

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

BIG WEEKENDS AHEAD



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President's Message

The summer season is rapidly coming to a close. Labor day is always bitter-sweet to me. After this holiday, we see less of our friends. But I am here to tell you the big secret is that Fall at the Ranch is kind of magical. The weather is milder, the pool a bit cooler, the sky a bit bluer, and there are still wonderful times to be had. Remember that our 66th anniversary celebration is happening on September 23rd. I hope you will all come and help us celebrate another Ranch milestone. We will have 2 work days in September, on the 16th and 30th to prepare for the Chilly Cheeks race in October. After the race we will resume our winter preparations. I want to say thank you to all who have made this summer one for the books. I appreciate the contributions big and small from everyone. It takes a village to keep this place going, and we have an amazing community. I hope to see you all by the pool this Fall!

Crystal

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

Our Neighbors

Tom and Cecile knew at the beginning, our success was to be good friends and neighbors. This was done by keeping a low profile, although some individuals, on several occasions, tried to push nudism on everybody, which was the wrong thing to do. Some members were required to leave due to their lack of knowledge of our lifestyle by trying to force our neighbors to see nudity. This attitude is bad for nudism, not only here but also at public beaches and on public lands.

A Family Club

As a family type Club, we have always welcomed children and consider them as future nudists. As time changes, laws about children are getting stricter all the time. Many families have raised their children in the nudist lifestyle, less than 2% of those children remain nudists. The family stayed together, however, the children are taught how to make their own decisions and many have chosen other than the nudist lifestyle. This is life.

Celebration of Life



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Rodney Dean McClanahan on July 10, 2023. Rod, 72 years young, was surrounded by family, friends, and his favorite music for his final days. Born October 21, 1950, Rod had many interests in life. From drag racing and building cars, to writing and playing music. He even wrote an autobiography about his life, "One Man's Journey". Rod will be remembered most for his smooth classic country voice and his will to fight every medical issue he faced with a positive outlook.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents Loye and Patricia McClanahan, and stepson Eric Ludwick.

Rod leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Pixie McClanahan, daughter Melissa McMahan (John), son Rodney Bryan McClanahan (Laura), stepdaughter Andrea Ludwick (Paul), stepson Jason Ludwick (Dawn), brother Gary McClanahan (Dee), and 7 grandchildren.

Life celebrations for Rod will be September 24, 2023. Details will be posted soon. Contact Pixie for address at rrboys295@gmail.com.



Bahama Mama is Back!

One of our most popular rental cabins at Star Ranch is ready for you! After a year-long renovation, Bahama Mama (aka Cabin 5) returned to our rental pool this past Labor Day Weekend. It's just a short walk to our beautiful pool, yet just far enough away for a little peace and quiet. As the weather starts to cool off, this cabin will be in demand, so book early! Thanks to our wonderful staff and all of the volunteers who made this possible!

Features include:

- A NEW screened-in, covered porch!
- New queen-sized bed and mattress
- Outdoor shower
- New roof and flooring
- Fresh paint inside and out
- Ceiling fan
- Window A/C
- Antenna TV





Parrothead Weekend @ Star Ranch

I think that Jimmy Buffett would have been proud...Star Ranch held one awesome Parrothead Weekend a couple of weeks ago!

Things began Friday night with a record-setting Birthday Dinner at Scales Restaurant here in McDade. Close to 30 people chowed down on his Cajun specialties. I think we overwhelmed them a little. This event was followed by the usual Wine and Cheese at the Nekkid Parrot.

Kate's crew kicked off Saturday morning with the best breakfast in McDade! Then the events began... [See the list of winners below.]

At 6PM the folks at Star gathered for the most amazing Jimmy Buffet themed potluck ever. We had multiple iterations of Cheeseburgers in Paradise, shrimp, fish, veggies, cheeses, and more. You've never seen so much food!

The potluck was followed by one of our few remaining DJ dances of the hot season. DJ Mike Love spun most of the day and into the night with a little Buffett karaoke thrown in. Such talent we have at the Ranch.

Rest in Peace Jimmy. "Bubbles Up, Capt'n"

December 25, 1946— September 1, 2023

You will be missed beyond measure...

