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What's New at Shangri-La

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Shangri-La Adds to List of Awards, Sets Busy October Schedule of Major Golf Events, Wine Dinner, Italian Buffet Nights, Football Parties, Racquet Club Activities and Halloween Fun

*by Barry Willingham, President & CEO
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Mowing of greens at The Battlefield has begun. They had a slow start due to some weather issues, but things are looking much better – and on schedule for opening Spring 2023. (photo by Justin May)

By Barry Willingham
President & CEO
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It looks like I may have to give in to the Sales & Catering crew and buy another trophy case! On the heels of the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association naming The Anchor at Shangri-La as the “Best New Attraction” in Oklahoma, *Tulsa World* readers last week honored us as the “Best Lake Resort” in their “Best in the World” competition. The very same weekend, our awesome culinary team was honored with the coveted “Five-Star Culinary Award of Ex-

cellence” at A Taste of Grand. I couldn’t be prouder! Our favorite award, of course, is members and guests who are happy with their Shangri-La experience and revisit us often; but it is always extremely gratifying to receive such honors from major organizations.

Changes in Hours of Operation for October

With the end of the summer season, we have discontinued our late-night menu at Doc’s. The kitchen now closes at 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday. We will continue to have weekly live entertainment from 7:00-10:00 Friday nights. Sunday-

Thursday, we will continue to maintain the 9:00 p.m. kitchen closing time. Watch for a new Fall Menu coming to Doc’s October 18.

The Galley food service at The Anchor has new hours of operation, as well. The Galley is now closed Monday and Tuesday and is open from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Beginning October 5, we will also offer a new menu at The Galley. The Anchor, including the Sports Bar, will continue normal hours of operation.

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Wine Dinner October 22

Summit Gives Way to North Patio

It's wine dinner month at Shangri-La, and Chef Matt is raising the bar for a fantastic event Saturday evening, October 22 in conjunction with the Olema/Amici Winery. The menu is now available featuring a fabulous four-course dinner with each course perfectly paired with a delightful wine in a very unique atmosphere. If the weather co-operates, we are planning to hold the October Wine Dinner on the north patio of the clubhouse.

Our popular wine dinners are always sell-out events, so clear your calendar for October 22 and make your reservations as soon as possible.

Shrimp Boil Gives Way to Italian Buffet

A fun summer of weekly Thursday Night Shrimp Boils has come to an end for the season. The Thursday night karaoke fun with Jason Morgan moves inside at Doc's this month, and the Shrimp Boil has been replaced with an awesome Italian Buffet. Although pizza will be available, the regular a la carte menu will not be available during the Thursday Night Italian Buffet offering from 5:00-9:00 each week throughout the fall and winter months.

Golf, Golf, Golf

We kick off the month of October with the return of one of our biggest golf events of the year. *The Stars & Stripes Classic benefiting the John Daly-Major Ed Heart of a Lion Foundation* will be held Sunday, October 2 with a 12:30 tee time. There will be a Horse Race Saturday afternoon, October 1 at 3:00 and a Meet & Greet on the north patio of the clubhouse at 6:00 that evening. You won't want to miss this fantastic event.

The Okie Quota Golf Tournament gets underway the very next day, October 3-5, and the Marquart Golf Group from St. Louis will continue their third decade of annual play at Shangri-La October 10-12.

The *Race to Shangri-La Tour Championship* will be held Saturday-Sunday, October 15-16. Qualifying for this great tournament began in June and tournaments have been held at four different clubs across the state. This *Tour Championship* is a pro-am event that wraps up *The Race to Shangri-La* with the top 40 qualifiers competing for the championship.

Battlefield is Looking Great!

Progress on "The Battlefield," Shangri-La's new 18-hole Par 3 Golf Course is proceeding on schedule – and work on the course itself is virtually complete! All sod has been laid for both the fairways and the practice range. Water features are finished, the creek is running through the middle of the course, and native grass is beginning to grow in north of the creek. Framing of the cart

storage barn is finished and roofing crews are capping it off. Construction of the club house facility is now underway, as well.

We are still on schedule for an opening of the course next Spring. Please keep in mind The Battlefield may "look" like it's finished, but it is not ready for traffic. With the cart paths and bridges complete, I know it is tempting to take a little tour of the course, but *please don't!* It is still a dangerous construction zone, and new installations and plantings are still very fragile. Please be respectful of our need to keep everyone off the course and cart paths for the next few months so we can deliver a world class product next spring! I personally appreciate your consideration.

