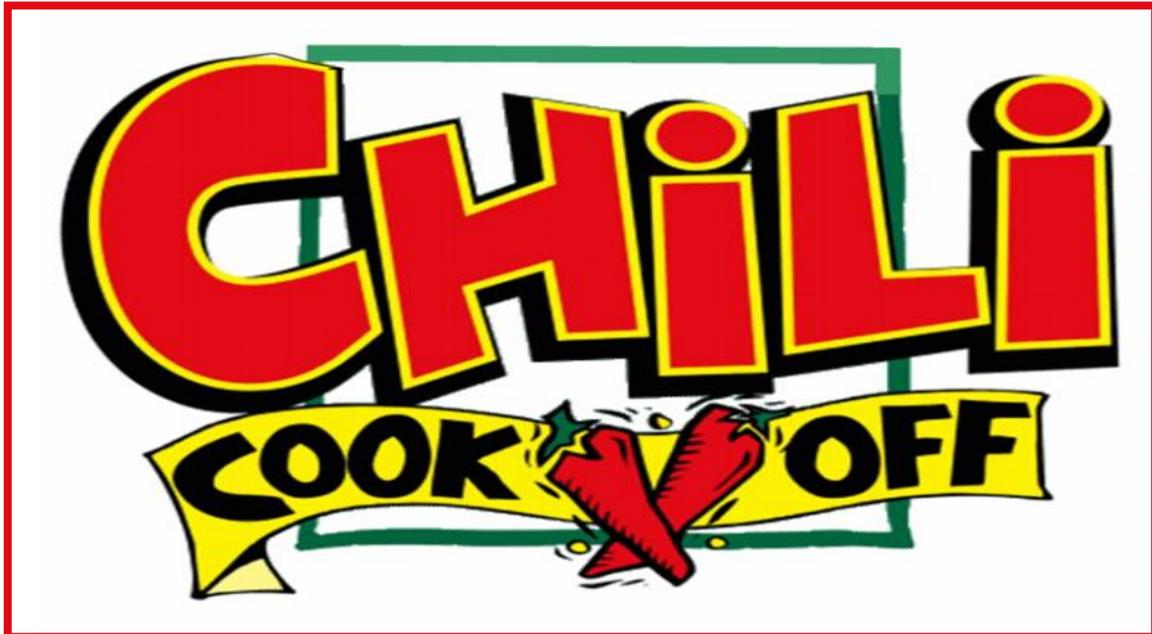


# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*



Saturday, January 25, 2025

It's time for the Star Ranch Annual Chili Cook-off and Pie Contest and Auction.  
This year's Cook-off will take place at the outdoor pool Pavillion.

[Click here to enter your Chili](#)

[Click here for Chili Cook-off Rules](#)

[Click here for Pie Baking Contest Rules](#)

**9 am** - Chili Cook-Off begins

**2 pm** - Chili judging

**3 pm** - Cut-off time for Pie Contest entries

**3 pm** - Pie judging

**5 pm** - Pie Auction

**6 pm** - Chili Cookoff and Pie Contest potluck.

Come by Tara Hall and experience all the savory flavors of the 2025 Chili Cookoff!

**8 pm** - Music and Games in Tara Hall

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# 2025 Sweetheart Dinner

*By reservation only , seating is limited*

*[Sign-up deadline is Friday, February 7th \(click here\)](#)*

*Appetizer- Roasted Butternut Squash Pear Soup*

*Salad- Iceberg Wedge Salad with apple, pecans, tomato, and onion dressed with Honey Mustard*

*Dinner Rolls and Breadsticks*

*Select Your Entrée-*

- 1. Center-cut pork chop with mushroom stuffing and sauce, steamed broccoli, and roasted butter potatoes*
- 2. Eggplant Parmesan with fettuccini, fresh red sauce, and grated Italian cheese*

*Dessert- Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce and Vanilla Bean ice-cream*

*\$30 per person*

## Christmas Songs in Tara Hall

Plan A was to have a bonfire by the stage outside the hall, cook chili dogs on the fire, have some Frito pie, some s'mores and whatever else the foodies put together for us, then sing a bunch of Christmas songs. But, you know what they say about the "best-laid plans". Luckily, we had a Plan B.

