "C" stocks to pay off Cecile and our attorneys, as the trial was declared a mistrial. The suit was settled out of court. The "C" stock kept the "Sahnoans", Star Ranch and everything together. The "Sahnoans" and Star Ranch are still in business. The "C" stock was a redeemable stock and has been paid off by lottery.



McDade Watermelon Festival

Saturday, July 8, 2023

By Larry S.

It's that time again for the annual McDade Watermelon Festival! What a great day it is to get into downtown McDade, listen to live music, play games, ride rides, shop vendor booths, eat good food and generally enjoy the company of our neighbors in McDade. You can even enter the watermelon seed spitting contest!

For at least the last couple of decades, Star Ranch members have volunteered to staff the beer booth at the Watermelon Festival. Melissa and I have coordinated it for the last ten years or so. Anyone who is interested in having a good time, talking to customers, selling a little beer and representing Star Ranch as a contributing member of the McDade community is welcome to join us.

The beer booth opens at 9-ish and closes at 6-ish, or all the beer is gone. Volunteers are welcome to come when they like, serve as long as they like and leave when they get ready. There are no set schedules!

To make sure we have sufficient volunteers to run the beer booth all when day, I am asking for responses via email or text. Tell me you will be there. Tell me about when. Tell me whatever's on your mind. But email me at larrysilvey@gmail.com or text me at 512-417-8685. We need your help. Can't do it without you! Thank you to all who volunteer!

[The Board approved the rental of a booth at this year's festival, instead of building a float. We will be passing out brochures and selling a limited supply of shirts and caps. Contact Mike W. if you wish to assist—512-423-0659]



JULY BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, July 21, 2023

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: El Nuevo Mexico in Bastrop



July, August & September Birthdays

July	
7/1	Susie V
7/1	Mark S
7/4	Scott T
7/4	David S
7/5	Sandy C
7/7	James "Jim" P
7/7	Richard T
7/8	John S
7/10	Melody T
7/11	Marvin K
7/12	Melissa A
7/15	Tommy.S
7/15	Linda G
7/15	Jana F
7/17	Jim A
7/17	Angie R
7/23	David Mc
7/23	Deidra F
7/25	John M
7/26	Abegail M
7/27	Gary A
7/29	Megan S

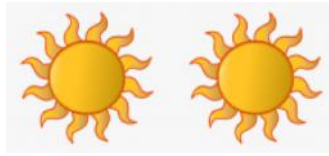
August	
8/1	Cat W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	CM J
8/4	Vicky I
8/4	Stephen C
8/5	Barbara K
8/5	Jonathan T
8/6	Joe R
8/6	Melissa C
8/7	Jennifer M
8/7	Christina T
8/11	Bill B
8/13	Beverly C
8/13	Robert N
8/23	Earl H
8/24	Mike M
8/24	Ardeth S
8/31	Myrl F. S
8/31	Genie C

September	
9/6	Jennifer H
9/6	Crystal W
9/9	Belinda A
9/10	Mark B
9/10	Kim D
9/13	Dina P
9/15	Craig B
9/16	Thomas L
9/17	Ron E
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/21	Brandi T
9/23	Adam C
9/25	Mike W
9/26	Cathy M
9/28	Pat W
9/30	Bob R

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - [Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

July 2023 events



Wednesday July 5



12 noon – Monthly Fire Siren/Horns test – scheduled on the first Wednesday every month

Friday July 7

7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!

Saturday July 8

The Annual McDade Watermelon Festival – 75th Jubilee

Started as a fundraiser after World War II, the tradition continues for 75 years. Parade in downtown McDade Saturday at 10:30 am. [Click here for more details.](#)

International Skinny Dipping Day

8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

10:30 am – McDade Watermelon Festival parade. Downtown.

9 am – 9 pm – The [Naturist Amateur Radio Club](#), located at Star Ranch, Lot G1, will be contacting Amateur Radio stations around the world to celebrate **International Skinny Dip Day** on Saturday, all day! Visitors are welcome.

5 pm – Celebrating **International Skinny Dip Day** Come out to participate in a sanctioned AANR “everybody-in-the-pool” photo!

8 pm – Karaoke @ the Pool with KJ Jody

Sunday July 9



8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

10 am – Sahnoan Council monthly meeting – all members invited

Friday July 14

7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!

Saturday July 15





8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

10 am – COG Board of Directors meeting

12 noon – Frozen T-shirt contest

2 pm – Homemade Ice Cream Contest @ the pool

8 pm – Classic Country dance with DJ Larry @ the pool

<p align="center">Sunday July 16</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p align="center">Friday July 21</p> <p>6 pm – the Monthly Birthday Dinner – El Nuevo Mexico in Bastrop. Check the menu! 7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!</p>
<p align="center">Saturday July 22</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 11 am – Super Soaker – A Star Ranch summer favorite. Who can hold on? 3 pm – Mexican Bingo 8 pm – DJ DANCE @ the Pavilion with DJ John M – All Requests!</p>
<p align="center">Sunday July 23</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p align="center">Friday July 28</p> <p>7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!</p>
<p align="center">Saturday July 29</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 11 am – Blind Golf Cart Race #4 8 pm – DJ Dance @ the Pavilion</p>
<p align="center">Sunday July 30</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p align="center">August 2023 events</p>

<p align="center">Friday August 4</p> <p>7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!</p>
<p align="center">Saturday August 5</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am– Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from Menu items for your breakfast with friends 12 noon – Water Volleyball 3 pm– Super Soaker 8pm—DJ Dance at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday August 6</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from Menu items for your breakfast with friends</p>
<p align="center">Friday August 11</p> <p>7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!</p>
<p align="center">Saturday August 12</p> <p>8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from Menu items for your breakfast with friends</p>
 <p>7 pm – The 10th Running at Sahnnoan Downs, in the Pavilion. Fun for all – fancy hats not required! 8 pm– Karaoke @ the pool</p>

Sunday August 13

8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from Menu items for your breakfast with friends



10:30 am– Sahnoan Council meeting – Tara Hall

2 pm– Snacks at the pool – bring a snack to share!

