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College Bowl Season, Christmas Parties, New Year's Celebrations! It's a Month of Holiday Celebrations for Everyone at Shangri-La!

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



Even with Snow on the ground, the work continues on the Battlefield Par 3. The staff remains on schedule for a Spring 2023 opening. Come play the Three's at Shangri-La this Spring!!!

As we close out a fantastic record-breaking year at Shangri-La Resort, I want to offer my personal heartfelt "thank you" to our members, guests, civic groups, associations, corporations, wedding guests, and government entities for an absolutely unbelievably successful year. Our golf course was honored by The Discoverer worldwide travel website as the *Best Golf Course in Oklahoma* this year, Tulsa World readers named our resort the *Best Lake Resort in Oklahoma*, and the Oklahoma Travel Industry named The An-

chor as the *Outstanding Attraction in Oklahoma*. To wrap up the year, the South Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce last month honored Mike Williams, Shangri-La's Director of Communications & Government Relations, as the *Grand Laker of the Year*. We couldn't be prouder of Mikey and all he does for us and the entire Grand Lake community.

As we look forward to a new year ahead, early scheduling of events and the planned spring opening of The Battle-

field 18-hole Par 3 golf course foretell an even bigger year on the near horizon. I couldn't be more grateful for our incredible team at each of the varied venues – and our loyal members and guests who have made it all possible.

Holiday Season at Shangri-La

On the heels of the holiday season kick-off with Festivus, Thanksgiving, and our annual Black Friday Seafood Extravaganza, we have a full slate of

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Christmas and New Year's holiday celebrations at Shangri-La throughout the month of December. There is literally something for everyone including two special Sunday afternoon performances in the hotel lobby as Terry Jordan presents "A Monkey Island Christmas Card" with Christmas carol sing-along fun from 2:00-5:00 p.m. December 11 and December 18.

Additional holiday celebrations include special "12 Days of Christmas" dinner specials each of the first three weekends of the month at The Summit, a big Christmas Party at The Anchor December 16, Christmas Brunch with Santa at The Summit December 18, Christmas Eve dinners at both Doc's and The Summit, a special New Year's Eve menu at Doc's December 31 and, of course, our enormously popular members' New Year's Eve Wine Dinner at The Summit.

There's no need to worry about holiday baking, either. Executive Pastry Chef Julie Morgan and her team offer Christmas Desserts-to-Go – your favorite holiday pies, cakes, and desserts prepared for your holiday guests as only Chef Julie can do it!

We have a busy holiday schedule of food and fun, but all Shangri-La facilities except the resort hotel will be closed Christmas Day to allow our staff to enjoy the holiday with their families.

Special Celebrations All Month at The Summit

The holiday season at The Summit includes a variety of wonderful events and outstanding specials in addition to our new Winter Dinner Menu. Chef Matt has planned three weekends of pre-Christmas specials celebrating "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The first weekend (December 1-4) features a special offering of Duck & Dumplings, followed by Christmas Lamb December 8-11, and a traditional Prime Rib Dinner December 15-18. Terry Jordan returns to entertain dinner guests Friday & Saturday evenings on each of those special weekends.

Sunday, December 18 is our traditional Christmas Brunch with Santa (\$45 for adults, \$20 for children ages 3-12). The special buffet will be offered from 10:00-2:00 including an Action Station offering eggs any style or omelets, cheese & charcuterie, fresh fruit, smoked salmon, and shrimp cocktail display stations, a carving station offering prime rib and glazed ham, special offerings of breakfast pastries, apple wood bacon & sausage, steak house hash, biscuits & gravy, mushroom & feta frittatas, and cream cheese baked French toast – all topped with an amazing selection of Chef Julie's awesome desserts. Terry

Jordan will also be on hand to provide music to complement a fabulous holiday brunch.

New Year's Eve is always a special event for our members – and this year is no different. Our New Year's Eve Wine Dinner features a mouth-watering five-course dinner menu with each course carefully paired with a fabulous wine. Course offerings include Butter Baked Sea Bass and Smoked Honey Glazed Duck complemented by Pink Pepper Watermelon & Goat Cheese, a Shrimp Cocktail Salad, and House Made Pear Sherbet, topped with Chef Julie's Buttered Rum Crème Brûlée. Make your reservations early. The New Year's Eve Wine Dinner is always a memory-making event.

Holiday Fun at Doc's, Too!