Thanks to everyone who joined us inside Tara Hall on a cold, wet December evening to sing Christmas songs! The sing-along attracted a full house of Christmas song-loving Sahnoans who gladly joined the Nude Ukes and our guitar group (as yet un-named!) in singing and celebrating the Christmas season.

Our fledgling nine-person ukulele group – including the best U-Bass player at Star Ranch and our rocking vocalist – kick-started the evening with five Christmas medleys. It seemed a little strange to start practicing Christmas songs in September, but our practice paid off. I didn't hear a single flat note! (I don't hear that well, but whatever.)

This group of ukulelists left the stage with smiles on our faces and smiles from the crowd. Considering our objective was to have fun and to entertain our friends and neighbors, those smiles were the mark of our success. Those smiles were encouraged by our lead vocalist, Kat W., who was also officially designated as "Executive Director of Audience Participation". She did such a good job, we doubled her salary at the end of the evening.

The guitars then took over – accompanied by the best Rickenbacker bass player in McDade – and proceeded to knock out twenty-plus more Christmas tunes. The crowd was singing along with all the ones they knew, while we introduced them to a couple of Christmas ditties they'd never heard. Again, it was smiles all around!

For those of us who played and sang, it was a wonderful evening of food, fun and music. We cannot thank the food committee enough; nor can we thank the maintenance team enough for all the work they did preparing the outdoor stage. We hope the audience enjoyed it as much as we did. Stay tuned for next year!

Larry S.

## Come Join the Nude Ukes!

Fresh off our premiere performance at the Christmas Sing-Along, the Nude Ukes plan to make 2025 the "Year of the Ukulele" at Star Ranch. We currently have eight players and one vocalist in our group, with several other Sahnoans expressing interest in joining. If you like to play music, or if you would like to learn how to play music, or if you just like to have fun with friends, please consider joining our group.

We are not professional musicians. We are not strict about practice or attendance. We do not expect perfection on every strum. What we do expect is for everyone to smile, be happy and play music!

Beginner ukuleles are inexpensive and relatively easy to play. We even have a loaner or two if you are interested. This is not ukulele lessons -- you have to do that on your own – it is just a bunch of folks getting together to play music and have fun.

Please let me, or any other member of the Nude Ukes, know if you're interested. We'll get you on the mailing list for our get-togethers.

Larry S.

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Another year has come and gone. It has been another one for the record books. I am hoping for a new year with fewer unexpected major repairs! That will allow us a little breathing room as we move into 2025.

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped make 2024 a success! Your contributions, large or small, are valued by all. We are working through the winter to prepare for the upcoming season. We are working on getting Tim oriented to his new position and are planning to rewrite the job descriptions for both Tim and Melissa's positions. If I have a legacy here at Star Ranch it is getting our documentation up to date and in order. It started with the policies which led to new leases and now job descriptions and office procedures. To have things on paper helps with consistency and training when we have turn over. The board will be looking at the ongoing project lists for the new year. If you have any ideas for improvements, please pass that on to me and we will include it when we are ready to present them to the membership for input.

I am happy to welcome back those who spend the winter months with us. It is always wonderful to have friends return to share the quiet winter months. We are still here and there is still fun and fellowship to be had so come and see us!

Crystal

## Annual Window Decorating Contest Winners



1st Place — Pete T



2nd Place — Bob R



3rd Place — Nancy R

**Congratulations!**

## Firewise Update

Congratulations to Star Ranch! Once again, the Ranch has completed all requirements to be re-certified for 2025!

All measurable metrics were achieved – Action Plan, Educational Outreach, Vegetation Removal and Risk Reduction Investment. Most notable was our Risk Reduction Investment of \$13,737, 432% of the \$3180 required for our property.

