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Busy Day at Star Ranch by Larry S

Saturday, February 16, was a very busy day at Star Ranch, with activities including a chili cookoff, a pie contest, a pie auction and a chili and pie potluck. What a great time at Star Ranch!

The day began with five of our finest chili chefs setting up their equipment and ingredients outside Tara Hall. It was a bit chilly, but when the starting gun went off at 9:30 a.m., the contest was on. Thanks from all went out to Ivan who brought an outdoor fire pit down to warm everyone up.

Of course, the best part of any chili cookoff is the tasting, and the 2019 cookoff was no exception. As the various chilies began to mature in their pans, spectators couldn't help but sneak a taste or two. As is typical for her, Debbie J. entered a unique chili based on a time-tested recipe and a not-so-secret ingredient – Spam! She even brought her two trophies from the Austin Spam-o-Rama, a Spam festival from the days when Austin was still earning its reputation for being weird. (she already has a first place trophy for turkey chili!)

Judging began at noon with a group of volunteers who were willing to taste each entry – sometimes twice – and give their unbiased opinions. When the winners were announced, our favorite New Yorker, Pete T., took the first place trophy; perpetual competitor and frequent winner – DA G. – took home the second place trophy (he won first and third last year!); and, Melissa S., with a delicious sweet chili, took the third place trophy. Of course, there was yet another round of tasting by the spectators, who enjoyed the chili on a cool February day.

Did I mention it was a busy day? Shortly following the chili cookoff, the highly anticipated pie contest began. With ten entries, the judges had a great time tasting and re-tasting the mouth-watering pies. Unfortunately, only three of the delicious entries could be named winners. Those were Melissa S. with the first place lemon cream pie; DA G. in second place with his North Carolina lemon pie; and Grace L rounding out the winning field with a scrumptious German chocolate pie.

For most communities, that would mark the end of a fabulous day – but at Star Ranch we were just getting warmed up – and so was the weather!

At 5:30, our traditional fundraiser – the annual pie auction – began. Even though we had to settle for a backup auctioneer, the pies that had been enjoyed so much by the judges were sold to the highest bidder, with the total of all bids approaching \$1,500. Melissa's first place pie was sold by the slice (thanks to JT for the suggestion) and earned almost \$500 for Star Ranch.

Here's the thing about the Star Ranch pie auction: everybody can bid on the pies, some folks win the pies, but when the auction is over and the pot-luck dinner begins, everybody gets to eat the pies, even the auctioneer!

With five chilies, ten pies and a host of sides brought in by various members, the evening pot-luck made for the perfect end to a perfect day at Star Ranch. Who says we can't have a good time unless the sun is shining!

For those of you who missed it, this is an annual event that takes place in late January or early February. You now have 11 months to get ready for next year. Start looking for a prize-winning chili recipe, test your best pie recipe, practice critically tasting chili and/or pie like a judge would, get your cooker cleaned and ready, or just mark your calendar to join in the fun.

A heartfelt "thank you" to the council members (Ivan and Judy) who sponsored this day's events, to all the participants, to all the auction bidders and to all the Sahnnoans who contributed to the pot-luck and made this day such a joy. See you all next year!

Don't Get Pinched!

Some say if you wear green it makes you invisible to the Leprechauns because they would pinch anyone they could see. So, don't forget the green!



TC, we are so sorry for your loss of Lorie.

*Our thoughts
And prayers
Are with you.*

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Messages from our General Manager

by Ken W

Volunteer of the Month

I have wanted to name a volunteer of the month for quite some time now. While we don't have a bucket of money to throw out for this award, I thought maybe a small gift certificate would suffice as a small show of gratitude. But then one day Marta came in my office apologizing that she and Jamie had been unavailable for the last few work days. She brought with her, a bag of her beautiful knitted works that she wanted to donate for any need we had. First off, I have to say that it was absolutely not necessary, Jamie and Marta have been going through personal issues that needed no excuses or apologies for missing workdays. But with their donation, it only made sense that these could be the gift for our volunteer(s) of the month. I gladly accepted the knitted works for this purpose.

