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What's New at Shangri-La

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Daylight Saving Time and the First Day of Spring Bring Plans for Expanding the Year-Round Shangri- La Fun to the Great Outdoors

*by Barry Willingham, President & CEO
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Warm weather is right around the corner. Are you ready?

March is always a landmark month at Shangri-La. With the arrival of Daylight Saving Time March 12 and the official First Day of Spring March 20, things begin to get very busy on the golf course and at the marina – and we have a very busy month ahead filled with lots of group and corporate events as well as some great plans for our members and guests. Following a month filled with celebrations of Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, our first Winter Members Pickleball Tournament, and of course our big Super Bowl Party, we are al-

ready looking at the busiest March in our history.

Boating Season

The arrival of springtime means the kickoff of another busy boating season on Grand Lake and our marina crew is anxious to see everyone. Spring and summer merchandise is arriving at the ship store, and our marina staff continues to welcome boaters from throughout the area at our six-day-a-week fuel dock operation and Eddy's will be opening for the season in mid-May. Let's get on the wa-

ter!

Golf, Golf, Golf

First of all, I want to congratulate PGA Director of Golf Rob Yanovitch. In addition to everything else he handles, he makes sure everyone has access to the equipment, apparel, shoes, and logoed clothing they want. For the sixth time, Rob was honored by the PGA South Central Section last month as "Merchandise of the Year."

Our "Shangri-Low" golf special continues this month

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until Daylight Saving Time kicks in March 12. Just check the low temperature of the day – and that's the rate you pay for golf no matter how warm it may get later in the day. If the morning low is 28 degrees, you can still take advantage of afternoon play when the temperature hits 60 degrees – and your green fees would be \$28, matching the low temperature of the day.

Members Only G430 Launch Party

If you're serious about golf, you won't want to miss the upcoming Members Only Launch Party for Ping's G430. The unveiling will be held in the simulator bay at The Anchor Saturday, March 18 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. including complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Save your spot for this great members' event by emailing Ryan Dalton at ryan.dalton@shangrilaok.com. If you want to knock a few points off your score, check out the new Ping G430 family with Ryan Saturday, March 18.

Get Your Kids Signed Up for Junior Golf

Sign-ups are underway for our constantly expanding programs for Junior golfers. Our Junior Players Academy is scheduled for June 19-21 (\$299 per player). This camp has grown significantly in the past ten years. The 3-day camp includes instruction, daily lunch, and swimming following play. T-shirt, hat, prizes and lots of fun are included in this camp.

For the more serious youngsters, our Junior Skills Camp is scheduled for July 17-19 (\$399 per player). The focus of the Skills Camp is to identify each player's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities to grow their game. If your player shows a desire to play golf at a higher level, this camp is for them. This camp is for experienced golfers only.

Sign you kids up for either of these great camps by calling the Golf Shop at 918-257-7706 or email Rob Yanovitch directly at rob.yanovitch@shangrilaok.com.

Battlefield Opening is Getting Closer

I know you're probably as anxious for the opening of The Battlefield Par 3 Course as we are – and you are not alone. Golf publications from all over the country are inquiring daily about the opening of what will, without a doubt, be the premier par 3 course in the country! Our team just unveiled The Battlefield plan to attendees at the Kansas City Golf Show, and the response was overwhelming. 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.

The course just needs a few more weeks to finish the grow-in; and we're working feverishly to finish work on the club house at the new course. There are some

photos and more details about The Battlefield on our website now. Just go to the "Golf" link and click on "The Battlefield."

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Doc's, The Summit, and The Anchor

St. Patrick's Day is Friday, March 17 – and that holiday kicks off a weekend of fun. At Doc's Bar & Grill, we will feature a special menu offering for four days (March 17-20). Sunday, February 19, our Doc's brunch crowd will also enjoy a special St. Patrick's treat – live bagpipe performance by Rick Ewing.

At The Summit, our St. Patrick's weekend menu specials include Corn Beef Gnocchi, Irish Trout, and Irish Chocolate Cake in addition to our regular menu items. Make your reservations early!

