

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

From the President . . .

My brother and sister-in-law came to see us this week from Mississippi, planning to use their camper instead of renting a cabin or a motel room. Unfortunately, they discovered an electrical problem which left them without electricity. They accepted our invitation to sleep in our spare bedroom. After a safe trip home, they will be able to get repairs done and try again.

Life is like that here at Star Ranch. Pumps for both pools can die. Water leaks regularly pop up from previously unknown locations, etc. On a personal level, just the right, eminently qualified members for managerial-level positions opt to move out. Indoor and outdoor cooks are always in short supply. Just when we have metaphorically plugged a leak in our infrastructure or personnel positions, another one pops up.

Behind-the-scene changes are constant. Board and Council members are, in effect, on 24-hour call to handle large or small crises. Two Board positions are up for election at our next Shareholders Meeting. Candidates always say, "I want to make Star Ranch the best nudist club in Texas/America." A much more realistic pledge is to avow: "I will always be available to fix things or find volunteers to fix/do/maintain things, or generally be a Go-to person day or night." Any time we face a crisis which forces us to make a 90-degree turn, Board members need to be our First Responders.

With all that in mind, please mark your calendars for a Straw Poll meeting on March 10 at 10:00 A.M. in Tara Hall. This is an annual event sponsored by the Sahnoan Council. **This meeting is for ALL members.** Candidates running for the Board will be introduced, interviewed, and voted upon by attendees. Results of this vote will guide the Council at the April 30 Shareholders meeting as to how they wish to vote their 101 shares. If you are not currently a shareholder, this is your chance to have your voice heard. We invite ALL members, new and experienced, to come and make your choices known. **This is one of the most important meetings we have at Star Ranch!** These candidates will determine the future of Star Ranch and this is your chance to participate in decisions affecting the future. Y'all come!

Empty shelves at the grocery stores have led some of us at Star Ranch to consider a community garden where we grow our own vegetables. Ronnie B and Steve O have marked off an area 50' x 100' out in the Pines where water is available for watering. The cost of putting up a deer-proof fence around this area is a little less than \$2000.00. Our thinking is that those members who
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are interested in participating in this effort will share this cost. It is too late for a spring garden, but consider the possibility of a fall/winter garden. If you are interested or have questions/comments, get in touch with a Board member. We will talk about a community garden at the next Board meeting.

Spring is almost here. Go out and enjoy the sunshine!

Wanda H

ELECTIONS!!!

Opportunities abound at Star Ranch!! Board of Directors Straw Poll is scheduled for March 12, 2022, at 10:00AM in Tara Hall. Our two candidates, Bart W. and Gary H., will be available to answer questions from Star Ranch members; after which the Straw Poll will be conducted. The election will be held during the Shareholders Meeting, scheduled for April 30, 2022, at 10:00AM.

The next opportunity is the election of the Star Ranch Council. All of the qualifications are listed in the Constitution of the Sahnoans, Article III.5.1 (available on the Star Ranch Web page under "Members Only" section.) After reviewing the qualifications listed in the Constitution, and you are interested in becoming a Council Member, please submit your name and a brief Resume to the Star Ranch Office before May 14, 2022. The Council is responsible to and for the members of Star Ranch, such as reviewing, interviewing, and approving membership; scheduling, planning, and heading up activities like pot lucks, contests, dances, Holiday games and concessions; and resolving Incident Reports. There are several vacant positions that need to be filled at the election on June 4, 2022. Now is the time to come to the aid of your Star Ranch!!!!

Sahnoan Council

This & That



The biggest "Thank You" ever to Mike and Jennifer for making Karaoke night possible. They stepped up at the last minute to bring their equipment to Tara Hall. We had a fun group of listeners and a few singers. . . more singers from the listeners as the evening progressed!! Thank everyone who came out, brought delicious snacks, and made the evening so much fun for everyone. We have another Karaoke Night scheduled for March 26th! Hope to see y'all there.



Are you handy? Do you have cool tools that you like to use? Do you like working with fun people? Then we are looking for you! Many of our cabins have small, medium and large repair projects. Our maintenance crew can only do so much during the busy season and some of the cabins are in dire need of repairs. If you are interested in "adopting" a rental cabin for rehab, please contact me and I can give you an idea of what is needed. We are already getting into the busy season and may have to work around when they are rented but we want to ensure our cabins are clean, safe and in good repair. If you can paint, repair windows, or do minor construction projects your Ranch needs you! Please contact Crystal W. if you would like to help out!