Our first Volunteer of the month for January was named during BOD meeting in February. I named Joe W. as volunteer of the Month.

Joe W. worked about 6 or 7 days throughout the month of January helping with road repairs as well as building removals and brush removal. Not only did he work all of these days, he also saved approximately \$1000 by using his truck and trailer to haul the rock needed for these repairs. He also used his tractor for several of the projects he worked on.

We have so many volunteers who come out and spend their days doing misc. chores around the ranch which makes it difficult to name one individual on most months. But in January, it was a no brainer based on the time, use of equipment and the cost savings that Joe enabled Star Ranch to achieve.

Thank You Joe !

I have a beautiful hand knitted throw for you when you come back to town. I will also add another ticket with Joes name on it for the free silver membership drawing.

Work Days February, March and April

We just completed our first work day of the year on February 23rd. The weather was perfect and the crews were about as productive as I've seen, All had a good time. We were able to clear debris from the downed cabins, Clean the pool area, filter out some furnishings for a possible future auction as well as clearing out a shed. So, the cleanup continues. Workers were served breakfast and a delicious lunch of Lasagna, soup and sandwiches. I generally like to post names of those who participated but I am a little pressed for time to get this in the newsletter. But I do want to thank everyone who was able to come out and help!

We still have plenty on our plate to get ready for the 5K in April, so we will have 2 more workdays before then. The next one will be on March 30th followed by another on April 6th. So make some room on your busy schedules to come out and have some fun helping us get ready!

New Weekend Events This Year

Star Ranch will be hosting new weekend events this year. Each month during the summer months the Council has granted me permission to hold individual game tournaments. They will consist of 2 separate tournaments, one competitive tournament and one fun tournament. In May we will be hosting the first washer tournaments, with other tournament schedules to be posted soon. The general layout of the tournaments will follow a similar format of the washers tournament below.

Washers Tournament

The competitive washers tournament allows participants to make their own teams and each team will pay an entry fee (to be determined). Teams must be 2 people and may have an alternate named for use during the tournament. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The Fun Washers Tournament teams will be formed by all the names who sign up to play in the fun tournament.

All Tournaments: Washers, Volleyball , Water Volleyball, Petanque

Tournaments will be scheduled in a manner to allow folks to play in both the fun tournament and the competitive tournament.

Games will be played beginning on Saturdays with finals on Sundays. I also intend to challenge some of the other nudist camps in the area. So start building your teams for these events. Hope to have a lot of fun for these.

Hill Country Nudists and Star Ranch are hosting a pot luck dinner followed by BINGO

WHEN? Saturday, March 2nd

Potluck 5 PM

Bingo 7 PM

WHERE? Tara Hall

Please bring a dish or 2 to share for the potluck which is one hour earlier than normal—will eat at 5 PM

Once bellies are full and dishes are done the Bingo cards will go on sale for \$5 each packet. There are 10 games total.

There is a limit of 2 packets per person so we have enough for everyone.

(HCN is a proud sponsor for the *Central Texas Food Bank*. Donations of non-perishable items are greatly accepted).

Come join us and help support HCN.



Having the opportunity to serve Star Ranch and all of our Sahnoans for the past two years has been a privilege and a blessing. I will spare you the long-winded biographical information; however, in reading the bio I submitted two years ago, I find that the last paragraph is as true today as it was then. I quote:

“Star Ranch is a community filled with great potential, but we also have challenges to overcome. As a member of the board, I will work to resolve those challenges in a positive way. I will listen to the concerns of our members and act respectfully, in a manner that is based on what I believe to be best for our community.”

With your approval, I will recommit myself to fulfilling that promise for the next two years.

Thank you.

Larry S.