We'll have plenty of green beer on hand at Doc's and at The Anchor Sports Bar on the big day, March 17. We will also have a special St. Patrick's special Shangri-La drink – The Drunken Leprechaun – a blend of vodka, Blue Curacao, and orange juice. Be sure to give that a try to complete your celebration!

GHS Hits the Anchor for COW Fundraising

We will wrap up the big St. Patrick's holiday weekend Sunday, March 19 with a tip of the hat to energetic Grove High School leaders who are wrapping up their 2023 COW (Change Our World) fundraising efforts. These charity-minded kids are planning a full day of pickleball, basketball, WIFFLE@Ball, and cornhole competition as they try to top their previous \$48,000 fundraising record from three years ago.

The GHS Student Council's chosen charity beneficiary is Abundant Blessings Center, a nonprofit organization focused on providing resources for individuals throughout pregnancy. We are delighted to be involved with these community-minded kids and support their extraordinary efforts.

Fun for the Entire Family at The Anchor

You never know what March weather will bring – but it doesn't matter at The Anchor, because we just bring all the fun indoors. Even pickleball and tennis players continue their regular play because the heated dome is available for play. The fun continues each week at The Racquet Club with a variety of mixers and drills including the popular Thursday night Competitive Pickleball Mixer and Coach Kerr's new offering of Cardio Pickleball Drills, as well as tennis lessons for adults, junior high students and high school players.

Mark your calendars for the big "Almost Midnight Madness" Pickleball

Tournament Saturday, March 25 from 7:00 -11:00 p.m. Get signed up in the Pro Shop at The Anchor!

Half-Price Arcade Games and Plans for the Spring Pool League

Inside The Anchor, the arcade fun is available seven days a week along with the simulator bays and more traditional offerings of pool, pickleball, darts, foosball, and shuffleboard. Be sure to show up at The Anchor on Wednesdays this month. We'll have half-price arcade and virtually reality games all day each Wednesday beginning March 8 and continuing through April 6.

For pool players, it's almost time for the Spring Pool League at The Anchor. Join our team for an organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, March 9. We'll map out plans that night for tournament play beginning in April.

What a Month of Sporting Events!

The Sports Bar is a popular gathering spot for all the major sporting events. March Madness will fill the video walls every week this month, beginning with the Big 12 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament March 8-12. Two days later, the "madness" really gets underway with the NCAA Tournaments which continue all the way into April. A new NASCAR season is already rolling, XFL Football is underway, and PGA play is getting very serious as we roll through the final month of competition prior to The Masters next month.

Taco & Tequila Tuesdays and Live Entertainment at Doc's

Our popular "Tacos & Tequila Tuesday" specials continue through the month of March at Doc's each Tuesday evening; and live entertainment continues each week at Doc's, as well. The talented Jason Morgan leads the karaoke fun and Singo competition each Thursday night from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. and we feature a variety of talented performers at Doc's each Friday night from 7:00-10:00. Friday night entertainers in March include Kevin Price, Chloe Johns, Gusto Dave Jackson, Mark Gibson, and Clint Ingram.

Moving Ahead!

I can't over-emphasize my gratitude for the continued support from all our incredible members offering encouragement and participation that enables us to constantly move forward to greater success. Thank you for your support, your patronage, and your friendship through the years. Our team is always here for you and your guests any time you are struck by the urge to Escape the Ordinary.

Culinary Conversation

By Jonathan Moosmiller

Executive Director of Food & Beverage



Gabby McKinley and Casey Boyd's Hooray Grill cook-out was a popular feature at the Super Bowl LVII Party at The Anchor!

We had a wonderful February with some fun menu specials for Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras at both Doc's and The Summit, as well as a great Hooray Grill cookout at The Anchor for the Super Bowl. I must say, the costume contest for Mardi Gras at The Summit was especially fun. With another hour of daylight coming at the end of the day with the arrival of Daylight Saving Time March 12, the evening fun should be even *more* fun! The March schedule begins to get very busy for our banquet crew with a lot of groups getting together at Shangri-La to plan their schedules for the coming year. We also have some special menus and entertainment upcoming for some special dates in March.

