
By Barry Willingham, President & CEO
Shangri-La Golf Club Resort & Marina

We put one incredible month behind us at Shangri-La Resort today and set foot into another incredibly busy month ahead! We’re excited about a fabulous Independence Day celebration at Shangri-La on Friday, July 3. Starting at 5:00 p.m., we’ll have lots of concessions, souvenirs, and great music from DJ Max on the Grand Lawn at the resort hotel, as we await the 7:30 p.m. flyover by the fabulous War Birds and their WWII aircraft, just ahead of the 9:30 blast-off of the 2020 Monkey Island Fireworks.

If you live on Monkey Island, we ask that you utilize your golf cart to get to the fireworks festivities – or watch the show from your boat. If you are coming by automobile, designated parking is available across from the airport on Monkey Island. We’ll shuttle guests too and from the parking area at no charge. Construction of our new Activity Park has eliminated some of our traditional parking areas near the resort – so parking at the hotel and marina will be limited to hotel guests, marina slip renters and customers patronizing Eddy’s Bar & Grill. All others will be shuttled via bus from the designated fireworks parking to the resort hotel for the best seats in the house.

Speaking of Eddy’s, 5th Element returns to entertain Friday night, July 3, followed by Western Justice Saturday night, July 4. On the golf course, our traditional holiday Alternate Shot Horse Race will be held Thursday, July 2 – and our popular Dock Shots competition will be Saturday, July 4 at 5:00 p.m. Check with the golf shop if you want to participate in those fun events.

EDDY’S AND SUMMIT

Due to both the Coronavirus, staff shortages, and interruption of food supply chains during the height of the pandemic, both Eddy’s Lakeside Bar and The Summit Restaurant have been operating with limited menus in order to maintain the quality of food and service that our members and guests expect and deserve, while dealing with the challenges of these times.

We have, however, added a very popular weekly menu item for dinner service at The Summit. Chef Mike has outdone himself with some out-of-this-world seafood specials that are flown in fresh for every weekend. Add that to an already popular menu and great entertainment by Terry Jordan at the keyboards, and you have the formula for great experience and great memories!

The Summit Restaurant is open to members and guests for lunch service seven days a week (with a limited menu on Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and for dinner service Thursday-Sunday. The Summit is open to the public Sunday evenings.

The menu at Eddy’s Lakeside Bar has been expanded and both the food and expanded drink offerings are getting rave

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Race, Dock Shots, and July 4 Free Putting Clinic, we’ll also have a Par 3 Jackpot on Sunday, July 5. The very next day begins our popular 3-day Sports Camp for a great group of youngsters. Thursday Night Scrambles and Friday “Yellow Rabbit Run” horse races fill the weekly schedules. SLWGA continues their regular Monday play days and the MGA Breakfast Club has a scheduled event July 11. A Free Driver Clinic, Closest to the Hole competition and a Couples Mixer are all planned for July 18.

Our three-day Junior Skills Camp is July 20-22, topped off with the Junior Club Championship Tournament July 23-24. We wrap up the month on the course with the 2020 Club Championship Tournament play July 25-26 and an adult/child Par 3 Challenge, also on the 26th.

SPREADING THE WORD

The “Living Grand on Grand Lake” television program returns to its regular schedule on RSU-TV this week (Thursday evenings at 7:00), and the first program of the new season will be dedicated entirely to the recent Monkey Island Golf Cart Poker Run and the five Island businesses involved in that record-breaking event.

Midwest Golfing Magazine also plans an extensive feature on Shangri-La in this month’s summer issue. We are honored that Midwest Golfing has dubbed Shangri-La “Oklahoma’s #1 Golf Destination.”

The second program of the season (July 9) will include a detailed discussion of Shangri-La Resort as our Director of Communications joins program host Kristi Wallace. It’s nice to see that awesome TV program back on the air for another season of Grand Lake fun!

