

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*

*Join Us Next Weekend  
for Parrothead Weekend*

*Water Volleyball*

*Frozen Drink Contest*

**Snacks @ Pool**

*Parrothead  
Hat Contest*

*Parrot on Your  
Shoulder Contest*

*Cheeseburgers in Paradise  
Potluck @ Nekkid Parrot*

*Parrothead  
Shirt Contest*

**Karaoke with KJs CM & Jody**

*The 22nd Running of  
Sahnoan Downs, at the  
Pavilion*

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## President's Message

Well, we had another serious lightning hit that took out a number of electronics along Eely Rd. and fried the front gate again. Our gate has taken a number of hits and we always struggle to get parts and get it repaired. We have decided to seek out a local vendor and have the gate worked on to improve its ability to survive lightning strikes and to have access to a repair team that can help us with issues that arise. Thank you for your patience as we get this fixed.

I wanted to say thank you to all of those who showed up to help paint the hall last weekend. A small but dedicated group of people cleaned the hall and moved all the stuff out to be ready to paint. That took working every day for 5 days just to empty out the space. The painting took 2 days, with Pete tackling the ceiling trusses that nobody wanted to do on the second day. As with all things at Star Ranch, it takes people to get these major tasks accomplished. I feel so grateful that we have so many folks who show up to work. I am looking forward to all the fall and winter celebrations in the refurbished hall!

We are finding issues with the floor. The Sahnoan concrete is so soft that when the floor company started grinding the surface, it started coming apart. They had to reduce the grinding grit significantly to not tear it out. They also discovered the floor is holding so much moisture that we will have to put in a vapor barrier which is costing an extra \$4,000. Putting in the barrier will allow us to take advantage of the lifetime guarantee so we are moving forward with that. We will be selective about what goes back into the space once the floor has cured. We want it to feel less cluttered and maximize our use of the space.

The cooler temps in July had the benefit of lowering the temperature of the pool water. That has been a wonderful reprieve from the bath water temps earlier this summer. Come enjoy it while it lasts! The rains also brought a lot of mushrooms sprouting up all over the camp. They are fun to look at! The tree work continues here. Slowly but surely, we are getting the worst of the damage taken care of.

I can't believe we are already into August. I hope to see you all by the pool for all the events that are coming up. The weather will be warm and the sorbet is cold! Come and enjoy!

Crystal



The Sealer doing its job...

# **Mark Your Calendars for these Big Up-Coming Events**

**PARROTHEAD WEEKEND - 8/9-11**

***Labor Day Weekend - 8/30-9/2***

***67th Anniversary Weekend - 9/20-22***

**Chilly Cheeks 5K Race - 10/5**

**1st Annual Doubles  
Pickleball Tournament—10/19**

**Print this and post it on your frig!**





**Are you interested in running our fall 5K?**

**Chilly Cheeks registration is now open:**

**[Click Here to Register](#)**

## New Fire Horns Tower Installed

After months of planning and engineering, along with acquiring parts and material, this 40 foot tower donated by Bob R has been successfully raised and made operational. The second horn is installed on top and is working.

The relocation of the original horn, from the laundry room roof peak facing the hall, is the next step in the project.

With the horns above the rooflines the horn signals will be heard louder at longer distances. Next week during the monthly siren/horn tests, several soundings will be made to get readings on actual improvements versus the planned and perceived improvements.

If you'll be on the ranch next Wednesday, August 7 @ 12 noon, we'll invite you to partake in the tests from your Star Ranch location via Telegram.



Star Ranch crew lending a helping hand selling beer at the McDade Watermelon Festival. Funds raised go to McDade ISD. Thanks to everyone that volunteered.

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tournament Results

Saturday July 6, 2024

## Petanque

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alvin G., Dan

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tim, Bill

## Water Volleyball

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jordan P., Isabelle W., Randy Y., Russell S., Charlie B., David O.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Travis L., Henry F., James S., Guy F., Anthony M., Kim D.

## Washers

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Linda G., Tim R.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Anthony M, Mike Ke

## Pickleball

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Steve C., Mark S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Teresa R., Mike Ke.

## Cornhole

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Don H., Heather M.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dan H., Jason M.

## Golf Cart Decoration

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Barbara & Paul S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Phyllis & Arman

## Ice Cream Contest

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pete T.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nancy R.

**Congratulations to all of our winners!!!**

# STAR RANCH GOLF CART RODEO

How do you do, Sahnoans at Star Ranch? I tell you what it's getting hotter out now we're in 100 and it's summertime.

May I tell you what that last rodeo we had was a knee slapper. It was a good one. There's some great competition between pilots and co-pilots. I'll tell you what, they're brave people.