Doc's Bar & Grill continues to offer special menus and entertainment through the month of December. Our Taco & Tequila Tuesdays offer a weekly special taco as well as traditional tacos for \$3 each or 3 for \$8. Thursday nights are Italian Buffet nights with holiday karaoke fun led by our own Jason Morgan.

Friday night live entertainment for the holidays includes great entertainers throughout the month – *Chloe Johns, Ryan Graham, Scott Musick, Clint Ingram,* and Mark Gibson.

Doc's will offer Christmas Eve breakfast, lunch, and dinner service until 7:00 p.m. and will be closed Christmas Day.

For those looking for a fabulous meal in a more laid-back and casual atmosphere to ring in the new year, Doc's will offer a special menu for New Year's Eve from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Choose from Oysters Rockefeller, an Antipasto Board, Grilled Heart of Romaine, Smoked Sausage & Blackeye Pea Soup, Prime Rib, Grilled Pork Chops or Brown Butter Seared Scallops. Pizza will be available, as well, but the special menu offerings will replace our normal menu that evening.

A Busy December at The Anchor

It's time to kick off the Winter Golf League in the Trackman Simulator Bay at The Anchor. Twelve members will tee off playing four of the toughest courses in the world with competition December 7, 14, 21, and 28, with cash payouts to the top three finishers after four weeks of play.

Popular "Tuesday Trivia" competition continues at The Anchor this month, as well, with fun evenings scheduled for December 6 and 13 before taking a break for the holidays. We won't be taking a break

from holiday fun at The Anchor, though. Santa and Mrs. Claus will both be on hand for the big Christmas Party at The Anchor from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Friday evening, December 16.

December is arguably the biggest sports month of the year. It is undoubtedly the biggest football month of the year at The Anchor Sports Bar. We'll have all the big conference championship games to kick off the month, including the Big 12, Big 10, and SEC Championship games all on Saturday, December 3. December 16 is the first college football bowl game, and we'll have all 43 games culminating with the National Championship Monday night, January 9.

The New Year's Eve party at The Anchor starts at 11:00 a.m. with coverage of the Sugar Bowl, followed by the two National Championship semi-final games at 3:00 and 7:30 – and the celebration continues until the clock strikes 2023!

It's a busy month for college and NBA basketball, as well. We have all the biggest games including OU, OSU, Arkansas, and Kansas games, as well as all the OKC Thunder games featured on the video walls at The Anchor.

Battlefield Club House Under Construction!

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! Construction of the cart barn is virtually complete and framing is underway on the new full-service club house at The Battlefield. The course itself is pretty much in place. Now we're working on amenities to finish out the course as the ultimate Par 3 course in the country. We are still on schedule for an opening of the course next Spring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The holiday season is officially here. It is a wonderful time of year to pause to celebrate friends, family, and the blessings we all enjoy in this great country. At Shangri-La, we want to show our appreciation and gratitude to our members, guests, and the Grand Lake community with a variety of fun, relaxing holiday celebrations.

Thank you for your support, your patronage, and your friendship through the years. We hope you will join us often at Shangri-La Resort throughout the holiday season and as we begin a new year together. Our team is always here for you and your guests any time you have the sudden urge to Escape the Ordinary.

Culinary Conversation

By Jonathan Moosmiller

Executive Director of Food & Beverage



When you're planning your Christmas desserts, don't miss Chef Julie's incredible double-layer coconut cream pie!

With busy banquet business, lots of groups, Thanksgiving dinners at Doc's, in-demand Thanksgiving-to-Go orders, and our annual Black Friday Seafood Extravaganza, November was a busy month for our Food & Beverage operation at Shangri-La, but nothing compared to the culinary offerings we have planned to celebrate the Christmas and New Year holiday season!

Doc's, The Summit, Buffalo Bar, the Galley at The Anchor, and the Turn House at the club house will be open for normal hours of operation Christmas Eve – except Doc's will close at 7:00 p.m. on that special day. All Shangri-La facilities except the resort hotel will be closed Christmas Day – but we have a fantastic line-up of special culinary treats both before and after Christmas.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE SUMMIT

Chef Matt has planned a great culinary celebration of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" with three weekends of four-day pre-Christmas specials in addition to our new dinner menu offerings at The Summit. The first weekend (December 1-4) features a special offering of Duck & Dumplings, including a Roasted Spice Glazed Duck Thigh and Crispy Brussel Sprouts, with Cranberry Ginger and Bok Choy steamed Dumplings, along with a Cranberry Trifle.