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

(Sorry for any misspellings or inaccuracies, some difficulty in reading scoring sheets)

WATER VOLLEYBALL –

Team 1 – 1st Place

Ray M
Dan H
Phil C
Steve H
Mike K (BF)
Patrick L

Team 3 – 2nd Place

Anthony
Sabrina
Robert R
Sean J
Kate M
Rob F

FROZEN DRINK CONTEST -

Tie for 1st –

Sandi S
Jennifer M

CAN COOLER DECORATING CONTEST –

Winner – Cinthia M

PARROT ON YOUR SHOULDER CONTEST –

1st Place –

Cinthia M

2nd Place –

Rick

JELLO SHOT CONTEST –

1st Place -

Pirate Eye - Melody T

2nd Place –

Apple Pie – Sandi S

PARROT HAT CONTEST –

1st Place –

Sara L

2nd Place –

Jennifer M

HAWAIIAN SHIRT CONTEST –

1st Place –

Rhum

2nd Place –

Nancy

Labor Day Tournament Winners					
Saturday				Sunday	
Petanque				Pickleball	
1 st Place	2 nd Place			1 st Place	2 nd Place
Barbara K	Melody T			Phil C	Steve C
Tim	Byron			Scott T	Byron M
Cornhole					
1 st Place	2 nd Place				
Mark B	Byron				
David C	Don H				
Board Games					
1 st Place	2 nd Place				
Ken S	Pixie Mc				
Water Volleyball				Water Volleyball	
1 st Place	2 nd Place			1 st Place	2 nd Place
Mike K	Jamie M			Anthony M	Mike K
Anthony M	Sean J			Michael I	Rick C
Byron M	Patrick L			Jason	Kate M
Kate M	Mike K			Mike K	Charles
Larry D	Jordan			Alan	Rhonda C
Don H	Phil C			Jamie M	John S
Washers				Washers	
1 st Place	2 nd Place			1 st Place	2 nd Place
Tim K	Linda G			Mike G	Mike K
David O	Don H			Mitch L	Steve C

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, September 15, 2023

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Farmhouse Diner, Paige



September, October, & November Birthdays

September	
9/6	Crystal W
9/6	Jennifer H
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

October	
10/3	Cynthia M
10/7	Cody H
10/7	Donna K S
10/8	Catherine N
10/8	Stephanie M
10/8	Bill G
10/14	Michelle L
10/14	Lottie H
10/15	Teresa R
10/15	Laura G
10/17	Gregory
10/18	Patrick L
10/19	Heather K
10/19	Ethel M
10/24	Rob D
10/26	Mike G
10/27	Kathy J
10/29	Steve O
10/29	Jason A
10/29	Ronald F

November	
11/1	Russell S
11/1	Catherine R
11/3	Kirby G
11/3	Mike K
11/3	Dominique D
11/4	Bill P
11/4	Carolyn C
11/8	Thomas M
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Becky O
11/12	Jennifer B
11/12	Lynn D
11/17	Gopal A
11/18	Jordan S
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	Peter G
11/25	Ann S
11/26	Jana A
11/28	Heather M



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, September 6 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
Friday, September 8 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 9	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	7:00pm The 11th Running of Sahnoan Downs
10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting	8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool
2:00pm Golf Cart Rodeo	
Sunday, September 10 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, September 11 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, September 15 6:00pm Birthday Dinner @ the Farmhouse Diner in Paige 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 16 WORKDAY 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool	
Sunday, September 17 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors	
Monday, September 18 OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, September 20 6:30pm Tunes at Tara Hall	
Friday, September 22 STAR RANCH 66th ANNIVERSARY 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 23 STAR RANCH 66th ANNIVERSARY 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm Live Music @ the pool with X Factory	
Sunday, September 24 STAR RANCH 66th ANNIVERSARY 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, September 25 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, September 29 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 30 WORKDAY 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool	