Golf Oklahoma Magazine had fabulous coverage of PGA Tour Professional and Shangri-La member Rhein Gibson setting a new course record (60) on our course last month (including an albatross on the Mickey Mantle Hole) before returning to the PGA Tour.

ACTIVITY PARK

If you have driven past the new Activity Park venue, you can see daily progress on our construction of that exciting new facility. Crews are working feverishly; and we are hopeful of having many of the outdoor facilities available for use in November 2020 with plans to complete the indoor facilities for opening April, 2021.

JOIN THE SHANGRI-LA COMMUNITY

We continue to be excited about our residential real estate ventures at Shangri-La as more and more people decide this is the entertainment atmosphere for their families. In our newest residential development, The Ridge at Shangri-La, fourteen new homes have been sold! We have one newly completed home nearing completion that is ready for move-in. We also have a new furnished model home available for touring!

The only remaining home left in the Gallery is the furnished Model Home on lot #13. Come check out this beautiful gated community directly across from the clubhouse!

If you or someone you know is interested in making the Shangri-La lifestyle a permanent lifestyle, please contact Lane Worley at Coldwell Banker Shangri-La Realty to view our current inventory or design a new home!

DOWNLOAD SHANGRI-LA’S FREE MOBILE APP

If you haven’t already done so, please be sure to download the Shangri-La Mobile App! It is absolutely free – and it’s the best way to stay current with Shangri-La’s special offerings and events as well as current events and weather conditions. All you have to do to download the app is text the word GRAND to 855-339-2122. It’s that easy. You can also follow our progress and our upcoming events on our website at www.shangrilaoak.com. “Like” us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.
The Thursday Night Shrimp Boil and Karaoke fun have resumed for the summer. Eddy’s new menu seems to be extremely popular, with the expanded pool bar is crazy busy, and our weekly offerings of freshly-flown-in seafood specials have sold out every week since we began offering them at the Summit Restaurant. We are rockin’ it in the food & beverage department at Shangri-La. We are really having a great summer of food & fun.

For the Monkey Island Fireworks July 3, we’ll have some great snacks and fun food items available on the Grand Lawn in front of the hotel – hot dogs, chips, pulled pork sandwiches, kettle corn, shaved ice, water, beer & wine — and great musical fun from DJ Max leading up to the incredible fireworks display later in the evening. 5th Element will also be performing at Eddy’s that night — and Western Justice will be on stage Saturday night to celebrate the 4th of July. By the way, on the holiday weekend, Eddy’s will also be open on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until close. Come kick off the holiday weekend with us.

That’s only the beginning, though. The very next week, we’ll be putting together some great snacks & lunches for all the kids coming in for the annual Shangri-La Sports Camp; and on Saturday, July 11, we’re honoring the great slip renters at Shangri-La Marina with a private luau on the patio at Doc’s. We have some great delicacies up our sleeves for that event.

Right after that, our great friends from QuikTrip will join us for a few days, followed immediately by the 2020 Oklahoma Legislative Grand Lake Getaway. Busy times are ahead, for sure...and we love it!

Expanding Menus!

Thank you so much for your patience during the time we were only able to offer limited options. Things have returned to some sense of normalcy — and we’re excited about restoring our menus and some of our fun special events like the Thursday Night Shrimp Boil, as well as the awesome seafood specials we’re flying in for every weekend at the Summit.

The Summit Restaurant is on new operating hours — open for lunch Thursday-Monday and dinner service Thursday-Sunday. The Summit is open to the public for dinner service on Sunday evenings — and for lunch daily. The Summit Restaurant is closed Tuesday & Wednesday, but the Buffalo Bar is open on those days from 11:00-5:00 for beverage service and a limited sandwich menu. We’ve got to take care of those golfers!

The Turn House at the club house has also stepped up their operation. That’s a great place to pick up a grab-and-go sandwich or hot dog and your favorite beverage seven days a week from 8:00-6:00.

Upcoming This Month – the Reopening of Doc’s!

