

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

The Busy Season is Around the Corner!

By Ken W

We have completed the first big event of the year with the 5K Bare Bun Run, and now gearing up for the start of the busy season. Memorial Day is days away and we have other events on the calendar that we are hoping to bring in plenty of folks for more fun in the sun.

The 5K looked like it could be a disastrous event with the rain coming the week before as well as the day of the race. With the help of several volunteers we were able to get the camp in great shape, reconfigure the course to avoid the creek bed and get all the cabins out of winter hibernation. We also completed the newest of our rental cabins, in cabin 11, and prepped a couple of new RV sites.

Our focus over the last year has been to clean up the commons area around the ranch. I hope that it has been noticeable. We have invested a lot of time getting rid of old cabins and we still have a few more structures to go. We will also be tearing down the lighting, fencing and backboard on the tennis court and repainting the court to accommodate as many pickleball courts as we can get on that surface.

As far as member sites, we are currently pushing everyone to get their sites cleaned up. In fact, the BOD has decided they want to impose fine for those who do not keep their sites up to standards. These fines will not be imposed without adequate warning, but don't throw away your mail when you see a letter informing you of the need to clean up your site. Just give me a call and I will let you know what you need to do and set a reasonable timetable for you to get it completed.

Remember this is all to improve the overall appearance of the ranch.

I hope you all can come out and enjoy our first full Washers Tournament. This tournament will be full games to 21 points and run like a regular tournament without time constraints. Players will make their own teams and there will be prizes for each member of the 3 top teams. We are also going to name the washer's courts in honor of the 1st place winners. Those court names will remain until next year's full washer's tournament. So, find a partner and give us a call to get your team in the tournament. Team signups will end May 4th at 9:00 AM and games will start at 10:00 AM. I hope to see you all come out and enjoy the day.

Our staff and volunteers are working hard to make sure that we make each and every one of our members and guests feel welcome. I wanted to name all those folks who have put in the extra effort around the ranch, but quite frankly this article would be about 3 pages if I were to do so. I do however want to give a special thanks to our volunteer of the month Dennis L. for his outstanding efforts in helping maintenance with all kinds of projects and general maintenance. He has been very dedicated and a savior to me this past month. Thank you Dennis, and thanks to all of you who have helped in all the jobs around the ranch this past month. I really do appreciate your work and believe you are making Star Ranch more popular by the day.

I hope that everyone gets plenty of opportunity to come out to the ranch this summer! We are working to fill weekends with more events than ever before. If there is something you would like to add to the events and help host, give me a call, I would love to get plenty of ideas for the lighter weekends as well as weekdays.

Thanks again to everyone for making Star Ranch what it is today!

Thank You

I want to thank all of you for your patience last month when country music night had to be postponed. As some of you know, we had an unexpected death in our family just a few days before this popular event was to be held. I also want to thank those of you who reached out to Melissa and myself with your condolences. This was a trying time for us, made easier by the love and support we felt from our Star Ranch family.

My understanding is that the council has rescheduled country music night for June 8, at the pool. Hope to see you there.

Larry S.



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2019 Cake Contest and Auction

by Larry S

Even though it's only four months old, 2019 is shaping up to be a banner year for Star Ranch. Want an example? How about the cake contest and auction last Saturday? The contest drew seven entrants, each submitting one cake for the judges to evaluate. They (the judges) did an outstanding job of tasting, tasting and tasting some more. In the end they were able to snack their way through all seven cakes and arrive at the three top entries.

But did they then announce who the winners were? Noooooo! They made everybody wait until hours later in the day, when the auction of the cakes was just about to begin. The winners were: Melissa S, third place with Key Lime cake; DA G, second place with Texas Twist chocolate sheet cake (those raspberries were delicious!); and, Debra V, first place with Pineapple Upside Down cake.

Well, now that that's over with, let's get on to the auction. Our amateur auctioneer actually had eight cakes to auction. Craig and Linda McA donated a cake just for that purpose. (Thank you!) With Tara Hall almost full of hopeful bidders, the auction action began, with the premise that all the proceeds would go to fund the purchase/construction/installation of the new entrance gate.

The amateur auctioneer was astounded at the excitement and generous participation of the bidders. All eight cakes were sold to the highest bidders in less than 30 minutes, earning a total just north of \$2,600 to help fund our new gate.

When the bidding ended, our not-quite-speechless auctioneer asked that those present let their friends and neighbors who were not present know that donations are still be accepted for the gate fund, and that their opportunity to contribute had not passed. That goes out to all who read our wonderful newsletter as well. If you missed the auction, but would like to be a part of the effort to fund the new gate, please contact Ken W. He will work with you to make your contribution happen.

Many thanks to all who baked cakes, judged cakes, bought cakes and otherwise made the evening's auction a resounding success. Those of us who love Star Ranch are grateful to you and to everyone who makes this such a magical place.



Another successful 5K !



Kept telling Ken W that the weather would cooperate and everything would be just fine...and it was! Next race will be the Chilly Cheeks on October 12th. Registration on line will be available June 1.