The following week's special offering (December 8-11) is Christmas Lamb - Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb, with Roasted Broccolini, and a Prosciutto and Fig Honey Beer Bread Dressing. You can top that off with Boozy Chocolate Truffles.

Our final "Twelve Days" weekend (December 15-18) features a traditional Roasted Prime Rib Dinner (your choice of 14 oz. or 16 oz.) with Sautéed Asparagus, Roasted Red Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Au Jus, and Creamy Horseradish. Chef Julie's Butterscotch Salted Pretzel Pecan Pie will be the featured dessert. Terry Jordan returns to entertain dinner guests Friday & Saturday on each of those special weekends.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 18 is our traditional Christmas Brunch with Santa (\$45 for adults, \$20 for children ages 3-12). It's not really Christmas until we've had brunch with Santa. We'll have omelet and eggs-any-style action stations, a carving station offering prime rib and glazed ham, special breakfast pastries, apple wood bacon & sausage, potatoes O'Brien, steak house hash, biscuits & gravy, mushroom & feta frittatas, and cream cheese baked French toast – all topped with the always -incredible selection of fabulous desserts by Chef Julie and her team. Terry Jordan will also be on hand to provide music to complement a fabulous holiday brunch.

CHRISTMAS DESSERTS-TO-GO

If all this talk of Chef Julie's dessert menus has you longing for extra special treats for your holiday guests, you're in luck. Julie and her crew are already busy preparing fabulous Christmas desserts – and they're happy to provide you with the opportunity to pick up mouth-watering delicacies they will prepare for your crew!

Christmas Dessert-to-Go offerings include a White Chocolate Cranberry Bundt Cake (Serves 12 - \$50), a three-layer, 8-inch Red Velvet Cake (Serves 16-20 - \$60), a three-layer, 8-inch Mint Cookies & Cream Cake (Serves 16-20 - \$60), a 9-inch Hot Chocolate Cheesecake (Serves 12 - \$50), and a 10-inch Double Layer Coconut Cream Pie with Toasted Coconut and Blackberries (Serves 12-18 - \$50).

To order and arrange for pick-up, contact Executive Pastry Chef Julie Morgan at 918-314-2844 or email her at julie.morgan@shangrilaok.com.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT DOC'S

As you plan your evening of celebration to ring in the new year, Doc's Bar & Grill will offer a special New Year's Eve Dinner to prepare you for the long night ahead. Pizza will still be available, as always, but our regular menu will be replaced with a special New Year's Eve menu offering a wide array of options.

NYE dinner options at Doc's will include Oysters Rockefeller, and Antipasto Board, Grilled Heart of Romaine, Smoked Sausage & Blackeye Pea Soup, and entrees including Pistachio & Horseradish Crusted Prime Rib, a Grilled Bone-in Pork Chop with Bread Pudding, Brown Butter Seared Scallops, and Pappardelle Portobella Ragù. Appetizers are priced from \$4-\$18 and entrée prices range from \$18 to \$32. Chef Julie's desserts of the evening include a Raspberry Chandonnay Trifle (\$7), Maple Butter Blondies a La Mode (\$8), and Chocolate Crème Brûlée with Bourbon Soaked Cherries (\$7). This will be the only menu offered at Doc's from 5:00-10:00 p.m. New Year's Eve.

The Breakfast Buffet continues at Doc's seven days a week. Although a la carte breakfast menus are no longer available, we have had terrific response to the wide variety of offerings on our buffet. The Breakfast Buffet is available Monday-Friday from 7:00-11:00 a.m. and a dramatically expanded buffet Saturday-Sunday from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The regular lunch and dinner menus are available as soon as Breakfast Buffet hours are complete. Pizza menus are available daily from 11:00 a.m.-close.

AND THE FABULOUS MEMBERS' NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Dock Talk

by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager



The Oklahoma Marina Association Annual Conference was held last month. Shangri-La Marina Manager Mitch Whitehead (right) is pictured with GRDA's Derrick Bidleman, OMA Executive Director Lori Mosler, and GRDA's Ed Ferguson.