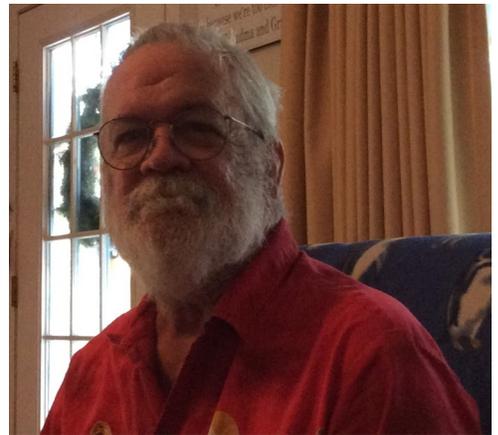
My name is Paul Oldmixon. I have been a member of the Sahnoans since 2000 and a resident of Star Ranch since 2009. My wife Jeanie and I were on the council for seven years until 2018. We helped revise and amend the Constitution to its present structure, allowing for a fully elected Council of The Sahnoans for the first time in our club's history. I was employed part time working maintenance for the club for seven years. Truly a labor of love.

I retired from ATT (Southwestern Bell) after thirty seven years of service. Most of my career was as a Customer Service Technician (repair man). I did spend eight years as a first level manager but at year thirteen the company and I agreed to disagree and I was allowed to take back my tools. My extent of business experience comes from those eight years in the trenches and struggling to raise four children.

I like to think I would bring to the board a life experience that has cultivated a level head, cool composition, and a fair analytical sense as witnessed by the survival and thriving of four children, six grandchildren, two stepchildren and two step grandchildren.

I think as a member of the Board of Directors, my mission will be to observe, learn and be supportive until I have demonstrated an ability to contribute positively to the running of this company. It is my vision, intention to support and facilitate the growth and stability of this company and this community.

I bring an abiding love of and fierce loyalty to this community and would be honored to serve my fellow Sahnoans to the best of my abilities.



Valentines 2019 was celebrated at Star Ranch on February 9th. Started off with the Sweetheart's Dinner that was absolutely delicious. Thanks to Craig & Linda Mc the tables were tastefully decorated. JT outdid himself! JT with his assistant Mary M's help made everything from scratch from the soup to the dessert. The servers (David M & Linda Mc) were pretty, prompt and polite! After everyone was stuffed we all headed to Tara Hall for the Valentines Dance with music provided by our DJ Mike Love—great job Mike. Sweetheart towel winners were D.A. and Debbie J.

Straw Poll will be held on Saturday, April 6th at Noon in Tara Hall. This is the time for all members to come vote who they want to see on the board. This helps the Sahnoan Council to hear what the membership is wanting for board members. There are 3 positions open.

Letters and Proxies will be mailed the first week of March. If you cannot make it to the Stockholders Meeting on April 27th, please sign your proxy and return to the office.



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March 2009

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3 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	4	5	6	7	8	9 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 1 PM Decorate Tara Hall 8 PM Paddy-Gra Day DJ—Tim S & Deborah V
10 2 AM Day-light Savings—Spring Forward	11	12	13 6 PM Potluck with Music by Phil and Phriends	14	15 6 PM Birthday Dinner at Paige Roadhouse	16 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Mtg 6 PM Irish Potluck
17 St Patty's Day 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	18	19	20	21	22	23 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Happy Bday to Wanda H! 8 PM Country Dance with DJ Larry
24 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	25	26	27	28	29	30 WORK DAY
31 8:30—10 AM Breakfast						



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 Work Day 8—9 AM Breakfast Noon Staw Poll
7 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	8	9	10 6 PM Potluck with Music by Phil and	11	12	13 5K Bare Buns Run See page 8
14 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	15 TAX DAY	16	17	18	19 6 PM Birthday Dinner	20 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Mtg 1 pm Kids Easter Egg Hunt 3 PM Adult Easter Egg Hunt
21 EASTER 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Council Mtg 1 PM Potluck	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Stockhold- ers Meeting 2 PM Cake Contest 5:30 PM Cake Auc- tion 6 PM Hot Dog Pot- luck
28 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	29	30				