On August 13, 2020, Texas A&M Forest Service resources responded to a request for assistance on the Trails Fire in Llano County. The fire started around 3:30 pm on the western edge of Horseshoe Bay as the result of an accidental roadside start. The fire quickly grew, threatening multiple structures and prompting voluntary evacuations in the Trails of Horseshoe Bay and Blue Lake subdivisions. By being a Firewise USA® community and taking action to mitigate wildfire damages, The Trails of Horseshoe Bay protected an estimated \$40 million in assessed property value from the Trails Fire.

FIREWISE WORKS! Let's continue the work and help keep the Ranch safe!

Review your home's readiness with a short read, checklist and video at this link:

<https://texaswildfirerisk.com/home-hardening>



This year's polar bears were: Rick & Sylvia C, Deborah V, Tara V, Charles, Melody T, Nancy R, Don G, Kat W, Bill, and Richard.

# JANUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, January 17, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Santa Fe Steakhouse, Giddings



## January, February, & March Birthdays

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
1/13	Daniel B
1/14	Bill B
1/16	Lori M
1/18	Walt R
1/18	DA 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

February	
2/2	Michael I
2/3	Amber A
2/6	Gary C
2/8	Kimberly S
2/8	Paul S
2/8	Ronnie B
2/9	Ben T
2/11	Dennis M
2/13	JP C
2/13	Brian K
2/18	Jason S
2/19	Paulo G
2/23	Elbert S
2/23	Matthew D
2/24	Chris H
2/24	Timothy Q
2/26	Tracy G

March	
3/1	Mike O
3/6	Sadelina D
3/8	William R C
3/8	Amy F
3/8	Ellen M
3/9	Richard M
3/9	Angela S
3/9	Larry C
3/9	Pat L
3/10	Fred B
3/11	Craig McA
3/11	Becky K
3/11	Mary M
3/13	Sarah J
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/15	Kate M
3/16	Lori M
3/16	Jack W
3/17	Robert F
3/17	Larry S
3/20	Paula L
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/22	Jesus T
3/29	Jolynn B
3/30	James S
3/31	Bruce R

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Saturday, January 4 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 7pm Music and Games in Tara Hall	Saturday, February 1 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 6 – 8pm Dinner 8pm – 12am Music and Games in Tara Hall
Sunday, January 5 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Sunday, February 2 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Monday, January 6 & Tuesday, January 7 All Day Office Closed	Monday, February 3 & Tuesday, February 4 All Day Office Closed
Friday, January 10 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Wednesday, February 5 12 – 1pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests
Saturday, January 11 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am Sahnoan Council Meeting 3 MÖLKKY 7 The 26th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm KARAOKE! w/KJs CM & Jody	Friday, February 7 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, January 12 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, February 8 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am Sahnoan Council Meeting 3pm MÖLKKY 7pm The 27th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm KARAOKE! w/KJs CM & Jody
Monday, January 13 & Tuesday, January 14 All Day Office Closed	Sunday, February 9 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Friday, January 17 6 – 7pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, February 10 & Tuesday, February 11 All Day Office Closed
Saturday, January 18 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am COG Board of Directors 7pm Music and Games in Tara Hall	Friday, 14 February 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, January 19 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, February 15 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am COG Board of Directors 2pm Decorate Tara Hall for Valentine's Day 6 – 8pm Sweetheart's Dinner 8pm Sweetheart's Dance 9 – 9:30pm Crowning of the King & Queen of Hearts
Monday, January 20 & Tuesday, January 21 All Day Office Closed	Sunday, February 16 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Friday, January 24 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, February 17 & Tuesday, February 18 All Day Office Closed
Saturday, January 25 All Day AANR-SW CONVENTION (Day 1/2) 9am – 3pm AANR-SW Convention in Tara Hall 9am CHILI Cookoff begins 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 2 – 3pm CHILI Cookoff Judging 3 – 4pm PIE Contest Judging 5 – 6pm PIE Auction 6 – 7pm CHILI COOKOFF potluck 7pm - Bid for a chance to throw a pie at Mike W and/ or Mark S, Proceeds to Building Fund. 8pm – 12am Music and Games in Tara Hall	Friday, February 21 6 – 7pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, January 26 All Day AANR-SW CONVENTION (Day 2/2) 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, February 22—Louisiana-style 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 1pm RC Boat Races @ Pool 2pm Mardi Gras Parade 6pm Mardi Gras Potluck 8pm Mardi Gras Dance
Monday, January 27 & Tuesday, January 28 All Day Office Closed	Sunday, February 23 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Friday, January 31 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, February 24 & Tuesday, February 25 All Day Office Closed
	Friday, February 28 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet

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**

*Valentine's Sweetheart  
Dinner & Dance*

**SAHNOAN DOWNS**

**Mardi Gras**

**POTLUCKS**

**MÖLKKY**

*Chili Cook-off*

**Pie Contest & Auction**

**Rock Painting**

**INDOOR POOL & HOT TUB**

# Mark's Musings

December 31, 2024

If you were unable to make it to the Ranch for New Year's Eve, you sure missed out. Sandi and I had the pleasure of visiting with a couple of visitors on Wednesday morning in the hot tub. This was their first New Year's Eve with us. They were very complimentary and like most all visitors reviewing their calendars and planning their next visit.

It started with a great meal via the Progressive Pot Luck. Many thanks to Ronnie and Jo Lynn, Bob and Nancy and to Paul O for opening their homes and inviting us in. The easiest thing to do when asked to host a progressive dinner is to say no. These folks went above and beyond by allowing our family into their homes. Their kindness is exceptional.

I have written extensively about the cooks we have at Star; they certainly did not disappoint. Pork loin, lasagna, ribs, Shepard's pie, chicken wings, several salads, rice, dinner rolls {I love bread}. My apologies for those I am omitting. I had zero problem filling my belly. Thank you for the awesome food.

Travis was on his game as per usual with the music. I appreciate all of you that do the music but I am especially appreciative of Travis and his approach. Just the right mix of modern tunes mixed with classics. Travis kept the dance floor hopping all night. Thank you, sir.

Speaking of dancing, Bill M was on his game as well. Sherry of Richard and Sherry finally tapped out at one point. She had enough dancing. I tried to warn all the ladies about the dancing machine known as Bill M but you know how that is. I don't think they believed me. After Tuesday night, we have several women who can speak to the legend. Bill dances as if he were 17 years old, he just doesn't stop.

I was sitting at the Ranch last weekend when Bill B comes to me and says: hey, I have an idea. He tells me he picked up a couple of pinatas and thought it would be cool to fill them up and whack them on New Year's Eve. As my dad taught me, you have to back your buddies play. As such, Tuesday night we lined up the ladies and whacked the pinatas. A few things became obvious: we have some ladies that have whacking skills, they hit the crap out of that thing. Secondly, those pinatas were tough. Thanks for the ladies who played. It was a blast.

The creativity displayed by our bunch is nothing short of spectacular. Moose Milk at Ronnie's!! Flavored moonshine from Brenda B are just two examples of what our people had ready and available.

I want to thank the team. It was an amazing night that exceeded all expectations.

Happy New Year!!

Mark S

# This & That

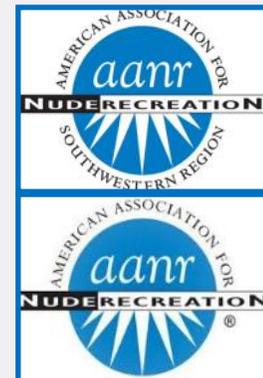
The 2024 drawing for a Silver Membership went to Brad F. This drawing is held as an incentive for volunteering throughout the year. Volunteering on Work Days earns an individual a ticket for each Work Day, so the more days you volunteer, the better your odds of having your name/ticket drawn.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2025 @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

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



**WELCOME**  
new members



**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  
 Rhum C

**Star Ranch Staff**

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

*Thoughts*

**Joe & Pat W**

*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](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, January 11, 2025 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.