

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

AUTUMN FIRES

By
Robert Louis Stevenson

*In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!*

*Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.*

*Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!*

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Have you ever wondered what is there to do at Star Ranch when the weather turns cooler? Here are some of the Fall & Winter activities that are planned:

Karaoke

Rock Painting

SAHNOAN DOWNS

POTLUCKS

**WHITE ELEPHANT
GIFT EXCHANGE**

*New Year's Eve
Progressive Dinner & Dance*

Chili Cook-off

**Valentine's Sweetheart
Dinner & Dance**

INDOOR POOL & HOT TUB

President's Message

Dear Members,

Your Board is working diligently to make a decision about the GM position. Your input is highly valued and appreciated. I hear grumbling that we are moving too slowly. I would tell you there are many things to consider when making this serious of a decision. The health and well-being of the Ranch into the future hinges on it. There are many questions that need to be answered to be able to make an offer. Know that we are working and should have a decision soon.

Crystal



*******YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE*******

Winter Office Hours

**Starting November 3, 2024, office hours will be 9 am to 4 pm
and
Starting November 18, 2024, the office will start being closed on
Mondays & Tuesdays**

Noteworthy!

*****Beginning Saturday November 2, breakfast will be
at Margie's Nekkid Café at Tara Hall***
Check social media for hours**

ATTENTION ALL COOKS

We are looking for someone or many someones who would like to help cook breakfast on the weekends at Tara Hall in the winter. We are all volunteers and we all need help getting the meals cooked and served and cleaning up. You get to work with great people, meet new guests and members, plus you get to eat free!

If interested please contact:

Nancy @ nancyredoutey@gmail.com

Jean @ jeanmarx1954@gmail.com

Linda at the office 512 273-2257 or come into the office.

We would like to have as many volunteers cook as possible so that not any one person is responsible for every weekend and you would be able to pick your weekends, so please call or visit one of us so that we may talk about a schedule. We love volunteers. Also, if you would like to help with cleaning or helping in other areas, please let us know.

Thank you,

Linda

Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, at or around sundown, Star Ranch will host a Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along in the park area between Tara Hall and the BBQ trailer, roughly the same area as last year's Cowboy Campfire and Cook-Out.

We will have holiday sing-along music, provided by however many guitar pickers want to play. If you've always wanted to get up in front of a bunch of your friends and neighbors, play your guitar and sing, this is your chance! It's Christmas songs that everybody knows and will sing along with. What could be more fun!?

The Star Ranch Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along will also feature the debut performance of the Nude Ukes, a group of questionable characters who have decided to play ukuleles and sing in public for the first time! What could go wrong . . . right?

This event is a collaboration of a bunch of people who are willing to devote their time and effort to make sure everyone has a good time. Like last year, the food committee has graciously agreed to provide food for cooking/eating on or around the fire. The menu has not been finalized, but when it is, you'll be advised either in this newsletter or by whatever other means is most effective. The Fire-Wise committee will be assuring that our fire presents no danger to us or to Star Ranch property. The maintenance staff, with a little help from their friends, will be preparing the fire site, building the fire and providing water hoses and fire extinguishers as needed for our safety.

As always, we are grateful to the Star Ranch Board of Directors for allowing us to provide this unique and fun event.

If you are interested in joining the guitar players on stage, we would love to have you. Same goes for ukulele players. Both groups have already begun working on Christmas songs. You don't have to be a professional musician to participate. In fact, you don't even have to play the guitar or ukulele to participate. How about harmonica? Banjo? Tambourine? Piano? Kazoo? Whatever you play, we'll make it work. Any and all levels of players are welcome. We're just going to play and sing and have lots of fun.

If you're ready to jump in, contact Larry S. for more information.



Cowboy Campfire 2023

The “Nude Ukes” are Here!



Yes, unlike most rumors at Star Ranch, this one is true! There is among us a group of members who get together periodically to learn and play the ukulele. These folks have formed a group they call the “Nude Ukes”.

The group formed after one of the members shared a link to a meeting of the Austin Ukulele Society, in which 150 or so ukulele players were gathered in a large room to play one of Neil Diamond’s biggest hits, “Sweet Caroline”. At the end of the song, everyone in the room joined in whooping and hollering, clapping and laughing, and generally celebrating having a great time playing music. The enthusiasm of that group, and the obvious joy they all experienced in playing this diminutive instrument, led to the formation of the “Nude Ukes” at Star Ranch. Here’s the link to that video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwde7-Wn_Aw

The “Nude Ukes” includes players who are brand new to the ukulele and some who have a bit more experience. There’s not a professional ukulelist to be found, but there is a lot of fun to be had. As you can see from the video below, we are already enjoying playing with the Austin Ukulele Society.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BorZ_IzEqZs

In the near term, the plan is to practice frequently and diligently between now and December, with the goal of joining the guitar players on December 7 for the Star Ranch **Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along**. In the meantime, anyone who is interested is welcome to join in and become a member of the “Nude Ukes”. If you don’t already own a ukulele, we will help you find one. If you don’t know how to play, we will help you learn. We guarantee you’ll have a smile on your face!

