

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*

## Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner

### Appetizer

*Chilled Baby Shrimp Cocktail*

### Bread

*Italian with Butter/Oil Dipping Sauce*

### Salad

*Fresh Garden Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing*

### Entrée

*Choice of either*

*Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Tri-Color Roasted Potatoes & Fresh Asparagus*

*OR*

*Cheese Filled Tortellini Alfredo with Broccoli and Mushrooms*

### Dessert

*Homemade Cheesecake with Chambord Lacore Sauce*

**6pm Saturday, February 11, 2023**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Sign-Up by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, SPACE IS LIMITED**

(to sign-up, please contact the office)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

And oh, what a night to usher in the New Year!

Tara Hall was packed, as it always is lately. The gang came to party and many began partying even before the night began.

The Progressive Dinner kicked off the night with apps at Ronnie and JoLynn's. Should have paced ourselves; was full by the time we left and that doesn't count the bellinis. Then off for salad at Mike and Jennifer's. Oh, no, they had champagne punch! Gonna be a long night. On to the Hall for entrees – yes, food! Thanks to all the cooks!!! We wrapped up the night at Lynn's with some sweet treats.

Time to dance... Back to Tara Hall where the crew had transformed the room into our version of Studio 54. Actual party lights added to the ambiance, but, oh no, Jamie M. brought his double-barreled drink machine.

The room was aglow with the decorations and holiday lights left over from Christmas, including a few New Year's Eve touches the Council added. Crowd-favorite DJ Travis had the place jumping, as always. People were dancing from start to finish.

Those of us who made it to midnight toasted in the New Year. It's going to be another big one for Star Ranch! Hang on for the ride!!!

So, let's just all have a GREAT New Year, keep doing what you are doing, and HAVE FUN!!!

Mike W.



Polar Bears Unite!

With temperatures headed toward 80 degrees later that day, we had an abundance of folks ready to jump into the VERY COLD water at the pool. Over 17 brave ones jumped in on cue, some multiple times. Luckily, Nancy R. had hot chocolate waiting to assist with the warmup process.

Mike W.

## President's Message

We have had a banner year at Star Ranch. We saved a lot of money this year by not taking on any big projects. Thanks to the efforts of Mike W. we paid reduced property taxes. But no good deed goes unpunished, all that money in the bank incurs income taxes to the tune of 21 cents on the dollar. So on the advice of our accountant and treasurer we worked hard the last two weeks of this year to spend down some of that excess to reduce the tax hit. We have paid the property taxes and the IRS for this year. We contracted to get a tractor barn built. We ordered 10 picnic table frames and wood to assemble them. We bought propane and will have Bluebonnet start on the Pines electrical upgrade. We purchased a septic tank for the pool bathroom. We have paid the utility bills and the insurance. We will re-evaluate how much cash is left after this spending spree and then look to pay off one of the debt totals. We are in a good position starting off the new year. We will look at what is next on the maintenance list for improvements this month and get started on the backlog of things that need to get done. We have a few lean months to get through to the high season, so we will have to consider that as we plan for projects. I appreciate all your support as we have worked to achieve a better financial position.

Remember that the AANR SW midwinter convention will be January 13 & 14. There will be a meet and greet at the hall on 1/13/23. The AANR Board wants to invite all to attend the meet and greet. They want to hear your thoughts on how they can best serve you, so be sure to come and visit.

As you may have heard, Wanda H. has resigned her position as corporate secretary. We thank her for her many years of service in every leadership position at Star Ranch. Mike W. was appointed as the interim corporate secretary to get us through to the Shareholder's meeting in April, when the Board can appoint someone to that position. Mike W., Wanda and I met to review the active shareholder list and to determine which shares could be recovered. Linda M. will be preparing new share certificates in the coming weeks. Mike W. and I will sign the share certificates and then they will be available for sale at the office. I will be returning from travel on 1/11/23 and that will be my first priority so you can expect to be able to purchase them starting the third week in January. Linda will send out a notification when they are available. I am very happy to get these shares back into the hands of members to allow them to exercise their right to vote for the COG board.

