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# The Horizon

## *What's New at Shangri-La*



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## Winter Gala Highlights a Busy Month of Boat Shows, Watch Parties, Trivia, NFL & College Football, and Live Entertainment at Shangri-La!

by Barry Willingham, President & CEO  
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*Christmas weekend at Shangri-La wasn't much of an attraction for golfers. Fortunately, by New Year's weekend it was a totally different story!*

I want to start the New Year with a heartfelt expression of my deepest gratitude to the members, guests, and groups who made 2022 a record-breaking year of success at Shangri-La Resort. A lot has happened in the three-and-a-half years since I took the reins for this wild ride. The addition of The Anchor, the USS Oklahoma Memorial, and The Monkey Grind coffee shop during that time has dramatically impacted our operations; but nothing has contributed to our dramatic growth more than our people – those who chose to place membership, plus those who

chose our resort as a destination, along with those on our awesome Shangri-La team who welcomed them with the delivery of memory-making good times.

I couldn't be more grateful for the support of those in the Grand Lake community and across the country who have chosen our little slice of paradise for everything from special events to weekend getaways.

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 am so grateful for our incredible team at each of the varied venues – and our loyal members and guests who have made it all possible.

### ***There is No "Off Season" at Shangri-La Resort***

A sold-out schedule of Christmas parties, our "Ultimate Christmas Party" at The Anchor, Christmas Brunch with Santa, the culinary delight of our "12 Days of Christmas" menus

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at The Summit, the wonderful "Christmas Card to Monkey Island" musical treats from *Terry Jordan*, huge "Tuesday Trivia" turnouts, Thursday Night Karaoke and Friday night live entertainment at Doc's, some fabulous year-end celebrations by corporate groups, and our year-ending "New Year's Eve Wine Dinner" proved that December is not an "off-season" at Shangri-La Resort. And no one on our team is taking their foot off the accelerator for January.

Our Sales & Catering Team kicks off the month hand-in-hand with the crew from Nichols Marine at Shangri-La by spreading the Grand Lake news at the Oklahoma Boat Expo at the Cox Business Convention Center in Tulsa January 6-8. Be sure to stop by for a visit during this first and biggest boat show of the year. A wide variety of exhibitors will join more than 20 of the largest boat dealers in Oklahoma, including virtually all the Grand Lake dealers. The show will be open from 11:00-8:00 Friday, 10:00-8:00 Saturday, and 10:00-5:00 on Sunday. It will, without a doubt, be the premier show of the year!

In the meantime, there is no shortage of fun on the calendar on the Shangri-La home front. We continue our Thursday night Karaoke and dining feature each week with *Jason Morgan* hosting the musical fun – but with a new twist. January through March, Jason will host Singo competition with prizes to the winners each week. Each Friday night, we also feature great live performances at Doc's from a cadre of talented musicians. Entertainers in January include *Jacob Dement*, *Clint Ingram*, *Scott Musick*, and *Mark Gibson*.

The popular "Tuesday Trivia" competition returns to the Anchor following a break for the holidays. Beginning January 10, competitors will gather at The Anchor each Tuesday evening through February 28 to exercise their brains and expand their knowledge while enjoying great camaraderie and the wit & wisdom of host *Lee Lawson*.

### **The "Winter Gala" Returns In January, Too!**

The highlight of our January calendar at Shangri-La is the return of our popular "Shangri-La Winter Gala" Saturday evening, January 21.

This fun party will transport you to New York City for "A Night in the City" with a fabulous dinner and an evening of dancing to the music of an absolutely incredible band – *Hook!* Talented members of this Oklahoma City-based show band pride themselves on keeping the dance floor full from the first song until the last song. The \$130 ticket price includes dinner, live entertainment, dancing, and a memorable "Night in the City."

