

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

Dear Fellow Sahnoans,

Here is the next excerpt from "The Beginning and History of the Sahnoans and Star Ranch" by Myrl and Ditto S. This installment is about the "Club House".

The Club House

Tom and all the members built the Club House and member's cabins. Volunteer help was and still is a necessity to survive. We came and worked when it was cool and played volleyball after the day's work was done. Lights and a fence built around the courts made night play possible. Very few members did not pitch in. Today, we all enjoy the efforts of everyone. The Club House was an add-on structure and then a big campaign was put on to build a recreational hall, including an indoor pool (no hot tub yet). The pool was modified later. This was only the second commercial concrete purchased and poured by the members. The first was the tennis court. The Clubhouse served as a residence for Tom and Cecile before they built the "Hogan" as well as the business office.

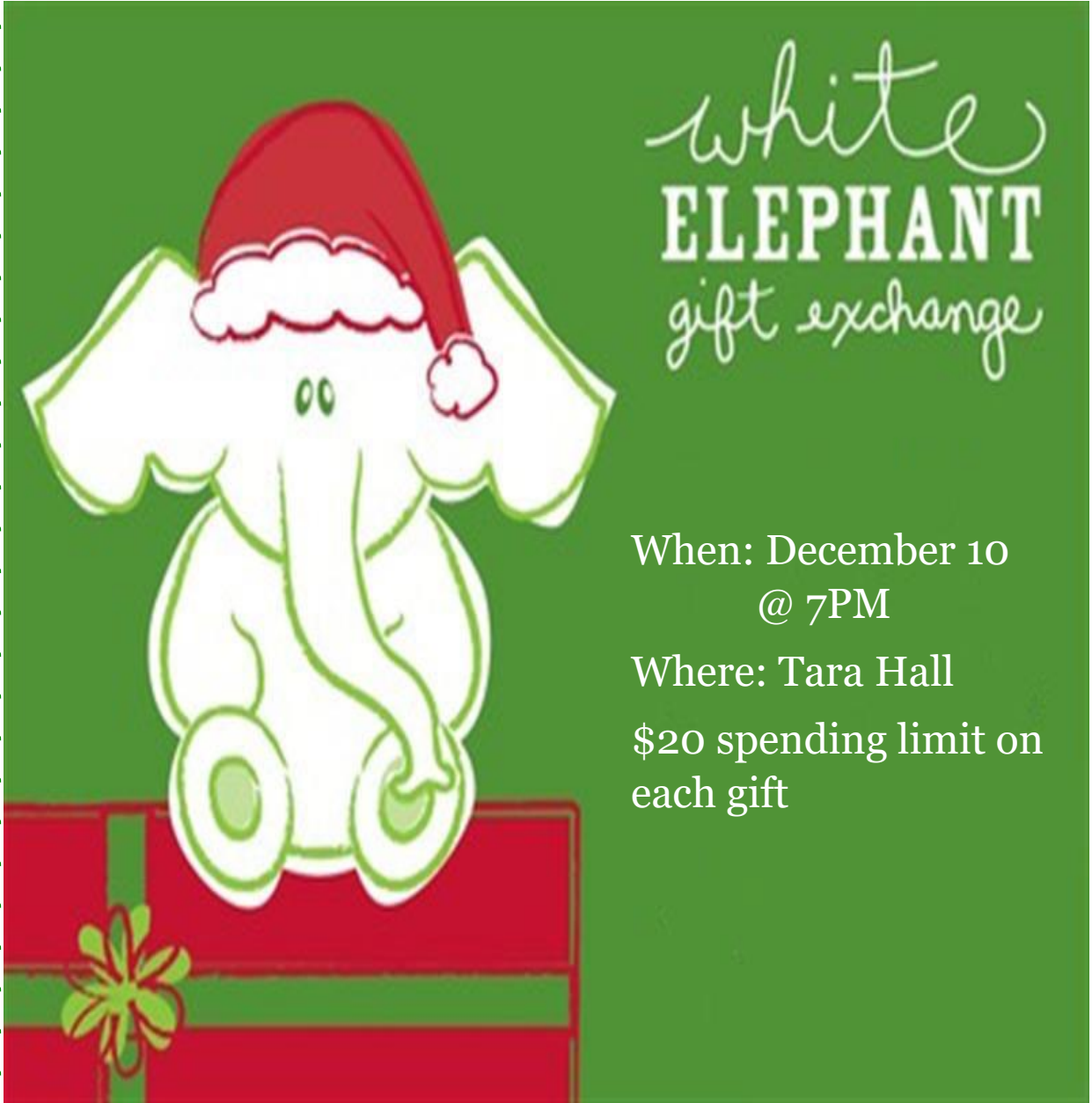
Myrl and Ditto's words still ring true. Volunteer help is necessary to survive. The enjoyment we get from our wonderful Ranch was built on the backs of a very dedicated group of people with a common dream. We love our volunteers and want to acknowledge the contributions of so many people over the years. There are a dedicated few that consistently go above and beyond to ensure that we survive and thrive into the future. It seems like after 65 years we are up for a little renovation from the original buildings but overall every structure has stood the test of time. I look forward to what the future brings as we move into a new year and a new season at the ranch.