ST. PATRICK'S MENUS AT DOC'S AND THE SUMMIT

St. Patrick's Day is on a Friday this year, kicking off a week-end of food and fun. At Doc's Bar & Grill, we will feature a special menu offering for four days (March 17-20). In addition to our regular menu, the special St. Patrick's menu features Irish Nachos (thick cut fried potatoes, shredded Cheddar cheese, chives, bacon, sour cream & ranch) for \$9, Corned Beef & Cabbage with potatoes & dinner rolls for \$18, Fish & Chips (beer battered Cod with Pub fries and coleslaw) for \$20, and Chef Julie's special Irish Cupcake (Guinness chocolate cupcake with Irish sweet cream icing) for \$6.

Sunday, February 19, our Doc's brunch crowd will also enjoy a special St. Patrick's treat – live bagpipe performance by Rick Ewing.

At The Summit, our St. Patrick's weekend menu specials include Corn Beef Gnocchi (tender Irish Corned Beef, sauteed cabbage, carrots, and house made Gnocchi) for \$26; Irish Trout (Pan Fried Trout Filets, lemon dill pan sauce, herb roasted potatoes) for \$22, and Irish Chocolate Cake (multiple layers of Guinness chocolate cake and creamy Irish Sweet Cream icing) for \$8. We will continue to offer our regular menu, as well. Make your reservations early!

ST. PATRICK'S DRINK SPECIALS

St. Patrick's Day wouldn't be St. Patrick's Day without Green Beer, of course; and we'll have plenty on hand at Doc's and at The Anchor Sports Bar on the big day March 17. We will also have a special Shangri-La St. Paddy's drink – The Drunken Leprechaun – a delightful blend of vodka, Blue Curacao, and orange juice. Be sure to give that a try to complete your celebration!

TACO TUESDAY AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALL MONTH AT DOC'S

Doc's promises to be a fun gathering spot throughout the month. We will continue our popular Taco & Tequila Tuesday specials throughout the month of March. Dinner each Thursday evening is complemented by great musical fun as Jason Morgan leads the karaoke and the always-fun Singo competition at Doc's. In addition to the special bagpipe presentation by Rick Ewing midday Sunday, March 19, our Friday evenings feature great live entertainment at Doc's this month, as well. March performers include Kevin Price, Chloe Johns, Gusto Dave Jackson, Mark Gibson, and Clint Ingram.

GREAT MENU ITEMS AND ALA CARTE BREAKFAST AT DOC'S

Our new menu at Doc's includes 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 chilly days.

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

I think you'll enjoy these choices as well as a variety of our most popular breakfast dishes including made-to-order omelets.

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. 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 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!



Congratulations to Ron Stratton, winner of the "Best Mardi Gras Costume" contest at The Summit. Ron and his guests also found the baby in the King Cake!

Dock Talk

by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager



Always sharing new ideas for improved services: Oklahoma Marina Association President Judy Florida, Executive Director Lori Mosler, and Shangri-La's Mike Williams, Vice President of OMA.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Charles Dickens wasn't describing February 2023 at Grand Lake, but he certainly could have been. We fought through icy, cold, windy days where we could barely get to the marina; and we had beautiful 65-degree sunny days with year-round boaters pulling up to the fuel dock. March weather in Oklahoma is unpredictable, as well, but we are sure to start having more good boating days than bad.

"Welcome Back Weekend" is upon us; and March 12, Daylight Saving Time returns. Not only will we have more hours of daylight, but they will finally be at the end of the day where we can best utilize them. March 20 is the official First Day of Spring. We will begin dewinterizing the marina and restoring water service to all the slips during the week leading up to that date.

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT DEWINTERIZING YOUR BOAT

With Spring on the near horizon, it's time to plan the dewinterization of your boat to make sure it's ready for those great Spring days on the water! The average date of the last light freeze at Grand Lake is March 31 – and March freezes are typically light freezes and short-lived.

If your boat is at Shangri-La Marina, contact Service Manager Monte Langley at Nichols Marine to schedule your date to make sure your boat is ready for the water. Call 918-257-5500 or email him at monte.nicholsmarine@gmail.com.

DO YOU NEED A NEW DOCK LOCKER?

I am preparing an order to be placed this month for dock lockers for a number of Shangri-La slip renters. If you need a dock locker, give me a call as soon as you can so we can make sure your new locker arrives and is installed before we start another busy boating season.

