

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

Oh What a Night!

By Mike W.

How much can we eat? After walking in and seeing all the food that had been prepared, I determined that IT'S A LOT! So much food – glad folks had seconds. It was great to see so many bringing such an assortment of dishes! Then...

It was a packed Hall for **Star's Halloween Celebration**. If Jamie M. hadn't brought his liquid entertainment, I'm not sure where we would have hung people.

All sorts of creatures were about – Ken & Barbie, The Ropers, witches, Patrick's Parents, Madame Godiva, the Gatsbys, hippies & flower children, and a whole Pooh family.

Thanks to Captain Jack and his lovely Wench for a great dance!

But the Costume Contest Winners were:



Best Male –
Beetlejuice - David M.



Funniest –
Pooh Bear Hunny Pot – Travis L



Scariest –
Grim Reaper – AI

Best Female – Bad Witch – Sandi S.



Best Couple –
Ken and Barbie – Pete and Lisa T.

As always, a great time was had by all!!!

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

Conventions

After the Sahnoans joined AANR and SWSA (Southwestern Sunbathing Association) we were asked to host the 1997 SWSA convention. Attendance was in excess of 650, more than attended the 1997 AANR Convention. The Sahnoans were again asked to host the 2000 SWSA Convention, which the attendance matched the 1997 Convention. the 111.9 acres provide ample room to accommodate any sized crowd.

A Little Bit About the Authors of this History Report

In June 1957, Tom K. invited us, Myrl and Merle (Ditto), to be charter members of the new club he wanted to form. We were one of the original Council members that were to govern the new club, the "Sahnoans". During our years in management, I, Myrl, served 10 years as a COG Board of Director, three years as President of the Board of Directors. We both served as Council Members for 43 years. We retired from the Council August 25, 2001 to let others be involved in management. Many members have different memories and versions of how Star Ranch, the Sahnoans and management are recalled by them. Their thoughts are probably true as we all cannot see or be part of all that goes on visibly and behind the scenes.

President's Message

That is the end of the history document. I appreciate the time Myrl and Ditto put into getting this information on paper.

We need to keep the history going and I may enlist some of our long-time members to pick up where they left off. The last sentence rang true to me. In my time as President, I have come to appreciate all the work that goes into keeping this place up and running. You may not all see or appreciate all the work going on behind the scenes to address the day to day and long-term issues at the ranch. I cannot thank Linda, Melissa, Mike M., Bruce, Steve O., Paula and Donna for their hard work and steadfast service to the Ranch. They all daily identify issues, create plans, and develop strategies to keep us moving forward. They are a hard-working bunch and we could not do what we do without them.

To that end I wanted to give you a bit of an update on our big projects.

Work on the Pickleball courts has begun. This may come in under budget! If we can save some on the concrete work, we can have the contractor do the epoxy as well to speed up the project. We hope to be ready for the tournament in December. That is the goal.

We had a second foundation company give us a bid which was very competitive for the foundation repair. Joey should have a bid for us today on supporting the roof and stabilizing the walls with metal beams. That will allow the room to be safe for use over the winter. The pool can be repaired well enough to allow its use for this winter. This will let us use the facilities during the cold months. Then we can work on the next phase with less time pressure during the lower use season. The roof needs to be stabilized regardless of what we do in the future so it seemed like a reasonable measure to get us through the winter.

If you have noticed, two abandoned single wide trailers have been torn down. One frame has been moved out to the back field to await repurposing as a foot bridge. The other will have to be cut down a bit to pull the frame out. These two projects have been a long time coming so I am thrilled to have that done!

President's Message cont.

The plan for the winter is to continue with evaluation and updating of the rental cabins. There is never a shortage of things to do, and we will continue to use our best judgement in how to proceed. We will continue to share information as it becomes available and are open to all ideas or suggestions. Thank you for your patience and support!

Amazing News!