Everybody wants to know, “When is Doc’s Reopening?” If things continue as they have in the last few days with our supply chain — and if we continue to have hiring success at our weekly Job Fairs — the answer is “this month!” We’ll get the 4th of July holiday behind us, then set a firm opening date. More details on that later.

In the meantime, we continue to offer pizza to go from Doc’s, as well as beer and wine, available for curbside or hotel pick-up. Just call 918-257-7777 to place your order from 11:00 until 8:00 every day.

Great Fun at Eddy’s – and the Summit!

Eddy’s Lakeside Bar was the first venue in the Grand Lake area to restore live entertainment. Crowds were thrilled and other venues have now begun to follow suit; but everybody knows you can always count on a great time — and great Saturday night entertainment at Eddy’s.

We have a great entertainment line-up at Eddy’s this month 5th Element (6/3) and Western Justice (6/4), as well as Brett & Terri (7/11), Big Smitty (7/18), and Whiskey Poet Society (7/25).

The talented Terry Jordan continues to entertain weekly on Saturday and Sunday nights at The Summit Restaurant.

Come for the Food – Stay for the Fun!

We’re here for you, and we continue to expand both our menus and our venues available to our incredible members and guests at Shangri-La Resort.

Hopefully, we’ll soon have the COVID-19 issues in our rear-view mirror. Things are a little better every day. Thank you so much for your continued support and for your kind compliments about our food & beverage service — and thank you for including Shangri-La as your go-to source for food, beverages — and fun! In the meantime…

Bon Appetit. Let’s eat!
Dock Talk
by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager

It’s a PARTY! A LUAU, actually – all to express our appreciation to our fabulous slip renters at Shangri-La Marina. Please plan to come join the fun on the South Patio of Doc’s Bar & Grill at the resort hotel for an evening of great food, fun, and camaraderie with your fellow slip renters at our marina. The luau will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. We’ll all have the 4th of July holiday behind us and we’ll all be ready to relax and share our stories.

Chef Mike has put together an incredible menu starting with a whole roasted Kula pig (of course) with a tropical fruit glaze. He didn’t stop there, though. Add a Hang Ten Grilled Pineapple, Kaanapali Salad, Papaya Agave Pulled Pork, Teriyaki Cherry-Pineapple Chicken Skewers, Maui Fried Mahi Mahi, and Chocolate Frozen Banana Pops. If I know Chef Mike, some Hawaiian Themed beverages will likely also be available, along with a cash bar.

Slip renters’ families just sign in at the registration table and enjoy a fabulous evening of friendship, awesome food, and great boating stories. If you would like to bring guests, please let us know. You may bring guests for a charge of $35 per person. There is no charge for our valued slip renters, of course.

It should be a fantastic evening. I sure hope all our slip renters will add it to their schedules.

FANTASTIC SELECTION AT THE SHIP STORE

Lyn and Dawn have outdone themselves stocking an incredible selection of apparel, footwear, snacks, beverages, boating supplies and great souvenirs. Ice cream treat supplies have been replenished and we have a fantastic selection of beer, including the popular Grand Lake Light Ale. We also stock standards like Budweiser Nitro Reserve, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light, Michelob Ultra, as well as Bud Light Seltzer, White Claw Seltzer, and popular imports like Modelo and Peroni Italiano! Check it out.

Ladies summer tops & tees are on hand along with a new shipment of the popular Hippy Hop shot glasses & wine cups. Swimwear (including children’s sizes), footwear, all-weather gear, hoodies, pants, cover-ups, souvenir “monkey tees and hats” (including sizes for your little ones) – a complete selection of logoed apparel is available along with popular Epoch and Maui Jim sunglasses. We have a great selection of Shangri-La beach towels, too – and cool holiday tees.

We have a wide array of great souvenirs – boat safe beverage containers, foldable ice containers – even popular Monkey Island monkeys for the little ones (or your boat). If you forgot your iPhone or iPad charger, we have ‘em. We even have ear buds. We’re open seven days a week from 9:00 ‘til 5:00 – at least. Come see us!

