

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

Saturday, April 10th



**Bare Buns 5K
Fun Run
2021**



mask (and clothing) optional

AANR Southwest Nude Racing Series



STAR RANCH
McDade, Texas
WWW.StarRanch.Net

Tidbits

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th @ 10am. This is the Annual Shareholders Meeting. Location TBD



Meet Marie Countess of Champagne!!! None other than our own Tara V. Be sure the look for her if you make it over to Sherwood Forest .

BREAKFAST IS BACK!



Beginning this Saturday, Jean, CM and the crew will be serving breakfast every Saturday and Sunday morning al fresco at the Nekkid Parrot.

Come enjoy a tasty and relaxing start to the day.

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Available in the Welcome Center. Rush to get yours, quantities are limited.

From the GM (a.k.a. the “new guy”)

Getting Ready.

It's been a month of preparing.

“Getting ready” for the Bare Buns 5k is on everyone's minds. As of March 30th we have 68 runners signed up to run/jog/walk, 40+ volunteers signed up to help, and one more work day to prepare the course, the grounds, the cabins, and all the other details that go into putting on a successful race event.

A lot of you have pitched in to help. A lot more of you will, before the next two weeks are over. It is all appreciated; we literally can't do it without you.

Through the preparations we are “getting ready” for other things. At their last meeting, the board voted to re-open the ranch in many important ways. While we will not be totally back to pre-covid operations, we will be close. All RV sites will be open. Tent camping areas around the pool with water and power will be open. All our cabins are reserved for the race AND HAVE BEEN FOR SIX WEEKS. Visitors are ready to come back to Star Ranch and we are “getting ready” to host them.

But the 5K is only the beginning, we are preparing the grounds for a full summer of events. We expect hundreds of visitors to visit us in the coming months. The vast majority of them will have a good experience. Many of them will return, maybe more than once. A few of them will fall in love with life out here and become members of the Sahnoans. Perhaps one or two will even join us as residents one day. Because they came for a 5K, or a three-day weekend, or maybe just to see what it was like on a lazy summer afternoon.

New members are the life blood of the ranch. Without them we will certainly wither and die. So as we go through this summer remember as we meet new people we are making first impressions on them, and they on us. Impressions that may well last for years. We are “getting ready” to form new, potentially life long bonds with some of the first time visitors that find their way to our gates.

But we don't just have first time faces, we also have new residents. New houses showing up on long forsaken lots. New members looking for a place in the trees to pop up a camper or RV. New faces looking to pitch in and build a better facility. This is the work of relationships formed in previous years. These are folks “getting ready” to start new pages in their personal journeys and we celebrate those also.

There is always an end to ‘getting ready’. The starting horn sounds and the runners hit the trail. That's next month. I look forward to sharing it with you.

MB

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

By Mike Weems

Everything is blooming at Star Ranch. The birds are singing, the snakes are swishing, the carts are humming and the tractor has been digging. It's going to be a great summer!!!

Work Day was almost totally wiped out, except for workers (including guests) returning Tara Hall to its pre-Covid condition and almost finishing up the new Guest Kitchen. A small band of hardy folks were also out at work clearing a few sites that already have been spoken for. Lots of folks ready to come to the Ranch...

So that means lots of work this week to get ready the Bare Buns 5K Fun Run this Saturday. If you haven't selected your task for before/during/after the Race, please give Mark B. a call. We can never have too much help.

Just remember, that we still recommend wearing a mask and social distancing when around a crowd of people.

Please also remember to go online and vote for the Star Ranch Bare Buns 5K Fun Run in the Best of Austin by the Austin Chronicle magazine. We are listed under the Outdoor Run/Race category:

<https://vote.austinchronicle.com/> The deadline is April 12th.

We had a nice group of attendees at the Easter Potluck. Thanks go to all the cooks. Pete was worried, because initially we had only salads, ham and desserts. But Donna Kay and Jennifer raced home and whipped up a couple of sides to go with the other goodies that had shown up. A great meal and good company for Easter.



Jack W. and Sabrina B.

Board of Directors Candidate Bios



Crystal M.