C.O.G Board of Directors Candidate Bios



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 late-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 two years, but I believed that it was time for someone else to have that opportunity. During my tenure I had 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.

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 Sahnoans 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.

My name is Bart W. I'm running for a seat on the Board of Directors to contribute to the long term success of Star Ranch. I was first introduced to Star at a 5K and have enjoyed the nature and camaraderie at the ranch. The ranch has provided fun activities, friendships, and peaceful retreat from a busy life in Austin.

Experience I have that will make me a good Board member includes owning a small business, and having served on a number of boards and commissions related to my profession. I have enjoyed helping with food service at the Ranch occasionally, and I recently helped define some accessibility upgrades.

Skills I would bring to the Board include an understanding of building facilities, an interest in building consensus, even-handed disposition, good listening, organization and graphic representation for any building or site planning.

As a Board member I would like to work with others for more efficiency to Ranch operations, brainstorm with members about the future of Star, and put in the planning and due diligence to make those future visions reality. I would like to help prioritize investments that can be made in Ranch assets, like buildings, for long term financial well-being.

Working together, great things can be accomplished to build on the current success of the Ranch.

Dear Santa,

We know it is not Christmas, but Star Ranch has been very good this year and would like to ask for a few early presents. We sorely need to replace our old umbrella stands at the pool. We would really like to have a good indoor-outdoor Ping Pong table. I think it would be most appreciated by all of us! A good outdoor bean bag toss set would also be great. If one of your elves could build one that will stand up to the sun and rain, that would give it a long life to entertain our members and guests. I am hoping a trip to the nudist resort in the spring would be attractive enough to you to outweigh our very early present request. Looking forward to new toys, if you are so inclined!

Love,
Star Ranch

P.S.—A new gas grill would be nice and greatly appreciated.



WELCOME new members

Dan & Jan A.
Robert & Catherine N
Byron & Judith M.
Gary & Melissa A.
Jonathan & Christine

REMINDER

Sunday, March 13 is the start
of Daylight Saving Time
Clocks move forward **1** hour



Time to
Spring Ahead

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, March 18, 2022

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TBD



March, April, & May Birthdays

March	
3/3	Brittney H
3/8	Ellen M
3/8	Dani B
3/11	Mary M
3/11	Becky K
3/11	Gregg C
3/11	Craig Mc
3/13	William B
3/15	Eric G
3/15	Kate" M
3/16	Jack W
3/17	Larry S
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/23	Wanda H
3/25	Kevin "Kal" R
3/27	Howard M
3/29	Jolynn B
3/30	James S
3/31	Bruce R

April	
4/1	Randy S
4/3	Alvin J. G Jr
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
4/23	Stuart G
4/24	Tim S
4/27	Judith M
4/28	Melissa S
4/28	David W
4/29	Roy E
4/30	Kat W

May	
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Sandy T
5/7	Jeannette T
5/9	Michelle G
5/9	Nestor S
5/10	Bart W
5/10	Mary L
5/11	Ronald C
5/13	Scott B
5/13	Secily S
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Ivan Mc
5/18	Charles L
5/21	Melanie S
5/24	Ruben J
5/27	Dave M
5/30	Linda Mc

Tidbits

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, @ 10am @ Tara Hall

With warmer weather come creatures that slither and creatures that buzz and sting. While out walking our roads and trails, keep your eyes peeled.



Images of our most common encountered creatures.

For all of you with Green Thumbs

There is a group of folks here at the Ranch that are investigating the creation of a community garden. Star Ranch used to have one many years ago - the "good old days".

Please contact the office if you have interest in this idea. We still need to decide on the location, fencing, plot size and allocation, etc.