Crystal



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Star Ranch Regatta

I am not sure if you all have noticed but Star Ranch is geographically land locked. We do not have ocean frontage or even lake frontage. You can understand my hesitation when Sandi suggested we have a boat race. We had just visited some drag boats at our local bowling alley and I pretty much thought Sandi was out to lunch. As such, I promptly forgot about the issue. Sandi was referring to a radio-controlled boat race in the pool. Sandi never gives up easily when I am hesitant so at the next council meeting, she makes the suggestion. The team agreed to put it on the calendar and Ronnie Brown immediately began researching options.

Realizing we were in uncharted territory, we scheduled practice days. As we learned to drive boats the subject of the race course came up. It was decided we would not simply have a drag race but rather a course involving floating markers. How do we hold them in place? The board will not be happy if we permanently mark the pool bottom with some metallic weight. The solution: we purchased rubber coated dumb bells and tied fishing boppers to them with fishing line.

A second practice day comes and goes. It is apparent we have folks taking this little competition very seriously. One contestant burned the motor up on his boat during practice and had to return it for a warranty replacement. Another contestant purchased a boat without a rudder. His boat contains two shafts and propellers. The boat is so sophisticated that it turns by shutting off propeller right or left.

Race day finally arrives. We have a total of seven contestants. Your author did not do so well. The boat that I spent hours researching, purchased upgraded batteries and charger as well as LED lights, wiring harness and water tight seals went down in flames. My boat literally caught fire and was eliminated without making a run.

In front of double-digit curiosity seekers and or supporters my fellow competitors performed much better. Our officially recorded times are as follows:

Ronnie B 26.33 seconds

Pete T 44.91

Mark B 46.95

Bob R 48.71

Lisa T 49.26

Richard G 52.26

Mark S DNF

Yes, using my wife's boat after my fire, I failed to properly navigate the course twice.

Congrats to Ronnie Brown capturing the towel and for all those that participated. Nothing like seeing a bunch of adults trying to direct radio-controlled boats in the proper fashion.

Ronnie really impressed. You see he was not happy with his race entry alone. Ronnie also purchased a radio-controlled Bismarck that he demonstrated after the race. It is very impressive. For the non-history folks, the Bismarck was a very famous German Battleship from WWII.

We will schedule the next Regatta for Feb or so. Get your boat, practice and look for the date.

Mark S



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, December 16, 2022

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Roadhouse Paige ([Click here for Menu](#))

([Click here for directions](#))



December, January, & February Birthdays

12/2	Courtney M
12/4	Richard "Stormy" H
12/5	Russell N
12/8	JT
12/12	Bill B
12/12	Terry P
12/15	Jean M
12/16	Travis L
12/16	Brian W
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Liz D
12/19	Scott F
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Richard G
12/21	Connie T
12/22	Gwen Wimer G
12/22	Regina B
12/25	Cristian B
12/26	Mary Alyson P
12/26	Nancy R
12/28	Judy McG

1/1	Roslyn F
1/4	Diane S
1/4	John (Randy) D
1/5	Thomas C
1/6	Lorraine A
1/6	Theresa S
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Ashley T
1/9	Dennis L
1/10	Rebecca D
1/10	Bryan D
1/10	Kathy M
1/12	Kathy C
1/13	Daniel B
1/14	Bill B
1/18	Walt R
1/18	DA G
1/19	Amelia B
1/19	Srabani "Sabrina" A
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Bennett T
1/22	Richard F
1/22	Hal D
1/23	Colleen Q
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jaqualine T

2/1	Bill C
2/1	Debra C
2/2	Michael I
2/4	William H
2/6	Gary C
2/8	Ronnie B
2/8	Irenen I
2/9	Ben T
2/13	Brian K
2/18	Bonnie M
2/18	Jason S
2/21	Tom B
2/23	Matthew D
2/23	Jennifer R
2/24	Timothy Q
2/26	Tracy G

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Friday, December 9 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
Saturday, December 10	
8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 2:00pm Christmas Cookie Contest Judging 6:00pm Potluck @ Tara Hall	7:00pm White Elephant Gift Exchange 8:00pm Wreath Silent Auction Winners Announced
	Sunday, December 11 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting
	Monday, December 12 OFFICE CLOSED
	Tuesday, December 13 OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, December 14 6:00pm Tunes at Tara Hall	
Friday, December 16 6:00pm Birthday Dinner @ Roadhouse Paige 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
Saturday, December 17	
8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 9:00am Window/Door Judging 10:00am COG Board of Directors	2:00pm Shuffleboard Tournament 7:00pm Window/Door Awards
Sunday, December 18 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
Monday, December 19 OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday, December 20 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, December 23 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
Saturday, December 24 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
	Sunday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 6:00pm Christmas Potluck - Tara Hall
	Monday, December 26 OFFICE CLOSED
	Tuesday, December 27 OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, December 30 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
Saturday, December 31 NEW YEARS EVE 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 5:00pm Progressive Dinner	

