

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun



The 27th Annual "Bare Buns 5k Fun Run"

Enjoy a rural run through "Star Ranch" in McDade, Texas, 30 minutes east of Austin on US Hwy 290. The course winds its way around pastures and through woodland trails for approximately three kilometers before entering the developed portion of the ranch. The final two kilometers are on the sand and gravel paths connecting the cottages and cabins owned by our members. The race finishes at our gorgeous pool where you can enjoy a light meal off the grill while awaiting race results.

Star Ranch is the premier stop of the 2024 A.A.N.R. Southwest Nude Racing Series and you don't need to have participated in any other race to run here. Our 5k runs are "clothing optional," meaning wear as much or as little as you like.

All runners must be pre-registered. To register go to -

<https://www.starranch.net/star-ranch-5k-races>

At Star Ranch, we pride ourselves on over 65 years of hospitality serving the nudist community of central Texas. Explore the web site (www.starranch.net) for more information on the Ranch and the other activities we host throughout the year.

Parking opens at 9:00 AM – the race starts at **1:00 PM.**

We look forward to seeing you on Race Day!

To volunteer to help on Race Day—[CLICK HERE](#)

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From The President:

I'm excited to share with you all the progress we've been making at Star Ranch over the winter! As I'm sure you've heard by now, the indoor pool and hot tub are back up and running! New steel beams are supporting the roof, foam has helped to stabilize the foundation, and our team has sealed the leaks in the pool itself. Because of the sandy soil, and because the pool is so close to the creek, we'll still need to explore a more permanent solution, but for now...ENJOY!

Next, we turn our attention to the pickleball courts. Thanks to over \$10K in member donations, we won't just simply repaint the existing court, but instead apply a professional surface and use nets approved by the U.S. Pickleball Association. We'll need several days in a row of mild weather conditions, but we feel confident that we'll have two new pickleball courts ready for you this month!

If that's not enough, our rental cabin refresh program has made some wonderful progress! Cabin 1 is looking better than ever! Our "volunteers of the quarter", Tommy S. and superstar work camper Bill M. deserve a lot of the credit for installing a new door and new roof coating. Melissa from the office painted the inside, and our G.M. Linda decorated. Yours truly cleared brush and leaves to tidy up the yard. And we couldn't have done any of this without the help of our great maintenance crew, Mike M., and Bruce R. Truly a team effort! Thank you so much!

Speaking of our maintenance crew, we're excited to announce that we will be adding a new member to the team next month! You will have to remain in suspense about who it is for another week or so. As Star Ranch continues to grow, there seems to be more and more that needs attention. Did you notice that many of the dead trees have been removed from the camping area near the outdoor pool? Thanks, to the maintenance guys! We'll also be adding part-time help in the office, as we return to the 7-day a week schedule this spring.

And with the arrival of spring comes two big, big weekends at Star Ranch. Registrations are pouring in for the Bare Buns 5K on March 23rd, and reservations are filling up quickly for the solar eclipse on April 8th. We need as many volunteers as we can get for both of those events. Please go to www.StarRanch.net and sign up to help for the race. If you are interested in helping with food for the solar eclipse weekend, just notify the office. They will let the food committee know you want to help. To prepare for the season we will have workdays on March 2nd and on March 16th so we look our best for these kickoff events. Workday starts with a free breakfast at 8 am for volunteers. You will also get a free lunch and registered for a drawing for a silver membership at the end of the year. We would love to have you and workday is always fun.

I do want to take a moment to recognize all the hard work that has been done over these past few months by our amazing office staff, Linda and Melissa. For the first

time in recent memory, we are current on our taxes!! And, in spite of the unexpected expense incurred from the indoor pool project, thanks to Linda's conservative financial management, we've been able to accomplish that and more without using our line of credit, all while continuing to pay off our last existing loan which continues to shrink by the month. Special shout-out to our new treasurer, Mary! Thanks to her, our books at Star Ranch are in the best shape that they've been in for many, many years.

