



SAHNOAN STAR

A GAUNTLET THROWN by Ms. Anne Thorpe

The dew had just lifted & the morning sun set high in the clear October sky when the small village's brave volunteers stood upon the field of honor to take up the gauntlet & do battle with the behemoth that had so long held the citizens in its power. They came armed with war hammers, prying bars, lengths of chain & strap. Two brave souls mounted their roaring steeds of steel as some few loyal serfs did battle on foot. They did battle until dusk set in & yet the beast would not yield.

Determined to find victory our battle weary band withdrew for the night to knit wounds, replenish strength & drink much nourishing ale to make ready for the next morning assault.

The next morning just at sunrise, well two hours after sunrise because they wanted breakfast & much analysis first, the battle resumed. The roar of the steeds, the wailing of the beast, the cheering of the audience rang through the village mixed with the echo of cannon fire, many sighs of frustration & disgust & much genteel cursing. Then tired, weary, exhausted & just darn pooped, the motley crew of heroes gave one last desperate pull at the throat of the mighty monster.

There was a palpable moan, long & low like the death groan of a vanquished festered soul that moved across the plain like a rolling wave of despair. At first a moment of dismayed silence, then a cheer like no cheer I have ever heard swelled up from the very ground and filled the air, the hearts & the very soul of the village. Victory at last, at long last.

Much blood had been shed by our heroes, much aching & moaning, stubbing of toes & general disgust at how long the clever beast held on. But when all was said & done, when the field of battle was finally abandoned, when the day was ultimately laid to rest & revelry... WE WON!!!

Now, who is going to clean up the mess???



Going...

Going....



Gone!

Happy Birthday Rod!

New Outdoor Pool Construction by Rod M.

Just an update as to how things are going with our new outdoor pool project.

Phase #1 of 5 will begin (approximately) December 5th(Pool pumps are shut down now & the draining will begin soon)

All 5 phases of the project should be completed in 6 to 9 weeks depending on the weather.

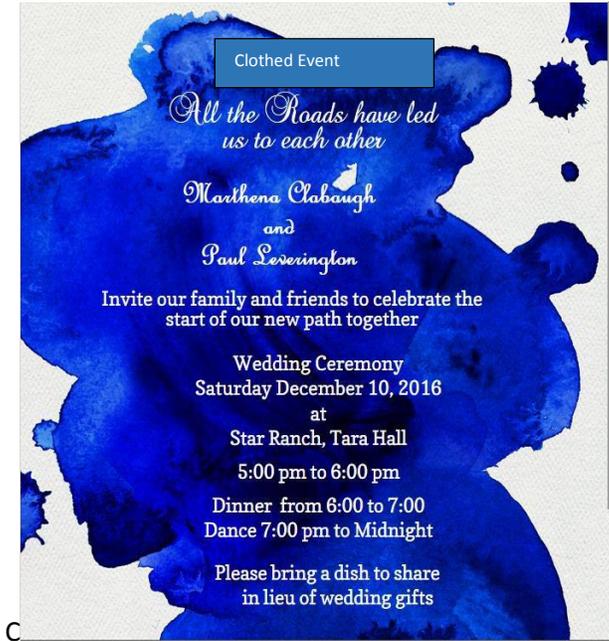
Runkle's management as well as C.O.G. request that our members & visitors refrain from interfering with construction & construction progress of our new pool.

Any questions please direct them to Rod because Pixie says she doesn't have the answers!!

Miscellaneous Improvements not Part of Pool Construction Bid

- #1—28' of Laredo, Texas rock benches \$600.00 (already donated)
 - #2—Stainless steel volleyball poles & new net \$275.00
 - #3—an additional sand filter in pump area \$375.00
 - #4—Two new variable 1/2 to 3 hp pumps \$900.00 each
 - #5—New sand filter & pump, pvc chlorine tablet tubes & piping \$250.00
 - #6—Rock for future waterfall
- (all dollar amounts are approximate) If interested in donating towards any of the items please contact the office.





Work Day

November 12th will be the first work day for this fall.