Thank you all,

Crystal

# JANUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, January 20, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00pm

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

([Click here for directions](#))



## January, February, & March Birthdays

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

February	
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 F

March	
3/3	Brittney H
3/6	Sadelina D
3/8	Dani B
3/8	Ellen M
3/9	Larry C
3/9	Pat L
3/10	Fred B
3/11	Gregg C
3/11	BECKY K
3/11	Craig M
3/13	William B
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/15	Eric G
3/15	Kate M
3/17	Robert F
3/17	Larry S
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/23	Wanda H
3/29	Jo Lynn B
3/30	James S
3/31	Bruce R

Here is the next installment of The Beginning and History of the Sahnoans and Star Ranch by Merle and Ditto S.

### **Restructuring the Sahnoans and Star Ranch**

In the late 60's, Tom and Cecile were the sole owners of Star Ranch, which they co-operated with the Council and members wishes. Their income was taken from membership fees, only what they needed to live on. At that time, the Social Security policy was no self-employed person could contribute and collect a pension (Social Security), since they were the owners. Judge Gene Larry recommended they incorporate and work for the corporation, Conference of Olympus Gymnosophical, Inc. (COG). The name of the property would be "Star Ranch", the place where the members of the "Sahnoans" lived and played. The Club was, in the beginning, a non-profit corporation, which later changed to a profit corporation. 200 shares of Class "A" common, redeemable and voting stock were sold. \$10,000 shares of Class "B", non-redeemable, non-voting stock were sold to be used as a Club legal defense fund. The money was placed in a Bank Certificate of Deposit. This corporation was and still is designed to operate and manage Star Ranch; it's improvements and upkeep. A Board of Directors is elected by Class "A" stockholders to operate COG. The Council remains the governing body for members and memberships. Both entities work together to provide the needs and wishes of the members. The Sanhoans Constitution has been radically revised several times to meet the changes in philosophy of modern times, which was a difficult task. We all had our own ideas and some did not provide the rules needed at the time.

### **Corporation Ownership Transferred to the Sahnoans**

Tom and Cecile did not want any part of the Club to go to their heirs, so Tom gave 101 shares of COG Class "A" stock to the Sahnoans with the stipulation that the stock be voted as a block by the Council and could not be split. Tom also gave to COG all of his assets, bank account, tools, vehicles, but not his personal items. Tom remained Secretary of COG and Secretary of the Council until his death in 1977. Tom devoted his life's efforts to make Star Ranch the largest, finest and friendliest Club in Texas, which it still is today.

Looking back, we can see that there were a few visionary people who put their all into our little club. Members today still give generously of their time, talents and hard earned dollars to ensure that the Club remains healthy. I want to again thank those who always show up to work, cook and clean up, and to those creative souls who always seem to bring the fun. I also want to thank our dedicated staff. They are all working to constantly keep everything running smoothly. We appreciate more than words can say.








## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*\*ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 7</b>              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe              10:30am Sahnoan Council Meeting</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 8</b>              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 9</b>              OFFICE CLOSED              6:00pm <b>BCS Championship Game Watching Party @ Tara Hall</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, January 10</b>              OFFICE CLOSED</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 11</b>              6:00pm Tunes at Tara Hall</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, January 13</b>              AANR-SW Mid-Winter Board Meeting              6:00pm AANR-SW Meet &amp; Greet</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 14</b>              AANR-SW Mid-Winter Board Meeting              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe              8:00pm KARAOKE!</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 15</b>              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 16</b>              OFFICE CLOSED</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, January 17</b>              OFFICE CLOSED</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, January 20</b>              6:00pm Birthday Dinner-Paige Roadhouse</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 21</b>              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe              10:00am COG Board of Directors Meeting              2:00pm "Paint with a Twist" with Megan. Tara Hall              6:00pm Lunar New Year Potluck</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 22</b>              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 23</b>              OFFICE CLOSED</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, January 24</b>              OFFICE CLOSED</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 28</b>              8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe              9:00am CHILI Cookoff begins              2:00pm CHILI Cookoff judging              3:00pm PIE Contest begins              5:00pm PIE Auction</p>