The first day of winter doesn't officially arrive until December 21, but it sure seems to have gotten an early start! We have had several sub-freezing nights already, and several days where the temperature has barely topped the mid-30s. The marina is now totally winterized. Water service on the docks has been shut off and pump-out service has been discontinued until spring. We continue fuel dock service and Ship Store operations throughout the winter months, and the courtesy docks are always available to boaters who choose water access to the many year-round amenities at Doc's, The Anchor, and the golf course and club house.

The marina and Ship Store operations are now open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday. We are closed on Sundays throughout the winter months. This month, the fuel dock and Ship Store will be closed for extended weekends over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We always check docks, boats, lifts, and power service daily, but Ship Store and fuel dock operations will be closed Saturday-Monday December 24-26 and December 31-January 2.

BOAT RENTALS ARE OVER FOR THE YEAR – SORT OF

Colder weather means an end to the record boat rental season at Sail Grand. The vast majority of the rental boats and all of the personal watercraft have been winterized and pulled for the winter; but we realize there are lake lovers who want the opportunity to continue their boating ventures during the winter months. We all know there are those handful of beautiful days during Grand Lake winters where we all wish we had a chance to get on the water. Yacht charters are still available and, for fishermen or those in need of a nice-winter-day boating fix, we are continuing rental availability throughout the winter of a 22-foot Lowe center console bay boat equipped with a trolling motor.

The Sail Grand office is closed, but bay boat rental and yacht 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.

BE SURE TO VISIT THE SHIP STORE

If you haven't been to the Ship Store lately, come check out the great inventory of newly arrived merchandise just in time to find the perfect Christmas gift for the boating enthusiast in your life. In addition to wonderful souvenir and gift items, we have all-weather gear, hoodies, sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts, hats, caps, and footwear. In addition to our newly arrived winter 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.

We're all about year-round fun – and if you need fuel or supplies while accessing our many venues by land or by Grand, the Shangri-La Marina crew is here year-round to assist in any way possible.

YEAR-ROUND BOATING ACCESS TO FOOD AND FUN AT SHANGRI-LA!

We hear the same question every day throughout the winter – and we see it every day on social media platforms: "Are there any restaurants still open that are accessible by water?" The answer to that question is always "Doc's Bar & Grill at Shangri-La Marina."

Courtesy slips at Shangri-La Marina remain open and accessible year-round – and Doc's Bar & Grill is the only accessible-by-water restaurant that is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week! Thursday evenings are a great time to boat to Shangri-La for the weekly Italian Buffet and karaoke fun with Jason Morgan! Doc's also features weekly Friday night live entertainment year-round. December Friday night live entertainment at Doc's includes great entertainers throughout the month – Chloe Johns, Ryan Graham, Scott Musick, Clint Ingram., and Mark Gibson.

The Anchor is within walking distance of our courtesy docks with lots of indoor fun seven days a week, including every major sporting event on our giant video walls in the Sports Bar.

IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR BOAT SHOPPING

With the boat show season getting underway, this is a fantastic time to shop for both new and pre-owned boat values. Our partners at Nichols Marine always have a selection.

New boats are arriving at Nichols Marine on a daily basis as we prepare for the big boat shows in Oklahoma next month. The Oklahoma Boat Expo is the first big boat show of the year in Oklahoma, January 6-8 at the downtown Convention Center in Tulsa. The following weekend is the Oklahoma City Boat and RV Show January 13-15 at the Bennett Center at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Some incredible boats are already arriving, including the fabulous new 36-foot Robalo triple-engine center console model, as well as new Chaparral models, a variety of Bennington tritoons, MasterCraft wakeboard and wake surf models, and a complete selection of bass boats by Ranger, Triton, Caymas, and Vexus. Smart buyers will beat the rush on new models by nailing down their purchase ahead of the boat show season. Check out available new and used inventory at www.nicholsmarine.com. If you see something you like, call 918-257-5500 and make it yours!

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

Staff Spotlight: Dakota Cochran

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



Dakota Cochran, Assistant Director of Anchor Operations

As Dakota Cochran looks back at the past 6 months of service as the Assistant Director of Anchor Operations, she believes the people are what make Shangri-La, "truly special."

"When I stepped away from my former position as Director of Membership at the Grand Lake Family YMCA, I didn't know what to expect," she recollects. "I had played golf at Shangri-La several times, but that was about the extent of my time at the resort."