Football Fun and Halloween Fun at The Anchor and Racquet Club

The Anchor has become the unparalleled headquarters for big football game days on Grand Lake. October has a special day in that regard, of course. Saturday, October 8 will be our annual OU-Texas Football Watch Party at The Anchor. Mark your calendar and be sure to join us at The Anchor for the biggest watch party for the biggest rivalry in college football!

We'll wrap up the October fun with two great Halloween events. Coach Todd Kerr is planning a special Costume Mixer at the Racquet Club Friday evening, October 28. The next night, October 29 will be an evening of Halloween fun for the kids, with great games, treats, and a costume contest from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

There is always something happening at The Anchor! Pickleball, tennis, basketball, WIFFLE® Ball, and an arcade full of games and virtual reality challenges for kids of all ages – plus LaserShot shooting and Trackman golf in the simulator bay!

Attention Members: It's Time for a New Golf Cart Trail Pass

If you have a Shangri-La Trail Pass for your golf cart allowing access to the golf course paths and you haven't recently renewed, it's time for a new windshield sticker. Remember, only Shangri-La carts and member carts with trail pass stickers on the windshield are allowed on the course. Katelin Jumper has new stickers available if you would like to renew your pass.

I have noticed a significant number of new stickers on private carts on the course lately, and greatly appreciate each of you who have made the time to get this done. We are hoping to have all registered carts displaying new stickers by mid-October. Thanks to everyone for your support on completing this very important initiative.

If you would like to renew your trail

pass, please be sure Katelin has updated insurance information. Carts used on the Shangri-La golf course must be insured and registered with the Trail Plan.

Contact Katelin at 918-257-7720 or email her at KateLin.jumper@shangrilaok.com

Not on the Trail Pass Plan, but would like to be?

Golf carts are always included with golf at Shangri-La, but many members prefer to use their own carts – and that's fine. If you would like to join the Trail Pass program, it's simple. Just provide Katelin with proof of insurance on your cart (this may be included in your homeowners insurance – check with your provider), and tell her you want to join the program. Cost is \$700 per year, and you will receive a sticker for your windshield signifying that your cart is approved for use while you are playing golf. If you are using your own cart for golf, please carry a sand container with you. It's important to sand your divots and repair ball marks on the greens. As Rob Yanovitch says, "Leave no trace!" A small amount of repair by everyone will help maintain a beautiful course for all to enjoy.

Happy trails!

Great Live Entertainment

There's always great live entertainment at Shangri-La! *Terry Jordan* will entertain at The Summit Saturday nights in October. Doc's features live entertainment every Friday night throughout the year. October entertainers include *Mark Gibson, Caleb Fellenstein, Clint Ingram, and Rockwell.*

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. Just text the word GRAND to 855-339-2122 to download the app. It's that easy. You can also follow us on our website at www.shangrilaok.com, "Like" us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. You can also follow all the activity at The Anchor by following on TikTok.

Thank you for your support, your patronage, and your friendship. We hope you will join us often at Shangri-La Resort – any time you have the sudden urge to Escape the Ordinary.

Culinary Conversation

By Jonathan Moosmiller

Executive Director of Food & Beverage



Congratulations to the Shangri-La "Taste of Grand" Culinary Crew who were honored by judges with a "Five-Star Culinary Excellence Award." We couldn't be prouder of this great team.

I want to start by giving a big shout-out to my great culinary crew. In the midst of a busy week of banquets and special events in addition to busy restaurants, they pulled together a great offering for *A Taste of Grand* and were awarded a Five-Star Award of Culinary Excellence by judges at the competition. It was a fantastic evening for a great cause – and another stellar performance by Team Shangri-La!

CHANGES AT DOC'S

The Fall season has officially arrived, and that means new menus and changes in both hours of operation and special events at some of our venues.

At Doc's, are several new changes for October. The Thursday Night Shrimp Boil has been replaced with a Thursday Night Italian Buffet inside at Doc's from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Jason Morgan will still lead the karaoke fun, but we'll be eating Italian, and we will be inside. The normal Ala Carte Menu will not be available on Thursday evenings – except the pizza menu which is available daily from 11:00 a.m. until close.

With the end of the summer season, we have also discontinued our late-night menu at Doc's. The kitchen now closes at 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday. We will continue to have weekly live entertainment from 7:00-10:00 Friday nights. Sunday-Thursday, we will continue to maintain the 9:00 p.m. kitchen closing time.