<b>Sunday, January 29</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
<b>Monday, January 30</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Tuesday, January 31</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Wednesday, February 1</b> 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
<b>Friday, February 3</b> 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
<b>Saturday, February 4</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 1:00pm First Aid Training 2:00pm Blind Golf Cart Race #3 7:00pm 7th Running of Sahnoan Downs	
<b>Sunday, February 5</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe	
<b>Monday, February 6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b> 6:00pm Tunes at Tara Hall	
<b>Friday, February 10</b> 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
<b>Saturday, February 11</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Decorate Tara Hall for the Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner & Dance. 6:00pm Valentine's Dinner 8:00pm Sweetheart Karaoke	
<b>Sunday, February 12</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting 5:00pm Super Bowl LVII	
<b>Monday, February 13</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Tuesday, February 14</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Friday, February 17</b> 6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!	
<b>Saturday, February 18</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am COG Board of Directors 7:00pm Mardi Gras	
<b>Sunday, February 19</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 1:00pm Daytona 500	



<b>Monday, February 20</b> OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Friday, February 24</b> 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!
<b>Saturday, February 25</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 7:00pm Mexican Bingo
<b>Sunday, February 26</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe
<b>Monday, February 27</b> OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b> OFFICE CLOSED

## BCS Championship Game Watching Party –

**Monday night @ 6:30PM CT – Tara Hall**

Bring your favorite appetizer to share and desired adult beverages. Yes, I know it's a school night!



The **TCU Horned Frogs** will try to win their first national championship in more than eight decades when they take on the defending national champion **Georgia Bulldogs** in the 2023 **College Football Playoff National Championship** game on Monday at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif. TCU has won only one national championship in the poll era, in 1938. Since then, the Horned Frogs have finished in the top five of the AP poll just twice: 2010 (No. 2) and '14 (No. 3). To win national title No. 2, TCU (13-1) will have to knock off an undefeated Georgia team that is looking for its second straight national championship. The Bulldogs (14-0) are on a 16-game winning streak.

Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. CT.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, January 21, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**





# This & That

## Wreath Auction

1. Mark S won Grinch Wreath. \$130.00
  2. Pete T won Gnome for the Holiday's Wreath. \$100.00
  3. Jack W won Candy Cane Wreath. \$36.00
  4. Michelle R won Red, Gold, Bells Wreath. \$20.00
- The Council made \$286.00 and bought TWO new trees for use next year!

## Window and Door Decorating Contest

1st Place



Pete T

2nd Place



Sandi S

3rd Place



Nancy R

## Elgin Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Update

Packed house at Moralia's to hear newly-sworn-in Commissioner David Glass. In his second day on the job, not much to report, except that he plans to tackle the "roads situation". The problem is the budget for roads has gone from 11% of the county budget five years ago to 7% now.

His first battle will be to fight the even distribution of road funds among the four precincts (when our Precinct 4 has the largest share – 230 miles). He touched briefly on the exploding growth here as well. Elgin had 2,400 homes five years ago, but there are 10,000 homes currently platted. Wow!



# Tidbits

## **SPRINGTIME IS PAINTING TIME!!!**

Megan has agreed to come back to Star Ranch to conduct another fun “Sip-N-Paint” on January 21, 2023, at 2PM. The cost is the same as before, \$30 per painter. Megan provides everything: 11x14 canvas, paints, brushes, instructions, and just a fun afternoon. There is a minimum of 10 painters, so we need you to sign up as soon as possible. Right now, it is scheduled to be in Tara Hall, BUT, if the weather is good to us, it will be at the Pavilion. The fees will be collected prior to the painting class (Cash or Credit Card – she has a “square”) – this is one activity that cannot be charged to your Star Ranch account. Text 210-464-5994 to sign up for the class. Please include your name!!!! Here is a sample of the last class we had in November 2021.



## **Firewise Update**

This is the Star Ranch "Risk Reduction Investment" status, as reported at the December COG Board meeting.

Star Ranch	
<b>Site Status</b> McDade, TX  <b>2022 - In Good Standing</b> Application <b>Process Completed</b> Last Updated: 12/17/2022 <a href="#">VIEW APPLICATION</a>	<b>Site Investment</b>  <b>Investment Met</b> Total: <b>\$11,778.04</b> of Required: <b>\$2,854</b> Per Dwelling Unit: <b>\$117.78</b> of Required: <b>\$28.54</b>

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## **Did you know that Star Ranch has Podcasts?**

Check out [“StarCast”](#), the official podcast of Star Ranch. Click the link below.