With the full arcade, virtual reality games, food service operations and a full bar in addition to a variety of sporting events, special events and the pickleball, basketball, tennis, pro shop, and simulator bay operations, there is certainly no shortage of supervision to ensure fully operations seven-day-a-week availability of fun for all ages at The Anchor. Dakota says the technology, state of the art TVs, and simulator bays at The Anchor are all very neat, for sure - but she says that's not what makes Shangri-La and the Anchor operations so special.

"It isn't just the staff that I have working around me," she said, "The members, the guests, and the staff members from all of the other departments are what make this place truly great. There is a terrific spirit of cooperation throughout the resort. Every time I step foot on campus, I feel at home."

No one exemplifies that "team spirit" attitude better than Dakota. Not only does she serve as the Assistant Director of Anchor Operations, but she also steps behind The Anchor bar and "slings some drinks," a couple of days throughout the week.

Prior to life on Monkey Island, Dakota attended Missouri Southern State University, where she earned two Bachelor of Science degrees, one in Business Management and the other in Human Resources.

"So often you hear of people that working in a field where

they are unable to use the skills they earned throughout their college careers," she said, "Shangri-La allows me to not only use my degrees, but to apply them to real world applications on a daily basis."

When Dakota isn't helping manage The Anchor or serving drinks, she enjoys attending live music shows. She likes most genres, but Red Dirt and Texas Country are by far her favorites.

"I attend A LOT of live shows every year," she smiled, "It is one of my favorite things to do, the roar of the crowd, the lights - it is just pretty awesome."

She will be flying out to Vegas to attend the National Final Rodeo in the first part of December.

Dakota mentioned that this is another reason she loves the team at The Anchor, "We all work together as a team. We fill in where needed," she said. "Shangri-La management always stresses our individual commitment to our families and our personal lives, in addition to making sure there are plenty of entertainment options for all our members and guests and their families. There is true work-life balance here, allowing me to do the things I enjoy without worrying about whether or not team members will step up to make sure our responsibilities are met at work."

If you need a drink, or just to see a smiling face just swing by and say "hi" to Dakota Cochran! She is a vital link in the management chain at The Anchor!



Congratulations to Shangri-La's Director of Communications & Government Relations Mike Williams. Mikey, pictured with his wife Cari, was named "Grand Laker of the Year" at the South Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet November 19, 2022.

Member Profile: Janet Link

By Mike Williams

Director of Communications



Janet Link loves the Grand Lake area so much, she named a magazine after it – Grand Paradise!

It's difficult to find someone who knows more about the people and places on Grand Lake than Janet Link. As a three-time president of the South Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and a two-time President of the Vinita Chamber of Commerce, she has been involved in a wide variety of events and programs supporting the Grand Lake business community; but that doesn't even count what she does in "real life."

As General Manager of four area newspapers - the *Vinita Daily Journal*, the *Nowata Star*, *The American*, and the *Grand Laker* - and publisher of *Grand Paradise Magazine*, one of the most far-reaching annual publications promoting the Grand Lake area, her impact is wide-ranging and frequent!

Her newspaper ownership is in partnership with the Weatherford, Oklahoma-based Reid Newspaper Group, which also owns six other newspapers including the *Grove Sun*, *Miami News-Record*, *Delaware County Journal* and three other newspapers in Weatherford, Bethany, and Perry.

"From our plant in Vinita, we print seven newspapers. Printing operations in Vinita and Weatherford also print the Cherokee Nation's *Cherokee Phoenix* which has a circulation of more than 150,000 twice a month," she says. "Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. is from Vinita and he's a good friend of mine. It's great to have him right here to guide us in that venture."

Janet has always lived in Oklahoma. Born and raised in Tulsa, she graduated from Central High School while working for the U.S. Post Office before marrying and raising two children, both of whom are still in business in Green Country. In 1990, she married John Link who, at the time, was living in Colorado working for Frederick Printing, a large printing operation whose printing jobs included all the tickets for the Denver Nuggets.

When the two married, the result was a beautifully blended family and the beginning of an unparalleled legacy of newspaper operations in Oklahoma.

"John hired a preacher he found in the want ads in the *Denver*

Post. We got married and our families blended instantly. My kids became his kids and his kids became my kids," Janet laughs. "He moved to Oklahoma and we had a little cabin on South Grand Lake. He saw an ad in the *Claremore Progress* newspaper about the Reid Newspaper Group looking for a General Manager for their newspaper operation in Vinita. He interviewed, got the job and, as they say, the rest is history."