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00, live entertainment and dancing at 8:00. Space is limited for this gala event. Make your reservations by contacting *Linda Wall* at [linda.wall@shangrilaok.com](mailto:linda.wall@shangrilaok.com) or *Dana Able* at [dana.able@shangrilaok.com](mailto:dana.able@shangrilaok.com).

### **Never Ending Sports Coverage at The Anchor**

With 42 college football games in the rear-view mirror, January sporting events at The Anchor are only getting bigger and more important.

Join us Monday evening, January 9, for the biggest college game of the year – the National Championship Watch Party at The Anchor beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The end of college football for the year means the premier battles in the National Football League are just heating up. NFL Playoffs begin January 14 with three days of play, followed by Saturday & Sunday games the following weekend, and Conference Championship games Sunday, January 29. Go ahead and mark your calendars to join us next month for Grand Lake's biggest Super Bowl Party Sunday evening, February 12!

It's a busy month for college and NBA basketball, too. We'll 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.

### **It's Time for Shangri-Low Golf!**

With the arrival of winter weather, PGA Director of Golf *Rob Yanovitch* has implemented our most popular winter golf special – Shangri-Low Golf. It's simple. Just watch the temperature and pay a price equal to the low temperature on the day you play. If the early morning temperature is 25, but the mercury rises to 55 degrees in the afternoon, you'll enjoy a pleasant afternoon on the course and pay \$25 for 18 holes. The special promotion continues through March 15, allowing you to enjoy a high time of afternoon golf, but the price you pay is...Shangri-Low!

### **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 nearing final stages 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. The Battlefield continues to gather national attention as one

of the most unique, challenging, and spectacular Par 3 courses in the country. Our entire team is thrilled with the progress of the new course; and I'm delighted to report once again that we are still on schedule for an opening of the course this Spring.

### **Exciting News in Our Food & Beverage Department**

We are always delighted to see our Shangri-La team members continue to move up the ladder of success as they find new ways to improve their performance and expand their contributions to delivery of services that enhance the experience of our members and guests.

We have a wide array of departments where our team members continue to step to the front, but no department compares in size to our Food & Beverage operation. I am thrilled to announce that *Matt Hensley* has been promoted to the position of Executive Chef and Director of Culinary Operations.

I know Matt is a familiar face to our members. He joined the Shangri-La team just a couple of years out of the Culinary Arts School at Platt College – first as a cook at the Summit, then Banquet Chef, then Room Chef at The Summit, then Executive Sous Chef, and now Executive Chef. I hope you'll congratulate Matt when you see him. He is a true star on the Shangri-La culinary team!

### **It's a Great Year Ahead!**

I am in a truly enviable position as I look back on such a fantastic year while simultaneously looking ahead to an even better year of growth, expansion of amenities, and additional services to enhance the time spent at Shangri-La by every member and guest, as well as those who entrust us with the planning and execution of their special events. We can already tell from advance bookings that 2023 will be another record year as we continue to expand our horizons and our markets.

Midway through my fourth year as President & CEO at Shangri-La, I am humbled by the continued support from every direction, including the confidence shown by our owner *Eddy Gibbs* and all our incredible members offering encouragement and participation that energizes our path forward to continued success. Above all, thank you for your support, your patronage, and your friendship through the years. We hope you will join us often at Shangri-La Resort 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



*Congratulations to Matt Hensley – promoted to the position of Executive Chef and Director of Culinary Operations!*

What an incredible December for the Shangri-La Food & Beverage team! On top of the 12 Days of Christmas specials at The Summit, our Sunday Brunch with Santa, special treats for everyone at The Ultimate Christmas Party, Chef Julie's Christmas Desserts to Go, our special New Year's Eve menu at Doc's, and the popular Member's NYE Wine Dinner at The Summit, it seemed like we had a Christmas Party on the agenda every available evening! It was truly a month to remember.

In January, we have equally memorable plans including a lot of options for our members and guests.

