

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

MUDBUGS, ZYDECO, AND RUN FOR THE ROSES

by Mike W

Clouds all day, but the activities made the day shine this past weekend! This day was also special because we were celebrating two BIG days – Cinco de Mayo and the 150th Running of the Kentucky Derby, won this year by Mystik Dan in a photo finish!

Kate’s crew was up early whipping out their usual fine breakfast, while almost breaking a record for a “nothing” weekend.

At noon we played the always exciting Mexican Bingo. Thanks to Dave McG for subbing as the game caller until Deborah V could return from her newest race in Bastrop.

At 2PM snacks arrived, along with our two billed drink contests – Margaritas (for Cinco) and Mint Juleps (for the Derby). Unfortunately, the fans of the Derby drink failed to make a showing, so we only had the three margaritas to sample. Sandi S won first place, while Pete T took second.

A prime draw for the weekend was a Crawfish Boil, organized by Brad F. His crew began setting up out in the tent-camping area. We’re talking multiple burners under large pots and a couple of actual cookers made just for these events.

But first we had a parade of hats, as the Derby Hat Contest took place under the pavilion. Entrants paraded back and forth for viewing by the crowd. Jo-Lynn took first place and Jamie M received the second-place prize.

Just after 5pm the dinner bell rang and over forty folks began getting their platters of crawfish, potatoes, corn, garlic, sausage, and/or shrimp. Brad estimates that around 40 pounds was left at the end, but no one could take another bite. It was quite the feast. He says it will return next year. Make your plans!

DJ Mike Love wrapped up the night with the most eclectic all requests playlist ever heard, due to lots of visitors requesting songs not heard at a Star dance. It was a great way to end a very different day...

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Mark Your Calendars for these Big Up-Coming Events

Pickleball 101 Clinic - May 18th, 3PM

GARAGE SALE/ YARD SALE - MAY 25TH

Council Elections - June 1

July 4th - 7/6

AANR-SW Convention - 6/21-23

Watermelon Festival - 7/13

CHRISTIAN NUDISTS GATHERING - 7/19-21

Parrothead Weekend - 8/9-11

LABOR DAY WEEKEND - 8/30-9/2

67th Anniversary Weekend - 9/20-22

Chilly Cheeks 5K Race - 10/5

Print this and post it on your frig!

Message from the President

Thank you to all who turned out for the Board Election. Jean M. and Bart W. were re-elected to their positions. I wanted to say thank you to all the candidates for being willing to serve. I also want to thank the membership for their confidence in the Board. At the Shareholders meeting I gave a State of the Ranch summary. I was encouraged to put this list in the newsletter so everyone can see what has been accomplished in the last 3 years with this current Board. This is by no means a comprehensive list. So many issues are dealt with on a day-to-day basis that it is hard to track the everyday activities that keep the Ranch looking sharp. These are the major undertakings that require planning, funds and/or volunteers to accomplish.

2022

- Rental/lease rate increase
- Cabin 3 rehab
- New gas grill at pavilion
- Karaoke system purchase
- Numerous electrical repairs by a winter Texas who is an electrician
- Firewise status secured
- New GM hired
- Roof on Slim Gym replaced – thanks to Bob and Nancy
- Playground equipment repaired and repainted -thanks to Pete
- Found a scrap metal vendor who comes 2-3 times a year
- Had food vendors out for large weekends
- Podcasts started
- Policies updated and published
- Office building loan paid off
- Electrical upgrade for Pines started
- AANR SW summer and winter conferences host
- Indoor pool beautification – thanks Kate
- New package shed – thanks to Larry and Melissa
- Consolidation loan down to \$98,500
- New AED purchased

2023

- New pool umbrellas
- New bedspreads, sheets and towels
- Mattress replacement started
- New computers for office
- Cabin 5 renovation completed
- Cabin 6 renovation completed
- Cabin 7 renovation completed
- Reduced cost for pool maintenance by half by hiring a service
- Ernie's mobile home removed
- Single wide at Q-10 removed
- New leases implemented