It was the beginning of a northeastern Oklahoma publishing operation that impacts Green Country far beyond the shores of Grand Lake.

"I got involved personally in the newspaper business because John was short-staffed in Vinita, and he asked me to come in and help out," she laughs. "The first thing I saw was an ad that had merchants supporting the local FFA Chapter. I remember saying, 'there are only 10 businesses on this ad. Is that all you've got?' I pulled out the phone book and started making calls. We ended up with 20 more businesses on the ad - and I've been here ever since - more than 30 years now."

Janet has always been in sales, rising to the position of Vice-President of Sales & Marketing with the Reid Newspaper Group prior to taking over the General Manager's position following John's death in March, 2021.

"First we got involved in the *Vinita Journal*," Janet recalls. "We were printing *The American* newspaper and when it came up for sale, we purchased it. Then, the *Nowata Star* came up for sale. John said, 'that's a newspaper in a county seat. We have to buy that. *The Grand Laker* and *Grand Paradise Magazine* are my babies," Janet says proudly.

The Grand Laker is the only weekly leisure publication promoting the entire Grand Lake area. It was recently named 2022 Business of the Year by the South Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

"That's because of Mary Claiborne," Janet says bluntly. "Some people know her as 'Mary,' others know her as 'Lady Shutterbug' or 'Arizona,' but that award really belongs to her. I'm pretty sure she has covered more events and taken more pictures of more area happenings than anyone in Grand Lake's history. Mary has had an incredible impact on both the *Grand Laker* and the Grand Lake community," she says with obvious pride.

In addition to four children, Janet has seven grandchildren. She lives in The Coves on South Grand Lake, but she is virtually everywhere on Grand Lake every week - and involved in a wide variety of events, fundraising efforts, and philanthropic ventures. She recently partnered with Shangri-La Resort to raise money for the purchase of armored vests for all Delaware County Deputies. She raises money for fireworks displays in Vinita and South Grand Lake. She supports a variety of non-profit organizations and new business ventures with both her money and her newspapers and magazines.

"Grand Lake continues to grow," she says. "Nothing has impacted the lake more than Shangri-La Resort. Where there used to be a marina and some land at the tip of Monkey Island, there is now a \$150 million investment from Eddy Gibbs. It continues to grow and continues to impact

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Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



Lee Lawson is back to host the popular "Tuesday Trivia" competition at The Anchor.

We had a fantastic November at The Anchor with big crowds enjoying our Thanksgiving Day weekend fun, the return of our popular Tuesday Trivia, and loads of games and parties, December looks like it will be even more fun!

Tuesday Trivia Returns for Two Big Nights in December

Back by popular demand is Tuesday Trivia Night! We had two trivia nights in November and two more are set for this month – December 6 and 13. We'll take a trivia break for the holidays and return with 8 more great nights of trivia fun in January and February. Lee Lawson, everybody's favorite trivia guy, is back hosting the competition. Mark your calendars! We will host trivia on a scheduled starting at 7:00 PM on the following dates: December 6th & 13th, January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and February 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th.

The Ultimate Christmas Party is Friday, December 16

The biggest Christmas Party of the year is on the calendar and open to the public. Plan to join us as we welcome both Santa and Mrs. Claus for The Ultimate Christmas Party at The Anchor from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Friday, December 16. We'll have lots of holiday drink specials, an Ugly Sweater competition, 50% priced game cards for the arcade – and a fun night of Christmas Karaoke with Jason Morgan! You won't want to miss all the fun at The Ultimate Christmas Party!

Shangri-La Winter Golf League In the Simulator Bays

It's time to kick off the Winter Golf League in the Trackman Simulator Bay at The Anchor. Twelve members will tee off playing four of the toughest courses in the world with competition December 7, 14, 21, and 28, with cash payouts to

the top three finishers after four weeks of play.

All the Football Fun and Sporting Event Coverage that the Law Allows!

December is all about football, football, football – and The Anchor is the only place on Grand Lake where you can catch ALL the fun of Conference Championships, Bowl Games, and NFL action. There's a sporting event for everyone every day at The Anchor!

Our football schedule drink specials are offered Thursday and Monday nights, and all afternoon & evening on Saturdays & Sundays - \$3 well drinks & featured can specials, \$4 Michelob Ultra Draft and \$6 Premium Drafts. Not to mention there is also fresh hot popcorn offered to enjoy the games!