Here is the winners from the last rodeo, which is round up number two as follows:

Poker Run -

I'll tell you what that was a nail biter for 20 minutes. Winner which took all 20 minutes to figure out the clues.- **Alvin and Scott**

NOTE- ALL events must hold to the Star Ranch speed limit of 10 mph if on a road. No exceptions. You will be disqualified from the rodeo and could be asked to leave. On to a happier note!

Pole Bending -

This was a straight course with poles with an agility, of a Jackalope in the finesse of a carpet mouse. Winners of this event were: **Pete and Lisa**, Congratulations!

If you remember, there was a gentleman that fell out. I'm sorry was flung out of his cart. He hung on the wheel in his copilot, pulled him in by his ankles in the last rodeo Congratulations **Pete and Lisa**.

Barrel Racing -

Barrel racing barrel wing, but it is with a twist. The copilot had all to do with it. The driver can drive a barrel with a steering wheel that goes to **Mike and Linda G**. Congratulations.

That's our winners for the last rodeo. All the winners from the last two rodeos now have an invitation to round up number four. Just a reminder round up number four is by invitation, gotta win an event to go to the invitation round up

There is two wild cards that will be from the "pot". People that did not win an event that makes it fun. I'll tell you what, they're gonna go out there like a ball of fire.

We're about done with the summer so the last rodeo is going to be Labor Day weekend on Sunday, time and events will come out the weekly updates.

It's more exciting as we go. We got round up number three which is anyone can enter and the events get more difficult. I'm excited about round number three, it's gonna be a blast.

I will know in the next week or so I've been called up, possibly up to the higher hierarchy rodeoism to commission the national PBR. It's an honor, if I can do it and if I do, I have my stand in my copilot boots will be sitting for me on this rodeo. I think I will be there, but we'll see you guys Labor Day weekend. Stay cool now, the pools refreshing. Let's rodeo!

Commissioner, Hunter Houston

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, August 16, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:00pm  
**WHERE:** Sante Fe' Steakhouse, Giddings



# August, September & October Birthdays

| August |             |
|--------|-------------|
| 8/1    | Cat W       |
| 8/1    | Phyllis Z   |
| 8/2    | CM J        |
| 8/4    | Vicky I     |
| 8/4    | Stephen C   |
| 8/5    | David M     |
| 8/5    | Jonathan T  |
| 8/5    | Barbara K   |
| 8/6    | Melissa C   |
| 8/6    | Joe R       |
| 8/7    | Howard D    |
| 8/7    | Christina T |
| 8/7    | Jennifer M  |
| 8/9    | Deborah B   |
| 8/10   | Mary Anne G |
| 8/11   | Bill B      |
| 8/13   | Beverly C   |
| 8/13   | Robert N    |
| 8/14   | Timothy V   |
| 8/21   | Don G       |
| 8/23   | Earl H      |
| 8/24   | Ardeth S    |
| 8/24   | Mike M      |
| 8/25   | "Mo" V      |
| 8/31   | Genie C     |

| September |            |
|-----------|------------|
| 9/5       | Paul O     |
| 9/6       | Crystal W  |
| 9/8       | "Ernie" M  |
| 9/8       | Shelly L   |
| 9/9       | Belinda A  |
| 9/10      | Kim D      |
| 9/10      | Mark B     |
| 9/12      | "Felix" M  |
| 9/13      | Dina P     |
| 9/15      | Craig B    |
| 9/16      | Thomas L   |
| 9/17      | Ron E      |
| 9/18      | Charlene P |
| 9/18      | Jamie M    |
| 9/19      | Joe W      |
| 9/21      | Brandi T   |
| 9/25      | Mike W     |
| 9/26      | Cathy M    |
| 9/28      | Pat W      |
| 9/30      | Kent S     |
| 9/30      | Robert R   |

| October |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 10/3    | Cynthia M   |
| 10/3    | Glenn G     |
| 10/7    | Donna B     |
| 10/7    | Cody H      |
| 10/8    | Stephanie M |
| 10/8    | Catherine N |
| 10/8    | Bill G      |
| 10/10   | Brad F      |
| 10/14   | Michelle L  |
| 10/14   | Lottie H    |
| 10/15   | Teresa R    |
| 10/15   | Laura G     |
| 10/17   | Gregory S   |
| 10/18   | Patrick L   |
| 10/19   | Ethel M     |
| 10/19   | Heather K   |
| 10/24   | Robert D    |
| 10/26   | Mike G      |
| 10/29   | Charles Y   |
| 10/29   | Jason A     |
| 10/29   | Steve O     |
| 10/29   | Ronald F    |