- Gravel for RV pads
- Tractor barn completed
- Pool bathroom septic tank replaced
- Dead trees in Pines removed
- Improvements to fire horn systems
- HVAC in office replaced
- 10 new picnic tables
- Gate controller replaced
- AANR SW summer and winter conferences host
- Applied and approved for ERC funds
- Consolidation loan down to \$79,000

2024

- New treasurer doing review of books with reconciliation
- Indoor pool and hot tub repairs
- Taxes all current
- AANR SW summer conference host
- \$7,800 funds raised with cruise silent auction
- Re-established \$65,000 line of credit
- New linens and mattresses for rental cabins
- Cabin 1 renovation
- Slim Gym renovation
- Pickleball court resurfacing and fencing – thanks to donors, and project managers - Mark M and Larry S
- Handicapped accessible parking at Tara Hall - thank you, anonymous donor
- U-12 rehab or remove
- C-2 removal
- Consolidation loan down to \$44,129

With the consolidation loan getting into the payoff range, our efforts are turning towards some larger capital improvement projects. We are seeking input into what the membership would like to see happening in the next 2 years. One big ticket item is a new hall. If you have thoughts or ideas as to what that should include, please let your Board representatives know. As always, we will keep up with the everyday things, but are working towards a future that is bright for Star Ranch!

Crystal





STAR RANCH GOLF CART RODEO

News FLASH!

Yeehaw! Time is getting near. It's almost here. It's the Star Ranch Golf Cart Rodeo Series. The first rodeo of the series of four will be Memorial Day weekend

Starting time - Sunday May 26th, 2024 2 PM. All events will start at or around Tara Hall. Registration is at 9am in Tara Hall. Must bring your golf cart for inspection.

The three events will be posted on Updates, and, if extra equipment is needed for the events, there will be enough notice so you should have the equipment.

We will keep you updated. The events will be coming out in the next Update so you can prepare yourself for the events.

If you were going to run the circuit, you have to use the same golf cart for all events and your copilot has to be the same for all events.

Winners on the prize stand will receive a champion golf cart towel for overall, and first place towels for each event. Awards will be given at the pool Sunday evening.

A first-place win at any of the three qualifying rodeos earns you a place in the finals, Rodeo Four, which is by invitation only.

Look forward to seeing y'all. Get your spurs up. Get your ropes ready. It's time to have fun! Please watch for future posts regarding events in the next Update.

Next time, see ya!!!

Dave

APRIL BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, May 17, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TBD



May, June, & July Birthdays

May	
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Brenda B
5/9	Michelle G
5/9	Nestor S
5/10	Mary L
5/10	Bart W
5/11	Ronald C
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Rick C
5/18	Charles L
5/18	Ivan Mc
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 Mc

June	
6/1	Nathan B
6/1	Sandi S
6/1	Larry T
6/2	Anthony M
6/3	Deborah V
6/5	Juan H
6/7	Tara V
6/8	June F
6/8	Sylvia G
6/8	Timothy R
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Debby J
6/18	Sonia T
6/19	Marietta D
6/20	David T
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Jody J
6/27	Gail P
6/28	Chris A
6/28	Stephen T
6/30	Derek A

July	
7/1	Sean J
7/1	Mark S
7/1	Susie V
7/4	David S
7/4	Scott T
7/5	Sandra C
7/7	Shala S
7/7	Richard T
7/8	John S
7/9	Kenneth S
7/10	Melody T
7/11	Marvin K
7/15	Jana F
7/15	Linda G
7/15	Tommy S
7/17	Angie R
7/23	Deidra F
7/23	David Mc
7/25	John M
7/28	Thomas P
7/29	Megan S

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Friday, May 10

7:00pm Meet & Greet **BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE**

Saturday, May 11

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	9:00am Work Project - Cleanup & U12
10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting	2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.
3:00pm Molcky	7:00pm The 19th Running at Sahnoan Downs
8:00pm Karaoke w/KJs CM & Jody	

Sunday, May 12

MOTHER'S DAY Moms eat free!