Board Meeting

	Sunday, January 1, 2023 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 12:00pm Polar Bear Plunge - Pavilion	
	Monday, January 2, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Tuesday, January 3, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
	Friday, January 6, 2023 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
	Saturday, January 7, 2023 First Aid camp - TBD 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
	Sunday, January 8, 2023 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Sahnnoan Council Meeting	
	Monday, January 9, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:00pm Tunes at Tara Hall	
	Friday, January 13, 2023 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
	Saturday, January 14, 2023 AANR-SW Mid-Winter Board Meeting 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 8:00pm KARAOKE!	
	Sunday, January 15, 2023 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
	Monday, January 16, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Tuesday, January 17, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Friday, January 20, 2023 6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
	Saturday, January 21, 2023 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am COG Board of Directors 6:00pm Potluck @ Tara Hall	
	Sunday, January 22, 2023 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
	Monday, January 23, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	
	Tuesday, January 24, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED	

Friday, January 27, 2023

7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe

9:00am CHILI cookoff begins

1:00pm PIE Contest begins

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe

Monday, January 30, 2023

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

OFFICE CLOSED



**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, December 17, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**



Mark's Musings

First Visit

I have talked extensively about the confidence I have in our membership. Generally speaking, we have a very satisfied membership who collectively is our best asset. I was reminded of this again today. Sandi and I were working on our deck this morning when Cara walked up explaining that she wanted to visit with us. Cara was a first-time visitor this past weekend.

We met Cara on Saturday as Patrick was giving her a tour. This was her first visit to a nude resort and she was feeling a bit shy. Cara told us she would be attending the CM and Jody Karaoke Saturday night but expected to be a listener as opposed to a singing participant. Jody encouraged her just a bit and she was singing with the team in no time. That alone says a lot about Star Ranch, the number of first time Karaoke singers we have experienced is remarkable.

Anyway, Cara approached us about a singer who may be interested in performing for us at Star Ranch. Very preliminary stages, this may or may not go anywhere. But that is not the purpose of my article. I wanted to share the impact we had on a visitor. A first time nudist by herself felt comfortable enough to go for a walk alone. Having found our place, she walked up, sat down and visited.

This is by no means a unique situation. This type of thing happens all the time at Star. As I type, I remember the same thing happening with a couple the night Mark and Donna Kay christened their deck and previously when Kelly and Roy had a crawfish boil at their place. Sure makes you wonder if the world could somehow all embrace nudism how much better we would get along.

We finished our visit with Cara and she headed back up the trail. An hour or so goes by and Pat and Mark B show up to say hello. Pat mentions that Michelle is at the pool visiting with Cara about Star Ranch and nudism in general. Please remember, Michelle was a bit nervous about the nudity thing early on. Now she is coaching Cara about the pros and cons. I think it is safe to say that nudism makes a leader out of all of us. As Sandi and I drove past the pool this afternoon, we saw Pat and Michelle, Mike and Linda Goy, Patrick and Cara all looking very comfortable and relaxed.

Lastly, how did Cara find us? She has a history with the Ren fare folks. She knows Rhum through time spent in those circles. Rhum mentioned Star Ranch, she had a few free days and jumped in with both feet.

Well done, Team. I am proud of you all.

Mark S

Classifieds

FOR SALE - 2020 Forest River Travel Trailer at Camp Site D1

RV model: Cherokee 274VFK

Gross Vehicle Weight: 7,047

VIN: 4X4TCKC22LX141512

Sleeping Capacity: 6

Awnings: 1

Slide Outs: 1

Length: 34

Exterior Color: Silver Grey/Blue

Interior Color: Grey/Brown

Price: \$27K

Site D1 has a new, electrical pole set-up, an outdoor shower, a golf cart & car port with newly spread gravel, a metal shed, water & septic set-up, and a large yard.

Please contact Teresa Sterling at 512-565-6013 if interested.



FOR SALE

TWO BEDROOM HOME AT STAR RANCH (SITE C-14).

Recently (2019) remodeled 2 bedroom/1 bath home with new PEX plumbing and electrical throughout. A new water heater was installed in January 2022. The home also has a nice loft area that could be utilized as an office, extra bedroom, craft room, etc. and a large screened in porch. Other amenities include a large shed, 2-year-old refrigerator, washer and dryer, and a large electric wall oven and electric cooktop. This is a very nice home.

If you are interested and would like more information or a showing of this fabulous home, please give us a call.

Craig {512} 988-1957

Or

Linda {512} 461-6419

Do you like to cook, help friends and family get their day off to a great start?

Please consider volunteering...

If you enjoy breakfast on the weekends here at the Ranch, please consider giving a little of your time to make sure breakfasts can continue both days every weekend.

The Ranch is in need of one or several volunteers to cook on Saturdays of the second and fourth weekends.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Sahnoans.

If interested contact Nancy R. or the office.

C.O.G. Board of Directors

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Sahnoan Council

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John M

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General Manager	Linda McC
Front Office	Melissa S
Maintenance	Mike M
	Patrick L
Housekeeping	Paula T

Thoughts

Rod McC

Dave W

Pat L

Wanda H

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

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
Sunday, December 11,
at 10:00am.**

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. Jennifer M.

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