Finally, please plan to attend the Sahnoan Council's Straw Poll on Saturday morning, April 6th. This is where you can meet and ask questions of all those running for the Star Ranch Board of Directors. All members can cast a vote in the Straw Poll which helps guide the Council during the Shareholders meeting and Board of Directors election on Saturday, April 27th. Please plan to attend both, if possible. It's very important that your voice be heard and that you are properly represented by the Council. You may need to plan to be here early for that weekend as the traffic for the solar eclipse will be a factor.

With all this activity, it feels like Spring has Sprung and the tiny purple flowers in the back field are proof of the burst of color to come. The weather is beautiful, and things are popping, so come enjoy the Ranch!

Crystal



Board of Directors Candidate Bios

My name is Bart W.

I'm running for another term on the Board of Directors to contribute to the long-term success of Star Ranch.

In the last 2 years, some items of focus for me included:

Listen & actively participate in problem solving.

Contribute to larger projects with my experience in architecture, construction, project management.

Advocate for temporary fix to indoor pool, keeping costs low so good money doesn't go to bad.

Stress the importance of financial information for making good long-term decisions. Call for capital improvement project finances to be tracked separate from maintenance.

Promote the value of an annual budget and tracking financial performance.

Next term, I will:

Advocate for more votes to take place in open session.

Continue to make decisions that support a family environment.

Assist in visualizing and budgeting a new hall and spa.

Experience I have that will make me a good Board member includes owning a small business, and having served on a number of boards and commissions related to my profession.

Skills I would bring to the Board include an understanding of building facilities, an interest in building consensus, even-handed disposition, good listening, organization and drawings to help with building projects. As a Board member I would like to continue to work with others for more efficiency, brainstorm with members about the future of Star, and put in the planning and due diligence to make those future visions a reality. I would like to help prioritize investments that can be made in Ranch assets, like buildings, for long term financial well-being. Working together, great things can be accomplished to build on the current success of the Ranch.

Vote for Bart!

Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Hello everyone my name is Jean Marx. I would like to tell you about myself:

1982 Worked for the RRISD in the administration office, then was a substitute teacher

1984 worked in the Round Rock tax office as secretary to the Chief appraiser

1985 RRISD Chief appraiser transferred to the Williamson County Appraisal District as the Chief Appraiser and I followed him to work for Williamson County in the abstract of title department researching deeds. I then went to the mapping department. •

1986 Finally I had completed all the classes required to be an appraiser. I continued in that department until June of 1989 when I left the district.

1990 My husband and I bought a domestic water well business of which we ran for 24 years until we retired in June of 2014.

We spent 3 years traveling the coast fishing.

When we came to Star Ranch to live I started working in housekeeping, at that time that involved not only cleaning the cabins, cleaning the hall and all the outlying bathrooms and bagging ice. When Ken was GM he asked me to help get the breakfasts started at the Nekkid Parrot. I talked to CM about cooking and she graciously said yes and thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, it was and still is a great success.

I am asking that you let me serve you again on the Board of Directors.
Thank you, Jean Marx

Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Bob Redoutey - Star Ranch Board of Directors Qualifications

My first visit to a nudist Resort was over 40 years ago. We are members of AANR and The Naturist Society since 1980's. Our first visit to Star Ranch was in 1983-84. I was one of the founding members of Hill Country Nudists, a Nudist Travel Club in Austin.

We have visited Bluebonnet, Live Oak, Riverside, Cypress Cove and other Nudist Resorts over the last 40 years. We have traveled with Bare Necessities Tour and Travel in the Caribbean, Alaska, and Europe on 10 Nude Cruises.

We have been Gold Members of Star Ranch for over 20 years. Nancy and I are permanent residents of Star Ranch, and have a new double-wide mobile home at Site G1.

I am the Trustee for the Naturist Amateur Radio Club, headquartered at Star Ranch. The club has members throughout the US and several countries. The club reaches out to other Ham Radio Operators about the Naturist Lifestyle World-wide.

I have been active in the past on the Boards for two Neighborhood Associations, the Williamson County Amateur Radio Club, and appointed by the City of Georgetown for their Transportation Advisory Board.

Nancy and I have been married for 33 years with a daughter and grand-daughter. The grand-daughter has joined us at Star Ranch since she was 2 years old.

