

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

From the President:

We are barreling into the summer season, and I am very excited to enjoy the parties, parades and color that come with it! I wanted to again, express my gratitude to all who have cheerfully stepped up to help in ways big and small this month. I want to send out a special thank you to Larry and Melissa S. for pulling off another very successful silent auction and yard sale. Each raised more than \$1000! Thank you to Steve O., who cut down the giant satellite dish at Ernie's old place. He did this on short notice when he was very busy working on his fence. Thank you to CM for working hard to get Smash Daddies here for the holiday weekend! I was so happy that nobody had to volunteer to cook and clean up when we had so many other activities going on! Thank you to the Council for amping up the fun factor over the holiday weekend. I heard so many positive comments and there were several new member applications as result.

Thank you to Linda M. and Melissa S. for working long days and hours to keep everything going at the office. We are looking forward to the arrival of Kel T., our new business manger to ensure there is coverage so that Linda and Melissa can have some overdue time off. We have a new housekeeper, Kiara. If you see her, please make her feel welcome!

The AANR SW convention will be happening June 9th through the 12th. If you are an AANR member, please plan to attend. They need at least 100 members to be there or have submitted proxies or they are not able to conduct business. Please turn out to support their work representing us at the national level.

Please keep your ideas, concerns and suggestions coming. All are welcome and help to keep the Star Ranch train on the track and moving forward.

Crystal W.

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Memorial Day Weekend Tournament Games Results

Petanque – Saturday (4 Teams)		Water Volleyball - Saturday (5 Teams)	
1 st Place	Alvin G & Niki A	1 st Place	2 nd Place
2 nd Place	Sandy C & Barbara K	Chris A	Ron H
		Dylan L	Kim D
Petanque – Sunday (4 Individual)		Michelle G	Kate M
1 st Place	Alvin G	Ray M	Mike K
2 nd Place	Marvin K	Jamie M	Phil C
Pickleball - Saturday (4 Teams)		Bill B	Mitch L
1 st Place	Scott C & Steve T		
2 nd Place	Kim D & Tommy C		
No Pickleball on Sunday			
Washers - Saturday (11 Teams)			
1 st Place	Steve C & Mike H		
2 nd Place	Jean M & Jim P		
Washers - Sunday (11 Teams)		Water Volleyball - Sunday (4 Teams)	
1 st Place	Hugo B & Jason A	1 st Place	2 nd Place
2 nd Place	Ilse B & Jody J	Bill B	"Book Man"
Corn Hole - Saturday (5 Teams)		Mark S	Chris A
1 st Place	Alvin G & Phil C	Tara V	Dina P
2 nd Place	Byron M & Don H	Teresa S	James S
		Adam W	Kim D
Corn Hole – Sunday (4 Teams)		Sandi S	Byron M
1 st Place	Byron M & Mitch L		
2 nd Place	Teresa S & Charles N		



McDade Watermelon Festival

One of the few things in McDade that has a longer history than Star Ranch is the McDade Watermelon Festival. For 74 years, our little slice of Texas has been celebrating its watermelon growing heritage. On the second Saturday of July - this year that is July 9th - we will once again join that celebration. Star Ranch volunteers proudly donate our time to staff the Watermelon Festival beer booth. We sell beer, sometimes other alcoholic beverages, sometimes soft drinks and sometimes whatever needs to be sold.

It's a great opportunity to reinforce to the McDade community that we are active members of that community, we are "regular" people, despite what they might think of our clothing choices, and that we enjoy helping the community have a good time while raising a bit of cash for the local schools.

Larry Silvey is our representative in this effort. He coordinates our work with the Watermelon Festival staff, helps set up the booth, totes beer and ice for the coolers, recruits volunteers and generally does what any good go-fer would do.

If you are interested in volunteering for this fun day, there is no formal sign-up sheet, no number to call, no contact to be made. Go to the Watermelon Festival, find the beer booth, tell Larry you want to help, and go to work! You can work an hour or two, half a day, all day, or however long you like. Your compensation will be the same!

