



12th annual Armadillo Shell-less Chili cook-off

The 12th Annual "Shell-less" Armadillo Chili Cook Off will be held on January 28th at the Shuffleboard Court starting at 9 AM with judging at 1:30 PM.

The following rules are for all participants:

We will have fun;

No ingredient may be pre-cooked or treated in anyway prior to the commencement of the official cook off; with the following exceptions: **Canned** tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, beverages, broth, beans, and grinding and mixing of spices;

Meat or meat substitute may be pre-cut or ground but not treated (seasoned in any way);

All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the setup and cooking periods;

You may pre-cook your beans as long as you **DO NOT** add any spices or treatment while they are being cooked;

Each contestant will need to provide their own cookware and heating method for the preparation of the chili;

Each contestant will be responsible for cleaning all of their own cookware and cooking space;

The cooking period will be from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. All samples will be gathered in the same type container (provided by the Sahnoans), No accoutrements will be allowed;

We will have fun, fun, fun.

The chili **MUST** be cooked on-site the day of the cook off, out in the open;

Each contestant will be assigned a number by the scorekeeper and given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of the container is the same number assigned to them;

And, last but not least, we will have fun, fun, fun, fun, fun!!!!



Happy New Year!

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Pie Baking Contest & Auction

Bring pies to the hall by 2:00 PM, judging will begin right after chili judging. Pies must be homemade, crust only can be store bought; recipe must accompany the pie; baker can turn in more than one pie, but can only win one prize. After winners are announced the pies will be auctioned at 5:30 PM by our very own auctioneer with proceeds going to the Tara Hall Makeover Fund.

The pies will be judged on the following criteria:

Appearance: The pie looks so good you can't wait to take a bite. The crust is browned, but not burned; the meringue (if this applies) is fluffy, evenly browned, does not break down or "weep". Fruit is clear and bright in a fruit pie.

Texture: Crust is flaky and tender, but does not fall apart, The filling is firm enough to cut but not stiff and gelatinous; it is smooth and solid, but not stiff. A custard pie has no cracks on the surface. The bottom crust is not soggy or leathery.

Taste: Fruit pies have a bright, clear flavor of the fruit and are not gummy with thickener. The taste of the crust is a complement to the filling and is not overpowering. The taste of the filling is distinctive and delicious and makes you want more!

Presentation: This is obviously the work of a creative genius. You stare in admiration and your mouth waters in anticipation!



Message from COG Operations

The new 60" big screen TV has arrived & it has been installed. Here are some of the upcoming football games we are hoping to have members & visitors watch with us: January 7 & 8—NFL wildcard playoffs, January 14 & 15—NFL Divisional Playoffs, January 22, Championship Playoffs.

Gail is planning on making some food items available.

Come & enjoy!

The Light Show: A Whole New Definition of Talent

Folks familiar with the New Testament parable of the three servants who were given "talents" will remember that varying amounts of talents were entrusted to the men. A "talent" was about 2,000 pieces of silver---no small amount, and certainly enough to invest in a growth opportunity. Two servants did well, one did not.

Bringing this metaphor forward to today, people are endowed with talents, usually according to their ability to manifest them. Medical practitioners have healing in their hands; accountants ("bean counters") have elevated computational skills; craftsmen can use their hands to build new edifices, etc.

Being a visionary and making that vision come to life is certainly a talent, especially if it involves incorporating both music and lights. Our T.C. and Lori C. have invested their talents (and considerable personal expense) over the past five years in our annual Christmas Lights Show to a degree that makes us lesser-endowed dreamers gape in wonderment.

Hear what our visitors have had to say:

"It's too good to miss."

"The synchronization of music and lights is superb---almost unbelievable."

"I've never seen anything like it. We'll be back!"

"How long does it take to set this up?"

Even normally-blase' teenagers have said "Thank You" to our hosts.

Since the show runs about an hour, two-hour visits are not unusual. One can watch the show over and over, and like magic tricks or trying to solve a mystery play or book before their conclusion, it's easier just to stop asking "How do they do that?" and simply be spellbound by all the phenomena which make up a 175,000 light, musical Fantasy Land .

Clearly, T.C. and Lori have "grown" the talents given to them, and the returns have multiplied many times over for the benefit and enjoyment of all who see the Show.

And finally, there was this exchange in the refreshment booth between Dina P. and a young boy who was carrying his empty cup:

Boy: I want you to know that this is the best hot chocolate I've ever had.

Dina: It's made by Santa Claus just for us in North Pole, Alaska so we can have it here.

Boy: Do you expect me to believe that? I'm NOT three years old.

