A look back at 2018...

Rod M turned the General Manager’s position over to Ken W

Successful Bare Buns 5K Run

1st Annual Chilly Cheeks 5K Run

Our 1st Film Festival

New Website

New Logo

New Yanmar Loader and new Hustler mower

Naked Parrot

Tara Hall TVs

Started removal of old structures

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The passing of:

Suzanne B

Milly M
Our **BIG** New Years Eve Event

**Monday, December 31st**

**Progressive Dinner:**
- 5:00 PM Appetizers    Site A-1  Ronnie & JoLynn B
- 5:45 PM Salads       Site U-05  Lynn D/Deborah V
- 6:30 PM Entrée       Tara HallMelissa S/Deborah V
- 7:15 PM Desserts Site U-02  Craig & Linda M

**Meats Provided:** Smoked Chicken, Pork Roast, Smoked Brisket

There is a sign up sheet in Margie’s Café

Please take your contribution to the appropriate site...thank you

**New Years Eve Dance:**
- 8:00 PM     Dance with DJ Mike Love
- 9:00 PM     Drawing for the Silver Membership
- 9:00 PM—12:00 AM Door Prize Drawings Every Hour
- 12:00 AM    Ring in the New Year

My New Years Resolutions!!

I will try to remember to write 2019
I will try to figure out why I need 10 email addresses
I will try to have my brain with me at all times
I will try to stop losing my keys
I will try to stop falling (impossible)
Then I will celebrate January 17th - "Ditch New Years Resolution” Day

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year’s resolution.  ~ Jay Leno ~

A New Year’s resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year’s resolutions!  ~ Joey Adams ~

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This Place is Falling Apart!
Thanks to the hard work of some master destructors we have cabins falling right and left. This is great news, as these old cabins that have sat empty for so long. Not only have they been eyesores, but they have also cost us money, paying the taxes on them. And to add to the value of these fallen structures, they will make great RV sites. So hats off to all of those working on those cabins. If you happen to have a permanent site in the Pines area, I have either already spoken with you or will soon be speaking to you about a possible relocation. My goal is to open as many easy access sites as possible for our traveling members and visitor, or those without permanent sites. Anyone in the pines will have first choice of the new open sites, before those sites are offered to anyone else.

We currently have 4 cabins that are down and have 1 more slated to come down in the next couple weeks. We are salvaging good doors and windows to be sold via craigslist. If anyone has a need for these come talk to me. I will sell them at a very good price, but I will have stipulations of; The items must be used immediately, or they must be hauled off the ranch property, they will not be allowed to be stored here at the ranch. We are also salvaging some of the items for COG use, so don’t assume anything is for the taking just yet.

Garage Sale?
There has been some interest of putting together a giant garage sale to help get rid of un-needed items here around the ranch. I have also heard people mention donating items for the garage sale. This garage sale is not even in a planning stage yet, but my ears are open to any and all suggestions. I would like to use any funds we can get from this garage sale to fund a new fence and lighting around the tennis court. Maybe even make another pickleball court so that we could start running tournaments.

Workday.
We will be holding a workday on February 23rd. I do not have all tasks set for this workday, but I know there will be final cleanup of the many sites that we are tearing down. I will get a complete list together as the date nears.

Why are you getting a Fine?
I just wanted to inform everyone of a new BOD decision to allow me to fine folks for rules violations. I don’t anticipate any outlandish fine’s, nor do I expect to hand out a fine where the offender has not been previously warned. But maybe this will help folks think before tossing a cigarette butt, walking away from their dog’s droppings, speeding around the ranch in golf carts or vehicles. It may even help enforce a good housekeeping standards of our sites. At least those are the goals that we aim to accomplish. So please help me accomplish these goals without handing out fines!

Hot Tub and Indoor Pool
As many of you know, we have been having some major issues with the hot tub and indoor pool. We had one pump and one filter develop small leaks. We patched those the best we could, but they were temporary fixes waiting for parts to come in. While waiting for those parts, our flame sensors went out on the heater, then within days of that, the small leaks became major leaks, spraying water at a rate of about 1 gallon per minute. We had no choice but to shut the pumps down.

We called Runkles Pool Service, who responded by pushing up the original ETA date of January 7th to sometime this week. So if all goes well, the pool and tub will be back in working order by the time you receive this newsletter and before December 31st. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you all.