IF SOMEONE WANTS A SLIP AT SHANGRI-LA, WE’RE MAKING A LIST

Thank you for your support of Shangri-La Marina. Our marina is 100% full – and we have a waiting list for many different sizes of slips.

If you know someone who would like to join our family of slip renters at Shangri-La Marina and spend more time boating and less time cleaning, have them get in touch with us quickly – and we’ll add their name to our waiting list. Remember, slip renters at Shangri-La Marina are exempt from initiation fees when signing up as members at Shangri-La Resort. In many cases, that savings alone is enough to make up for a year’s worth of slip rent.

BOAT & PWC RENTALS, YACHT CHARTERS & PARASAILING

Pontoon, tritoon, jet boats, and personal watercraft rentals are available at Sail Grand Waterfront, located on Dock 2 at Shangri-La Marina. The only parasailing adventures available in the entire State of Oklahoma are also available at Sail Grand. Charters of a 64-foot Bluewater Yacht are also available for groups of 2-25. For reservations, information, and rates, please contact Sail Grand directly at 918-257-6000.

BOAT SALES AT NICHOLS MARINE AT SHANGRI-LA

It has already been a record-breaking year in boat sales, but Nichols Marine at Shangri-La still has a selection of boats ranging in size from 20- feet to 34-feet – including new models from Chaparral, Chris-Craft, Robalo center console boats, Vortex jet boats, MasterCraft wakeboard/wake surf boats, and the popular Bennington pontoons and tritoons. Nichols Marine also offers Ranger, Triton, and Vexus bass boats – and an ever-changing selection of pre-owned boats. Check out the complete inventory at www.nicholsmarine.com.

WE’RE HERE FOR YOU!

We’re here seven days a week with everything you need – and we’re always happy to see you. Above all, have a fabulous 4th of July holiday; and if you’re a slip renter at Shangri-La Marina, please join us for the Slip Renters’ Luau July 11!
Server McKayla Rutherford is a fixture at Eddy’s Lakeside Bar!

Is there such a thing as a “friendly, efficient, popular blur?” If so, that’s probably the best way to describe McKayla Rutherford. As a server at both Eddy’s Lakeside Bar and Doc’s Bar & Grill, McKayla is probably the best-known and, without a doubt, the longest tenured team member. She actually started working at Eddy’s before it was even Eddy’s. She began working there when it was still Island Joe’s eight years ago when she was only 16 years old.

Since then, she has become a well-known mainstay of the Monkey Island food & beverage industry – serving food, bringing cocktails, taking photos for memory-makers, explaining local attractions and other Shangri-La venues. As a native of nearby Grove, she is a fountain of information for fun-seeking patrons.

Born in St. Louis, she moved with her family to Grove when she was only twelve. Having graduated from Grove High School, McKayla is studying Business Marketing at Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. That’s in addition to her full-time responsibilities at Shangri-La – and her responsibilities as a mother of two-year-old Grecyn.

She has worked at all the Shangri-La Resort food & beverage venues, currently working Thursdays at Doc’s Bar & Grill and Friday-Sunday at Eddy’s – but Eddy’s is her preference.

“It’s fast-paced and I meet a lot more people. It’s a different crowd at Eddy’s. It’s both fast-paced and laid back. I know those descriptions don’t usually go together, but they do at Eddy’s.

Everybody is there to have fun – and they do!

“I love people,” she says. “That’s why I got into the food & beverage business in the first place. We have a great team now, too. It’s organized and well-managed. That makes all the difference.”

McKayla admits being a young mother has changed her outlook on things, as well. She now has a new ambition – being a second-grade teacher. Why second grade?

“The kids learn to read in first grade, so that’s out of the way. I don’t want to teach them that. In third grade, they learn their multiplication tables. That’s too hard for me,” she laughs.