As a reminder, only Dock Box Unlimited brand dock lockers are allowed at Shangri-La Marina in order to maintain uniformity and an attractive and consistent look on the docks. We buy in bulk to save you additional money, so please get on the list for our next order if it's something you need at your slip.

Both upright and horizontal dock boxes are available. I'm happy to show you a sample if you would like to check out the high quality – or you can see all the available models at www.dockboxes.com. Let me know which model best suits your needs and I'll get it ordered for you. We'll be happy to install it for you at your slip.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 6 – PARTY TIME!

It's early, I know – but please mark your calendar to join us at Eddy's Lakeside Bar Saturday, May 6 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for a Customer Appreciation Luau for our valued slip renters at Shangri-La Marina as well as customers of Nichols Marine. COVID messed up our party plans for the past couple of years, so we're ready for a great time.

In addition to our party on Saturday, May 6, we will also have an in-water boat show on the sales dock at the marina. Things are finally back to normal in the boat sales industry, so inventory selections of Chaparral, Bennington, Robalo, and MasterCraft boats is excellent.

Many of the new boats are located at the Nichols showroom adjacent to the causeway onto Monkey Island, but we will also have a variety of new and used boats in the sales dock at the marina. If you didn't have the opportunity to pick out the new boat of your choice at the January boat shows, we still have a fantastic selection available, and more new models are arriving each week – and we're planning a great in-water show the first weekend of May.

With more than 50 years of dependable sales & service, Nichols Marine is one of the largest dealers in this part of the United States; and we are proud of our operating partnership with them. 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.

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

With boating activity picking up this month, I want to remind everyone that 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 karaoke fun and Singo competition with Jason Morgan! Doc's also features weekly Friday night live entertainment year-round. February Friday night live entertainment at Doc's includes great entertainers throughout the month – Kevin Price, Chloe Johns, Gusto Dave Jackson, Mark Gibson, and Clint Ingram.

The Anchor is also within walking distance of our courtesy docks with lots of indoor and outdoor fun seven days a week, including every major sporting event on our giant video walls. March Madness time will be here in a few days, so plan to come join the fun – by boat!

As always, our marina team is here to serve you. Contact us at 918-257-4898 or email mari-na@shangrilaok.com.

Staff Spotlight: Brian Gudka

by Communications Director Mike Williams



Shangri-La Banquet Manager Bryan Gudka

Shangri-La has become one of Oklahoma's premiere destinations for corporate groups, association meetings, weddings, retreats, parties, banquets, and family reunions – but the events don't "just happen." The popularity of special events at Shangri-La is the result of a dedicated team of professionals led by detail-oriented leadership at the top of the ladder. Meet Banquet Manager Bryan Gudka.

"I'm the main point of contact for someone who wants to have an event – anything from a six-person meeting to a dinner for 250," Bryan says. "It's my job to make sure everything is right - from setting up the room to serving dinner."

Bryan brings a unique set of skills and interests to the challenging job. A native of Keenesburg, Colorado, just outside of Denver, he graduated from the University of St. Mary's with a degree in Sports Management, with additional emphasis in business and digital marketing. A love of sports is in his DNA. Like both his father and brother, he played football in college; and his love of golf is another reason for his perfect fit at Shangri-La.

His first job out of college, in fact, was running Shiloh Springs Golf Course, a small public course located in the Kansas City suburb of Platte City, Missouri. His life's ambition of ultimately serving as president of a private golf club or CEO of a resort required a broadening of his experience and knowledge.

"At Shiloh, the operation didn't involve much food and beverage business, so I needed to work on that skill set. Now, everything I do is food & beverage – and I really enjoy it," he says.

It's a good thing he enjoys it, because the busiest months at Shangri-La mean 60-plus hours a week

of making sure every event is done right. Bryan says there is an additional challenge of meeting expectations of groups that have held events previously at Shangri-La.

"Our team has always done a great job of meeting expectations. That's why more than ninety percent of groups who have held their events here immediately sign up for a return event. The biggest challenge I faced immediately was learning about the relationship our repeat customers already had with Shangri-La – and how they like to run their events.