The Breakfast Buffet continues at Doc's seven days a week. Although a la carte breakfast menus are no longer available, I think you'll be pleased with the wide variety of offerings on our buffet. The Breakfast Buffet is available Monday-Friday from 7:00-11:00 a.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The regular lunch and dinner menus will be available as soon as Breakfast Buffet hours are complete. Pizza menus are available daily from 11:00 a.m.-close.

In addition to our regular menu items, Doc's Bar & Grill now features a variety of weekend "special menu" offerings each week, Friday-Sunday beginning at 5:00 p.m.; and watch

for a new Fall Menu coming to Doc's October 18th.

THE GALLEY AT THE ANCHOR

The Galley food service at The Anchor has new hours of operation, as well. The Galley is now closed Monday and Tuesday and is open from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Beginning October 5, we will also offer a new menu at The Galley.

The Anchor Sports Bar will remain open normal operating hours – any time The Anchor facility is open for business. Remember our "Football Specials," as well. We offer complimentary popcorn and Snack Mix for football games on Thursday and Sunday evenings (6:00-close), and both Saturday & Sunday (11:00 a.m.-close). We also offer some fantastic drink specials for football watchers all day Saturday & Sunday and from 4:00-close on Thursday and Monday evenings. Drink specials include \$3 well drinks, \$4 Michelob Ultra Drafts, and \$6 premium drafts.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

FOR OCTOBER 22 WINE DINNER AT THE SUMMIT!

I know our members love Wine Dinners – and we have a fantastic dinner planned for Saturday evening, October 22 in conjunction with the Olema/Amici Winery. A representative of the winery will be on hand to answer all your questions, and Chef Matt has outdone himself with a perfectly paired menu and a unique atmosphere. If the weather cooperates, we are planning to hold the Wine Dinner on the north patio of the clubhouse.

This will be a complete four-course dinner plus hors d'oeuvres, with each course paired with a wonderful wine. We'll begin with Olema Sparkling Brut Rose to get us through an appetizer selection of raw and charred oysters, a Caviar Bar and cheese display.

The first course features Grilled Scallop, Roasted Corn and Golden Pepper Puree, Charred Orange, and Parsley Gastrique accompanied by an Amici Chardonnay wine. The second course features Caramel Apple Pork Belly – Cider Braised Pork Belly, Cipollini Onion Tarte Tatin, Spiced Pork Demi, and White Balsamic and Apple Reduction paired with Olema Pinot Noir.

The second half of the evening's menu includes Woodfire Roasted Truffle Beef Tenderloin, Wilted Swiss Chard Salad, Roasted Shallot and Parsnip Mash, and Wild Mushroom Demi paired with an awesome Amici Cabernet Sauvignon. The final course includes some of Chef Julie's favorite dessert offerings combined into a fabulous Grilled Banana Split – Woodfire Brulee Banana, Smoked Vanilla Bean and Brown Sugar Ice Cream, Mocha Ice Cream and a Caramel Drizzle, with Gourmet S'Mores – Brown Butter Graham Crackers, Assorted Chocolate Bark and Truffles, and Homemade Marshmallows, topped off with a delicious Olema Cabernet Sauvignon.

Our Wine Dinners are among our most popular member events, so make your reservations early. Cost of the dinner is \$200 per person. The Summit Restaurant will be closed that evening to accommodate our Wine Dinner guests.

LIVE OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT AT DOC'S AND THE SUMMIT

Terry Jordan continues to provide great entertainment at The Summit on Saturday evenings this month.

October Friday night entertainment at Doc's includes Mark Gibson, Caleb Fellenstein, Clint Ingram, and Rockwell. Jason Morgan continues to spearhead the Thursday night karaoke fun during our Italian Buffet.

We know you have a variety of choices for dining, drinking, and entertainment – and we are always grateful when you choose to spend your time with us at our variety of Shangri-La venues. I welcome your input and suggestions. Join us anytime you can. We're always cooking up something!

Dock Talk

by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager



Reporter Amy Hybels from Tulsa's Fox 23 interviews Marina Manager Mitch Whitehead for two live Labor Day broadcasts from Shangri-La.

I think the word is out about this being the best boating time of the year on Grand Lake! Beautiful weather and perfect water have sent record numbers of boats on the lake for the kick-off of the Fall Boating Season. Our crew at Shangri-La Marina has been busy – and our Ship Store team has been busy, as well, with the arrival of some great new Fall apparel in stock. Come check out a terrific selection of hoodies and all-weather gear, as well as a terrific selection of gift and souvenir items.

For your convenience, Shangri-La Marina remains open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Pump-out services are still available through the month of October, but you need to be planning ahead if you need that service before the cold weather begins to arrive next month.