Fun, efficient, easy-going – and disciplined. Those are great descriptive words for McKayla.

“Our biggest problem is developing and keeping talented staff,” she admits. “It’s hard to find people who want to work hard. Young people, understandably, want to have fun. I had a lot of fun when I was younger, too,” she says, “but I was raised to be disciplined. You can’t go party all night when you have responsibilities.”

McKayla enjoys fishing and “hanging out with my family,” she says. Her parents and grandparents still live in Grove, so there is plenty of opportunity for family fun. She is active in the Mountain Movers Church east of Grove and is obviously a loving and dedicated mother.

Disciplined and dedicated – both at work and in her personal life. Those are valued traits that make McKayla Rutherford not only a valuable leader in the Shangri-La Food & Beverage Team, but a valued friend and co-worker, as well. We’re lucky to have her as a reliable mainstay at Shangri-La Resort.

Congratulations to Will Roberts and Alivia Hutchinson on being named the Sportsmanship Award recipients at the 2020 Junior Players Academy. The annual award is presented to the juniors who best display leadership, commitment and integrity. Congrats on a great week and thanks for being such a great example to others.
(Left) 2020 Junior Players Academy Most Improved Golfers Davyn Schoppa and Max Tyrrell. (Bottom) Chloe and Parker Brauckmann enjoy their time together at Junior Players Academy.
Member Profile: Toby Keith and Tricia
by Mike Williams, Director of Communications

Every music fan is familiar with the unparalleled achievements of Toby Keith in the entertainment industry – 20 number one hits, another 21 Top Ten hits out of 61 singles on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs charts, 19 studio albums, 2 Christmas albums, and 5 compilation albums over the span of his career. He has sold more than 40 million albums worldwide.

What you may not know is that he is a lifelong Oklahoman, born in Clinton, raised in Moore, now with homes in Norman and on Grand Lake’s Monkey Island. He and his wife Tricia divide their time between their two Oklahoma homes and another in Cabo San Lucas.

“Trish came to the lake to help a friend of ours, Debbie McCurdy, work on her house – and we really liked the area. She said, ‘if I can find a place with six bedrooms so we can accommodate all the kids and grandchildren, we’d like to be here.’ So, that didn’t take long. We’ve been here two years in August,” Toby says.

“We wanted a place here primarily for our kids,” Tricia adds. “Toby and I go to Cabo quite a bit, but the kids can’t always work their schedules to be gone that long. Grand Lake is a great place for them to be able to just pop up and go back home when they need to.”

With concerts still on hold throughout most of the country, Toby and Tricia have had a lot of “together time.” They spent the first seven weeks of the pandemic in Cabo, and have been at their Monkey Island home since May 1.”

“I’ve been back and forth to the Moore-Norman area quite a bit because I can’t stand being away from the grandkids very long.” Tricia laughs, “but Toby has been here for a couple of months.”

“I really like it here,” Toby adds. “Shangri-La and Monkey Island are a great fit. I’ve only been in my truck three times (to go to Grove) since I’ve been here. Other than that, I can get everywhere I want to go either by golf cart or by boat.”

By way of background, music wasn’t always the career direction for Toby Keith. The potential of lucrative opportunities in the oilfield sent him to work in that arena. He started as a derrick hand, eventually working his way up to Operations Manager.

While still working in the oilfield, he had extended his lifelong love of music by forming The Easy Money Band. He also discovered another lifelong love when he met Tricia Lucas at an Oklahoma City night club.

“I was 19 and he was 20,” Tricia recalls. They began dating shortly thereafter. Three years later, they were married.

In the meantime, the early oil bust of the 1980s had hit. Like so many in the Oklahoma oil & gas industry, Toby lost his job in 1982. He picked up the slack by falling back on his football skills. He had played high school ball at Moore High School; and he signed up as a defensive end with the semi-pro Oklahoma City Drillers, an unofficial farm club for the USFL’s Oklahoma Outlaws.

While Toby was playing football, the Easy Money Band continued playing gigs for $35 a night. By 1984, they finally began to build a following in Oklahoma and Texas. Toby and Tricia were married that year, too, March 24, 1984. They have three children – daughters Shelley and Krys- tal, and a son, Stelen. They are now also blessed with three granddaughters and two grandsons.

Times were tough on the home front for Toby and Tricia in the mid-80s, though. Tricia was juggling raising a family while the creditors hounded them.

“He’d say, ‘Trish, one of these days, my time is coming. Hang in there,’” Tricia recalls.

“Dozens of people told Tricia, ‘You need to go tell your old man to get a real job,’” Toby says. “It took a strong-hearted and loving woman to say, ‘He’s good enough at music that I’ve got to let him try. And it’ll be a great shot for both of us if he can make it work.’”

In 1993, it worked. When his debut single, “Should’ve Been a Cowboy,” hit country radio, it was an instant hit, skyrocketing to #1. Ultimately, it became the most played country song of the entire decade. The rest is history.

The path to stardom had been anything but easy. Toby had set a personal goal of achieving success in the music industry by age 30, or he was going to give up the effort. He frequented the Nashville circles, working to try to make it as a solo artist. He played any gig he could get at night and spent his days performing in the streets and handing out copies of his demo tape to strangers. Frustrated, he came home to Oklahoma.

As fate would have it, though, a bizarre thing happened. A friend and fan worked as a flight attendant. Toby had given her a copy of his demo tape, and never gave it another thought. As it turned out, the flight attendant happened to make the acquaintance of a high-level executive from Mercury Records. After hearing the demo, the record exec immediately flew out to Oklahoma to see Toby perform. He was signed to a contract right after the show. He was 29-years old, just a few months

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SLWGA News
Contributed by Gaylyn Haynes

SLWGA- Shangri-La Women’s Golf Association is off and hitting balls!! As you can see from some of the photos, we are practicing social distancing while playing golf!

Our Board had been meeting via Zoom Meetings; however, recently, we were able to meet in the Charles Davis room. As you have seen, SLWGA will be participating in limited tournaments, due to COVID. The SLWGA is back playing and enjoying our play days. We welcome any of our other members to join us on Monday mornings, 9:00 a.m. for 18 Hole and 10:00 a.m. for 9 Hole.

We currently have 45 members and again encourage each of you to join us. We do have three new members for the 9-hole ladies, Kim Quillin, Laura Willingham, and Jerri Parrish.

MORE ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN’S GOLF:

At the dawn of the Millennium, Michelle Wie made her debut at the 2000 USGA Women’s Amateur event as the youngest player to qualify at the young age of 10 in 2001. Karrie Webb won the LPGA Championship to complete her Career Grand Slam, the youngest to do so. Webb is actually noted by the LPGA as the only “Super Career Grand Slam” winner as she is the only one to have won five different tournaments.

Along with Webb, the other players to complete the LPGA Career Grand Slam are Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster, Inbee Park, Annika Sorenstam, Louis Suggs, Karrie Webb and Mickey Wright. That same year Karrie Webb competed in the first male-female pairing event, The Battle of Bighorn, which featured the team of Annika Sorenstam and Tiger Woods, against Karrie Webb and David Duval. Sorenstam and Woods defeated Webb and Duval on the 19th hole of the tournament.

The Women’s Senior Golf Tour, now known as the Legends Tour, was also established for women professional golfers age of 45 or older in 2001.

Yep. MORE social distancing on the course. 18-holers Robin Purdie, Katelin Threet, Ann Turner, and Soohyun Jin.
Shangri-La members Charlie and Patricia Mitchell went all out for the Monkey Island Golf Cart Poker Run last month. The event raised $6,290 to complete the Monkey Island Trail.

PGA Tour Player and Shangri-La member Rhein Gibson scored a course record 60 at Shangri-La June 20, 2020! What a round! It included the rarest of golf shots when he double eagled the par 5 Mickey Mantle hole when he holed out his second shot to the island green for a 2 on the par 5. Rhein will be back in action on the PGA Tour this month. Seems like he’s ready! Great playing, Rhein. We’ll be watching.

Marnie and Bill Pettit will undoubtedly be no strangers to the weekly shrimp boils and karaoke fun each Thursday night.

Shangri-La’s Mike Williams will be the guest of program host Kristi Wallace on the “Living Grand on Grand Lake” television program airing July 9 at 7:30 p.m. on RSU-TV.

Duane and Tammie Koehler were among the early arrivals at the first Thursday Night Shrimp Boil & Karaoke of 2020.
Shangri-La Hours of Operation

**Golf Shop**
8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday-Sunday

**Turnhouse**
8:00-6:00pm Monday-Sunday
(Subject to Change)

**Summit Restaurant & Buffalo Bar**
Members Only Monday-Saturday
Open to the Public Sundays
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday (lunch)
11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Thursday
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday
7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday

**Shangri-La Marina and Ship Store**
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Seven Days a Week

**Eddy’s Lakeside Bar**
At Shangri-La Marina
11:00 a.m.-Close Friday-Saturday
11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sunday

**Doc’s Bar & Grill**
At Shangri-La Resort Hotel
Pizza, Beer & Wine
Take-out & Curbside Pick-up Only
11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday-Sunday

**Bar 211**
Closed temporarily

**The Spa at Shangri-La**
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday & Sunday
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Shangri-La Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a first class resort experience for our guests and members by consistently providing enjoyable recreation, a safe environment, and memorable vacation experiences. We strive to reach these goals by developing relationships, creating a sense of camaraderie and instilling pride through the delivery of exceptional products, a diversity of programs and engaging services.

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ahead of that 30-year-old-give-up-the-music-business self-imposed deadline.

It’s not just music in Toby Keith’s life, though. His business acumen has resulted in an impressive impact, as well. There’s the chain of “I Love This Bar” restaurants (named for another of his hits), Wild Shot Mezcal liquor, a stable of thoroughbred race horses with a complete training center in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and ownership in both the Filovethiscourse Belmar Country Club in Moore, and Showdog Records, his own record label which has had several acts including Trace Adkins and Toby’s daughter Krystal, all on the heels of an endorsement deal with Ford Motor Company. He was also an investor in Big Machine - a record label that is home to Taylor Swift, Rascal Flatts, and Tim McGraw. That company sold last year.

Toby and Tricia are both active in real estate development, mostly commercial ventures such as shopping centers and apartment complexes, and Tricia is the founder of the popular women’s golf clothing line Swing Dish, available at hundreds of country clubs (including Shangri-La) as well as Dick’s Sporting Goods, Golf Galaxy, and all military outlets, to mention a few, and online at www.swingdish.com.

“My daughter Shelley helps with the design work and Krystal helps out on the business end.

During the pandemic, we switched a lot of our manufacturing efforts to making masks when FEMA asked for our help,” she adds.

Toby and Tricia are both avid golfers and boaters. They joined Shangri-La Golf Club when they first purchased their lake homes and keep their boats at nearby Shangri-La Marina.

Toby is an avid sports fan – especially University of Oklahoma athletics. Ironically, his first big hit, “Should’ve Been a Cowboy,” is undoubtedly the most-played song for Oklahoma State University fans.

Tricia confesses that her #1 hobby is their grandchildren. The proximity of their home adjacent to Shangri-La Resort has been a big family plus.

“Shangri-La has done a fabulous job with the golf course, the hotel, the pool,” she says. “It’s just a great place with a lot of options. We’ve made a lot of friends.”

Sometimes, though, you don’t need all those options.

“Sometimes,” Toby points out… “I just go fishin’.”

Grand Lake’s Monkey Island has turned out to be a great retreat for one of the world’s most visible couples.