Projects will be:

- ◆ Clean up sand volleyball courts
- ◆ Separating wood/glass/shingles/etc at Liles house demolition site.

All volunteers will get a free breakfast from 8 to 9 AM and free lunch from noon to 1 PM. You will also receive a ticket for a drawing held New Years Eve for a silver membership.

Daylight savings time ends exactly at 2:00 AM on November 6th. Move clocks back 1 hour to 1 AM

It's that time of the year....start winterizing your cabin/rv to avoid any broken water lines.

Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with your Sahnoan Family

Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck will be Thursday, November 24th at 1 PM in Tara Hall. Star Ranch will provide the turkey and ham, you provide the sides and dessert!

After bellies are full join all in Tara Hall in front of the big screen for football, camaraderie or just a nap!

Left Overs (if any) Potluck will be Saturday, November 26th at 6 PM in Tara Hall.

Member Only Email List by Lorraine A.

There is now a private email list for members of Star Ranch. Members on this list will be able to send an email message to all other members by sending it to a single email address: members@sahnoans.com.

ONLY members who wish to be on this list will receive these email messages and ONLY members who are on this list will be able to send to this address. As a member, you must use the email address you gave us in order to access the list. If you attempt to send from any other email address the message will bounce.

There has been considerable interest from several members in being able to communicate with each other more. Thus, this list. The list is meant for announcements, or member-related information, such as (for example): "There will be an impromptu potluck at Tara Hall this Friday," "Lynn is offering a discount on massage for Members and Guests at Star Ranch the weekend of..... call her at..... to sign up!" or "_____ has a golf cart for sale," etc.

Anyone who mis-uses the list by repetitive soliciting, ranting, flaming or getting into political or religious issues will be removed.

Do you know a member of Star Ranch who should be on this list but isn't, yet? Please send me (Lorraine) their name and email — if you have it — and I will contact them to see if they would like to be included.

Note: This list does *not* replace the Yahoo group. The Yahoo group is still your best source for the latest official activity news.

If you have any questions, let me know and I will get back to you.

Antonio C. David Phe.
 David Phi. Steve D.
 Cliff H. Marty C. Mike A.
 Sending Get Well Wishes
 Sorry you are feeling under the weather
 Get Well Soon
 Hope you are soon on the mend
 You are in our thoughts and prayers
 Speedy Recovery

Big THANK YOU to all of the writers for newsletter articles & sending them in a timely fashion.

Did you hear the one about...
 Two men walk into a bar;
 Ouch! Ouch!

Star Ranch Nature Scavenger Hunt by

Jeani C.

The weather could not have been better for the inaugural Star Ranch Nature Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, October 22.

Organized & headed by Jeani C., the hunt started at the pool pavilion at 2 PM. It was hard to tear people away from the spectacle that was the demolition of Liles house but a good crowd showed up allowing for the formation of four teams. With teams of 2-4 people each, the rules announced & check lists in hand, the teams took off in carts to search for various nature related items that could all be found on the Star Ranch grounds. The prizes were to be awarded as follows: 1st & 2nd Place ranked by the most items found on the list & additionally by arrival back at home base. There were special awards for the most interesting/unusual item & the most weird/strange item found on the hunt. After 45 minutes the first team of Dave & Cat returned missing only a mushroom & a red leaf. They were followed a few minutes later by Grace's team with Mark, Sue & Don who were only missing a feather & Bill returned minus Linda, he evidently lost his scavenger buddy along the way. He returned with Linda in tow & minus a feather. And last but certainly not least the team of Deidra & JT who were also missing the elusive feather. Some comical moments ensued after the inventory of the listed items brought in by each team including Dave & Cat dragging a huge branch behind their cart, a used rubber glove found by Sue & Felix telling of some woman drove up & asked if he had any mushrooms...that being Grace! Of course, bringing down the house with laughter was Deidra & her mushroom that looked like a b - - -!! The overall winners with the most items on the list were Grace's team. 2nd place went to Bill & Linda who were the 3rd ones to come back & had only one item missing from their list. Special awards went to Dave & Cat for the snake skin & to Sue for the rubber glove.