Star Ranch Philosophy

We feel that Star Ranch is a wonderful place to live. We have seen many great things progress. The work days have been productive and the ranch has great family feel that Nancy and I thoroughly enjoy. The "clean up" of the ranch has been great, with a lot of the old trailers and cabins removed. We feel that more clean-up of lots needs to take place. I enjoy helping the camp and its residents with projects. I look forward to being on the Board, working with the team in keeping Star Ranch a welcoming Family Oriented Nudist Resort.

Bob Redoutey

MARCH BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, March 15, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Santa Fe Steakhouse, Giddings

[\(click here for map\)](#) from Star Ranch

[\(click here for menu\)](#)



March, April, & May Birthdays

March	
3/3	Brittney H
3/6	Sadelina D
3/8	Amy F
3/8	Ellen M
3/9	Richard M
3/9	Angela S
3/9	Larry C
3/9	Pat L
3/10	Fred B
3/11	Greg C
3/11	Craig McA
3/11	Becky K
3/13	Sarah J
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/13	William B
3/15	Kate M
3/16	Lori M
3/16	Jack W
3/17	Rob F
3/17	Larry S
3/20	Paula L
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/21	Bruce R
3/22	Jesus T
3/29	JoLynn B
3/30	James S

April	
4/1	San Juanita H
4/1	Randy S
4/3	April R
4/3	Alvin J. G. Jr
4/4	Mark W
4/5	Phil C
4/12	Lucienne N
4/12	Pixie McC
4/13	Fred H
4/14	Marta M
4/14	Nancy D
4/15	Ian W
4/18	John S
4/19	Betty N
4/24	Tim S
4/27	Judith M
4/28	David W
4/28	Melissa S
4/29	Roy E
4/30	Len H
4/30	Charles N
4/30	Katharina W

May	
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Brenda B
5/9	Nestor S
5/9	Michelle G
5/10	Bart W
5/10	Mary L
5/11	Ronald C
5/13	Scott B
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Rick C
5/18	Charles L
5/18	Ivan McG
5/19	Patrick T
5/20	Daniel T
5/21	Melanie S
5/24	Ruben J
5/26	David O
5/27	Dave M
5/30	Linda McA

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Monday, March 4 & Tuesday, March 5

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, March 6

12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests

Friday, March 8

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 9

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

1:00pm RC Boat Races

7:00pm The 17th Running at Sahnnoan Downs

8:00pm KARAOKE! - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 10

2:00am Time Change—Spring forward 1 hour

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

Monday, March 11 & Tuesday, March 12

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 15

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner @ Santa Fe Steakhouse, Giddings

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 16

WORK DAY!

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

6:00pm Irish Potluck - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 17

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

10:00am COG Board of Directors

Monday, March 18 & Tuesday, March 19

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 22

6:00pm Swag Bag Fun

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 23

27th Annual Bare Buns 5k Fun Run

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

4:00pm Sand Volleyball

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 24

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

Monday, March 25 & Tuesday, March 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 29

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 30

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

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 31

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

1:00pm Easter Potluck - Tara Hall

Wednesday, April 3

12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests

Friday, April 5

SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 6

SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

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

10:00am Annual Straw Poll voting

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, April 7

SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

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

Monday, April 8

SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

Friday, April 12

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 13

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

10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting

1:00pm Disc Golf and Snacks

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

8:00pm Music & Games

Sunday, April 14

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

Friday, April 19

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 20

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

10:00am COG Board of Directors

5:00pm Decks and Toddies

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, April 21

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

Friday, April 26

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 27

Annual Shareholder's Meeting

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

10:00am Shareholder's Meeting

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, April 28

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

From the Council



February 10th Valentine Dinner-Dance was a hit!! Pete T and his crew out-did themselves with Bone-in Prime Rib and Vegetable Lasagna. A yummy Strawberry Tres Leches cake rounded out the evening's feast. John M provided music for the evening. Congratulations to our Australian visitors, Mick and Cath as they were crowned Star Ranch King and Queen of 2024.