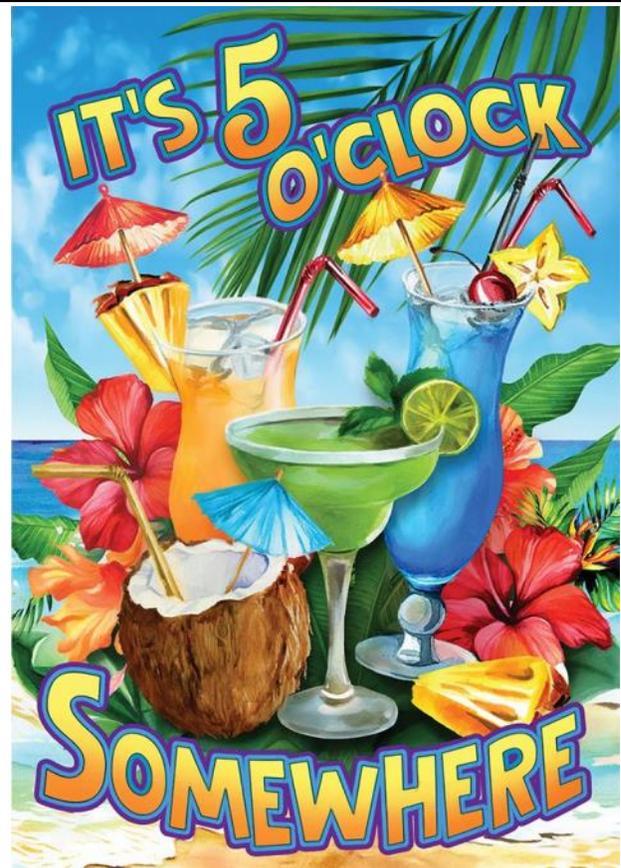
# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

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|---|---|
| <b>Wednesday, August 7</b><br>12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests   | <b>Friday, August 30</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet   |
| <b>Friday, August 9</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet  | <b>Saturday, August 31</b><br><b>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>9:00am Petanque<br>10:00am Indoor Games in Tara Hall<br>12:00pm MIDNIGHT SMOKERS!<br>12:00pm Water Volleyball<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Washers<br>6:00pm Cornhole<br>7:00pm Sand Volleyball<br>8:00pm DJ Dance |
| <b>Saturday, August 10</b><br><b>PARROTHEAD WEEKEND</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>11:00am Water Volleyball<br>1:00pm Parrothead Hat Contest<br>2:00pm Frozen Drink Contest @ the pool<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Parrot on Your Shoulder Contest<br>4:00pm Parrothead Shirt Contest<br>6:00pm Cheeseburgers in Paradise Potluck @ Parrot<br>7:00pm The 22nd Running at Sahnoan Downs<br>8:00pm Parrothead Karaoke w/KJs CM & Jody |   |
| <b>Sunday, August 11</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  | <b>Sunday, September 1</b><br><b>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>9:00am Pickleball<br>10:00am Golf Cart Rodeo - Part 3<br>12:00pm Water Volleyball<br>2:00pm Indoor Games in Tara Hall<br>7:00pm Sand Volleyball<br>8:00pm Music @ the pool  |
| <b>Friday, August 16</b><br>6:00pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner<br>7:00pm Meet & Greet   |   |
| <b>Saturday, August 17</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>10:00am COG Board of Directors<br>1:00pm Frozen t-shirt contest<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>4:00pm Washers<br>8:00pm DJ Dance  | <b>Monday, September 2</b><br><b>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, August 18</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  | <b>Wednesday, September 4</b><br>12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests  |
| <b>Friday, August 23</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet   | <b>Friday, September 6</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet   |
| <b>Saturday, August 24</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>9:00am Pickleball<br>10:00am Rock Painting<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Water Volleyball<br>8:00pm KARAOKE w/ KJ Captain Jack  | <b>Saturday, September 7</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>10:00am Scavenger Hunt<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Water Volleyball<br>6:00pm Open Grill - BYOF<br>8:00pm DJ Dance  |
| <b>Sunday, August 25</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  | <b>Sunday, September 8</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  |
|   | <b>Friday, September 13</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet  |

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| <b>Saturday, September 14</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Molkky<br>7:00pm The 23rd Running at Sahnoan Downs<br>8:00pm Karaoke w/ KJs CM & Jody   |
| <b>Sunday, September 15</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  |
| <b>Friday, September 20</b><br>6:00pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner<br>7:00pm Meet & Greet   |
| <b>Saturday, September 21</b><br><b>ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>9:00am Pickleball<br>10:00am COG Board of Directors<br>12:00pm Water Volleyball<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Washers<br>5:00pm Anniversary Picture @ Pool<br>6:00pm Anniversary Potluck<br>7:00pm Sand Volleyball<br>8:00pm DJ Dance w/ DJ Mike Love |
| <b>Sunday, September 22</b><br><b>ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  |
| <b>Friday, September 27</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet   |
| <b>Saturday, September 28</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>10:00am Rock Painting<br>10:00am Pickleball<br>1:00pm Disc Golf Tournament @ Rob's<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool<br>3:00pm Cornhole<br>8:00pm KARAOKE w/ KJ Captain Jack  |
| <b>Sunday, September 29</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot  |
| <b>Wednesday, October 2</b><br>12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests   |
| <b>Friday, October 4</b><br>7:00pm Meet & Greet  |
| <b>Saturday, October 5</b><br><b>CHILLY CHEEKS 5k</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot<br>2:00pm Snacks @ Pool  |
| <b>Sunday, October 6</b><br>8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot   |