Sunday, October 1	
8:30am Poolside breakfast	
Monday, October 2	
OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, October 4	
12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
Friday, October 6	
7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, October 7	
5th Annual CHILLY CHEEKS 5k	
1:00pm Burgers @ the Nekkid Parrot	
8:00pm DJ Dance	
Sunday, October 8	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, October 9	
OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, October 13	
7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, October 14	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	7:00pm Cotton Bowl Speedway "OCTOBERFAST" . Cotton Bowl Speedway, right here in Paige, hosting "OCTOBERFAST NIGHT TWO". Check back here for ticket availability. \$20 tickets per person and \$10 per cooler.
10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting	
4:00pm The 12th Running at Sahnoan Downs	8:00pm KARAOKE
Sunday, October 15	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, October 16	
OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, October 18	
6:30pm Tunes at Tara Hall	
Friday, October 20	
6:00pm Birthdays Dinner Out @ Santa Fe Steakhouse in Giddings TX	
7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, October 21	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	2:00pm Blind Volleyball
10:00am COG Board of Directors	8:00pm DJ Dance
Sunday, October 22	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, October 23	
OFFICE CLOSED	

Friday, October 27 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, October 28	
HALLOWEEN!	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	8:00pm Halloween Party and Dance
10:00am Decorate Tara Hall for Halloween	9:00pm Judging for Halloween Costume Contest
6:00pm Halloween Potluck	
Sunday, October 29 8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, October 30 OFFICE CLOSED	

This & That

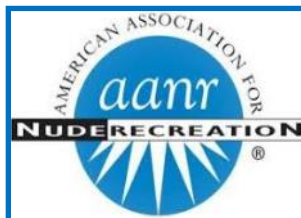
**Come help the Ranch get ready for the
Chilly Cheeks 5K!**

Workdays are scheduled for September 16 & 30!

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Sunday, September 17, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

WELCOME
new members

**Rebecca S
Chris H & Amy F
Dan H**



Mark's Musings

Perplexed

I am all over the place as I ponder this week's article. Do I write about the fantastic Labor Day weekend we just experienced, the fact that Labor Day is typically the end of the season at most nude resorts and how their calendar of events ends? Or about how Star Ranch continues to set the standard in membership benefits by powering through week after week. Our calendar is not ending or even slowing down. Ok, a combination article it is.

If you missed the Labor Day weekend, I am sorry. The place rocked. Pete and his team of volunteers kept us busy with games. Water volleyball, pétanque, washers, pickleball, cornhole and Deborah's work with board games. John Molina kept us jamming with music Saturday afternoon, followed by Pete Saturday night. We also enjoyed Midnight Smokers BBQ all day Saturday. I really enjoyed the nachos and beef sandwich. Sunday, the Ranch team took over with hot dogs for lunch and the yummy fish dinner Sunday night. Many thanks to Bruce, Mike and Jean for handling the deep-frying duties. The breakfast crew continues to impress. From their daily specials to their drive to answer the call each and every week. I have written often about Nancy and Kate but they flat amaze me. The depth of their ability to give is seemingly endless. Nancy buys groceries and Kate decided to take her hand at KJ duties last week. Lastly, but certainly not least, we have Tara who handled the music duties Sunday night.

As any reader of this space can attest, I like to remind our readers how lucky we are at Star Ranch to have a 12-month club. What is a 12-month club? We have no off season. We schedule events every weekend for our members. Does attendance decrease? Sure it does, but that does not mean we don't have events scheduled. Other clubs Sandi and I have attended simply shut their doors after Labor Day less a couple of spot events like Halloween and New Years Eve. Next week we have karaoke and Horse Racing; the trifecta sits over \$300.00 and could easily surpass \$400.00 this next week. We also have the Council meeting on Saturday. Later in the month we have the Star Ranch anniversary party with a live band and October brings the fall 5K race. Yet another separator at Star Ranch: two 5k races per year.

Lastly, I would like to compliment the entire team on the new faces at Star Ranch. Our visitors have choices and we are so honored to have them choose to spend their time and treasure with us. I visited with a couple who spent Friday night with a competitor, they were disappointed in their stay, so they joined us Saturday. After spending the weekend with our team, their comment this morning was "we will be back". Well done team!!!

Mark S

C.O.G. Board of Directors

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

 Treasurer

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

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.

**The next Council meeting
 is scheduled for
 Saturday, September 9,
 at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

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.

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