I have been a member at Star Ranch for over 20 years. I have had the great pleasure of seeing how the Ranch has grown and changed over the course of time and have been honored to serve on the Board for the past several months. I have started to learn the history of the organization and how we have had to change and adapt in the evolving world. The main thing I have observed is how much hard work it takes from everyone to keep things running smoothly and to solve the daily problems that arise. I think we will forever be a work in progress, and I hope that I have been a positive influence on the collaborative process that is essential to the organization's health. I would be honored to re-new my commitment as a board member and would look forward to your input and support in the coming term.

For those of you who do not know me well, here is a little bit about me. Mark and I have been **married for 40 years this June**. He started us in the naturist life **when we will still** teenagers, visiting places like the "Well" in Canyon City, and Valley View in Durango, and Mountain Air Ranch near Denver, Colorado. We have made lifelong friends on the many Bare Necessities cruises we have taken to beautiful places around the globe over the past 30 years. I have been a nurse for 40 years and recently retired from my academic position. I love dogs and recently rescued our little Shih Tzu mix puppy Zoey. She loves to greet everyone at the Ranch and is always excited to ride in the golf cart. **We are seriously considering making the Ranch our full-time home in the very near future so we have a vested interest its continued success!** Mark and I will be able to be even more involved in the coming year.

Jamie M

Hi, I'm Jamie M and I'm submitting my name for a board position. I have been filling the board secretary position since last September and was just recently appointed by the board as a temporary fill for Mark B's position in January. I wish to continue to serve our community as an elected member of the board.

I am a husband and a father of two that enjoys the ranch's family-friendly values. I've been a member for a relatively short time but we've invested sweat and financial equity into what we believe is a wonderful community. Now, I feel I can offer some intellectual equity as a member of the board to ensure the ranch continues to be a strong, successful club.

I am an over 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force where I held a variety of positions ranging from independent work, to managing small teams and large teams. I was responsible for operations and financial program management of systems with variable budgets ranging into the millions of dollars. Since my retirement from the Air Force, I've started a second career as a lead for a team providing consulting services. I provide technical consulting to our client as well as managing personnel and financial aspects of multiple teams.

In closing, I feel as a board member, I can contribute to future successes of the ranch while making sure we maintain the core values on which the ranch has stood all these years.



Gary H

My name is Gary Harris. I would like to hold a position on the Star Ranch Board of Directors and contribute to the guidance of Star Ranch growth. My wife, Pamela and I had been visiting Star on a regular basis since 2014. We became gold members in 2015 and moved here as permanent residents the beginning of 2016.

I'm a USAF Veteran. After Air Force service, I created and ran my own software consulting business. The Texas Department of Transportation was a main client. After 10 years, I was recruited to join the headquarters team in Austin, where I served for twenty years.

I have had the privilege to serve as the Treasurer for Star Ranch for the past two years, but I believe that it is time for someone else to have that opportunity. During my tenure I have tried my best to make sure there could be no appearance of or impropriety: no business credit card, not requiring a individual Board member to acquire any personal loans for the Ranch, and two signatures on Ranch checks. We have also been able to get a lower interest rate on the loan for the new office.

As a representative for Star Ranch, I attended and participated in the August 12 – 16, 2019 American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) National Convention in Worley, Idaho, where I had the opportunity of getting to know several Board members and hear their discussions about AANR goals.

My vision for the future of Star Ranch Nudist Resort is for Star Ranch to grow into the premier nudist community in America. I want to work to bring a younger, more diverse group of people to the Ranch, while still maintaining the friendliness of Star Ranch. I believe this can be done by an extended outreach to a broader demographic. I would like to see the Sahnnoans at Star Ranch become the satellite host of the AANR with an American Nudist Resource Library database of nudist magazines and literature.

Having said all of that, I humbly request your vote for my position on the Board. If you have any questions for me, my email is garyharris@hotmail.com.



Ronnie B

Jo and I have been members almost continuously since early 2001. We made many friends here at Star Ranch, lost a few, and have witnessed many changes and improvements during that time. We chose to become full-time residents almost four years ago come July. I enjoy participating in the various projects we have engaged in to improve our member's and guest's experience while visiting here at Star. There is much to do and I want to take the time now to be of service to the club by offering myself for a position on the Board of Directors. I have a very strong background in Project Management for Construction and have served as VP of membership (1 year), VP for Technology (1 year), and President (3 years) of Texas Outdoor Education Association prior to Jo Lynn's retirement as a teacher for RRISD. Please consider voting for me on one of the upcoming open Board positions. Thank you, I look forward to serving you, the membership.