Contact Larry S. for more information.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, November , 2024

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Little Beijing, 910 Lee Dildy Blvd., Elgin

[Click here for menu](#)

[Click here for directions from Star Ranch](#)



November, December, & January Birthdays

November	
11/1	Catherine R
11/1	Russell S
11/3	Mike K
11/3	Dominique D
11/3	Kirby G
11/4	Amanda D
11/4	Bill P
11/4	Carolyn C
11/8	Rhum M
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Rebecca O
11/12	Jennifer B
11/12	Lynn D
11/16	Lisa F
11/17	Gopal A
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	Sabrina B
11/21	Peter G
11/25	Ann S
11/28	Heather M
11/30	David P

December	
12/2	Courtney N
12/4	Stormy H
12/5	Russell N
12/8	JT
12/10	Byron M
12/12	Bill B
12/12	Terry P
12/13	Brian W
12/15	Jean M
12/16	Travis T
12/17	Red P
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Christopher D
12/19	Scott F
12/19	Elizabeth D
12/20	Jeffrey B
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Connie T
12/21	Richard G
12/22	Regina B
12/22	Gwen Wimer G
12/25	Cristian B
12/26	Nancy R
12/28	Barbara S
12/28	Judy McG

January	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/2	Kathy G
1/4	Randy D
1/4	Diane S
1/5	Thomas C
1/6	Lorraine A
1/7	John S
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Dennis L
1/10	Rebecca S
1/10	Kathy M
1/10	Bryan D
1/12	Kathy C
1/14	Bill B
1/16	Lori M
1/16	Daniel B
1/18	Watt R
1/18	Eugene G
1/19	Amelia B
1/19	Sabrina A
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Rebecca S
1/21	Bennett T
1/23	Colleen Q
1/25	Isaiah R
1/28	Elisa M
1/29	Peggy H
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jaqualine T



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

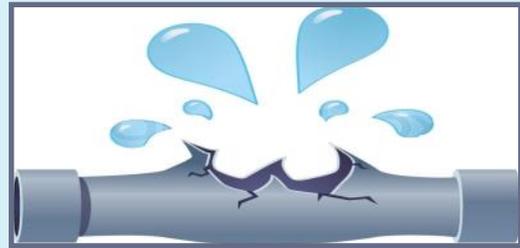
[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Wednesday, November 6 12 – 1pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	Sunday, December 1 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe
Friday, November 8 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, December 2 & Tuesday, December 3 All day Office Closed
Saturday, November 9 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 3 – 5pm Molkky 7 – 9pm The 25th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm – 12am KARAOKE with KJs Vicky & Michael I	Wednesday, December 4 12 – 1pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests Friday, December 6 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, November 10 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, December 7 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 10am – 12pm Decorate Tara Hall 2 – 2:30pm Pick a Window/Door 5 – 9pm Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along 6 – 8pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall
Monday, November 11 All day Office Closed	Sunday, December 8 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe
Friday, November 15 6 – 7pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, December 9 & Tuesday, December 10 All day Office Closed
Saturday, November 16 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 10 – 11am COG Board of Directors 12 – 2pm Pickleball 2 – 4pm Blind Volleyball 8pm – 12am Music in Tara Hall	Friday, December 13 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, November 17 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, December 14 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 10am – 12pm Sahnoan Council Meeting 1 – 3pm Annual Christmas Cookie Contest 3 – 5pm Molkky 6 – 8pm Christmas Dinner Potluck 6 – 6:30pm Window/Door Winners announced 7 – 8pm Wreath Auction 8 – 9pm White Elephant Gift Exchange 8pm – 12am KARAOKE with KJs CM & Jody
Monday November 18 & Tuesday, November 19 All day Office Closed	Sunday, December 15 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe
Friday, November 22 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, December 16 & Tuesday, December 17 All day Office Closed
Saturday, November 23 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 10am – 12pm Pickleball 8pm – 12am Music in Tara Hall	Friday, December 20 6 – 7pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, November 24 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, December 21 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 6 – 8pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall 8pm – 12am Music in Tara Hall
Monday, November 25 & Tuesday, November 26 All day Office Closed	Sunday, December 22 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe
Thursday, November 28 1 – 3pm Thanksgiving Potluck	
Friday, November 29 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, November 30 9:30 – 11am Breakfast at Margie’s Nekkid Cafe 10am – 12pm Pickleball 1 – 3pm Boat Races @ Pool 6 – 7pm Thanksgiving Leftovers Potluck 8pm – 12am Music in Tara Hall	