## **NEW MENU AND ALA CARTE BREAKFAST AT DOC'S**

We have a new Winter Menu at Doc's including a lot of our popular standby dishes as well as some new options. The new menu includes some great appetizers – Jalapeno Peppers, Fried Pickles, Nachos, and the addition of a Soup of the Day to warm you up on those cold winter days.

Sandwiches on the new menu include the return of the Chicken Sandwich, and Island Philly, and Doc's Club as well as Doc's popular burgers and our complete Pizza Menu. Entrees include CTFISH, Salmon, Tomato Basil Penne and, of course, the popular Chicken Fried Steak.

We have also ended the daily breakfast buffet at Doc's, returning to an ala carte menu served daily from 7:00-11:00 a.m. I think you'll enjoy the choices – a variety of our most popular breakfast dishes including made-to-order omelets.

## **SHANGRI-LA WINTER GALA: A NIGHT IN THE CITY**

Mark your calendar and make your reservations. You won't want to miss an incredible "Night in the City" Saturday evening, January 21 in the Roosevelt Ballroom at the Resort Hotel as we transport you virtually to New York City for a fantastic evening of dining, drinking, dancing, out outstanding entertainment.

Cocktails are at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and the music begins at 8:00

provided by one of the region's top show bands – Hook.

We have planned a great menu for the evening. Following a delicious Winter Salad starter, guests will enjoy our specially prepared "Gala Oscar" – a 6 oz. Filet of Beef and Crab Cake topped with Remoulade and served with Marinated Grilled Asparagus, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, and warm Artisan Dinner Rolls, complemented by Chef Julie's special Cherry Amaretto Cheesecake Trifle. Coffee, iced tea, and coffee are included, and a cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Cost is \$130 per person for one of our best Shangri-La event productions yet. I know you'll enjoy a fantastic "Night in the City." Space is limited, so make your reservations quickly. Email Linda Wall at [linda.wall@shangrilaok.com](mailto:linda.wall@shangrilaok.com) or Dana Able at [dana.able@shangrilaok.com](mailto:dana.able@shangrilaok.com). It is sure to be an evening to remember!

## **ENTERTAINMENT ALL MONTH AT DOC'S**

January promises to be a fun gathering spot throughout the month of January. Taco & Tequila Tuesday specials with \$5 margaritas and \$3 tacos (three for \$8.00) set the tone for an evening of "Tuesday Trivia" fun at The Anchor each week beginning January 10.

Thursday evenings, our Italian Buffet is complemented by great musical fun as Jason Morgan leads the karaoke and the always-fun Singo competition at Doc's. Friday evenings feature great live entertainment at Doc's, as well. January performers include Jacob Dement, Clint Ingram, Scott Musick, and Mark Gibson.

## **MATT HENSLEY HAS MOVED UP – AGAIN!**

I know all our members will want to join me in congratulating Matt Hensley who has been promoted to the position of Executive Chef and Director of Culinary Operations. Matt has an impressive history at Shangri-La having served as a cook at the Summit, Room Chef at the Summit, Banquet Chef, Executive Sous Chef and now, Executive Chef.

In his new role, Matt's responsibilities include supervision of all back of the house operations as well as work in planning menus and special event selections for all Shangri-La venues. He has long been an important part of our Food & Beverage Department, and I'm thrilled to announce his promotion to this new and expanded role.

## **JOIN US AT DOC'S AND THE SUMMIT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH**

We are always here for you with Monkey Island's only full service restaurant operations for three meals a day seven days a week at Doc's Bar & Grill. Doc's is open from 7:00 a.m. daily with breakfast served until 11:00 a.m. and lunch and dinner service until 9:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Dinner service is offered to members and Resort guests Thursday-Sunday at The Summit Restaurant, and the general public is welcome to join us at The Summit Sunday evenings.

We are looking forward to an exciting year at Shangri-La and we look forward to serving our valued 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. Please join us anytime you can. We're always cooking up something!