"Everyone has a preconceived idea of what their event will look like. It's always a challenge when the client walks in and sees what the setup looks like. We're pretty good at making quick adjustments. We want everyone's event to either meet their expectations...or be a lot better than they thought it would be."

With more events already scheduled for 2023 than were held at the resort in all of 2022, the challenge is real, but Bryan is up for the challenge.

"We're starting to get really busy now. By April, we'll be in full swing," he says. "I'm in the process of getting fully staffed up and making sure we're ready for the incredibly busy times ahead. I'm blessed with a really good staff. I have two excellent banquet captains that have been here four or five years, so they can take a lot of smaller events by themselves and take those off my plate. That enables us to serve more people...and make sure we serve them all well."

An avid outdoorsman, Bryan was first introduced to Grand Lake several years ago by his parents. He was astonished to see the Shangri-La Resort development from the water – and it stuck in his memory.

"About four years later, I saw an opening here for Banquet Manager, and that seemed like a really good fit for me, so here I am on Monkey Island! I love the lake and I love Shangri-La. It's a great place to be."

Bryan juggles his busy work schedule to make time for fishing, hunting, and lake life. His love for golf remains a personal priority. He and Executive Chef Matt Hensley try to get together for a golf game at least once a week.

"I'm really lucky," he says. "I get to work at this incredible resort and live on this massive lake where wildlife is endless, and the golf is amazing. I'm really excited to be here – and I love what I do. I just want to make sure everything we do is done in such a way to exceed the expectations of our customers. Every event is different and unique. I enjoy the variety of having multiple events that are all different. Every day is a new day that brings new challenges. No day in my job is like the one before," he adds. "That makes it a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to a great summer!"



Spreading the word! Shangri-La's Jerrod Neighbors and McKayla Rutherford were on hand at the Kansas City Golf Show to share the news about the upcoming opening of The Battlefield and all that Shangri-La has to offer.

Member Profile: Judi Barber

By Mike Williams



Judi Barber: "Grand Lake has been a part of my life since I was a little girl. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else!"

Judi Barber is a driving force – a natural leader and a motivator to everyone who shares her passions. Whether it's golf, travel, the arts, or her lifelong commitment to education, Judi's passion for the things she loves seems to naturally propel her into top leadership roles in virtually every arena she chooses to enter.

She graduated from high school in Valley Falls, Kansas before moving to Norman, Oklahoma where she obtained three degrees from the University of Oklahoma. A former teacher, a 19-year public school principal, and an Adjunct Professor at OU, Judi (Dr. Barber) concluded her public education career with a five-year stint as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Norman Public Schools (K-12). She received the University of Oklahoma College of Education Award as Outstanding Alumnus, as well as OU's Career Achievement Award and the OU Regents' Alumni Award, and is an inductee in the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame.

She now runs a consulting company, Collaborating for Results, Inc., a consultant company she founded in 2000 following her brilliant career in public education.

"My consulting work now is primarily organizational development for schools," she says. "There are some pieces in all organizations that need a little extra attention. I look at the organization as a whole, their work, and check their

results. It isn't something that is a one-time thing. It's an ongoing process."

Judi's roots run deep in Grand Lake area soil. She spent much of her youth growing up here.

"I was on Grand Lake as a little girl. I split my life between my mom & dad and my aunt & uncle when I was growing up," she explains. "My Aunt was 10 years older than my mother, and they didn't have any children. My mother said she would share me with them – and she did. My aunt & uncle had a bakery in Columbus, Kansas. They moved to Grand Lake in 1956 and bought 100 acres on the lake. A lot of that property we cleared by hand. And twenty-one acres of that same property in Carey Bay is where I have my home now."

Although Judi's interests and commitments are widely varied, there is very little in her life that outshines her focus on golf.

"I'm passionate about golf," she confesses. "I got that from my Dad, I guess. He played on the KU golf team in college, and always played every week – at least. I'm not necessarily good at it, but I'm totally addicted."

Judi is past president of the Shangri-La Women's Golf Association and is in charge of the "away" games for the group. She organizes activities for the entire Interclub Association (including Shangri-La, Owasso, Hillcrest in Bartlesville, Indian Springs, Forest Ridge and Muskogee) and coordinates play with the Women's Oklahoma Golf Association.