Monday, December 23 & Tuesday, December 24 All day	Office Closed
Wednesday, December 25 1 – 3pm	Christmas Potluck
Friday, December 27 7 – 11pm	Meet & Greet
Saturday, December 28 9:30 – 11am 8pm – 12am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe Music in Tara Hall
Sunday, December 29 9:30 – 11am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Monday, December 30 & Tuesday, December 31 All day	Office Closed
Tuesday, December 31 5 – 8pm 8pm – 12am	NYE Progressive Dinner New Year's Eve Dance
Wednesday, January 1 12 – 1pm	Fire Siren & Horn Tests
Friday, January 3 7 – 11pm	Meet & Greet
Saturday, January 4 9:30 – 11am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Sunday, January 5 9:30 – 11am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Monday, January 6 & Tuesday, January 7 All day	Office Closed
Friday, January 10 7 – 11pm	Meet & Greet
Saturday, January 11, 2025 9:30 – 11am 10am – 12pm	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe Sahnoan Council Meeting
Sunday, January 12 9:30 – 11am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Monday, January 13 & Tuesday, January 14 All day	Office Closed

Public Service Announcement

Cooler/Colder Temperatures are just around the corner. Time to start thinking about winterizing your site: plates, pipes, etc. Plan now so you aren't having to pay later.



Mark's Musings

In Gidget's Words: Origins of Pickleball & Its Quirky Name

Hi everyone! This is my first time writing in the newsletter and I thought I would write about my absolute favorite game – PICKLEBALL! Who created the game and where did the name come from? Lets begin... **"Zero, Zero, Two!" GAME ON!**



As the story goes, it all began in the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island, WA, near Seattle. Congressman, Joel Pritchard and businessman, Bill Bell returned to Pritchard's home after playing golf when Pritchard's teenage son stated to his dad that there wasn't anything to do. That definitely sounds like a typical teenager, doesn't it? Pritchard told his son that back when he was young, they would invent their own games. Pritchard's teenage son replied that maybe he should invent a game and that is exactly what Pritchard set out to do. At the time, there was an old badminton court on the Pritchard's property, and the dads (Pritchard and Bell) rummaged through their equipment but as luck would have it, they couldn't find a full set of rackets. However, they did find ping-pong paddles and a plastic ball and started playing. They placed the net at badminton height of 60 inches and realized that since the ball bounced well on the asphalt surface, they should lower the net to 36 inches. The following weekend, neighbor Barney McCallum joined them, and the trio collaborated to create the game's rules, drawing heavily from badminton while ensuring that everyone in the family could participate. As they say, from there, the rest is history.

Where did the name come from? Well, there are two stories to that question. The first story is that the Pritchard's and the Bell's that summer in 1965 decided to come up with a name for the game. Pritchard's wife, Joan stated, "Pickle Ball." Joan explained that the remaining non-starters on the college rowing team would participate for fun in local "pickle boat" crew race competitions. She felt that the name "pickleball" captured elements from other games, such as badminton and ping pong, making it a fitting choice. Thus, the college crew's "Pickle Boats" inspired the name of the game. The second story has been around for many years, and even today, reporting that the game was named after the Pritchard family's dog, Pickles. However, this rumor has been debunked, as Pickles was born after the game was created.

Fun fact: Did you know that Bill Gates and his family were some of the first people to play the sport – Pickleball?

I'm still relatively new to pickleball, but I first encountered it at my initial visit to a nudist resort. While chatting with two other guests, they mentioned the various games available at the resort and asked if we had ever played pickleball. We admitted we had never heard of it, let alone played it. They kindly offered to teach us, and from that day on, we've been hooked and can't get enough of playing! Now, I make it a point to pay it forward by helping others learn to play the game, which in turn fosters camaraderie. I know just enough about the game to play it. We need more ladies willing to play and I encourage you to try it. Playing pickleball is similar to going nude the first time, once you try it you will be hooked. It is addictive and so much fun. Plus, it is great exercise! Whether you're a seasoned pickleball player or new to the game, the next time you see me on the courts, let's play!

See you around, minus the extra layers!

~ Gidget

Source: USAPickleball.org

This & That

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, November 16, 2024 @ 10am @ Tara Hall

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



WELCOME
new members

David & Kathy G
Trey & Ranae M
William & Jeanette B
Jon & Rose G
Mike O



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
 Mike & Linda G
 Paul O
 Rhum C

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC
Front Office	Melissa S Sandi S
Maintenance	Mike M Bruce R Tim V
Housekeeping	Mo V

*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 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, December 14, 2024 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.