**[“StarCast”](#)**



## From the Council

**NOTE:** Council Meeting, **Saturday 7 January 2023 at 10:30AM!!** Everyone is invited. If you have ideas, concerns, compliments, or just want to know what is going on around the Ranch, please come to the meeting.

What a year 2022 was for the Star Ranch Council. The first time in a few years we have maintained a full Council, and what fun we had!! Some highlights for the year are 60 new members, outside vendor to serve us on Holiday weekends, two of the biggest 5K races for Star Ranch, new activities, such as Blind Golf Cart Races, Remote Control Boat Race, Horse Races, Pickleball, Corn Hole, Mölkky, Karaoke, and brought back Ping Pong!! And those are just the highlights.

We have activities planned for the weekends in January and February, which include Karaoke on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Painting with a Twist, Chili Cook-off, Pie Contest, Potlucks, Chinese Lunar Party, Blind Golf Car Race, Horse Races, Sweetheart Dinner, Super Bowl Party, Daytona 500 Party, Mardi Gras Party, and Mexican Bingo. Please check the Web Page Calendar for specific dates and times.

On a more serious note, Council Elections are in June. The Positions are 2-Year Terms. The Council is responsible for scheduling Star Ranch activities, interviewing potential members, and resolution of happenings. It is a great opportunity to be part of planning the fun for "The Ranch!!"

While it is a full-time commitment for two years, it is not a commitment for every day or weekend. Star Ranch is always looking for energetic members that will bring new ideas for games, activities, and help with planning "things to do" to keep everyone excited about coming out to participate and build friendships. If you have questions, please pull a Council person aside and ask – it's just that easy.

# Mark's Musings

## New Year's Weekend

WOW! That is about all I can say after our New Year's weekend. For those of you that missed it, it sucks to be you. Smile. We had 60+ humans in the club house for the dance. Sorry I don't have an exact count but Travis really had the place jumping. It made counting tough. We had a great blend of residents, members and guests.

Not only was the dance a blast, mother nature cooperated. After icing up many of our water systems last weekend, we had 70-degree temps. Mike W and I had planned to stack lounge chairs on Saturday. That didn't happen. We had many folks sun bathing Saturday and Sunday.

The tradition of the polar plunge was a hit. 20+ humans decided to participate. I was not one of them.

Nancy and the food team continued their exemplary service. How many of you realize that Nancy made the decision to serve breakfast all winter long. Many thanks to her and her volunteers.

Melody T continued her extravert tendencies and put a Mölkky call out. They played on RV row.

We conducted a membership interview. Who in the heck is drawing new members in January? Star Ranch is a happening place that others want to join.

I visited with a traveling couple who left Wisconsin at 50 below zero wind chill. First time visitors who found us via a Google search. The wife was a bit hesitant at first but was sitting nude at the pool on Sunday. The Star Ranch Effect impacts others as it has for each of us. Well done team.

The Progressive Potluck Dinner was awesome. Many thanks to the Browns, the Weems, and Lynn for opening your homes up to us. The ham, potatoes, coleslaw, meatballs, mac and cheese, cup cakes and everything else was just fabulous.

The dance just rocked from beginning to end. Travis is excellent at reading the crowd and adjusting to what he hears and sees. This party was no exception. To say he hit it out of the park is an understatement. Many thanks Travis. Your talents are greatly appreciated.

Jaimie and Marta do what they do. The frozen drink options did not disappoint. I am not sure where Jaimie gets all that energy. I think Jaimie represented the men well by dancing the most number of songs and Allyson did the same for the ladies.

Thanks Star Ranch, we closed out 2022 in a superb fashion.

Mark S



### C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Crystal W
Vice President	Ronnie B
Directors:	Jamie M
	Jean M
	Bart W
Treasurer	David M

### Sahnoan Council

Deborah V  
Mark D  
Bob & Nancy R  
CM J  
Mark & Sandi S  
Mike W & Jennifer M  
John M

### Star Ranch Staff

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**

**Norma G**

*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](mailto: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  
Saturday, January 7,  
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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.

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