However, golf isn't Judi's only passion that has become more of an avocation. She serves as President of the relatively new Grove Area Creative Alliance which serves as a resource for creators and cultural entrepreneurs, stressing the importance of creativity in the community, and helping to advance the appeal of the Grand Lake area as a premier destination. The Alliance has undertaken an aggressive publicity campaign called "Imagine Grand." The campaign highlights such activities as theatrical performances, band concerts, living history exhibits, community festivals, botanical highlights, art exhibits, music festivals, and ongoing entertainment at restaurants, among others.

"There are so many creative events and ongoing activities in our area, but they sometimes get overlooked," Judi says. "We want to change that, by helping people imagine the creative opportunities we have all around us – not just in Grove, but in the entire Grand Lake area."

By bringing new attention to creative activities, Judi says the Alliance hopes to help build attendance at events and encourage a greater appreciation of the thriving arts scene around Grand Lake.

"Our goal is to help enrich our community with more awareness and involvement in creative arts throughout the area," she explains.

Her personal interest in the arts extends beyond the Grand Lake shoreline, though. She travels frequently to Tulsa to enjoy presentations by the Tulsa Performing Arts – and numerous other venues. She loves to travel. France is one of her favorite destinations out of a host of countries she has visited throughout Europe and Central America.

Her commitment to golf and Shangri-La Golf Club remains a major focus for Judi. She and her late husband Dennis became Shangri-La members in 1998. They maintained their membership through the difficult years for the resort, and the re-emergence since the purchase of the club by Eddy Gibbs in 2010. Judi couldn't be happier about the growth and developments she has seen at Shangri-La.

"I can't wait until The Battlefield opens. That new Par 3 Course is another exciting development that just demonstrates the commitment the ownership and management at Shangri-La have to the Grand Lake community. I'm very excited about The Battlefield. It's going to be a shorter course and, at my age, I'm hoping it will improve my skills," she laughs. "We stuck with Shangri-La through all the bad times," she says, "and now we're enjoying the good times. The development of Shangri-La Golf Club – and the entire resort – is incredible."

"Grand Lake has been a part of my life since I was a little girl," she says. "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



The Winter "Tuesday Trivia" competition came to an end February 28. Great job by host Lee Lawson who hosted record crowds for the popular event at The Anchor.

With Valentine's Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Mardi Gras, Tuesday Trivia, the Members' Winter Pickleball Tournament, and Winter Golf League play in the simulator bay, February was a busy month at The Anchor. The March calendar is no less busy. College basketball will cover the sports screens with March Madness. Spring Break for most Oklahoma schools is set for March 11-19 just in time for the arrival of Daylight Saving Time March 12, so that will be a particularly busy time for us with a full week of fun including St. Patrick's Day celebrations, the launch of Ping's new G430 family of innovative golf club design, and a day of fundraising competition throughout The Anchor by the Grove High School Student Council's COW (Change Our World) charity fundraising drive on Sunday, March 19. The Anchor has been a year-round entertainment Grand Lake game-changer, for sure!

COW Week Charity Fundraising Tournaments

Sunday, March 19, we are thrilled to be hosting COW (Change Our World) Week Day at The Anchor charity competition – Pickleball, Basketball, Cornhole, and Volleyball tournaments, as well as a WIFFLE® Ball Home Run Derby, Ping Pong Challenge, Longest Drive Competition and Duck Hunting in the Simulator Bay, and a "Beat the Sharks" Billiards competition featuring Dr. Terri Geary and Shangri-La President & CEO Barry Willingham.

We're turning all the courts over to the Grove High School Student Council's huge charity competition for COW Week (Change Our World). This big fundraiser is the brainchild of GHS Student Council and raised \$48,000 for charity last year. The event is open to the public. This year's charity beneficiary is Abundant Blessings Center. ABC is a nonprofit organization focused on providing resources for individuals throughout pregnancy. Their mission is to provide support for families and individuals through a variety of services. It should be a great day of fun for a great cause!

Entry fees may be paid by VENMO, cash, or check (payable to Grove Public Schools) on event day.