Halloween baskets full of goodies donated by Jerry & Jeani C. were given as prizes to each member of the winning teams. Everyone had a great time & want to do another scavenger hunt in the future.

Thank you everyone for your participation, support & enthusiasm, it truly was a blast & in true Star Ranch fashion it was an event filled with fun, lots of laughs & time well spent with friends.

Hearts, Diamonds, Spades and Clubs by Larry S.

For lots of folks, poker is an intimidating game, especially Texas Hold'Em like you see on TV. There are a lot of serious folks in those tournaments and you can see they don't abide amateurs who don't know what they're doing.

While that's never the case at our Star Ranch poker nights, the trepidation is still there for players who are new to the



game. For that reason, during the hour preceding our poker October poker night, a whole bunch of folks took advantage of free poker lessons from our resident poker pro, Terry P. Terry guided the students through the rules of the game and the strategies for winning. When the hour was over, the real fun began.

We had thirteen players sign up and throw a ten-spot into the pot. With a couple of re-buys, the total pot rose to \$150 and the game was winner take all.

Two tables of players eventually turned to one table and finally two players were left. Dina P and Tim H faced off for a series of hands, but in the end Tim took the pot.

It was an exciting evening of fun and poker. We plan to do it again soon. Join us.

Please join the Sahnoan Council in expressing our appreciation to Terry P for not only providing an hour of instruction, but also running the game and making sure the tournament ran smoothly. Terry and his family had just returned from a Louisiana casino trip and had been awake for more than 24 hours; yet he kept his promise to lead the tournament. We very much appreciate his dedication.

Feral Cat Round-Up By Phil & Lorraine Ayliffe

There has been an ongoing problem with the feral cat population here at Star Ranch and it is now getting handled. Phil, Lorraine, and Monte (Cliff's daughter) coordinated efforts to trap and deliver eight feral cats to the Austin Humane Society last month. Yay! And this is only the beginning!

If you have any wild kitties around your place, email Phil (pheelforu@yahoo.com) or Lorraine (Lorraine@webwoman.us) and we'll get in touch with you to discuss the situation. Or you can call us at 512.535.0159.

These cats are good to have around as they help to control the snakes and other unwelcome critters. However, it is *not* a good idea to let the feral cat population get out of hand and we especially need to make sure they are all healthy.

We have humane, live traps available for you to use and will show you how to bait and set them, etc. Since we have to reserve time slots to deliver the cats to AHS we will need to figure out the best time to capture. Once treated, the cats are returned to where they were captured and then released.

Unfortunately, the Bastrop facility for their feral cat program burned down, so it not available now. There is a fee at the Austin Humane Society of \$20 per head for out-of-county kitties. This fee covers neutering, a general checkup, shots, worm medicine & other medication. There is an additional fee for antibiotics where needed.

We are following up a lead on *Elgin Alley Cats* — the rumor being there is a feral cat program in Elgin. Do you know anything about this? If so, please let us know!

We will keep everyone posted with any new information. Meanwhile, let contact us if you have some kitties that need to be attended to..

C.O.G. Operations

General Manager	Rod Mc.
Maintenance	Paul O.
Housekeeping	Dina P.
Office	Lara L.
	Pixie Mc.
Rental Cabin Coordinator	Deidra F.

Volunteers

Larry & Melissa S.	Wanda H.
David & Mary M.	Abby P.
DA G. & Debbie J.	Dick & Peg L.
Roy & Deidra F.	Mike & Jean M.
Mike W. & Jennifer M.	Jerry & Jeani C.
Phil & Lorraine A.	

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Sahnoan Council

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Diane H	11/1
Russell S	11/1
Judy L	11/2
Carolyn F	11/10
Lynn D	11/12
Paul P	11/12
Caleb L	11/13
Allen N	11/18
Pam W	11/19
Nan B	11/23
Ann D	11/25
Bill H	11/27
David Phi	11/30

Russell N	12/5
Benny B	12/6
JT T	12/8
Terry P	12/12
Jean M	12/15
Libia C	12/16
Travis L	12/16
Stephen G	12/17
Roy F	12/18
Richard G	12/21
Terry C	12/22
Tommie N	12/27
Judy M	12/28
Lauren W	12/28
Robbie M	12/28

Mike W. has set up Star Ranch Nudist Resort in Trip Advisor.