(For more pictures from the 2011 Sound and Light Show, visit our website: star-ranch.net)



Volunteers Needed!!

The 5K Bare Buns Run is set for Saturday, April 14th and we are in need of volunteers for registration, water stands, flaggers and kitchen.

Please let the office know if you are interested in helping.



The purpose of AANR-SW is to protect, publicize, and promote the practice of social nudism in a wholesome, family environment, and at resorts and clubs chartered by the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and at such other places where social nudism is legal under all city, state, and federal laws.

To promote family nudism through education, and give service and advice to newly formed social clubs and groups and others who are planning to start such a club, to give assistance to affiliated parks and other such places legalized to practice nudism.

Football Weekends

Kitchen will be open for big screen football games on January 7, 8, 14, 15 and 22nd. Everything will be cooked to order but not all will be on every menu. The following will be available for purchase:

- Hamburger
- Grilled Chicken
- Breast Sandwich
- Pizza
- French Fries
- Nachos
- Hot Wings





JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10 AM Polar Bare Plunge 1 PM Potluck BIG Screen Parades & NFL Football <i>Dallas vs NY</i>	2 5PM BCS Rose Bowl 7:30 PM BCS Fiesta Bowl	3 7:30 PM BCS Sugar Bowl	4 7:30 PM BCS Orange Bowl	5	6 7 PM Tile Rummy	7 NFL Playoffs AFC Wild Card NFC Wild Card
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15 NFL Playoffs AFC Divisional NFC Divisional	16 6:30 PM Marketing Meeting	17	18	19	20 7PM Cartoons & a Movie "The Incredibles"	21 10 AM Board Meeting 2 PM Council Meeting \$10 Gate Fee
22 NFL Playoffs AFC Championship \$10 Gate Fee	23	24	25	26	27 7 PM Murder Mystery Dinner by the "Barely Acceptable Players"	28 9 AM "Shell-less" Chili Cook Off 2 PM Pie Baking Contest 5:30 PM Pie Auction 6 PM Leftover Chili Potluck 7 PM Bingo
29	30	31				

February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7 PM Cartoons & a Movie	4
5 Super Bowl Party in Tara Hall	6 6:30 PM Marketing Mtg.	7	8 6:30 PM Monthly Potluck	9	10 7 PM Scrabble	11 6 PM 5 Course Sweethearts Dinner to 1st 30 reservations 8 PM Valentines Day Dance
12	13		15	16	17 7 PM Tile Rummy	18 10 AM Board Mtg 2 PM Council Mtg \$10 Gate Fee
19 \$10 Gate Fee	20	21	22	23	24	25 Work Day
26	27	28	29			

Yummy Cookie Contest

Tis the reason for the season— Sahnoan Annual Cookie Contest!

We had 14 different yummy entries: pumpkin cookies-Rod M, peanut butter munches-David H, lemon kisses-Lorie C, rum balls-Gail P, black-berry thumbprints-Lorie C, oatmeal surprise-Marty C, White chips & million-aire shortbread-Jeanie O.



Judges had a sweet time tasting, judging, tasting more.

Our winners were 1st place Lorie C for the lemon kisses, 2nd place Gail P for the rum balls, 3rd place Abigail P for the chocolate chip cookies.

Thanks to both judges and bakers for such a tasty turn out.



"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other"
~Author Unknown



Brrrrrrrrrr

Sweetheart's Dinner and Dance

*February 11th is the Adults Only Sweetheart Dinner
Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 PM*

First 30 reservations accepted, cost of \$15.00 per person

Shrimp Cocktail

Potato Soup

Caesar Salad

Shrimp Scampi with Fettucini and Vegetable

Garlic Bread

Chocolate Lava Cake

(Dance following at 8 PM)

Council Corner

As we come to the end of the year we would like thank each and every member, visitor & guest for your efforts that made this one of the best years ever; the growth of the club is a reflection of all the little (and BIG) things each & every one of you have contributed, and from what we appear to have scheduled for 2012 the new year will be even better. Again, our thanks for all you have done.

We would also like to ask everyone to review the rules & guidelines we have to make the club safer, more attractive, & help keep us inline with state regulations. Included are some of the following:

- 1) State laws prohibits food, drink & smoking in the pools; as a result, we ask that all food, drink & smoking be kept 5 feet away from the edge of the pools & hot tub.
- 2) Although the burn ban in Bastrop County has been lifted please observe the Star Ranch posted restrictions on fires, grills, lanterns, smoking, etc., that you see or obtain from the office. There is still a lot of dead wood & flammable material about the grounds.
- 3) Please keep all glass containers & utensils out of the pool areas, and out of Tara Hall. Exceptions are made for Star Ranch sanctioned events.
- 4) Please use koozies or some other materials (socks, towels, paper towels, etc.) around containers of alcoholic beverages.
- 5) While the roads & paths around Star Ranch are open for public use we ask that you not approach cabins, trailers or camp sites of members, visitors or guests unless invited. Please be polite & give these sites as wide a berth as possible.