BOAT RENTALS, YACHT CHARTERS NOW HANDLED FROM THE SHIP STORE

If you're planning to spend some time on the water, but you don't own your own boat, Sail Grand at Shangri-La Marina still offers rental of pontoons, tritoons, bowriders, and personal watercraft, as well as a variety of yacht charter options.

The Sail Grand office is closed, but boat rentals and charters are still available at the Ship Store instead of the Sail Grand offices. Advance reservations are available online at www.sailgrand.com or call 918-257-6000.

IF YOUR BOATING FUN IS FINISHED, SCHEDULE WINTERIZATION

We realize school, football, social schedules, and other events that come with this time of year mean many boaters may be finished with their boating for the season.

If you are among those who cannot take advantage of the upcoming beauty of the changing leaves on Grand Lake's shoreline, now is the right time to go ahead and schedule the winterization of your vessel.

If your boat is in Shangri-La Marina, contact Nichols Marine to schedule your winterization and any service you may need. Technicians can't possibly get to all the procrastinating boaters who wait until that first freeze warning to plan for the winter. Contact Tyler Sourjohn at 918-257-5500 or email your winterization request to service.nicholsmarine@gmail.com.

THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO SHOP FOR PRE-OWNED BOATS

I'm sure it is no surprise to anyone that the price of new boats is preparing to escalate once again. Fall is always a fantastic time to shop for pre-owned boat values.

Our partners at Nichols Marine always have a selection of late model pre-owned boats that can help you get into a fabulous vessel at far less than the price of new boats.

If you're in the market for a new boat, supply-chain issues also make this the right time to reserve incoming 2023 models that suit your boating lifestyle. The Oklahoma Boat Expo for 2023 has been scheduled in Tulsa's downtown Convention Center for January 6-8. Smart buyers will beat the rush on new models by nailing down their purchase ahead of the big boat show season.

It's easy to see what pre-owned boats are available and what new models are scheduled for upcoming availability. Just go to www.nicholsmarine.com and see the complete line-up. If you see something you like, call 918-257-5500 and make it yours!

If you're in need of a boat lift, we can take care of that, as well! We are one of the region's largest dealers for HydroHoist Boat Lifts – but demand is much higher than normal this year, and supply-chain issues are having an impact. To check availability, contact us at the Ship Store. If you anticipate the need for a new lift in the near future, now is the time to get on the list!

If you haven't been to the Ship Store lately, come check out the great inventory of newly arrived merchandise. In addition to our newly arrived fall apparel, we also have swimsuits for those who may want to enjoy the heated pool available to members and resort guests at the Shangri-La Resort Hotel.

EDDY'S LAKESIDE BAR IS CLOSED, BUT WE HAVE MANY MORE OPTIONS!

It seems like social media platforms are filled daily with the question, "where can I eat, drink, or catch the big football games by boat?" All year round, the answer is – Shangri-La!

Eddy's Lakeside Bar is now closed for the season, but there is still plenty to do year-round at Doc's, and The Anchor. Doc's Friday night entertainment this month includes Mark Gibson, Caleb Fellenstein, Clint Ingram, and Rockwell.

The Thursday Night Shrimp Boils are also over for the season, but you're welcome to boat in for fabulous Thursday Night Italian Buffet and karaoke fun with Jason Morgan every Thursday evening.

The Anchor activity park at Shangri-La also offers plenty of fun in the arcade, the simulator bays, virtual reality arena, and sports bar, as well as pickleball and tennis which are available year-round at The Anchor.

As always, our marina team is here to serve you seven days a week, and we're always happy to see you. If you have questions, call 918-257-4898 or email marina@shangrilaok.com.

Staff Spotlight: Kelsy Allman

by Communications Director Mike Williams



Meet Kelsy Allman, Sous Chef at The Summit Restaurant

Kelsy Allman believes “doing” is the best method of “learning.” Looking back, she realizes that her preparation for her position as Sous Chef at Shangri-La’s exclusive Summit Restaurant began when she was just a little girl.

“I grew up on a farm outside of Miami, Oklahoma and I always watched my grandma and my mom cook for farm hands,” she recalls. “I started preparing meals, making biscuits & bread, baking pies & cakes with my grandma and delivering meals to our farm hands when I was like ten years old. My grandma and my mom were pretty much my culinary instructors. That’s who I learned from.”

Kelsy’s family moved to Fairland when she began high school where she was active in FFA and the Forestry Club. She graduated from high school there before attending college at Crowder College and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. She had always worked on the farm helping her family, but a back injury put an end to farm work, and she began relying on her culinary skills – first at The Turtle Stop in Wyandotte, then at the restaurant at Wyandotte Casino (now Riverbend Casino).