# Dock Talk

by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager



Join the Nichols Marine at Shangri-La Group at the Oklahoma Boat Expo in Tulsa January 6-8. Mike Williams, Gary Nichols, Steve Ridenour, and Tyler Sourjohn

When the first day of winter officially arrived December 21, it did so with a vengeance! Temperatures dropped to zero and the wind blew snow throughout the marina. As is normally the case with ever-changing Oklahoma weather, temperatures were back to above-normal numbers before we could turn a page on the calendar to ring in a new year.

## BOAT SHOW TIME IS HERE!

The arrival of January is an exciting time in the boating industry. It means the arrival of boat show time! The first show of the year is the Oklahoma Boat Expo scheduled for January 6-8 at the Cox Business Convention Center in downtown Tulsa. The Shangri-La Resort Sales & Catering team will be on hand to share all our resort has to offer, and the Nichols Marine at Shangri-La sales team will have a fabulous display at the Tulsa Show, along with 15 other dealers from throughout the region.

There are some pretty amazing boats scheduled for display at the show. One of the most unique is a new R-series Bennington 27-foot tritoon with a 10-foot beam and twin outboard engines. There are plenty of other Benningtons from which to choose, in addition to some incredible Chaparral models (the new 30-surf model, the all-new 287 SSX and 307 SSX just to name a few), and great models from MasterCraft and Robalo. If you lean more toward fishing, Nichols also handles all the very best bass boat lines – Ranger, Vexus, and Caymas.

If you can't make it to the Oklahoma Boat Expo in Tulsa, there is another show the very next weekend in Oklahoma City – The Oklahoma Boat & RV Show January 13-15 at the Bennett Event Center at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City.

With more than 50 years of dependable sales & service, Nichols Marine is one of the largest dealers in this part of the United States. In addition to their operation at Shangri-La Marina, they have a sales & service center on Monkey Island and additional locations in Tulsa, Norman, McAlester, and Longview, Texas. The full inventory is online at [www.nicholsmarine.com](http://www.nicholsmarine.com).

## 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 of a 22-foot Lowe center console bay boat equipped with a trolling motor throughout the remaining weeks of winter.

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. Reservations are also available online at [www.sailgrand.com](http://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 merchandise. In addition to wonderful souvenir and gift items, we have all-weather gear, hoodies, sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts, hats, caps, and footwear. 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 Shangri-La Resort venues by land or by Grand, the Shangri-La Marina crew is here year-round to assist in any way possible. We are open Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## 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.”

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 year-round! 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. January Friday night live entertainment at Doc's includes great entertainers throughout the month – Jacob Dement, Clint Ingram, Scott Musick, 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.

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](mailto:marina@shangrilaok.com).

## Staff Spotlight: Jordyn Levings

by Communications Director Mike Williams



Venue Manager Jordyn Levings: "There's so much opportunity here. I would have been really dumb to pass up the opportunity to join the Shangri-La team!"

Officially, Jordyn Levings' title is "Venue Manager." More accurately, it should probably be "Venues Manager" because of her responsibility for front-of-the-house operations at multiple Shangri-La venues – focused primarily on Doc's Bar & Grill, The Galley at The Anchor and, when the weather warms up a little – Eddy's Lakeside Bar.

A graduate of Inola High School, Jordyn attended Baylor University for two years, working her way through school.

"When I was in school, the only places I could work that would deal with my school schedule were in the restaurant business. I started working as a bartender at Olive Garden in Waco, Texas while going to school at Baylor. Before long, I realized I was hooked on the food & beverage industry. I left Baylor and came back to Oklahoma."

The difference in Oklahoma and Texas laws actually expanded Jordyn's industry knowledge. Since she wasn't yet 21 years old, she wasn't old enough to be a bartender in Oklahoma.