We look forward to another great year, so come help us start it out with our first Murder Mystery Dinner on Jan 27th & on the 28th our annual Armadillo "Shell-less" Chili Cook-off & our annual Pie Baking Contest and Auction.

Employee of the Year

“Dina P.”

For Making the
Biggest Change &
Improvements
Towards
Customer Satisfaction
in C.O.G. Operations



Employee of the Year
2011

The award says it all! She has done a great job and is a joy to work with. Be sure to congratulate Dina when you see her.

*The Sahnoans Star Ranch ...
Stand Not Between Me and the Sun ...*

Annual Christmas Light Site Contest

Amidst the revelry of Christmas Eve we, once again, conducted our site lighting contest. We had a "light" showing this year but the sights judged were enjoyable. The winners this year were:
1st place; Susie V with her explosion of pink & piggies
2nd place; Ed & Marty C with an abundance of seasons cheer
3rd place to Dan & Gayla our winter Texans visiting from Kansas.
A special thanks goes out to our secret judging committee who was assisted by a visiting first timer to Star Ranch. We look forward to next year.
p.s. No T.C., you can't enter your light show next year either.

Star Ranch & HCN Present A Murder Mystery Dinner Jan 27th



In the local café of an 1890's western town, near the railroad station a group of people will convene to set in motion events leading to intrigue, mystery, and murder.

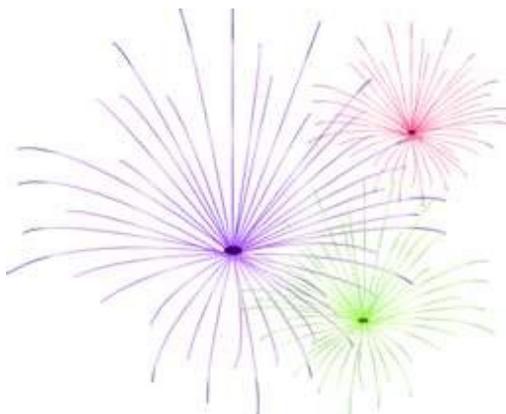
A "federal marshal" brought in to investigate the case will ask the audience - in table groups - to decide who's the guilty party, and write a few words about "why" they think so, after which the case will

be resolved.

A spaghetti dinner will be served (for a nominal fee) to complete/compliment the evening.

January Birthdays:

Scooter C	1/2
Martha H	1/2
Lorraine R	1/6
Phil A	1/7
Bryan D	1/10
DA G	1/18
Thomas M	1/18
Hal D	1/22



February Birthdays:

Debra L	2/1
Andrew R	2/7
Celeste D	2/10
Suzanne B	2/12
Brian K	2/13
Dylan L	2/17
Trudy M	2/18
Donna M	2/18
Josh A	2/20
Ray A	2/21
Matthew D	2/23
Kathy Riley	2/24
Melody T	2/29



Nudists' Bill of Rights

As law-abiding citizens who are friends of nudism, including many members of the American Association for Nude Recreation, we proudly affirm that we have and are entitled to exercise the following rights. These are self-evident and based on the Constitutions of the United States and Canada, the laws of those countries, and their court rulings.

1. Nudists have the right to hold their values and beliefs.
2. Nudists have the right to petition and be heard by their governments.
3. Nudists have the right to responsibly enjoy nudity within their homes and on private property.
4. Nudists have the right to exercise decision-making in the upbringing of their families in a manner consistent with their beliefs and without interference from others.
5. Nudists have the right to assemble in the nude within appropriate settings.
6. Nudists have the right to decisions about what constitutes acceptable nudity to be made free from considerations of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.
7. Nudists have the right to responsibly enjoy being nude within appropriate locations on public lands.
8. Nudists have the right to be free from adverse actions by their employers as a result of their lawful enjoyment of nudity when away from work.
9. Nudists have the right to experience accurate, life-affirming portrayals of the human body in all its stages as depicted in the performing arts, the fine arts, literature, and human history.
10. Nudists have the right to be treated as law-abiding citizens.