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 May Day	2	3	4 8:30—10 AM Break- fast 2 PM Snacks at Pool
5 Cinco de Mayo 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	6 No Diet Day	7	8 6 PM Potluck with Music by Phil & Phriends	9	10	11 8:30—10 AM Break- fast 2 PM Snacks at Pool
12 Mothers Day Moms eat free! 8:30—10 AM Break- fast	13	14	15	16	17 6 PM Birthday Dinner	18 Armed Forces Day 8:30—10 AM Break- fast 10 AM Board Mtg 2 PM Snacks at Pool
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I have just returned from the annual AANR midwinter meeting which was held at Lake Como in Florida. I must first say what a great place Lake Como is, and it was a real treat that they brought in such nice weather for the meeting! The facilities are much bigger than I imagined they would be and the staff there is glad to have you there. But before this runs away in to an ad for Lake Como, let me move on to the President's Report.

There were two days of meetings, presentations and reports. Some of the highlights were Erich Schuttat's report on Government Affairs which detailed some wins the region made in the fight for nudists including one that has been a 25-year work in progress as well as the Florida Tourism website having an entire page dedicated to nude beaches in Florida! He also talked about how AANR has been at the NCSL or National Conference of State Legislators for at least 25 years and that AANR has seniority and therefore better floor location over a number of companies such as Facebook.

The AANR folks in the Public Relations department have really been doing a great job. Included in their report was a myriad of goodies I plan on distributing over the months. There were Press Releases for various events that can geared toward students, or for a particular event. There was also a list of folks who are in different fields of the media who could be a good contact for an article. I hope to sort through these and see who might be good to try and bend their ear towards some of our big events.

We spent the better part of a morning discussing the ideas for a better Mission and Vision Statement for AANR. Some real progress was made on pairing down the essential message we want to get across and how we can get that message across without leaving the door open for the minutia of a single word leaving its meaning ambiguous. I got into this discussion pretty good and even did some online research during the discussion to help direct the focus which I hope in turn leads to a good statement. The Vision Statement is basically describing where the organization hopes to be when it accomplishes its Mission Statement.

Another hot topic was the desire to go to a single membership per person rather than have 7 different types of membership is appealing not only for AANR but also for clubs who would no longer have to offer so many types of memberships. AANR is also going to a new membership database program which should make their process far easier than it is now for clubs to process memberships. They are going with a company called Impexium which for one is much newer than the program currently used.

One of the biggest things mentioned at the meeting was the fact that due to circumstances, the AANR lost about \$150,000 of income due to low memberships as well as low returns on investments. Ideas of how to stop that from happening again ranged from making the Bulletin a digital only format, which has both advantages and disadvantages to increasing dues and changing the dues structure. Nothing was set in stone, but ideas were taken and will be brought up again at the Summer Convention which will be at Sun Meadow in Northern Idaho.

There were also a number of less volatile things discussed, one of which is the Hall of Fame Award which is the highest honor the AANR can bestow. But like all awards, it takes someone to make a nomination. The Hall of Fame award nomination form can be found in the Official Forms which is downloadable from the Club Login portion of the website.

I look forward to the summer convention both for AANR and AANR-SW! I hope to see you there!

Mitch London

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 Ellen M 3/8
 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 L 3/21
 Wanda H 3/23
 JoLynn B 3/29
 James S 3/30

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Douglas H-L 4/1
 Mark W 4/4
 Emily L 4/4
 Owen T 4/6
 Pixie M 4/12
 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
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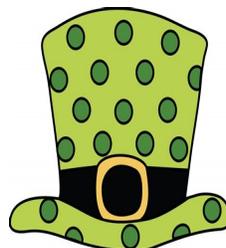
Saturday, April 13th, 2019

Race Day Schedule:

Gates Open 8:00 AM
 Breakfast 8:30—10:00 AM
 Registration 9:00 AM—Noon
CLOSES PROMPTLY AT NOON
 1K Race 10:-00 AM
 5K Race 1:00 PM
 Burgers After Race
 Awards Ceremony 3:00 PM
 Water Volleyball After Awards Ceremony



Craig & Linda's "Airedale" just checking for the mail!



Thanks to everyone who stopped by on February 9th and purchased my book, "One Man's Journey"

Rod M