"Since I couldn't tend bar, I moved to the kitchen and worked the back of the house at Olive Garden in Broken Arrow for two years," she says. "I moved to the position of server at Chili's in Broken Arrow, then moved into Management. I was Hospitality Manager at the Broken Arrow Chili's and Area Safety Manager for ten of their restaurants, for the most part in the Tulsa area."

During her tenure at Chili's, her skills caught the attention of Ellis Hospitality, a widely recognized event staffing company that includes Shangri-La Resort among their clientele.

"I went to work at Ellis in my free time, and

that's how I got to Shangri-La. I worked for Ellis at some banquet events at Shangri-La, and got my foot in the door. I really like it here, and there is so much opportunity here that I would have been really dumb to pass up an opportunity to join the Shangri-La team," she says.

She made the move from Broken Arrow to Monkey Island in early August 2022, initially as General Manager at Doc's Bar & Grill – and now as Venue Manager responsible for additional front of the house operations.

"Now I'm not only at Doc's, but I help out with The Anchor and do a lot of work on banquets. In May, I'll add staffing at Eddy's to my responsibilities. I'm just kind of all over the place," she laughs.

"My biggest challenge is working with a combination of new people alongside people who have been here for a long time. It's a challenge getting everyone lined out to pull in the same direction, but that's my goal - to make sure the entire front of the house staff is working on the same page to make sure our members and guests have a consistent, quality experience every time they visit any of our venues."

Like many who climb the ladder of success so quickly in the food & beverage industry, Jordyn is focused on work – leaving virtually no time for hobbies.

"I'm a really boring person," she laughs. "I don't really have hobbies because I'm at work more than I'm at home. That's pretty much the case for everyone who is really dedicated to Food & Beverage," she says. "If you're really doing your best to make sure everything is always right, there's not much time for anything else. There are a lot of nights I leave the resort between midnight and 1:00 in the morning – and get to bed about 3:00. Then, I get up and try to be back on campus by noon or so.

"Then, it's just rinse and repeat," she grins. "That's what it takes to make sure we're giving our members and guests the service they deserve."



Members Nancy and Jack Adkisson were hosts of a musical "Christmas Card to Monkey Island" December 11 and 18. They hired entertainer Terry Jordan to do a sing-along of Christmas Carols in the lobby of Shangri-La Resort Hotel. (photo by Lady Shutterbug)



## Member Profile: Chris & Judy Bolt

By Mike Williams

Director of Communications



*Chris and Judy Bolt: One weekend at Shangri-La Resort was all it took for them to decide Monkey Island was home!*

Every few years you hear a story about someone who liked a particular product so much they bought the company. Chris and Judy Bolt ended up at Grand Lake as the result of a similar story. They stayed at Shangri-La Resort Hotel one weekend and loved it so much they decided to move to Monkey Island full time!

The fun-loving couple didn't meet until 2019. Chris, a native of Parsons, Kansas had spent twenty-one years as a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations prior to another twenty-year stint in a similar position, working as the Principal Fraud and Compliance Officer for the American Cancer Society. His dual careers took him to 48 states, Puerto Rico, Germany, and Korea detecting and resolving cases of fraud, employee theft, and discrepancies in contracts and billing.

"In my Air Force years, we did pretty much everything the FBI does, but limited to the military. My specialty in the end was major contract fraud investigations," he says. "My work with the American Cancer Society was pretty much the same kind of challenge." Such an intriguing career must have lots of fascinating stories, right?

"None that I can tell," Chris deadpans.

"I did have one close call," he recalls. "I was testifying before a grand jury in Oklahoma City the night of April 18, 1995. Fortunately, I didn't get a call to come back the next morning. Otherwise, I would have been inside the Murrah Building when it was destroyed by a bomb the morning of April 19."