“After I blew two discs in my back, my doctor said, ‘no more farm work.’ As my culinary career developed, what I do now is probably harder work than working on the farm,” she laughs.

She joined the staff at The Summit Restaurant four years ago as Garde-Manger, the chef in charge of cold food like chilled soups, fruit, salads, and pates. She continued to expand her work throughout the kitchen at The Summit, moving up to her position as Summit Sous Chef in June. She jokes that her new position sometimes seems like she works for the kitchen crew instead of vice versa.

“If you just get in the mix and start working, you can learn more from everyone in the kitchen and all the various operations than you can learn in culinary school,” she says. “Lately, I’ve been

cooking lunch. Sometimes I’m on grill. I fill in on saute some. I just go wherever they need me. I like working on the ‘hot side.’ I like the excitement of always moving around, always creating something different. I don’t like staying in one spot for too long.”

Although baking at Shangri-La restaurants is under the direction of Executive Pastry Chef Julie Morgan, Kelsy loves to bake. During the summer months, she doesn’t have much extra time but, in the off-season, she does baking on the side – cakes, pies and cookies.

She brings her dedication to ‘cooking from scratch’ to her role at The Summit, too. As an example, if the bread at The Summit tastes a little different than what you find in most restaurants, it’s because Kelsy makes the bread from scratch. Her long-term plan is to someday open a farm-to-table diner with a small bakery.

She still lives in Fairland, “just living my best life – the single life,” she laughs. She enjoys music and makes it to concerts when her busy schedule allows; and she loves fly-fishing, traveling with her family to Cassville, Missouri each year for fly-fishing adventures.

“I don’t have a lot of time for hobbies,” she confesses. “Like most people in the food & beverage business, pretty much all I do is work!”

She has a great team at work, though. Uncharacteristically, the current kitchen team at The Summit has been together as a single working unit for a long time.

“We have a really good team at the Summit,” she says. “Most of us have been here at least four years. It’s unusual for kitchen operations to have the same team for so long...but we love what we do, and we love working together. We have a wonderful menu every day, but we also get a chance to do a lot of special events and special dinners – like the wine dinner we have coming up this month. It’s exciting to come to work every day with such a great team dedicated to serving a wide variety of great food every day!”



Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell spent a little time with friends during his “Luau on the Green” at Shangri-La: Mike Williams, Laura Dishman, Pinnell, Bobby Hendren, Beverly Jones, and Karl Jobst.

Member Profile: Trent & Ginger Richey

by Mike Williams, Director of Communications



Ginger and Trent Richey: "The Anchor is like a community living room."

Monkey Islanders Trent and Ginger Richey are living their dream life. Both work from their home in Shangri-La Estates, and although neither is retired, they work when they want, play when they want, and are able to live the lifestyle that most people don't get to enjoy until much later in life.

It began when Trent's parents came to Grand Lake in 2004 to spend some time at a local bed & breakfast. They happened to drive through Shangri-La Estates and thought they had found paradise. The Richey's immediately bought a small home in the Estates where they spent available weekends and vacation time for five years before purchasing a larger home, also in Shangri-La Estates.

"We have five kids, so a little two-bedroom unit got a little crowded pretty quickly," Ginger laughs. In 2019, they made the decision to move to Monkey Island full time.

"We didn't want to wait until we were 75 to live this life. We made a conscious decision to move here, not to retire, but to establish a different quality of life balance," Trent explains, "And this is the perfect place to do that!"

Ginger grew up in Shawnee, Trent in Yukon. The two met at Falls Creek church camp when they were both in high school, and both attended college at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. They were married after finishing their sophomore years in college and, after graduation, moved to a small ranch near Newcastle, just southwest of Oklahoma City. Trent went to work for Kerr-McGee where he spent twenty years working in finance, mostly in Oklahoma City, interrupted only by a brief three-year stint in Henderson, Nevada. He spent seven years as Vice President and Treasurer at Sandridge Energy before taking a ground floor position as Chief Financial Officer at Bravo Natural Resources.

"I was there for five years, then we sold the company – and I couldn't decide what to do. That's when we made the decision to move to Grand Lake full time," he says.

During Trent's years in the energy industry, Ginger was pursuing the career of her dreams – real estate.

"My degree is in Education, but I always loved real estate," she says. "It has been my forte for most of my life. I bought floor-plan

books because I just love design and architecture. I would paint rooms, just see a different look."