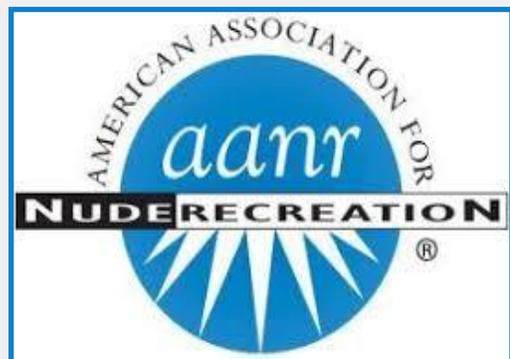
Please join us!

Community
GARDEN

Star Ranch is looking for a GENERAL MANAGER

If you or someone you know might be interested, please have them contact Crystal at 512-791-1116.

The position includes supervision of the Welcome Center, Member Relations, Maintenance and Housekeeping.



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](#)

<p>Thursday, March 3 4:00pm – 7:00pm Elgin Farmers Market</p>
<p>Sunday, March 6 9:00am Office Closed</p>
<p>Thursday, March 10 4:00pm – 7:00pm Elgin Farmers Market</p>
<p>Saturday, March 12 10:00am STRAW POLL 2022 12:00pm Decorate for St Paddy's Day 6:00pm St. Patrick's Day!</p>
<p>Sunday, March 13 8:30am JT's Bacon Breakfast Tacos - Tara Hall 9:00am Office Closed 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, March 17 4:00pm – 7:00pm Elgin Farmers Market</p>
<p>Friday, March 18 6:00pm Birthday Dinner Location - TBD</p>
<p>Saturday, March 19 10:00am COG Board of Directors 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall</p>
<p>Sunday, March 20 9:00am Office Closed</p>
<p>Thursday, March 24 4:00pm – 7:00pm Elgin Farmers Market</p>
<p>Saturday, March 26 WORK DAY! 7:00pm Movie Night</p>
<p>Sunday, March 27 8:30am JT's Bacon Breakfast Tacos 9:00am Office Closed</p>
<p>Saturday, April 2 1:00pm Race Volunteers Meeting 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall</p>
<p>Sunday, April 3 9:00am Office Closed</p>
<p>Saturday, April 9 Bare Buns 5k Fun Run Details coming soon! 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall</p>

<p align="center">Sunday, April 10 10:00am Sahnouan Council Meeting</p>
<p align="center">Friday, April 15 6:00pm Birthday Dinner Dinner Location - TBD</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, April 16 10:00am COG Board of Directors 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, April 23 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, April 30 10:00am COG Annual Shareholder Meeting 6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall</p>

STAR RANCH 2022 “BARE BUNS RUN 5K”

Star Ranch has hosted the “Bare Buns Run 5K” in the spring every year since 1997. The event is so popular that it is listed as a “Top Running Race” in Texas by RunnerClick.com. We generally have 130 to 160 runners in the competition, which is a qualifying race for the AANR-SW 5K Series. Due to the popularity of this event, ANNR-SW asked us to host a second 5K event each year – now named the “Chilly Cheeks 5K Run” and is run in the fall.

Enjoy a rural run through “Star Ranch” in McDade, Texas, 30 minutes east of Austin on US Hwy 290. The course winds its way around pastures and through woodland trails for approximately three kilometers before entering the developed portion of the ranch. The final two kilometers are on the sand and gravel paths connecting the cottages and cabins owned by our members. The race finishes at our gorgeous pool where you can enjoy a light meal off the grill while awaiting race results.

Both of our runs are “clothing optional” meaning wear as much or as little as you like. **All runners must be pre-registered** and we do conduct background checks on all our guests to ensure a safe environment is maintained at all times. At Star Ranch, we pride ourselves on over 64 years of hospitality serving the nudist community of central Texas. Explore the web site for more information on the Ranch and the other activities we host throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you on both Race Days – **April 9 and October 8, 2022!**

Parking opens at 9:00 AM – the races start at 1:00 PM.



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President Wanda H
 Vice President Crystal W
 Secretary Jamie M
 Ronnie B
 Mike W
 Treasurer David M

Sahnoan Council

Craig & Linda Mc
 Deborah V
 Mark D
 Bob & Nancy R
 CM J

Star Ranch Staff

Business Manager	Linda Mc
Front Office	Heather C
Maintenance	Mike M Patrick L
Housekeeping	Jean M Mo V

Thoughts

And

Rod Mc, Pat W

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, March 13,
 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.