Christmas Dinner
Thanks to all who were able to help and attend the Christmas Dinner. It was not only a fabulous meal, it was a fabulous group of folks to visit with.
Star Ranch Baby grows up

Thursday December 20th we had one of our longtime children of the ranch return as a grown man who is now serving our country. Jacob came home on his first leave of absence Thursday. He will be leaving the December 30th in route to Fort Leonard Wood Missouri where he will continue his training. Most of us here at Star Ranch know Jacob as a young man who mostly hid out at home while here at the ranch. I have only known Jacob for about 5 years but what I learned and admired about him is his total honesty and genuine respect for others. Congratulations Dina and Terry for raising such a fine young man. I know how proud you both are of Jacob, as you should be.

AANR-SW Mid Winter-Board Meeting

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All events will be held in Tara Hall

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Pie Baking Contest Rules

January 26, 2019

Pies must be homemade. Crust ONLY can be store bought. Recipe must accompany pie.

- Pies will be judged on Appearance, Texture, Taste, and Presentation
- Judges will choose the winners
- A baker may turn in more than one pie
- After winners announced all pies will be auctioned
- Pie judging starts at 2 PM
- Pie auction at 5:30 PM
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Teresa S 1/6
Phil A 1/7
John S 1/8
Ashley T 1/9
Bryan D 1/10
Kathy M 1/10
Neil A 1/11
Kathleen C 1/12
Bill B 1/14
DA G 1/18
Thomas M 1/18
Mark D 1/19

February Birthdays

Debra C 2/1
Chris H 2/4
Ben T 2/9
Celeste D 2/10
Tina L 2/10
Brian K 2/13
Dylan L 2/17
Jeffrey N 2/17
Jason S 2/18
Ken W 2/18
Matt D 2/23
Grace L 2/26
Logan B 2/28
Ronnie B 2/28

March Birthdays

Sue F 3/2
Ellen M 3/8
Yvonne P 3/9
Mary M 3/11
Craig M 3/11
Greg C 3/11
Eric G 3/15
Larry S 3/17
Pam H 3/19
Ray M 3/20
Lara C-L 3/21
Wanda H 3/23
JoLynn B 3/29
James S 3/30

April Birthdays

Douglas H-L 4/1
Mark W-L 4/4
Emily L 4/4
Owen T 4/6
Fred H 4/13
Marta M 4/14
Nancy D 4/14
Steve N 4/19
Carla W 4/20
Melissa S 4/28
David W 4/28
Roy E 4/29
Kat W 4/30

WE’LL MISS YOU MILLY! By Mike W

Milly Musgrave went to be with Paul on December 8th. She was 98 1/2!

Milly and Paul joined Star Ranch in 1972. Paul was an Air Force flight surgeon, and retired in Feb 1972. He had always been curious about “nudist colonies”, and convinced Milly to try it out. She was 51.

They fell in love with the Ranch, and started coming up every weekend from San Antonio. In 1975, they brought their two sons, David and John. The boys were immediately hooked too!

Paul and Milly initially bought a travel trailer, but very soon built the cabin that is now Lorraine and Phil’s. They were regulars every weekend until Paul died in Sept, 1980. Milly continued to come to the ranch for the next three decades. She often said “Paul’s last 8 years at Star Ranch were the happiest of his life.”

Milly was buddies with Cliff Hall, and they traveled the world together for many years. Then, in 1998, Milly was wooed by Doug Philips. They married, and Milly bought the double-wide that is now Grace’s, and Milly and Doug were regulars until Doug passed in 2003.

She often said that the years at Star Ranch were the happiest of her life. We all know why!

2019 is going to be another GREAT Year at Star Ranch!!!!

The Board is continuing to work on projects on its Five Year Plan with more improvements in store for 2019.

The Council has been hard at work on the calendar of events, so please check the website for updates. A few select ones coming soon are: Chili Cookoff, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, the Bare Buns 5K, the AANR SW Mid-Winter Convention and the usual major holidays. Lots of dances too!

Our General Manager, Ken W., and his staff will be manning the facility, ready to tackle any need. Please thank Ken for a GREAT first year as our manager.

Mike W
Chili Contest Rules  (January 26, 2019)

♦ No ingredient may be precooked or treated in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook off, with the following exceptions: canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, beverages, broth, beans and grinding and mixing of spices

♦ Meat or meat substitute may be precut or ground but not treated (seasoned in any way)

♦ All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the setup and cooking periods

♦ You may precook your beans as long as you DO NOT add any spices or treatment while they are being cooked

♦ Each contestant will need to provide their own cookware and heating method for the preparation of the chili

♦ Each contestant will be responsible for cleaning all of their own cookware and cooking space

♦ The chili MUST be cooked on-site the day of the cook off, out in the open

♦ Each contestant will be assigned a number by the scorekeeper and given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of the container is the same number assigned to them.

♦ Cooking starts at 9:30 AM in Tara Hall

♦ Judging will be at 1:30 PM

♦ Chili Potluck in Tara Hall at 6 PM