*Contest rules will be published prior to the weekend.*

*Potluck sign-up link will be available on Monday, August 5th.*

*Contact Jennifer M. with questions about Parrothead Weekend.*

*“If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.”*

*~ Jimmy Buffett*

# This & That

## RULES

Just a reminder -  
No smoking or vaping inside the pool fence.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, August 17, @ 10am @ Tara Hall

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



**WELCOME**  
new members



# Mark's Musings

## Club House

I was in the pool last week when Pete T approached me: "Hey Mark, are ya'll around next weekend?". Of course, we are here every week. Pete tells me that he has volunteered to paint the hall and would like some help. Pete needs help, I am in. Then I start to ponder the situation. Pete, we are only removing furniture on Saturday, when are we painting? Pete informs me that we need to be done by Monday as that is when the flooring crew will arrive. My response: We are painting that entire building in two days? In classic Pete style, I am working on a crew.

As the week moves along, I am seeing posts on Telegram about furniture being moved out, trim being taped off and supplies being purchased and delivered. I am beginning to think, maybe this will not be two days of a total beat down. As any project manager will tell you, success is about inertia. If A, B and C are already done, suddenly item D doesn't seem like such a big deal. As an example: Think about that time your buddy needed help moving. You get over there at the scheduled time and realize nothing is packed, nothing is disassembled and you have a total of two humans on the crew. Total beat down.

Fast forward to Saturday morning and after enjoying our free breakfast, Sandi and I head to the club house about 8:50AM. Interestingly enough, no one is there. By 9:00AM we had a crew of 12 folks. We had our board President, board members, council members, residents, members, visitors and the maintenance crew in full force. Gail is offering direction to those of us late to the party. We have two colors, white for the walls and an accent white for contrast in a few areas. I verify repeatedly what color goes on the wall, our board president tells me to verify the codes on the paint cans as assurance. Well of course, that is what a nurse would do: read the fine print on the label.

We are using the pool table as a work station. I find it ironic as I have had my ass chewed a dozen or more times for placing things on the pool table. This is obviously an extraordinary situation. I don't protest, I open a gallon of paint and pour some in a paint pan. I then grab a roller on a pole and get to work. Others do the same.

I took an unauthorized water break at one point and took stock of my surroundings. I see Linda M painting a door, I see Nancy and Fred have arrived after their breakfast duties. I asked Gail if she is sure the accent color is correct. As we are painting, it looks amazingly similar to the white. Gail, Nancy and many others chimed in to tell me they were certain all was well. You have not lived until the women of Star Ranch have lined you out on color choice.

We are now four hours in and I am out of roller work. Gail, being the project manager that she is, realizes she has available labor assets. She hands me a brush and tells me to paint the wall behind the buffet counter. I salute and start looking for accent paint. Thankfully Fred and super Dave rescued me on the wall. When I say I am not a brush man, believe me I am not a brush man.

Nancy announces we are breaking for lunch. BBQ sandwiches, chips, a pickle and brownie. Yummo.

My post lunch assignment was caulking. You see Sandi has been painting the fireplace and is now concerned about seams. Where do I find the caulk gun? You guessed it, on the pool table. Smile.

Pete worked for another two hours doing touch up and he also went back this morning for additional touch up. I did not participate in either of those efforts and am hopeful you all will be pleased with the results. It looks drastically different from that 1970's vibe that we had previously.

Many thanks to everyone involved in this project. The midweek crew, the Saturday crew, the Sunday crew and anyone else who played a part. It is an exciting time to be part of Star Ranch.

Mark S

**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  
 Mike W & Jennifer M  
 Pete T & David McG  
 Mike & Linda G  
 Paul O  
 Rhum C

**Star Ranch Staff**

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| General Manager | Linda McC                  |
| Front Office    | Melissa S<br>Sandi S       |
| Maintenance     | Mike M<br>Bruce R<br>Tim V |
| Housekeeping    | Mo V                       |

*Thoughts*

Mary L

*And*

**Chisenhall Family**

*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](mailto: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, September 14, 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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.