2019 Memorial Weekend

May 25 - 8:30-10 AM	Breakfast in Margie's Cafe
9 AM	Petanque
Noon	Water Volleyball at Outdoor Pool
3 PM	Washers
6 PM	Burgers at the Outdoor Pool
8 PM	Dance at Outdoor Pool
May 26 - 8:30-10 AM	Breakfast in Margie's Cafe
9 AM	Petanque
10 AM	Water Aerobics at Outdoor Pool
Noon	Water Volleyball at Outdoor Pool
3 PM	Washers
6 PM	Tostadas at Outdoor Pool
7 PM	Music at Outdoor Pool
7 PM	Sand Volleyball
May 27 - 8:30-10 AM	Breakfast in Margie's Cafe
10 AM	Cash Petanque



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
			1 May Day	2	3	4 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Washers Tournament 2 PM Snacks at Pool 7 PM Dance 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 Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at Pool
12 Mothers Day Moms eat free! 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	13	14	15	16	17 6 PM Birthday Dinner	18 Armed Forces Day 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Mtg 2 PM Snacks at Pool 7 PM Dance
19 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Council Mtg	20	21	22	23	24	25 Memorial Weekend 8:30—10 AM Breakfast Schedule on Page 2
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JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Council Election 1 PM Council Mtg 2 PM Snacks at Pool
2 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	3	4 Hug Your Cat Day	5	6	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Petanque Tour- nament 2 PM Snacks at Pool 6 PM Open Grill 8 PM Classic Country Music at Outdoor Pool
9 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	10	11	12 6 PM Potluck with Music by Phil & Phriends	13	14	15 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Mtg 2 PM Snacks at Pool 2 PM Cart Wash 6 PM Open Grill 8 PM Music at Outdoor Pool
16 <i>Fathers Day</i> Dad's eat Free 8:30-10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Council Mtg	17	18	19	20 AANRSW Con- vention at Oak- lake Trails	21 AANRSW Con- vention at Oak- lake Trails 6 PM Birthday Dinner	22 AANR–SW Con- vention at Oaklake Trails 8:30–10 AM Breakfast Buffet Party 2 PM Salsa Party 3 PM Tacky Tourist
23 National Pink Day 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at Pool
30 8:30–10 AM Breakfast						



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 "Stay out of the Sun" Day	4 <i>happy 4th of JULY!</i>	5	6 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at the Pool
7 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast	8	9 Natl Sugar Cookie Day	10 6 PM Potluck with music by Phil & Phriends	11	12	13 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at the Pool
14 Natl Nude Day 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast	15	16	17	18	19 6 PM Birthday Dinner	20 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Mtg 2 PM Snacks at the Pool
21 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Council Mtg	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at the Pool
28 8:30 -10 AM Breakfast	29	30	31			

Star Ranch Staff

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COG, Inc. (dba Star Ranch) Annual Shareholders Meeting was held on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

After a scrumptious brunch, the meeting was called to order. The minutes of last year's meeting were almost read by Secretary Larry S, but the shareholders of stock voted to waive that reading. A Treasurer's report was handed out to all present. With a couple of procedural hiccups, the meeting continued with a quick review of the year by President Mike W and an equally short review by Council Spokesman Ivan Mc. The entire meeting was one of the shortest in the history of the club.

One purpose of this meeting is to elect new Directors to the Board. There were three vacancies and three names were nominated and then elected by acclamation. Paul O, Larry S and Ivan Mc are the "new" Board members with a two year term. Ivan immediately resigned from the Council as stipulated in the Council Constitution. Immediately after the meeting, the new BOD went into Executive Session to elect officers. Officers for the next year are:

President Mike W; Vice President Wanda H; Secretary Larry S; Treasurer Gary H.

We welcome our new Treasurer Gary H since our long-time Treasurer Rod Mc has chosen to step down for some well-deserved rest. During the last BOD meeting, both DA G (who chose not to run again) and Rod were presented with tokens of appreciation and thanks for their years of service to the Star Ranch community.

Shares of stock are available for purchase in the office. Possession of one of these documents qualifies a membership (couple or single) one vote at the annual meeting. Only one share is allowed per membership.

Along with General Manager Ken W, the officers listed above are the members of Star Ranch responsible for running the business of the corporation and maintaining the grounds. We are where the buck stops.

So you think you can toss washers?
 Come on out and prove it!

We will be hosting a competitive washers tournament (Doubles) Saturday, May 4th. There is no entry fee. This will be a double elimination tournament and we will consider the winners as the true champions of Star Ranch. We will name the courts in honor of the 2 winners until next year's tournament.

You pick your partner!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

1st Place \$35 Star Ranch credit for both players

2nd Place \$25 Star Ranch credit for both players

3rd Place \$15 Star Ranch credit for both players

Sign up in Tara Hall by 9 AM on Saturday, May 4th or call the office—512-273-2257 and we will add your names to the list.

Games will start at 10 AM

(Standard Gate Fees apply)

Bring snacks to share at the outdoor pool at 2 PM

Dance at the outdoor pool at 7 PM



Kelly E 5/2
 Mike K 5/3
 Jacob P 5/4
 Robert B 5/4
 Anna S 5/8
 Michelle G 5/9
 Mary L 5/10
 Ronald C 5/11
 Charles L 5/18
 Ivan M 5/18
 Melanie S 5/21
 Jack R 5/27
 David M 5/27
 Paul L 5/27
 Cleva P 5/28
 Linda M 5/30



Larry T 6/1
 Deborah V 6/3
 Tara V 6/7
 Tim S 6/3
 June S 6/11
 Debbie J 6/12
 Dylan L 6/14
 Davie B 6/19
 Marta D 6/19
 Kelly R 6/21
 Don J 6/23
 Gail P 6/27
 Chris A 6/28



Susie V 7/1
 David S 7/4
 Jim A 7/17
 Beth B 7/19
 Dick L 7/22
 Deidra F 7/23
 David Mc 7/23
 John M 7/25
 Abby P 7/26