Go to tripadvisor.com, top of page type in Star Ranch near McDade, TX. Once you get to the Star Ranch page, scroll down to bottom of the page & write a review!



Everyone welcome to join us at 2 PM Sunday afternoons for a potluck...bring a dish to share!

Thank you to Steve O. for spending a day removing windows at the Liles House before demolition.

1997 ALPENLITE FIFTH WHEEL

RV MOTORHOME

M-34RLT- AppleTree

Contact: Paul Leverington

512 484-0389

Asking: \$ 8500.00 OBO

This high end 5th wheel would make a great home or summer cabin for somebody. 2 slides, amazing amount of cabinets, basement storage, and super roomy inside. If you are looking for the most bang for the buck check out this 1997 Alpenlite today! This 1997 Alpenlite Appletree 34RLT Fifth wheel features: Queen Size bed with built in dresser that can hold a large screen TV (TV not included), UVW: 10,930 lbs, GVWR: 13,200 lbs, 110 gal Freshwater Capacity, 2 Slide-Outs, 34ft Overall Length.

Options Included:

13,500 BTU Central/Ducted AC (2 yrs Old), Furnace, 3-Way Refrigerator (10 cu.ft.), 12 Volt Rec. Toilet, Flushing Toilet/ Holding Tank, Gas Grill Cook Top, Microwave Oven, Waste Water Holding Tank, 32" Flat Screen TV, Satellite Dish without Receiver, TV Antenna w/Booster, Stabilizer Jacks - Crank Down (each), Awning 17" - 19" (Each), Awning for Slide-Out (Bedroom), Power Slide-out Room 8' (each), Skylight, Storage unit 10 X 14, 50 gallon Hot water tank 3 years old (piped to the RV),

Washer and dryer (2 & 3 years old).



No Calendars this month, program glitch!!

November Events:

Saturday	5th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
Sunday	6th	2 AM	Turn clock back to 1 AM
		8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		2 PM	Potluck
Wednesday	9th	6 PM	Potluck
			Music with Phil & Phriends
Saturday	12th	WORK DAY	
		8 – 9 AM	Breakfast
		12 – 1 PM	Lunch
		7 PM	Bingo
Sunday	13th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		2 PM	Potluck
Friday	18th	6 PM	Birthday Dinner – location TBA
Saturday	19th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		10 AM	Board Mtg with Council Mtg following
Sunday	20th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		2 PM	Potluck
Thursday	24th	THANKSGIVING	
		OFFICE CLOSED	
			
		1 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck
			Ham & Turkey provided by Star Ranch
Friday	25th	BLACK FRIDAY	
Saturday	26th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		6 PM	Leftovers Potluck
Sunday	27th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast

December Events:

Saturday	3rd	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		11 AM	Decorate Tara Hall
		2 PM	Cookie Contest
Sunday	4th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		2 PM	Potluck
Saturday	10th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		10 AM	Board Mtg with Council Mtg following
		3 PM – 12 AM	Tara Hall Closed for private event
Sunday	11th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		2 PM	Potluck
Wednesday	14th	6 PM	Potluck
			Music with Phil & Phriends
Friday	16th	6 PM	Birthday Dinner location TBA
Saturday	17th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		5:30 PM	Site Judging
		6 PM	Potluck
		6:30 PM	Gift Exchang
Sunday	18th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		2 PM	Potluck
Saturday	24th	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
Sunday	25th		CHRISTMAS
			OFFICE CLOSED
		1 PM	Christmas Dinner Potluck
			Ham & Turkey provided by Star Ranch
Saturday	31st	8:30 – 10 AM	Breakfast
		5 PM	Progressive Dinner
		8 PM	New Years Eve Dance
			Silver Membership Drawing