Friday August 18

6 pm – Our monthly Star Ranch Birthday Dinner – “Scale’s Cafe” in McDade. Delicious! Check the [menu here](#).

7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!

Saturday August 19



PARROTHEAD WEEKEND!

8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from menu items for your breakfast with friends.

Events and schedule for Parrothead weekend coming soon!



10 am – C.O.G. Monthly Board of Directors meeting – Tara Hall

Sunday August 20

8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from menu items for your breakfast with friends

Friday August 25

7 pm – Wine & Cheese Social @ the pool. Bring your favorites to share!

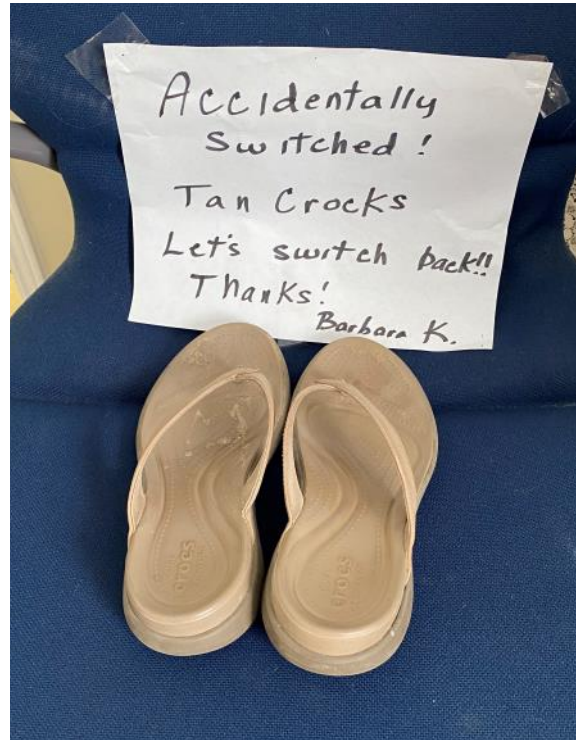
Saturday August 26

8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from menu items for your breakfast with friends

Sunday August 27

8:30 – 10 am – Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot. Select from menu items for your breakfast with friends

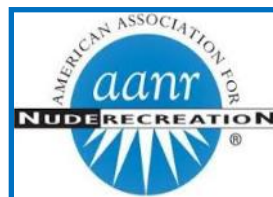
This & That



The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, July 15, @ 10am @ Tara Hall

WELCOME
new members

David and Rebecca O



Mark's Musings

Independence

If you have not decided to join us for the July 4th holiday, you need to get off the fence and get out here. We have a ton of activities planned for your enjoyment. That being said, this article is not about Star Ranch in 2023 but rather our independence in 1776. Yes, I know and agree we are Texans first and Americans second. We have a very unique history that makes me proud to be a transplanted Texan.

Just imagine if we were at the Second Continental Congress and we were asked to vote on the Declaration of Independence. Would we have the courage to do so? In hindsight, it is easy to say yes, but let's examine the situation just a bit. Great Britain had the largest Navy in the world, a professionally trained and equipped army and a huge desire to hold onto the colonies. I have seen more than a few hypothetical odds set at between a 2% and 5% chance of victory at the time the Declaration of Independence was signed. Talk about long odds. The delegates not only voted for the declaration, they signed the declaration. This meant they were all in. No turning back. It was understood their actions would be considered treasonous by the King and all would be executed if caught. Sounds like a great motivator.

Of the 56 signers of the declaration, five were captured, tortured and died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and destroyed. Nine served in the army and died. All spent the war years in hiding and on the run.

When evaluated in 1776 terms, it is easy to understand how the British viewed the Americans as nuts. The British crown provided security, safety, law and order. At no point did 50% of the colonist support the war and 30% of the colonist actively fought for the crown.

As we all know, they overlooked the American spirit and will. You know the spirit. That feeling that says we will have limited government. When pushed, the colonist took up arms in support of the declaration. While it is true, they needed to learn to become soldiers, they were unafraid of the long odds. If we skip ahead to WWII, it is this same spirit that prevented the Axis powers from invading the mainland after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Can you imagine how our citizens would react if we were invaded? I think the axis powers made the correct decision.

So, raise a glass this July 4th and enjoy the experiment called democracy. We are not perfect and obviously continue to evolve. However, it is the best thing going and we are the luckiest humans on the planet. We all won the lottery of life when we were born in this unique place.

Mark S



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Crystal W
Vice President	Ronnie B
Directors:	Jamie M
	Jean M
	Bart W
Treasurer	Looking

Sahnoan Council

Deborah V
CM J
Mike W & Jennifer M
John M
Bob R
Mike & Linda G
David Mc & Pete T

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC
Front Office	Melissa S
Maintenance	Mike M
	Bruce R
Housekeeping	Paula T

Thoughts

Rod McC

And

Prayers

Classified Ads

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at jkm8765@gmail.com

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because you are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

**The next Council meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, July 9,
at 10am @ Tara Hall**

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.