We'll start the very first weekend of the month with Conference Championship battles – Utah vs. USC for the PAC 12 title December 2 followed on December 3 by K-State and TCU in the Big 12 Championship game, LSU and Georgia battling for the SEC title, Clemson facing North Carolina for ACC honors, Purdue taking on Michigan for the Big 10 title, and Deion Sanders' Jackson State team trying to remain undefeated as they face Southern in a rematch for the SWAC title.

Bowl game coverage begins December 16 – and we'll have coverage of all 43 bowl games, wrapping up with the National Championship Game January 9.

It's not just about football, though. We'll have OU, OSU, Arkansas, and Kansas basketball, PGA Golf, all the OKC Thunder games, and complete FIFA World Cup Soccer Championship coverage continuing right through the final match Sunday, December 18.

Holiday Fun at The Racquet Club

There's no need to worry about the weather. Outdoor courts are always available, but if the weather turns cranky, **the dome is NOW OPEN**, based at the discretion of our staff. This gives our guests the opportunity to continue playing their favorite sports throughout the winter season! The bubble will provide protection from the outdoor elements and has been lined for multi-use for both tennis and pickleball! If you are playing in the dome, we ask that **you check in at the Racquet Club pro shop** first. The dome has a fee to play for everyone, with amounts that vary based upon membership status. Members pay only \$20 per court, per hour, regardless of the day, which can be broken down as \$5 per person for a court hosting a group of four. The standard \$10 guest fee remains the same. Weekday fee for non-members is \$40 per court, per hour and \$50 per court, per hour on the weekends. Outdoor play pricing remains unchanged.

Mark your calendars for a special Christmas Celebration Pickleball Mixer Friday evening, December 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with prize drawings at the conclusion of the mixer. Plan to stay late and join the fun at The Ultimate Christmas Party immediately following.

December Pickleball drills are held Monday at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., and Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

There are plenty of pickleball mixers, too – Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Thursday at 9:00 a.m., Friday at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. There is a competitive mixer Thursday evening at 7:00.

Tennis players are on the schedule, too, with open tennis drills Tuesday evenings at 7:30, adult tennis drills Saturday mornings at 9:00, High School Tennis Drills Saturdays at 12:30 p.m., and Junior High tennis drills Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no scheduled Racquet Club activities December 19-22 – and none on Christmas Eve, December 24.

Ring in the New Year!

New Year's Eve is sure to be a very special evening of fun at The Anchor as we welcome 2023 to the schedule of Shangri-La fun. We'll do it in style with lots of holiday fun and coverage of both college football playoff semi-final games in The Peach Bowl and Fiesta Bowl, as well as the Music City Bowl and Sugar Bowl. It'll be a New Year's Eve to remember at The Anchor!

In the meantime...

We always have great new special events pop up, so 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! Feel free to share your thoughts or suggestions directly with me at any time regarding any aspect of our operation. Please contact me at shaun.tune@shangrilalak.com. Thanks. I'll see you soon at The Anchor!

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the entire Grand Lake area. I can't wait until next Spring when they open The Battlefield (a new 18-hole Par 3 Golf Course.) I drive past that every week. I can't believe how incredible that will be!"

A virtual whirlwind of activity and action, Janet continues to pick up steam and get involved in more and more community events and projects.

"I keep telling myself I should retire. I'm almost 70," she laughs. "But, I love what I do. I love the community and I love the people. Over a 30-year period, you get to know more and more people, and those relationships result in an ability to accomplish more things. The internet certainly changed the newspaper industry, but we have been fortunate to be successful, largely because of our involvement with the incredible people and businesses that continue to grow the Grand Lake area.

"My plan is to work a couple more years, then retire...but who knows?" she says. "I don't know what I would do. I don't really have time for any hobbies. I like gardening and plants. I love golf and I know the game, but even though I live on the first hole at The Coves Golf Course and I'm at Shangri-La every week, I don't seem to ever find the time to actually play. Right now, my golf activity is primarily working to organize support for charity golf tournaments," she laughs.

"I am blessed to live in such a supportive community of people who are always willing to step up and help wherever help is needed. It's a fulfilling life, for sure. I can't imagine living anywhere else. In fact, that's how I came up with the name for our magazine. This truly is...Grand Paradise!"



(Above) Becky Brock was totally in the spirit of Festivus as members gathered at the clubhouse for the annual party.