Judy was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but her family moved to Tulsa when she was only five years old. She married her teenage sweetheart and graduated from Rogers High School. She and her late husband moved to Memphis in 1975, but returned to Tulsa a short time later, founding a company called Summit Electric in 1980. In 1986 the combination of the oil bust and a recession made it extremely difficult to find jobs. They followed opportunities across the country – first Atlanta, then Maryland before returning to Tulsa in 1988 where they started a new company, Lighthouse Electric, a full-service electrical contracting company that flourished.

"Somewhere in the middle of all that, for some reason, I

decided to get a Master's Degree in Psychology and I worked as a counselor for a few years before I came back to Lighthouse as the company continued to grow. We were basically two broke kids from North Tulsa who got lucky and made it," she laughs.

Judy and her two children still own Lighthouse Electric. Her son Eric is the company CEO, carrying on his father's tradition.

Chris and Judy almost missed each other when they decided to try out an online dating service. Judy just got online as Chris was giving up.

"There are a lot of nuts out there," Chris laughs. "We were both about to give up."

Fortunately, they stayed online long enough to connect with each other. Ironically, after a brief online courtship, Chris and Judy discovered that they both lived in Owasso less than ten minutes from each other!

In 2020, the newly married couple were thinking of relocating. That was when they took a weekend trip to Shangri-La Resort Hotel.

"Where I grew up in Parson, Kansas, people always talked about Grand Lake and there was always someone talking about buying property there; so we decided to check it out," Chris explains. "That one weekend was all it took. We decided Monkey Island was where we wanted to live. We bought a house in St. Andrews and have been here ever since."

"We love everything about living in such a wonderful resort community," Judy adds. "We love the 'Tuesday Trivia' at The Anchor. We love the Thursday Night Karaoke, and the live entertainment. We're both golfers, so that's our primary activity, but we also spend a lot of time at the resort pool in the summer months – and the Friday Night Sunset Cruises Shangri-La sponsors during the summer months. That's a perfect way to relax and see new things on the lake. We have met people from all over the country on the Sunset Cruises," she adds. "It's like a bonding experience. It seems like we always exchange phone numbers with people from other places and agree that we're going to stay in touch. We never see them or talk to them again, of course," she laughs, "but it's a relaxing way to spend an evening and share the lake with new acquaintances."

"We also love Eddy's Lakeside Bar. It's a great place to spend summer afternoons and evenings. We enjoy listening to great bands while we watch boats come in. It's like we could be anywhere in the world, but we're just a few minutes from home."

The Bolts don't spend all their time at home, though. They both love to travel. Judy's favorite spot (so far) is the Mediterranean – especially Monte Carlo. Chris is partial to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Judy has also been on two African safaris ("It was interesting, but I don't think I would do it again," she says.) They have also done "road trips" driving to favorite destinations in the lower 48.

They are currently planning a Covid-delayed honeymoon trip to Hawaii, including a five-island cruise allowing a day of fun on each island, followed by a week on the "big island."

But both remain convinced there is no island like Monkey Island.

"It's the people here," Chris insists. "We've never been anywhere where everyone is so friendly and so outgoing. But it's also Shangri-La. I always wanted to retire with a golf club in my hand – and here I am!"

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# Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand for "The Ultimate Christmas Party" at The Anchor – and they bear a striking resemblance to Director of Anchor Operations Shaun Tune and his wife Carley, Golf Shop Attendant. Adding to the suspicious appearance, they are pictured with Shaun's parents, John and Neecy Tune. Incredibly, Neecy Tune actually made the Santa & Mrs. Claus costumes herself!

December was a crazy busy month at The Anchor. The "Ultimate Christmas Party" drew a great crowd to enjoy some special treats, discounts, holiday beverages – and an evening with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Jason Morgan added to the fun with a great night of karaoke.

With OU, OSU, Arkansas, Kansas, Kansas State, Texas, Texas Tech, and Baylor in bowl games – not to mention TCU's playoff action – football fans proved The Anchor is still the #1 spot for keeping up with all the sports action.

New Year's Eve filled the building for the semi-final playoff action – and we're looking forward to hosting a full house for the National Championship game Monday evening, January 9.