Our SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY brought out fans for both sides with enough tasty snacks even the Iron Chef would have been jealous!

The Sahnoan Downs Races were well attended. The Trifecta was not claimed this week.

Karaoke had a surprise guest – our own Anthony was in for a weekend visit. He, along with 20 other singers kept the party going past midnight.

Saturday, 24 February was our first Make-Your-Own-Pizza Potluck Party and celebration of the indoor pool and hot tub reopening. Brenda and “Dollar Bill” B brought their 3-minute pizza oven and crusts enough for everyone. We had 9 different sauces to start our pizzas and then more than a dozen different toppings to choose from! We also devoured 10 pounds of Mozzarella Cheese!! The Oven did bake the pizza in 3 minutes – like advertised – problem was, we didn't account for the 3 minutes to reheat for the next one. While there was a wait for the oven, it gave everyone time to visit with others, and continue to add toppings before baking. What a conglomerate of pizzas, too – from “just cheese” to “a little bit of everything”. It was the first time I ever saw Ranch Dressing as the Pizza sauce. Waiting around to have a sample of that particular pizza, adding chicken, bacon, and a garlic pepper condiment made it my favorite of the evening. Brenda baked 30 pizzas! The Celebration was a huge success with several requests to repeat the Potluck. . . .with more than one 3-minute oven!!

The month of March 2024 is dedicated to the 5K Race with Work Days on 2nd and 15th with the Race on March 23rd. Still, there are activities to participate in besides work!!!!



March 9th will be our 3rd Remote Control Boat Races at 1PM. Watching our Boat Captains maneuver their boats through the obstacle course is better than a Keystone Cops cartoon!!! Come try your hand, or cheer them on just clap your hands. There will be another running of the Sahnoan Downs Races at 7PM with Karaoke to follow at 8PM. If the weather continues to show Spring-like temps, we might move the activities to the pool!!!



March 16th is a work day and Star Ranch St Patrick's Day festivities with an Irish Potluck at 6PM followed by a DJ Dance!!! Might even have a St Patrick's Hat contest!! **NOTE:** The March Board Meeting has been moved to Sunday, March 17th.

March 23rd is the 5k Race. Please sign up to volunteer!!!!

As Easter is March 31, no activities are scheduled for Saturday, March 30. There will be a Star Ranch Easter Potluck Dinner on Sunday. The Ranch will provide ham.



This & That



Listen to "StarCast", the Official Podcast of the Star Ranch Nudist Club on these podcast platforms



WELCOME
new members

Donita B
David & Elisa M



Sweet and Sour Salmon

4- 6oz salmon fillets
1 teaspoon Adobo seasoning
Cooking spray
1/3 cup honey
1/4 cup Cider vinegar
1/4 cup pineapple juice

1. Sprinkle skinless sides of fish with adobo seasoning. Heat a grill pan over medium heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add fish, seasoned side down, to pan; cook 4 minutes. Spray fish with cooking spray; turn fish over, cook 4 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork or until desired degree of doneness.

2. While fish cooks, combine honey, vinegar and pineapple juice in a small sauce pan over medium high heat; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until sauce is syrupy and reduced to about 1/3 cup. Spoon sauce over fish before serving.

Serves 4 (1 fillet and about 4 teaspoons sauce.)

Per serving: Calories 370, Fat 13g, Protein 36.2g, Carb 24.4g, Fiber 0, Cholesterol 87mg, Iron 0.6 mg, Sodium 440mg

Submitted by Nancy R.

**It's a beautiful life at Star Ranch each
and every day!**

Life's too short, be naked!

Classifieds

2023 Suzuki Boulevard C50T

Cruiser was purchased spring of 2023 and it has been converted to a trike with a Voyager kit. Trike has been updated with Mustang seats. Total miles 211.

Clear title.

Asking \$14,000 obo

Contact Pixie 515-238-8916



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

**REMINDER!
TIME CHANGE IS
MARCH 12 @
2:00AM**



C.O.G. Board of Directors

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

Sahnoan Council

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

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC
Front Office	Melissa S
Maintenance	Mike M
	Bruce R
Housekeeping	Moe V

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, April,
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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