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

APRIL BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN:

Monthly birthday dinners are suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



April, May & June Birthdays

April	
4/1	Randy S
4/3	Alvin J. G
4/4	Ron H
4/4	Mark W
4/6	Owen T
4/12	Pixie Mc
4/12	Lucienne N
4/13	Fred H
4/14	Nancy D
4/14	Marta M
4/15	Syrus S
4/19	Steve N
4/20	Carla W
4/28	Melissa S
4/28	David W
4/29	Roy E
4/30	Katharina W

May	
5/1	Jeannette T
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Sandy T
5/9	Michelle G
5/9	Nestor S
5/10	Mary L
5/10	Bart W
5/11	Ronald C
5/13	Secily S
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Ivan Mc
5/21	Melanie S
5/24	Ruben J
5/27	Dave M
5/27	Jack R
5/30	Linda Mc

June	
6/1	Larry T
6/1	Nathan B
6/2	Anthony M
6/3	Deborah V
6/7	Tara V
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Debbie J
6/18	Heather C
6/19	Marietta D
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Jody J
6/27	Gail P
6/28	Chris A



HAPPY Mother's Day

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Father's
DAY

COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Saturday, April 3

9:00am WORK DAY

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 4

1:00pm Easter potluck

Saturday, April 10

Bare Buns 5k Fun Run

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 11

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

Saturday, April 17

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am **Council Meeting**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 18

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

Saturday, April 24

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10am **Shareholders Meeting/BOD election**

10:00am BOD Meeting

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 25

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

Saturday, May 1

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, May 2

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

Saturday, May 8

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, May 9

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

Saturday, May 15

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am **BOD Meeting**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

8:00pm Music @ the pool

<p align="center">Sunday, May 16 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, May 22 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Council Meeting 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm 8:00pm Music @ the pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, May 23 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, May 29 Memorial Day Weekend Pickleball court open for games @ the Pickleball court 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am Petanque Tournament @ the Petanque court 10am and 2pm Indoor Games @ The Hall 11:00am Concessions @ the Nekkid Parrot 11:45am Indianapolis 500 Watch Party @ The Hall 12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament @ the pool 1:00pm Super Soaker battle outside the pool gate 3:00pm Washers Tournament @ the Washer courts 7:00pm Sand Volleyball @ the Sand Volleyball court 8:00pm Dance @ the pool</p>
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Coming in June - the AANR-SW Convention and in August - the AANR International Convention!

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

This & That

YOM: Season 2; Episode 0

David P. & Wanda H.



Even though the 2021 Yard of the Month contest is officially open, tiny veggy and flower plantings are afraid to raise their heads from the dirt, for fear of getting snowed on. All of 2020's winners featured gardens created by the site holder. Sometimes, however, Mother Nature offers a helping hand by proudly showing off trees or shrubs which come into bloom on their own. Pictured is a Bradford Pear tree at site D-4. It was planted there about 15 years ago, and Nature has done the rest. Approximately 50' high and 50' across, the glorious white blooms last for about two weeks---less, if



rain or wind strip off its tiny petals. If you have trees or shrubs which show off during our growing season (Until October), be sure to let us know. The Yard of the Month sign could complement YOUR site.

Just for Laughs

Submitted by David P

A 100% true story from the cutting edge...

As we were returning home yesterday in the crush of commuter traffic about 5ish, we saw a pickup with this website on its tailgate: AustinVasectomy.com . (I checked. It's legit)

Made me wonder.....

Wait for it.....

Wait for it.....

Do they cut you off in traffic?

C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Mike W
Vice President	Wanda H
Secretary	Jamie M
	Ivan Mc
	Crystal M
Treasurer	Vacant

Sahnoan Council

Pete & Lisa T
 Craig & Linda Mc
 Deborah V
 Tim S
 Rob & Marietta D
 Bob & Nancy R

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Mark B
Treasurer	Vacant
Front Office	Linda M
	Melissa S
	Marietta D
Maintenance	Mike M
Housekeeping	Jean M
	Tonya M

*Thoughts
 And
 For Pam H & Rod Mc Prayers*

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 your are either a member of the club or you have opted -in on our website. Please let us know of you do not wish to receive future editions.

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

**The next Council meeting
 is scheduled for
 Saturday, April 17, 2021
 at 10:00am.**

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.