January's sports calendar turns from amateurs to professionals with NFL playoffs getting underway January 14, NBA action heating up, and PGA golfers back in action for another year.

For college basketball fans, we have both the SEC Network and ESPN+ at The Anchor. That means you don't have to miss OU, OSU, Arkansas, Kansas and all your other favorite teams just because they're not on the television at your house. Come join us at the sports bar in The Anchor - Grand Lake's official sports headquarters for ALL the action.

## Tuesday Trivia Returns This Month

After a break for the holidays, our popular Tuesday Trivia for returns this month for eight fun-filled weeks beginning January 10. There's no better way to enjoy chilly winter nights than knocking back a few beverages and exercising our brains a little. Lee Lawson hosts all the Tuesday

Trivia events January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't joined in the middle of this popular event, mark your calendars and come join us for some great Tuesday night fun.

## Lots of Options for the Entire Family

Every day I have people take the time to thank us for building The Anchor at Shangri-La providing plenty of entertainment options for the entire family – no matter what the weather. Our golf and shooting simulator bays and arcade provide both traditional games for all ages as well as challenging virtual reality games.

The arcade is just the beginning of our entertainment options. We also have pool, ping-pong, shuffleboard, foosball, and darts – and that's just what we have indoors. Mild days also fill the basketball court, WIFFLE® Ball field, pickleball courts, and tennis courts with members and guests burning off a little excess energy.

We are thrilled to be Grand Lake's total entertainment headquarters – no matter what the weather!

## Winter Pickleball and Tennis 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.

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

There are plenty of pickleball mixers, too –Thursday at 9:00 a.m. with a Competitive Pickleball Mixer at 7:00 p.m., Friday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 11:00 a.m., and Monday at both 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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

## Host Your Group Events 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 awesome Anchor arcade. Lastly, The Anchor Olympics involves various types of outdoor activities that get your blood pumping and going! If you or someone you know would like to book your next team bonding/group event with us, feel free to call us at 918-257-5205 and get set up for some bonding fun!

## 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@shangrilaok.com](mailto:shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com). Thanks. I'll see you soon at The Anchor!





## 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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"Shangri-La is such an upscale resort," Judy adds. "There aren't many places in the world like this – certainly no place in Oklahoma. It's an incredible place to call home."

In addition to their shared love of golf, Chris is dabbling with his old love of photography, and has developed an interest in pickleball because of all the activity on the courts at the Racquet Club at Shangri-La. Judy enjoys sewing and cooking. Both love good food and good times and enjoy a wide variety of clubs and restaurants throughout the Grand Lake area.

Each has a son and a daughter, and they

have eleven grandchildren between them. In addition to their St. Andrews home, they still maintain an apartment in Tulsa to make family gatherings easier and more frequent events.

But the thrill of that initial weekend at Shangri-La Resort Hotel has never worn off. Chris and Judy have quickly become fixtures in the Monkey Island social scene. Their fun-loving warmth and charm have resulted in many lasting friendships and frequent get-togethers with fellow islanders. It doesn't take much time with Chris and Judy to share their reason for a growing love of the Monkey Island community.

"It's the people," Chris reiterates. "It's a great community with a lot of fun activities; but in the end, it's the people!"



*The Leadership Grove Class spent a day at Shangri-La learning the operations of government and its importance to business. Pictured are State Senator Micheal Bergstrom, Delaware County Commissioner David Poindexter, Shangri-La Director of Communications & Government Relations Mike Williams, and State Representative Josh West.*



*Shangri-La's Dana Able, Mike Williams, and Linda Wall had the privilege of spending a little time with Glenna Wallace (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe following the Chief's keynote address at the Grand Lake Association Annual Banquet. Chief Wallace's fascinating speech included details of her time spent as a young woman, working as a weekend server at Shangri-La Resort to pay for her college education.*

## 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