Bare Necessities Tour and Travel has given us a cabin on the February 2024 Big Nude Boat to use as a fundraiser. The "Back to Bare Basics" will be on the Carnival Pride, sailing February 25th through March 3rd, 2024 heading out from Tampa, Florida. We will be working out details on how we will do the fundraiser and when. If you had thought about trying a Bare Necessities cruise this might be your lucky day! More details to come so stay tuned!

Holiday Season

We are looking forward to the holidays here at Star Ranch. If you have not been out for the festivities, I would encourage you to come and enjoy the camaraderie, food and fun! Keep an eye on the newsletter and the website for details. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Crystal



Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour when going to bed Saturday, November 4!



From the Council

October was a fun month for Star Ranch activities starting with our Fall 5k Race with over 130 runners finishing the race. Our first outing for the Paige Cotton Bowl Dirt Race Finals saw 20+ Sahnoans in the stands! While shorts and flip-flops were great at the start of the evening, most were looking for sweatpants and jackets before the night was over. Everyone reported having a fun time. Nobody won the Trifecta, so the pot continues to grow.



We brought back Blind Sand Volleyball and had a fun time with it. It didn't look quite like the picture – everyone had to sit in a chair! The Blue Team, Lynn H, Rick W, Chris A, Sean J, and Bob R were the winners.

Over 70 Ghosts, Goblins, and everything in between made our Halloween Potluck and Party another hit! We have some of the best cooks in the land. The Costume and Ranch Cauldron Winners are identified elsewhere in the Newsletter.

At our October Council Meeting, a Rock Painting will be a recurring activity, with the first one on December 16, 2023, at 2PM. (You might have seen some painted rocks on the tables at the pool.) Everything will be available in Tara Hall – just come and join us. The purpose of the Rock Garden is a “care and share” concept – paint a rock, take a rock, exchange a rock; an opportunity to get together.



November will kick off with a Disc Golf Outing on the 4th. At the time of this writing, we have 12 people signed up to participate. A Hotdog & Chips Picnic at Tara Hall to announce the winners.

The rest of November will have a Veteran's Remembrance, Horse Races, Karaoke, a Scavenger Hunt, a Bond Fire, Remote Control Boat Races, and a Thanksgiving Leftover Potluck. Please see the Calendar for specific activities and times.

A major change in “regular scheduled events” is the Cookie Contest. Because of all the activities happening on December 2nd, like Decorate the Hall, Pick-A-Window, and Pickleball tournament, we have moved the Cookie Contest to December 9th. All Cookie Entrants need to be at Tara Hall by 1:30PM, with judging at 2PM. Adding something new to the Cookie Contest is a Cookie Auction. Instead of bringing a plate of cookies to be judged, we hope entrants will bring 6 cookies for the contest and 24 or more to be placed in Cookie Dozen Boxes for the auction. The auction is not limited to Contest Cookies – For those bakers that do not care to be part of the Cookie Contest but would like to donate 24 (or more) homemade cookies, we could make up more variety dozen to auction off!! The Winners and Auction will be at 6:30PM, right ahead of the Horse Races.

Your Council is here to support the membership. We are always looking for new ideas and PEOPLE to serve on the Council. It is never too early or late to consider becoming a part of the Council. Election is the first Saturday in June. Every Council person is willing and able to talk with you at any time. Just like Uncle Sam, we need YOU!!

Pickleball Update

As of November 2, work has begun on the new pickleball courts. Workers are repairing, leveling and applying a new coating to the old tennis court. Next step is ordering portable pickleball nets. The portable nets will allow us to play pickleball on the two new courts, while giving us the option to use the newly-surfaced concrete slab for other activities (think dancing under the stars!). All we have to do is just roll the nets to the side.

The tennis net will remain in place. While playing real tennis without backstops doesn't sound like much fun, we can at least hit the ball back and forth and get in some exercise. At this point, we do not plan to paint tennis court lines. Not much point if we can't play actual tennis.