During their years in Newcastle, Trent's dad was retiring, and he had some land he wanted to develop. He took advantage of Ginger's knowledge and enthusiasm. The result was the creation of Richey Fine Homes consisting of five planned residential developments. All was going as planned until the sudden onset of a recession and the death of Trent's father.

"We had a million-dollar front end debt in 2008," Ginger recalls, "and a good ol' boy at the bank didn't really respect the ability of a female to finish the job. Finally, I was able to obtain financing for building one house at a time. Fortunately, every time I started a house, it went under contract. My stress level was crazy. I was building while constantly struggling for financing. Trent's phone was blowing up long into the night because of his job, and we were trying to raise five kids. It was a stressful time.

"I got a call from Anita Brown, a realtor who was representing a company called Home Creations. She said they were interested in buying lots and asked how many were left. Trent and I were so hopeful they would buy the last 27 lots in Phase One of our development – but they said, 'We're not going to buy any lots unless we can buy them all!' I couldn't believe it. We sold all the remaining lots in that phase and two others. I went back to that good ol' boy at the bank, paid off our note, put half a million dollars in my mother-in-law's account, and we were out of there!"

"Now you can see why we wanted to move to Shangri-La," Trent laughs. "When we first moved here, I did nothing but play golf for about a year-and-a-half."

In 2020 he went back into the workplace, working for Barney Welch at AUI-OK LLC, a company that organizes and manages groups providing self-funded workers compensation coverage.

"Barney was great. He had once owned a place at Shangri-La and he said, even though the company was based in Oklahoma City, there was no need for me to relocate since I already lived in heaven at Shangri-La," Trent says. "In July of this year, I bought the company. I still work from home, though. Sometimes I work in the mornings and play golf in the afternoons. Other days I play golf in the mornings and work in the afternoons. I manage to be on the course at least four days a week."

Ginger has returned to her love – real estate – working as an agent at Grand Lake for Keller Williams Elite, a company with whom she has had an off-and-on relationship for 23 years.

Trent and Ginger have a long and unique love affair with Shangri-La Resort, as well. They were members even prior to Eddy Gibbs' purchase and redevelopment of the resort. When the Resort Hotel was opened in 2017, the very first event following the Grand Opening was their daughter's wedding.

"We could still smell paint," Ginger laughs, "but the Shangri-La team made everything work perfectly – including a sit-down steak dinner for 190 guests just a week after the hotel was opened. I couldn't believe they pulled it off."

Ginger was so impressed, she actually became a mem-

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Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



The Anchor isn't just for fun physical activities. It's also a great place to relax.

A lot of fun memories have been made at The Anchor over the past few months, and I want to thank all of our staff, members, and guests who have been able to spend some time with us! Without you we wouldn't be having all this fun, so thank you to everybody!

FOOTBALL SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!

We all know football season is one of the BEST seasons (besides lake/boat season) and the hottest spot to watch all the games is The Anchor. Be sure to join us October 8 for our big OU-Texas watch party. The Sooners and Longhorns kick off at 11:00, immediately followed by Texas Tech at OSU and Tulsa at Navy, both at 2:30 that day. The Anchor always has the top college games including those only available on ESPN+.

The Anchor is also the spot for NFL action including all the Chiefs & Cowboys games, as well as those Thursday night games available only on Prime Video. In the Anchor's Sports Bar, we not only have two major video walls but also various indoor and outdoor TVs with fire pits and numerous tables nearby. There is no shortage of great spots to sit and watch your favorite team! Finally – it doesn't matter if two or three of your favorite teams are playing at the same time. You can catch all the games at The Anchor.

We have some great drink specials for college and NFL fans each Thursday & Monday evening and all afternoon & evening Saturday & Sunday - \$3 well drinks & featured can specials, \$4 Michelob Ultra Draft and \$6 Premium Drafts. There is also fresh hot popcorn and snack mix offered to enjoy the games! We love seeing you have fun with us so don't forget to share/post your gameday football fun, and remember to tag us as well as using our hashtag #GamedayattheAnchor!

BOO-HA-HA IT'S TIME FOR SPOOKY SEASON!!

One of our favorite holidays this month! We are hosting another Anchor Spooktacular this year from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th, 2022. We will have snacks and candy available throughout the facility as well as a couple contests! These contests will vary from a jellybean count to a four-category costume contest! Contest winners will receive a special game card for the awesome Anchor Arcade! We can't wait to see all the spooky,

creepy, funny, ghouls and boys running around causing a fright!