(Left) A great group of members showed up for the camaraderie, food, fun, and shopping bargains at Shangri-La's annual Festivus Party.

The Golf Shop team was on hand to greet members at the Annual Festivus Party: Rob Yanovitch, Bradley Jumper, Carrie Moore, Taron Wright, Carley Tune, and Jerrod Neighbors.



SLWGA News

By Candy Brasel



SLWGA's Judi Barber presents a check to Grove Athletic Director and Golf Coach Richard Bassett as part of the SLWGA support for girls' golf programs at Grove.

It's that time of the year when everyone is into the Holiday spirit and reflecting on a busy year. The SLWGA had a great year with lots of tournaments and activities. We had our FALL Brunch, November 5th, beginning with brunch, electing our new board members and presenting awards to our ladies for their accomplishments for this golfing season. Peggy Howard-Burgess welcomed everyone and did a great job of organizing and planning this festive event. Debbie Hess our artist-in resident- did an outstanding job with beautiful fall decorations.

Cheryl Brecheisen thanked everyone for serving this year. And recognized the Philanthropy projects done by the SLWGA. Our Golf for the Cure raised \$670, WO-GA Memberships and shirt donations given to the 1st Tee in Tulsa and a monetary donations given to the Grove Girls golf team.

Congratulations to the "Performer of the Year," "Most Improved," and "Ringer Winners."

"PERFORMER OF THE YEAR"

9-Hole Winners:

1st Place: Susan Jones
2nd Place: Jan Castelli
3rd Place: Gaylyn Haynes
4th Place Tie: Peggy Howard-Burgess & Kim Quillin

18 Hole Winners:

1st Place: Linda Ballard
2nd Place: Liz Paden
3rd Place Tie: Gloria Pickens & Candy Brasel

"MOST IMPROVED"

9- Hole Winner: Kim Quillin
18 - Hole Winner: Vicki Graper

RINGER AWARDS

18 Hole Winners
Low Gross: Linda Ballard
Low Net: Liz Paden

9 Hole
Low Gross: Susan Jones
Low Net: Becky Brock



(Left) SLWGA 18-hole Performers of the year – Gloria Pickens (3rd – tied), Liz Paden (2nd), Linda Ballard (1st). Not pictured is Candy Brasel (3rd – tie). (Right) SLWGA 9-hole Performers of the Year – Peggy Howard-Burgess (4th - tied), Jan Castelli (2nd), Jan Castelli (4th – tie). Not pictured are winners Susan Jones (1st) and Gaylyn Haynes (3rd).



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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WINE DINNER AT THE SUMMIT!

Our Members' New Year's Eve Wine Dinner is arguably our most popular event of the year at The Summit. This year's six-course extravaganza features a fabulous menu with each course paired with a very special wine (\$125 per person).

We will begin with Pink Pepper Watermelon and Goat Cheese with Toasted Pine Nuts and White Balsamic Reduction, followed by a Cocktail Salad with Wine Poached Jumbo Shrimp, Radish, Asparagus Points, Arugula, and Horseradish Vinaigrette. To cleanse your palate, we will enjoy House Made Pear Sherbet before the Fourth Course of Butter Baked Sea Bass with Tomato Jam and Creamed Spinach.

The Main Course features Smoked Honey Glazed Duck with Spiced Honey, Carrot Puree, Sautéed Sweet Peas and an Orange Beurre Blanc. The menu concluded with Chef Julie's special Buttered Rum Crème Brûlée.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It is an exciting time of the year at Shangri-La and we look forward to celebrating this special season with our fantastic members and guests. 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. We are proud of our 2022 holiday offerings, but please join us anytime you can. We're always cooking up something!

NAUGHTY OR NICE, YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Anchor at Shangri-La's Ultimate Christmas Party

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
December 16th, 2022
7:00 pm- 10:00 pm

\$3-6 Seasonal Drink Specials
Ugly Sweater Contest
Karaoke

Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elf on Site
50% Off Game Cards Pricing
Canned Food Drive

And Much More!!
Come Out and Be Merry With Us!
#HappyAnchorHolidays

Shangri-La Hours of Operation

Golf Shop

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

Turnhouse

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily

Summit Restaurant & Buffalo Bar

CLOSED Monday-Wednesday
5:00-9:00 p.m. Thursday & Sunday
5:00-10:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Shangri-La Marina and Ship Store

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday
CLOSED Sunday

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