When the surface work is complete, we will get the pickleball lines painted, paint the kitchen, put up some pickleball-friendly backstops and we'll be ready to go.

Some folks saw the original plans for four pickleball courts; however, for a number of very good reasons, that plan has been revised to include two pickleball courts, with an open area beside the courts for cornhole or any other appropriate game. Of course, if the demand for pickleball continues to grow, we will still have the option to add more courts in the open area.

Much appreciation goes out to all who donated toward funding this project, and certainly to our sorbet makers and sellers. Sorbet was a big hit and provided significant funding for this project.

If you intended to donate, but were waiting to see actual work begin, now is your chance. The phone lines are open and operators are standing by!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, November, 2023
TIME: 6:00pm
WHERE: Roadhouse Paige, Paige, TX
[\(click here for map\)](#)
[\(click here for menu\)](#)



November, December, & January Birthdays

November	
11/1	Catherine R
11/1	Russell S
11/3	Mike K
11/3	Dominique D
11/3	Kirby G
11/4	Bill P
11/4	Carolyn C
11/8	Rhum M
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Becky O
11/12	Jennifer B
11/12	Lynn D
11/17	Gopal A
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	Sabrina B
11/21	Peter G
11/25	Ann S
11/26	Jan A
11/28	Heather M
11/30	David P

December	
12/2	Courtney M
12/4	Stormy H
12/5	Russell N
12/8	JT T
12/10	Byron M
12/12	Bill B
12/12	Terry P
12/13	Brian W
12/15	Jean M
12/16	Travis L
12/17	Red P
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Scott F
12/19	Liz D
12/20	Jeffrey B
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Connie T
12/21	Richard G
12/22	Regina B
12/22	Gwen Wimer G
12/25	Cristian B
12/26	Mary Alyson P
12/26	Nancy R
12/28	Barbara S
12/28	Judy Mc

January 2024	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/4	Randy D
1/4	Diane S
1/5	Thomas C
1/6	Lorraine A
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Ashley T
1/9	Dennis L
1/10	Rebecca S
1/10	Kathy M
1/10	Bryan D
1/12	Kathy C
1/13	Daniel B
1/14	Bill B
1/18	Walt R
1/18	DA G
1/19	Amelia B
1/19	Sabrina A
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Rebecca S
1/21	Ben T
1/23	Colleen Q
1/25	Isaiah R
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jackie T

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, November 4

Time change – MOVE CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	12:00pm Naked Disc Golf @ Rob's
6:00pm Hotdog & Chips Picnic	8:00pm Music @ the Pavilion

Sunday, November 5

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, November 6 & Tuesday, November 7

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 10

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, November 11

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting
12:00pm Salute to Veterans	7:00pm The 13th Running at Sahnoan Downs
8:00pm KARAOKE!	

Sunday, November 12

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, November 13 & Tuesday, November 14

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 15

6:30pm Tunes at Tara Hall

Friday, November 17

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner Roadhouse Paige

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, November 18

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	10:00am COG Board of Directors
2:00pm Scavenger Hunt	5:00pm Cowboy Campfire
8:00pm Music @ the Pavilion	

Sunday, November 19

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING

1:00pm Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner



Friday, November 24 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, November 25	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	1:00pm Boat Races
6:00pm Thanksgiving Leftovers Potluck	8:00pm Music @ the Pavilion
Sunday, November 26 8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, November 27 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Thanksgiving Leftovers Potluck & Movie	
Tuesday, November 28 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, December 1 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, December 2	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	9:00am Pickleball Tournament
10:00am Deck the Hall!	2:00pm Cookie Contest moved to 12/9
2:00pm Pick-a-Window	6:00pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall
8:00pm Music @ the Pavilion	
Sunday, December 3 8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, December 4 & Tuesday, December 5 OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, December 6 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
Friday, December 8 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, December 9	
8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting
1:30pm Annual Christmas Cookie Contest (more details on page 5)	6:00pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall
7:00pm The 14th Running at Sahnoan Downs	8:00pm KARAOKE!
Sunday, December 10 8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	
Monday, December 11 & Tuesday, December 12 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, December 15 6:00pm Birthdays Dinner—TBD 7:00pm Meet & Greet	

Saturday, December 16

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	10:00am COG Board of Directors
6:00pm Potluck	6:00pm Window Winners announced
7:00pm Wreath Auction	8:00pm White Elephant Gift Exchange

*****Music with DJ Tara at conclusion of White Elephant Gift Exchange*****

Sunday, December 17

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, December 18 & Tuesday, December 19

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 20

6:30pm Tunes at Tara Hall

Friday, December 22

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, December 23

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

6:00pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall

Sunday, December 24

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

1:00pm Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 29

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, December 30

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Sunday, December 31

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

5:00pm Progressive Dinner

8:00pm New Year's Eve Dance with DJ Trav

Monday, January 1, 2024

OFFICE CLOSED



Cowboy Campfire Cookout and Sing-Along

What is it: A gathering of fun people around a campfire, where there will be cowboy/western music played and sung, free food (Hot Dogs and fixings), free dessert (S'mores), maybe some storytelling and who knows what else!

When is it: 6 pm, Saturday, November 18, 2024

Where is it: Park Area Outside Tara Hall

Who is Invited: You Are!

What's better on a cool fall evening than food cooked over a real-live campfire? How about food cooked over a real-live campfire while enjoying and singing along with some good old-fashioned cowboy songs!

For about twenty years, beginning in 1867, Texas ranchers drove their longhorns up the Chisholm Trail, across Oklahoma, and to the rail-heads in Kansas. These cattle drives are legendary and have been the subject of many movies and TV shows. (Anyone remember Rowdy Yates?)

At the end of a long day on the trail, the cowboys would gather around the fire at the chuckwagon to get fed and watered, just like the cattle. If they were lucky, one of their number would pull a guitar out of the chuckwagon and they would sing a few songs about cows, cowboys, horses and the pretty girls waiting for them at the end of the trail.

Well, we don't have a chuckwagon, but we can experience the delight of a good campfire, good food and good music.

We have two guitar pickers (Phil A. and Larry S.) who have volunteered to lead the music; but, anyone who would like to bring an instrument and play is welcome to join in. Also, while everyone can sing along, anyone who would like to sing a solo cowboy song is welcome also.

If you decide to play a guitar, fiddle, ukulele, banjo, harmonica or any other instrument, please let Larry S. know. He will provide you with a copy of the chord sheets for the songs he and Phil have prepared. You are also welcome to bring your own songs and play anything you like.

If a Cowboy Campfire Cookout and Sing-Along sounds like fun to you, it will be! We would like to get an approximate count of how many hot dogs to buy; so, if you plan to attend, please contact either Larry S., Nancy R. or Jean M.



See You There!



This & That

Volunteers Needed!

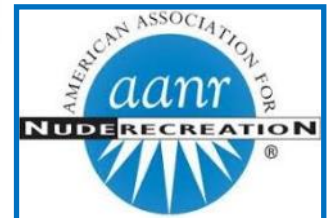
I am looking for Volunteers for this Fall and Winter to help in the kitchen at Margie's Nekkid Café/Tara Hall. We need cooks, someone to take orders and pass out the orders and clean up (we do have a dishwasher in the kitchen).

Kate is cooking the first weekend of each month, JT is cooking the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and Fred has offered to help out also. Jean and I will be helping out also.

Please let me know if you can help out, and remember, you get to eat **FREE**. If you want to cook and have a special breakfast meal you like to cook let me know and I will buy the food you need. Nancy

Happy  Fall  y'all

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, @ 10am @ Tara Hall



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

Eric G
Joe W

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, November 11,
 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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