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Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Exchange: Not Hard to Swallow

Saturday, December 17 was the annual Star Ranch Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Exchange. A crowd even larger than last year's party was on hand. As always, there were many tasty dishes just *begging* to be chomped, munched, savored, slurped and swallowed. By the time everyone had been through the line, the remains looked like a \$5 All You Can Eat Buffet after a group of Baptist Preachers had descended on it.

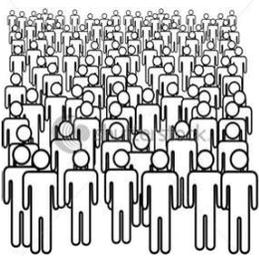
Santa made his appearance right on time after the dinner. The fur-trimmed red suit always seems to fit Santa differently each year, but one thing that doesn't change is his hearty Ho Ho Ho, as well as the children's delight upon seeing him.

After seeing some of the high double-digit toy prices advertised on TV, it is refreshing to know that the old basics of candy canes, etc. are received by the little ones with timeless joy.

Over the years the Gift Exchange has evolved from being strictly a White Elephant event to one where the items' blister packs and shrink wrap are still in place, suggesting that someone actually went out and bought a new gift for the occasion. Anything with the UT logo was stolen the maximum three times, and several new items found their way under the tree this year: decorative (Lone) Stars, a nice large serving platter, a box of pistachios, a Kahlua package, and small appliances like a George Forman grill. The usual emergency kits for cars and assorted other tools were a perennial favorite too. Speculation always exists about which gift can't *possibly* be stolen (much like the Dallas Cowboys helmet/ice bucket some years ago), and Whoops! there it goes.

The cliché "A good time was had by all" has never appeared in this newsletter. Until now.

Stockholder's Meeting Just Around the Corner!



The Board of Directors are requesting that anyone interested in serving on the Board turn in their "mini-bio" along with answers to the following questions as soon as possible:

What skills do you possess that would help you in the position of a member of the Board of Directors of C.O.G., Inc.?

What would be your top three priorities for C.O.G., Inc. as a member of the Board of Directors?

Please list in your "mini-bio" your past positions and skills.

Mini-bio's will be placed in the next *Sahnoan Star*.

There will be 2 vacancies to fill.

2012 RESOLUTIONS

We find ourselves at the beginning of another year. We were blessed directly with avoiding wildfire impact this past year, although several of our members were personally impacted. We have also recently been blessed with some nice quenching rain showers to remediate some of the devastating drought we have been experiencing. We are still in a drought situation and must not become complacent with that. Thinking ahead on water conservation measures now will prevent loss in the next round of summer heat.

It is a good time of year to sit down with your family and plan for the upcoming year. Planning ahead for emergencies of all sorts is a prudent thing to do. Thinking ahead on your site hygiene is also a smart idea. There are measures to put in effect to reduce fire dangers, which are still our highest probable incident. It is also important to have on hand supplies to deal with utility losses as well. You do not realize how dependent on electricity and water you are until it is not flowing.

I urge you to walk the property and find all the emergency exits. There are three designated fire exits posted by signs around the property, as well as an adjunct emergency exit through the neighbor's pasture. Become familiar with all alternate routes through the grounds in the event one pass is blocked. Make it a family game and involve the kids.

I will be posting fire prevention and safety tips from time to time and I welcome any suggestions and feedback. Let us make 2012 a safe and happy one!

Lynn D lynn@indigocenter.com

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Deadlines are the 25th day of the month prior to each publication. Want Ads are also welcomed and will be posted in the Sahnoan Star for a maximum of 90 days. If you would like to place a Want Ad, please write it and submit it via mail, fax or email. Business Ads are accepted at the price of \$25.00 per month.

Items available for purchase when the Nekkid Café is closed:

Pizzas	\$3.00
Hot Pockets	\$1.50
Beef Stew	\$3.00
Ravioli	\$3.00

Don't forget to shut off water when you leave your cabin. A hard freeze could cause your lines to break. If you can't shut it off please contact the office and Maintenance will be happy to take care of it for you.

Council Meetings:
January 21st
February 18th

Board Meetings:
January 21st
February 18th

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Star Ranch Office has the following items for sale:

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Hand Lotion
Razors
Shaving Cream
Sunscreen
Deodorant
Flash Lights
Koozies
Mugs
Tumblers
Sarongs
T-shirts
Visors

REMINDER

As of December 1, 2011 late fees are \$25 if your invoice is not paid by the 25th of the month.



The Indigo Center

Massage Therapy



Find peaceful refuge amongst the cedars.
Ease sore muscles and evaporate stress.
Call for your appointment now!

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