ALL THINGS RACQUET CLUB

Mark your calendar for the HALLOWEEN COSTUME Pickleball Mixer with the Shangri-La Beverage Cart on October 28th at 7:00 PM. There will be **prizes** for the funniest pickleball themed costume as well as the best famous person costume.

There is also a Mary Moore Pickleball Charity Challenge Tournament upcoming on October 29th! This event is all about having a lot of fun and supporting the Special Olympics through Home of Hope, Inc. There are flyers with more information and how to register located at The Anchor in the Racquet Club Pro Shop! You can also contact Racquet Club Director Todd Kerr (918-787-1235 or email todd.kerr@shangrilaok.com) or tournament organization Dan Moore (918-520-5189) for more information!

Times for some drills/mixers have changed for the fall. There are loads of Pickleball Mixers – Thursday and Monday mornings at 9:00, Saturday mornings at 10:00, and Friday & Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

[Pickleball Drills are offered this week Fridays and Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. For tennis players, Tennis Drills/Play is also scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Saturdays.](#)

Monday night is a big night, of course. Join the more serious fun for Competitive Night every Monday evening at 6:45.

Drills have also been added for younger players with Middle School Drills Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 11:00. Drills for High School Players are held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 11:00.

HOST YOUR GROUP EVENT WITH US

The Anchor offers a variety of team bonding packages from the Ultimate Arcade Challenge to the Anchor Adventure Hunt or the Anchor Olympics, all of which, can be booked through Shangri-La Director of Sales Dana Able.

The Anchor Adventure Hunt is a scavenger hunt that has clues and fun finds throughout the Anchor property. The Ultimate Arcade Challenge offers the opportunity for you and your team/coworkers to bond by going head-to-head challenging each other on various games in our Anchor arcade. Lastly, The Anchor Olympics involves various types of outdoor activities that get your blood pumping! If you or someone you know would like to book your next team bonding/group event with us, feel free to call us at 918-257-7781 and get set up for some bonding fun!

IN THE MEANTIME...

While Summer has wrapped up and kids are back in school, and others starting new chapters in their lives after graduating high school and heading to college, we want to say thank you to our Anchor team! They have worked together and done an amazing job this summer - we can't thank them enough!

Fall is here, but the fun never stops at The Anchor! We are planning lots of special activities including Tuesday Night Trivia and Wednesday Night Bingo as well as various Racquet Club Activities! Stay tuned for more updates and activities coming soon!

Also, be sure to follow The Anchor at Shangri-La on Facebook, Instagram & TikTok to stay up to date with all the latest information on our tournaments, leagues, events, & specials at the Anchor!

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ber of the Shangri-La team, working as a Sales Assistant and Business Development for a year before returning to the real estate business.

Trent continues his commitment to golf and has added pickleball to his sports schedule. Ginger is understandably busy with a red-hot Grand Lake real estate market but plans to work on her own pickleball skills in the fall. They utilize every available Shangri-La amenity but are partial to The Anchor.

"The Anchor is like a community living room," Ginger offers enthusiastically. "Kids have something to do – kids of all ages. There's something for everyone to enjoy. We never go to The Anchor without seeing a lot of friends there. It's been a game changer for Shangri-La – and for the entire lake."

"This is an incredible place to call home," Trent adds. "The first 15 years we had a place here, we didn't really know anyone. But when we moved here full time, we discovered the best part of Monkey Island - the community spirit of the area. It's not just a vacation village anymore. It's a fantastic community. We've made amazing friends here, and we wouldn't want to live anywhere else."



(Above) Some Shangri-La guys took a little time to represent the resort on the course at the Pinnell Classic: Ben Vernon, Taron Wright, Jonathan Moosmiller, and Brett Wisdom.

(Below) Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell and Assistant Golf Professional Bradley Jumper prepare to send golfers on the course for the 5th annual Pinnell Classic!



Congratulations to Christian Yanovitch of Norwalk, Connecticut who accomplished two incredible feats in a single day on the course at Shangri-La. Christian is a member of the Northeastern Oklahoma State University Golf Team and, while preparing to play in the MSSU College Invitational September 23, 2022, he shot a 63 from the tips! That's a new Shangri-La Course Record at that distance. That's not all, though. In the same round, he also made his first career Albatross. That's a Double Eagle – a 2 on a Par 5 hole. The shot was holed on #4 Heritage. It is equally interesting that he joins his uncle and Shangri-La PGA Director of Golf Rob Yanovitch as the only two players to ever Double Eagle that hole. It must be a "Yanovitch thing." Great shot, Christian!