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, May 17

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner location TBD

7:00pm Meet & Greet **BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE**

Saturday, May 18

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am COG Board of Directors
12:00pm Pickup game - Molcky	2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.
3:00pm Pickleball 101 Clinic	6:00pm Pickup game - Cornhole
8:00pm DJ Dance	

Sunday, May 19

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, May 24

7:00pm Meet & Greet **BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE**

Saturday, May 25

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

GARAGE SALE

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am Petanque
10:00am Indoor Games	12:00pm Water Volleyball
2:00pm Indoor Games	2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.
4:00pm Washers	6:00pm Food Truck(s) - TBD
7:00pm Sand Volleyball	8:00pm Karaoke w/KJ Captain Jack

Sunday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	9:00am Pickleball
12:00pm Water Volleyball	12:45pm Indy 500 viewing party
2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.	2:00pm Cart Rodeo - Series 1 of 4
4:00pm Cornhole	5:00pm Cart Wash
7:00pm Sand Volleyball	8:00pm DJ Dance @ the Pavilion

Monday, May 27

MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 26		MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	9:00am Pickleball		
12:00pm Water Volleyball	12:45pm Indy 500 viewing party		
2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.	2:00pm Cart Rodeo - Series 1 of 4		
4:00pm Cornhole	5:00pm Cart Wash		
7:00pm Sand Volleyball	8:00pm DJ Dance @ the Pavilion		
Monday, May 27		MEMORIAL DAY	
Friday, May 31		7:00pm Meet & Greet BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
Saturday, June 1		COUNCIL ELECTIONS	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am Sahnoan Council Elections		
12:00pm Jungle ball	2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.		
3:00pm Blind Volleyball	6:00pm Open Grill - BYOF		
8:00pm Sock Hop			
Sunday, June 2		8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Wednesday, June 5		12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
Friday, June 7		7:00pm Meet & Greet BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
Saturday, June 8			
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting		
2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.	3:00pm Molcky		
7:00pm The 20th Running at Sahnoan Downs	8:00pm Karaoke w/KJs CM & Jody		
Sunday, June 9		8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Friday, June 14		7:00pm Meet & Greet BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
Saturday, June 15			
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am COG Board of Directors		
2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.	8:00pm DJ Dance		
Sunday, June 16		FATHER'S DAY Dads eat free!	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot			

Thursday, June 20		AANR-SW Convention	
Friday, June 21		AANR-SW Convention	
9:00am AANR-SW Convention Meetings 6:00pm Birthdays Dinner LOCATION TBD 7:00pm Meet & Greet BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE			
Saturday, June 22		AANR-SW Convention	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	9:00am AANR-SW Convention Meetings		
2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.	6:00pm AANR-SW Dinner		
8:00pm Karaoke w/KJ Captain Jack			
Sunday, June 23		AANR-SW Convention	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot			
Friday, June 28		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
7:00pm Meet & Greet			
Saturday, June 29		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.			
Sunday, June 30		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm Classic Country Dance			
Wednesday, July 3		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests			
Friday, July 5		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
7:00pm Meet & Greet			
Saturday, July 6		4th of July Weekend	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.		
3:00pm Golf cart parade/cart judging	6:00pm Open Grill - BYOF		
8:00pm DJ Dance			
Sunday, July 7		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot			
Friday, July 12		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	
7:00pm Meet & Greet			
Saturday, July 13		BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE	

Sunday, July 14 **Christian Naturist Retreat July 14 – July 19**

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, July 19 **Christian Naturist Retreat**

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner

location TBD

7:00pm Meet & Greet

BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE

Saturday, July 20

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am COG Board of Directors
1:00pm Super Soaker game	2:00pm Snacks @ Pool Bring your favorite snacks to share.
3:00pm Frozen t-shirt	8:00pm DJ Dance

Sunday, July 21

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, July 26

7:00pm Meet & Greet

BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE

Saturday, July 27

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Snacks @ Pool

Bring your favorite snacks to share.

8:00pm Karaoke w/KJ Captain Jack

Sunday, July 28

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot



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



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RULES

Just a reminder -

No smoking or vaping inside the pool fence.

Council Elections are Saturday, June 1, 10am at Tara Hall.

There are two position slots in the running.

Mike W and Jennifer M are seeking re-election for the one Couples spot.

The other individuals spot is vacant due to CM and John M not seeking re-election.

REMEMBER—ANY MEMBER CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.



Mark's Musings

Mud Bugs

We have all seen the excitement on newbies faces when they realize a place like Star Ranch actually exists. Few have embraced our heaven on earth like a member from Louisiana. He and his wife first appeared on the scene with us midyear of 2023. Since then, they have provided us with a Gumbo weekend, A Mardi Gras Party and this past weekend a Crawfish Boil. When we say crawfish boil, we are talking about 200lbs of crawfish, shrimp, sausage, corn, mushrooms, potatoes, and beer.

This boil actually started weeks ago when Linda green lighted the concept and agreed to bill members through the office. This is not a small task. Linda M came down personally to ensure the books were handled properly. This was much appreciated.

I received a text from this member last Sunday telling me he was working on a Sunday, so that he could take Thursday and Friday off. Thursday and Friday were needed to pick up the crawfish and make the drive to Star Friday afternoon. How many of us would give up a Sunday so that we can provide our friends with a meal?

The mud bugs were picked up after a two-hour round-trip drive from his house. Crawfish were packed in ice, so the thought was that all was as it should be. Friday afternoon they start the drive over to Star. Fifty miles into the trip, the sun burns through the clouds and now the temp is approaching 90 degrees. Time to stop for more ice. Crawfish repacked in ice and back on the road. They arrived at Star about 7:30PM after not stopping for anything but ice.

Saturday morning was decision time as to where we set up. This being crawfish, anything inside is out. The Parrot is also out, as we didn't want to have breakfasts tasting like crawfish for the next month. We settle on the area between the tent camping area and the pool. We drag several picnic tables over for seating purposes. We grab Donna Kay's cooker and Ronnie pulls up with his cooker.

As is typically the case, Star came out in force. Mike and Jennifer, Pete and Lisa, Pat and Michelle, Donna Kay and Gail P all worked their tails off. Set up, cooking and clean up could not have happened without the entire team. A special mention to Mark W/ Crystal and Melody who cleaned the leftover crawfish (estimated at 40 pounds) to the point of dripping sweat. I am certain they spent well over an hour cleaning the uneaten crawfish, to be frozen for a meal this fall.

Mark's Musings

Mike W worked all day (with Jennifer as POCs) and volunteered to take the bio waste to the back property line. I was so relieved he did that; thank you Mike. You see it is one thing to cook and eat. It is just as critical to clean up. Our friend from Louisiana is not an amateur. He had checked with the office and learned the dumpster would not be emptied until midweek. As such, we separated the bio waste and took it out back.

At one point, we were down to three bags of ice left in club's ice freezer. I mentioned it to Gail and asked her to please see what she could do about getting more bagged. An hour later, it was full. Thank you, Gail, and whoever assisted with the effort.

In business, we have a concept called servant leadership. The easiest way to explain it is an upside-down org chart. Traditionally, entry level is at the bottom and leadership is at the top. In a servant leader setting these roles are reversed. An example is rebranding the receptionist or phone operator the director of first impressions. No one has a bigger impact on customer relations than the director of first impressions. Our friend from Louisiana lives the servant leadership approach. No one worked harder and longer than he did Saturday.

While we did not have a formal "who can eat the most mud bugs contest", it was agreed that Danielle took the prize. You go Girl!!!!

Turnout was solid; the membership seemed to enjoy the event. Thank you to all who supported this function by spending your hard-earned money for a meal. Look for a repeat this time next year.

Mark S



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
Saturday, May 18, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**



C.O.G. Board of Directors

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

Sahnoan Council

Deborah V
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John M
Pete T & David McG
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Tim V
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*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 your 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, May 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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