Sometime between now and then, you might mention to Larry that you plan to be there. That helps him get a count of how many volunteers to expect. You'll meet a lot of new people, get to know your Star Ranch neighbors, and have a lot of fun.

See you there!

Larry S.



This & That

Star Ranch Has Everything!

By Larry S.

Even a black-bellied whistling duck ... in a tree!

Nope, your eyes are not playing tricks on you. That is a black-bellied whistling duck, sitting in a tree by our back porch.

Melissa was sitting on the porch, early one morning, working her daily sudoku puzzle (which, I have to admit, she is much faster at than I am), and, lo and behold she sees this duck, in a tree. That can't be normal. No one has ever seen a duck in a tree before, right? Fortunately, she knew that none of us would believe her if she didn't take a picture. And there it is.



We all know that if you hang around Star Ranch long enough, you can hear just about anything. Now we suspect you can see just about anything, too!

But ... a duck ... in a tree? Go figure.

Council Elections were held on June 4. New additions are Mike & Jennifer, and John M. Incumbents elected were Mark & Sandi S, and CM J. Rounding out the Council are Bob & Nancy R, Mark D, and Deborah V.

From the Council:

All of May Activities were well attended and some even found they had hidden talents for painting, making Margarita's, and homemade salsas!

Our most heartfelt "Thank you" to everyone who helped make our Memorial Day Weekend such a huge success – from Friday night Wine and Cheese to Monday Memorial Day Tribute! We had 28 different singers at Karaoke Saturday night, too. Our Food Vendor, Smash Daddies, was a "smash" with mouth-watering aromas of Smash Burgers, Dirty Dogs, Queso Covered Fries, and delicious onion rings wafted across the pool area in the afternoons!!! We hope to have them back soon! (Our game winners are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

Special Thank You to Ivan and Judy McG for managing the Petanque Tournament over Memorial Day Weekend!

Another noteworthy addition for Memorial Day Activities were the signs outlining the schedule for the weekend! Shout out to Chris A and Sandi S for sharing their artistic talents!! Lots of compliments from folks saying they were a welcome addition.

June is going to be another fun-filled month. Wine & Cheese Friday nights at 7PM, and Snacks at the Pool every Saturday at 2PM.

We are celebrating all graduations on June 11th. Along with Snacks at the Pool, bring your Yearbook to share your accomplishments at 2PM. There will be a Sock Hop DJ Dance at 8PM. AANR-SW will be here this weekend for their annual meeting. There will be Petanque, Water Volleyball, and Washer contests, too.

Our abbreviated BBQ Contest will be on June 18th to celebrate Father's Day. It is open to all meats. Bring your entries to the Nekkid Parrot at 5PM for judging. Immediately following the judging, there will be a Pot Luck to go along with the BBQ entries. For fun-and-games, please bring a picture of a young you and your father (in a protective cover) to the Snacks at the Pool – we will try to match the photos to the owners. Again, we will have a DJ Dance at 8PM.

On June 25th, we will have a Pickleball Contest starting a 9AM. Maybe some Jungle Ball games in the afternoon. Karaoke at 8PM.

Thank everyone – again – for providing the Council with your ideas for activities and participating in the planned events. We are here to support our membership and help make spending time at Star Ranch exciting and/or relaxing.

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

JUNE BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, June 17, 2022

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TBD



June, July & August Birthdays

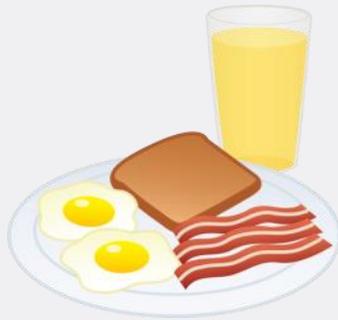
June	
6/1	Larry T
6/1	Sandi S
6/1	Nathan B
6/2	Anthony M
6/3	Deborah V
6/7	Tara V
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Debbie J
6/18	Heather C
6/19	Marietta D
6/20	David T
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Jody J
6/28	Chris A
6/29	Dan A

July	
7/1	Mark S
7/1	Susie V
7/4	David S
7/4	Scott T
7/5	Sandra C
7/7	Richard T
7/7	Jim P
7/7	Shala S
7/8	John S
7/10	Melody T
7/11	Marv K
7/12	Melissa A
7/15	Jana F
7/17	Jim A
7/17	Angie R
7/22	Dick L
7/23	DAVID McG
7/24	Lorena M
7/25	John M
7/26	Abegail M
7/27	Gary A
7/29	Megan S
7/31	Sierran S

August	
8/1	Catherine W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	Cm J
8/2	Gary H
8/4	Stephen C
8/5	Jonathan T
8/5	Barb S
8/6	Joe R
8/7	Jennifer M
8/7	Christina T
8/8	Eduardo G
8/11	William B
8/13	Robert N
8/23	Earl H
8/24	Mike M
8/24	Ardeth S
8/31	Genie C
8/31	Myrl F. S

Tidbits

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



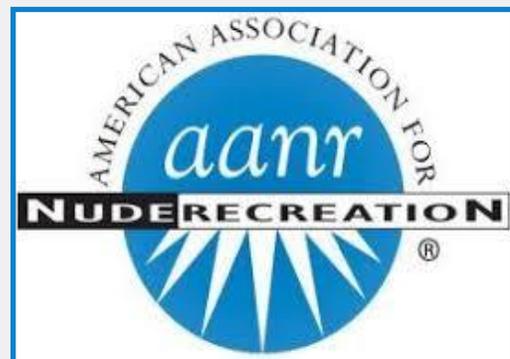
Are you an early riser on Saturdays or Sundays? Why not volunteer at the Nekkid Parrot serving or preparing breakfast! It's a great way to get to know everyone.

We are looking for volunteers for Saturday and/or Sunday each weekend. If interested, please text Kate at 512-550-0601.

AANR SW will be holding its annual meeting this week at Star Ranch, June 10-12.



WELCOME
new members



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](#)

<p>Thursday, June 9 AANR-SW Convention</p>	
<p>Friday, June 10 AANR-SW Convention 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social</p>	
<p>Saturday, June 11 AANR-SW Convention</p>	
<p>GRADUATION DAY! 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool</p>	<p>6:00pm Potluck 7:00pm Yearbooks and Stories 8:00pm Sock Hop Dance with DJ Heavenly Heather</p>
<p>Sunday, June 12 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Sahnnoan Council Meeting</p>	
<p>Friday, June 17 6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social</p>	
<p>Saturday, June 18</p>	
<p>8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 2:00pm BBQ Contest</p>	<p>5:00pm BBQ Contest Judging 6:00pm BBQ Potluck 7:00pm Can you tell who's the Dad? 8:00pm DJ Dance with DJ Diver Dave!</p>
<p>Sunday, June 19 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot</p>	
<p>Friday, June 24 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social</p>	
<p>Saturday, June 25</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Pickleball 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 8:00pm KARAOKE @ the pool with KJ CM!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p>Sunday, June 26 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot</p>	
<p>Friday, July 1 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social 7:00pm Roast & Toast</p>	
<p>Saturday, July 2 JULY 4 WEEKEND</p>	
<p>8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am Petanque 9:00am Pickleball 12:00pm Water Volleyball</p>	<p>2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 3:00pm Washers 6:00pm Cornhole Contest 7:00pm Sand Volleyball 8:00pm DJ Dance with DJ Trav!</p>