SLWGA News

By Candy Brasel

Fall has arrived and it's the best time of the year to play golf. The Shangri-La course is in perfect condition, and we appreciate everyone that makes it possible. The SLWGA lady golfers had a lot of tournaments in September and I'm excited to share the results of all these activities with everyone.

SHANGRI-LA MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

The second annual SLWGA MATCH PLAY tournament finalists have played their matches and the winner has been declared our champion for 2022.

Championship Flight: Linda Ballard vs. Carol Cable. (3-1). Linda Ballard is the Champion.

Consolation Flight: Cheryl Brecheisen vs. Paula Brumbe. (Cheryl and Paula were unable to schedule their match due to a new grand baby being born. Paula Brumbe is the winner of the Consolation Flight and Cheryl Brecheisen got a Grandson.

Congratulations to the winners and we will look forward to our Match Play again next year. Thank you, Judi Barber for organizing this fun tournament.

SHANGRI-LA WINS FIRST ANNUAL HOME & AWAY TOURNAMENT AGAINST STILLWATER COUNTRY CLUB

This is a new 2-day event that will be played annually and will have a traveling trophy. The first day is a Horse Race and the second day is a Best Ball Net Partnership

Horse Race Winners:

1st Place. - Linda Ballard & Dee Moore

2nd Place. - Peggy Blair & Ashley MacDonald

3rd Place - Cheryl Brecheisen & Lori Olmanns

RALLY FOR THE CURE GUEST DAY

Rally for the Cure is a life-saving program that supports those impacted by Breast Cancer. 23 Lady golfers participated in this event and donations totaled \$670. Donations will go to the Grove Integrus Health Foundation which supports local patients with Breast Cancer who are in need of help with expenses.

Winners: 18-Hole

1st Gross - Penny Humphrey/ Lenda Smith

1st Low Net: Liz Paden/ Vicki Graper

2nd Low Net: Gloria Pickens / Carrie Moore

Winners : 9 Hole

1st Low Gross: Kim Quillin / Tara Lawson

2nd Low Net - Gaylyn Haynes / Debbie Hess

UNMYSTERY TRIP AT TWIN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

16 lady golfers traveled to Joplin, MO to play at the Twin Hills Country Club.

Winners 18-Hole

Low Gross: Ann Turner

2nd Low Gross: Vicki Graper

Low Net: Judi Barber

2nd Low Net: Peggy Blair

Closest to the Pin: Liz Paden

Door Prize: Cheryl Brecheisen

Winners: 9 - Hole

Low Gross: Susan Jones

2nd Low Gross: Jan Castelli

Low Net: Mariel McGhee

2nd Low Net: Gaylyn Haynes

Closest to the Pin: Becky Brock

Door Prize: Debbie Hess

Congratulations to all who participated in these great events. This is an example of how many activities our golf league has to offer. It's a great group of ladies and if you are a member of Shangri-La, we would love to have you join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5: Fall Luncheon (meeting, awards and election of officers). Please make reservations on our website.



(Left) 18-holers participating in the 2022 Golf for the Cure play day.

(Right) SLWGA Match Play Champion Linda Ballard and Runner-Up winner Carol Cable.



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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(Top Left) Congratulations to 15-year-old Shangri-La member Braden Haines of Edmond on his first career hole-in-one. Braden aced #5 Heritage at Shangri-La Golf Club September 3, 2022 when he hit his 5-iron from 163 yards into the hole. The feat was witnessed by his father Spencer and Shangri-La member Justin Barrett. Congrats, Braden! Many more to come.



(Top Right) Congratulations to Mark Meek of Broken Arrow on his 9th career hole-in-one carded September 6 at Shangri-La Golf Club. Yes, his NINTH! Mark aced #4 Legends at Shangri-La from 152 yards with his 7-iron. The feat was witnessed by Alan Aaron. Congratulations, Mark. Leave some for the rest of the players.

Shangri-La Hours of Operation

Golf Shop

7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. daily

Turnhouse

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily

Summit Restaurant & Buffalo Bar

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday

11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Thursday, Sunday

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday

Shangri-La Marina and Ship Store

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday-Saturday

The Spa at Shangri-La

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday-Sunday

Doc's Bar & Grill

At Shangri-La Resort Hotel

7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday

7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday-Saturday

The Anchor Activity Park

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday

10:00 a.m.-midnight Friday & Saturday

The Galley at The Anchor

CLOSED Monday-Tuesday

4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday

11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

The Monkey Grind

Sunday-Saturday – 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Eddy's Lakeside Bar

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON