

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*

## MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS (continued on page 2)

Crystal M



I have been a nudist since high school. My boyfriend at the time (now husband Mark) convinced me to go to "The Well" in Canyon City, Colorado. He thought it would be fun. I was not so sure, but on my first visit the family atmosphere and welcoming environment convinced me that nothing should stand between me and the sun, and that nudists are the friendliest people anywhere. We started coming to Star Ranch in 1992 shortly after moving to Austin and became members in 1998. We belonged to Mountain Air Ranch in Denver in the late 1980s, and for the past 10 years have been members and condo owners at Mira Vista Resort in Tucson, AZ (because it was not hot enough for us here!). For a short time, I worked for Bare Necessities Tour and Travel and helped to launch the nude cruising business. Through Bare Necessities, Mark and I have traveled to many beautiful places as nude cruisers and have developed lifelong friendships with many nudists across the country. We also convinced a few Star Ranchers that nude cruising is fun! My favorite trips were to Tahiti (twice) and a sailing tour of Greece with an added land tour of Turkey. I have been a nurse for 39 years and counting. I love my profession and am trying to improve the world by turning out highly skilled nurse graduates. When I am not working I love to travel and a beautiful beach is my favorite getaway. I am also a full-time doggie mom to Zoey, who you may have seen doing her favorite thing, riding in the golf cart around the ranch. I am looking forward to serving as a Board Member and hope to continue in the spirit of keeping our little jewel in the country a safe, fun and family friendly place where nobody is a stranger, just a friend we haven't met yet

# Happy Labor Day

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at 10:00am. Pool Pavilion**

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## MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS continued

Mark B



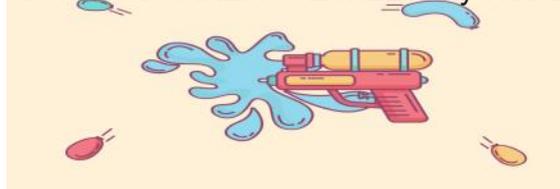
I have been an occasional participant in nude social recreation for most of my adult life. In 2016, I decided to make it more than an 'occasional' pastime and began looking for a landed club to further explore the lifestyle. I found both Star Ranch in Texas and Glen Eden in California to be comfortable and welcoming. After deciding to stay in Texas rather than relocating permanently to the Los Angeles area (a very easy decision) I decided to make Star Ranch my home for the foreseeable future. I have three daughters between the ages of 17 and 22, I am currently single (but dating), and I currently work as a motion picture producer for a law firm with their principle offices in Houston Texas. (you can find out more about that on my profile on IMDB.com). I am a full time resident at "The Ranch". I am honored to have been selected to represent you on the Board of Directors. I will promise you that I will not make all of you happy all of the time, but I hope that you feel like you can talk to me about the issues that are important to you and that I will listen to you and give your input serious consideration.

## **MEMBERS-ONLY WEEKEND**

**No visitors, that's right, members-only allowed. Mark your calendars for our first ever Members-Only Weekend celebration. September 25-27 are the dates. We will have an anniversary cake (63 candles), ice cream and some other treats. Come join us at the Nekkid Parrot. And, of course, let there be games!!!**



## "SUPER SOAKER ICE MELT" by Rob D.



August 15<sup>th</sup>, Star Ranch introduced a new game called "Super Soaker Ice Melt". \$50 in cash was frozen into a block of ice. Participants lined up in two lines, one line in charge of Super Soaker water guns, and the other side had possession of a block of ice containing the cash. The one side soaked the ice block held by a member of the other side. Once the soaker was empty, the participants changed and another person held the ice while a second soaker was handed to the next person in line to go to work trying to liberate the cash. This went on until the can with the money fell out of the block of ice. Mark D. and Marvin K. were the two who liberated the money and won the game, splitting the \$50 prize money. Was a new tradition born at the ranch? Time will tell as all seemed to really enjoy the new game!

## Paul & Jeanie Oldmixon: Generosity, Stability, Humility

By  
David P.

August 15, 2020 was a special day at Star Ranch. Long-time residents Paul & Jeanie were feted and publicly acknowledged for their years of service.



Though opening another chapter in their lives away from the Ranch, we couldn't let them get away without, at the very least, honoring their many contributions to Star Ranch. Members alluded to three legacies Paul and Jeanie leave:

**Generosity:** Paul has been a top bidder at pie and cake auctions, which included buying several pastries at each event. One of these was always shared with others at the event. They donated their Gator to Maintenance, and likely were contributors when needed.

**Stability.** It was during their seven-year tenure that the dark cloud of mysterious Council membership was dispelled. There was a time 20+ years ago when it was not known who was on the Council, or how one was chosen to serve. Or for how long. Paul & Jeanie worked tirelessly to facilitate the unprecedented and periodic open election of Council members by the Sahnoans. Their action opened previously-darkened doors, embodying the Sahnoan motto: "Stand not between me and the sun."



**Humility.** They would never tell you what they had done, or what form an unsolicited gesture of support took. A desired enhancement might suddenly appear, but it never had their name on it.

The PUBLIC venue where Paul has been visible is the Petanque courts.

Besides guiding players through the baffling world of double elimination, he also consistently and unerringly served as Judge Of Whose Bocce Ball Was Closer To The Little Red Ball---yet never spilling a drop of beer while assuming Judging Position. In honor of his total dedication to the game, he received a modest "Petanque Master" trophy, and as a lasting tribute, the courts are now named "Oldmixon Petanque Courts."

We old-timers and newcomers stand on the shoulders of those whose dedication may have been forgotten during our 60+ years of operation. A plaque here, a street there, but what counts most is that Paul & Jeanie can stand proudly with a relatively few selected Sahnoans in our past, and they can say, "OK; Now it's your turn to carry the torch."



# Star Ranch Council, What's That?

By Rob D.

This article is for directed towards new members, and is also a refresher course for long-time members.

What is the composition and purpose of the Star Ranch council? The council is elected by the full membership (as opposed to shareholders— if you don't know about what it means to be a shareholder, no fear, that is the subject of a future article). To be elected to the council, one must be a gold member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. A member may not serve on the council if their spouse or significant other member is serving on the Board. Each elected term on the Council board is two years in duration.

The Council is comprised of five couple/pair members, four of which may be consist of individuals.

Your current council members are:

Pete T. (Individual)  
Lisa T. (Individual)  
Linda & Craig Mc. (Pair)  
Deborah V. & Tim (Pair)  
Rob & Marietta D. (Pair)  
Vacant - 2 positions

The primary functions of the council include:

1. Review applications and approve potential members to be interviewed for membership.
2. Conduct the membership interview and approve or deny membership.
3. Review membership on a periodic basis to ensure members remain in good standing (example: pay their Star Ranch bills in a timely manner). In extreme cases, revoke membership for those not in good standing.
4. Review all incident reports (sometimes called complaints) and interview involved parties. Take appropriate action based on objective facts. For extreme cases, determine whether complaints warrant revocation of membership.
5. Seek input from members and plan events. Seek member involvement to run the events. The council members are not responsible for staffing and running all events. It takes a Star Ranch village of volunteers to do this!
6. In conjunction with the Board, monitor Star Ranch rule compliance and address any incidents of non-compliance.
7. One member of the council sits in on all board meetings to represent the membership and to serve as a liaison between Board and Council. The two groups have to be working in close coordination to ensure member needs are met and the property and structures support those needs. Star Ranch is a big sandbox and we jointly strive to provide a good atmosphere for all of us to enjoy nudism.
8. Have you noticed how many times the word "member" or a derivation of the word has been used? To sum things up, the Council is responsible for membership!
9. Finally, the Council holds voting rights to 101 of the 200 Star Council of Olympus Gymnosophical (COG) / Star Ranch shares available. The issue of shares, shareholders, and how all of that works will be addressed next month in an article titled: "What the heck is COG?"

# BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN:

TIME:

**Monthly birthday dinners are suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.**



## September, October & November Birthdays

9/1	Jordan S
9/5	Paul O
9/5	Mark W
9/6	Jennifer H
9/6	Crystal W
9/10	Kimberly (Kim) D
9/10	Mark B
9/12	Slyater S
9/13	Dina P
9/15	Craig B
9/17	Ron E
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/21	Brandi T
9/25	Mike W
9/28	Pat W
9/30	Robert (Bob) R

10/2	Luke T
10/6	Jeanie O
10/7	Cody H
10/8	Bill G
10/9	Tyler C
10/14	Lottie H
10/17	Gregory (Greg) S
10/19	Heather K
10/19	Ethel M
10/21	Rodney (Rod) Mc
10/24	Robert (Rob) D
10/27	Kathy J
10/29	Charlotte M
10/29	Ronald F
10/29	Steve O
10/29	Jason A

11/1	Diane H
11/1	Russell S
11/2	Judy L
11/3	Dominique D
11/3	Kirby G
11/3	Mike K
11/4	Carolyn C
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Pexie D
11/12	Lynn D
11/15	Kathryn Mc
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	James L
11/25	Ann D
11/25	David/ R
11/26	Colton H
11/27	Bill H
11/30	David P

## COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

**\*\*\*ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\***

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

<b>Friday, September 4</b>	
6:00pm Labor Day weekend Kick-off appetizers	
<b>Saturday, September 5</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
9:00am Petanque Tournament	
10:00am Board Games	
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament	
1:00pm Lunch at the pool	
2:00pm Board Games	
3:00pm Washers Tournament	
6:00pm Labor Day Burgers at the Pool	
7:00pm Sand Volleyball Tournament @ the courts	
8:00pm DJ Heather @ Nekkid Parrot	
<b>Sunday, September 6</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
9:00am Petanque Tournament	
10:00am Board Games	
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament	
1:00pm Lunch at the pool	
2:00pm Board Games	
3:00pm Washers Tournament	
6:00pm Open Grill at the pool - bring your own meat to grill and a side to share	
<b>Monday, September 7</b>	
8:30am Coffee at the pool	
<b>Saturday, September 12</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
<b>Sunday, September 13</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
<b>Saturday, September 19</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
10:00am BOD Meeting	
12:00pm Sand Volleyball	
<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	
8:30a Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
<b>Friday, September 25</b>	<b>Members-only Weekend</b>
6:00pm Pool Toddy Stroll	
<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	<b>Members-only Weekend</b>
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	
9:00am Petanque	
11:00am Super Soaker	
12:00pm Water Volleyball	
3:00pm Washers	
6:00pm 6pm BBQ Chicken/Sausage Dinner bring sides to share	
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>	<b>Members-only Weekend</b>
All Day Star-cation	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe'	

<b>Saturday, October 3</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe
<b>Sunday, October 4</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe
<b>Saturday, October 10</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe
<b>Sunday, October 11</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe
<b>Saturday, October 17</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe 10:00am BOD Meeting
<b>Sunday, October 18</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe
<b>Saturday, October 24</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe 10:00am Council Meeting
<b>Sunday, October 25</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe
<b>Saturday, October 31</b> 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot Cafe 6:00pm Halloween Party

**A Quick Note from the Council...**

Hello Everyone!

Summer is in full swing and we have been enjoying it here at The Ranch.

We have had consistent flow of visitors (within the restrictions) and are still following social distancing, disinfecting areas when leaving, and avoiding shared touching such as no 2pm Snacks at the pool on Saturdays and Servers at potlucks.

Things have certainly been different this year, but we have not let it stop us from having a great summer.

This was a busy weekend for membership interviews. We have 7 new members: Randy and Viki Dunlop, Curtis and Paula Tisdell, Patrick Lacombe, and Bill and Linda Blakely. We still have two interviews to schedule. Please make them feel at home when you see them around the Ranch.

The Council has scheduled Events through October and they are on the Event Calendar.

Also, please note the monthly Council meetings have moved from the 3rd Sundays to the 4th Saturdays. We will not have a formal meeting in September, it has been removed from the Events Calendar.

Lisa T

**C.O.G. Board of Directors**

President	Mike W
Vice President	Wanda H
	Mark B
	Ivan Mc
	Crystal M
Treasurer	Gary H
Corp. Secretary	Linda M

**Sahnoan Council**

Pete & Lisa T  
Craig & Linda Mc  
Deborah V & Tim S  
Rob & Marietta D

**Star Ranch Staff**

General Manager	Ken W
Treasurer	Gary H
Front Office	Carla W
	Linda M
Maintenance	Mike M
Housekeeping	Jean M
	Kerry A

**August Volunteer of the Month**

*Bruce R*

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 your are either a member of the club or you have opt-ed-in on our website. Please let us know of you do not wish to receive future editions.

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

**The next Council meeting is  
scheduled for Saturday,  
October 24th at 10:00am.**

**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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.