Sunday, July 3 JULY 4 WEEKEND	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am Petanque 9:00am Pickleball 12:00pm Water Volleyball 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool	3:00pm Washers 6:00pm Cornhole Contest 7:00pm Sand Volleyball 8:00pm DJ Dance with DJ Mike Love
Monday, July 4 JULY 4 WEEKEND	
Friday, July 8 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, July 9 INTERNATIONAL SKINNY DIPPING DAY MCDADE WATERMELON FESTIVAL 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 5:00pm AANR Celebratory Photo!	
Sunday, July 10 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting	
Friday, July 15 6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 2:00pm Homemade Ice Cream Contest @ the pool
Saturday, July 16	
Sunday, July 17 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
Friday, July 22 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, July 23	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 8:00pm DJ Dance with DJ Diver Dave
Sunday, July 24 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29 Christian Naturist Retreat	
Friday, July 29 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, July 30	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 12:00pm Frozen T-Shirt Contest @ the pool 12:00pm Super Soaker Contest @ the pool	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 8:00pm KARAOKE with KJ CM
Sunday, July 31 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	

Mark's Musings

To Badge or not to Badge

By Mark S.

In business, we have a need to acquire and keep customers. In school they hammer this point home. Never take a customer for granted. Never assume that customer cannot go elsewhere. As such, we are taught to be very paranoid and protective of our customers. I have a great customer service experience I would like to share as an example. I found myself in the dentist chair. I was there to have a temporary crown taken off and a permanent crown placed. I am numb with my feet in the air watching the television on the ceiling. My dentist comes in and says "Mark, we have a problem. The shop I have make my crowns mailed me an empty box. I am not sure why or how this happened but I can assure you I am accountable and I will be implementing an inspection process when all crowns arrive moving forward. I cannot afford to needlessly waste your time and I apologize. I am sorry but there is nothing I can do for you today." I reacted with "it is not if a problem will arise but when. You have taken responsibility, I am good. Call me when you are ready to do this again." A week goes by, I get a call to come back. He places the crown but more importantly wanted me to see the signed check list he developed to ensure each crown was in fact packed in the box when it arrives. He has earned my business forever. He took responsibility, he implemented a policy to solve the problem and owned it from start to finish.

This mindset of constantly trying to get better fills my head almost daily. I am forever asking members, guests and visitors what they think about Star Ranch and how we compare to other facilities and resorts. I am essentially a walking survey. I am paranoid about not seeing the issue that drives customers away. If they are willing to take the time to tell us, we need to listen.

The folks I talk too are generally very open and seemingly honest about their feelings and opinions. However, some seek to avoid conflict and or worry about offending me and tell me how wonderful they think Star is or how much they enjoy our slice of heaven.

I talked to a gentleman recently who was not all smiles and sunshine. He told me he had visited 8 other resorts. I thought to myself, I need some time with this guy. I asked how we compare to others. He said he really liked Star Ranch except for one thing. The visitors badge. He continued by commenting he is already the outsider and now you brand me with the scarlet letter type badge. I explained the visitor's badge is a communication tool to tell the members that you are not a regular and encourage the team to be polite and friendly. His response: yes, I get it, that is a positive. But please realize, it cuts both ways. From my perspective, the badge sucks. We agreed to disagree about the badge.

I am not advocating we get rid of visitor badges but we must be mindful of our customers. We must be honest with ourselves about our strengths and weaknesses. What can we do to continue to evolve and attract customers for life? I believe Star to be the oldest club in Texas, that does not ensure our survival. What can we do to improve our customer experience? By customers I mean: visitors, members and residents.

C.O.G. Board of Directors

President Crystal W
 Vice President Ronnie B
 Directors: Jamie M
 Gary H
 Bart W
 Treasurer David M

Sahnoan Council

Deborah V
 Mark D
 Bob & Nancy R
 CM J
 Mark & Sandi S
 Mike W & Jennifer M
 John M

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC
Business Manager	Kel T
Front Office	Melissa S
Maintenance	Patrick L
	Nick
Housekeeping	Kiara

Thoughts
 Rod Mc,
 Pat W,

And Debbie J,
 Gary H

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 Sunday, June 12, at 10:00am.

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.