Pool League Organizational Meeting and Half-Price Arcade Wednesdays

We're planning a kick-off of the Spring Pool League next month at The Anchor. Join us in the simulator bay at The Anchor Thursday evening, March 9 for an organizational meeting and a game plan for tournament play in April. March is a big month in the arcade at The Anchor, too. Beginning March 8 and continuing through April 6, Wednesdays will feature half-price arcade games and virtual reality games. Enjoy all the fun for half the price in our arcade every Wednesday March 8-April 6.

The March Sports Focus is on College Basketball!

March is the biggest month of the year for college basketball, and we'll have every key game of both men's and women's basketball on the sports screens at The Anchor Sports Bar. Action begins with the Big 12 Tournaments – men's games will be played March 8-11 with women's games March 9-12. Then, it's on to the "big dance" – the NCAA Tournament – March Madness!

There is no conference more competitive than the Big 12 in both men's and women's hardwood action. As many as eight of the Big 12's ten schools may be a part of the NCAA Tournaments. Selection Sunday is March 12 – and a full month of action gets underway beginning March 14. Women's Final Four coverage is March 31 with the Championship game on April 2. Men's Final Four games are April 1 with the Championship game scheduled for April 3. There is no better place to catch every game than The Anchor!

More Sports Coverage for Everyone!

There is plenty more sports coverage at The Anchor in March besides college basketball. PGA Golf Coverage includes The Arnold Palmer Invitational, The Players Championship, WGC Dell Technologies Match Play, and the Valero Texas Open – the last qualifier before The Masters April 6-9.

We will feature NASCAR coverage every Sunday this month, as well as every game for America's youngest and most surprising NBA team, the Oklahoma City Thunder as they make an unexpected run toward a possible appearance in the NBA Playoffs.

St. Patrick's Day at The Anchor

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration Friday, March 17 comes appropriately on the last Friday of Spring Break! We'll be celebrating with lots of fun games and unique treats including green beer, of course. While you're in the sports bar, try out a Drunken Leprechaun – a great blend of vodka, Blue Curacao, and Orange Juice.

MEMBERS' EVENT: PING G430 Launch Party March 18

If you're serious about golf, you won't want to miss the upcoming launch party for Ping's G430. The unveiling will be held in the simulator bay at The Anchor from 2:00-6:00 p.m. including complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Save your spot for this great members' event by emailing Ryan Dalton at ryan.dalton@shangrilaok.com. Go farther. Faster. Check out the new G430 family with Ryan Saturday, March 18.

Pickleball Tournament, Mixers, Drills - and Tennis Fun at The Racquet Club

Mark your calendars and make your reservations to play in a fun "Almost Midnight Madness" Pickleball Tournament Saturday, March 25 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. This great tournament is open to the public. Contact the Pro Shop at The Anchor Racquet Club to reserve your spot.

There is a wide variety of Spring activity at The Shangri-La Racquet Club. Pickleball drills this month are held Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., Saturday at 10:00 a.m., and Monday at 5:45. Cardio Pickleball Drills are held Tuesday morning at 9:00.

There are plenty of pickleball mixers, too - an Open Mixer Thursday at 9:00 a.m. with a Ladies Mixer at 6:00 p.m. and a Competitive Pickleball Mixer at 7:30 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 evenings at 7:30, High School tennis drills Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 6:30; and Junior High tennis drills Satur-

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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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days at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 5:30.

Lots of Options for the Entire Family

There are always 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. I hope to see you soon at The Anchor!



The 2023 Members Winter Pickleball Tournament at Shangri-La's Racquet Club February 4 had such a high level of participation that Coach Todd Kerr announced that next year's tournament will be a two-day event. The mixed doubles winners were: 1st place- Kelsey and Matt Wisdom, 2nd place- Cheryl and Shawn Klahr, 3rd Place- Mikayla and Jeremy Callison. The ladies winners: 1st place- Cheryl Klahr and Robin Rush, 2nd place- (a three way tie forced scoring to point differential) Donnetta Kerr/ Kelsey Wisdom came out ahead with a +41. 3rd place went to Suzanne Knott and Judy McHenry with a +32 and 4th went to Sheri Price and Vivian Schmitt +17. The men's doubles winners were- 1st place- Jeremy Callison / Sug Brown, 2nd place- Kumar Krishnan / Matt Wisdom, 3rd place- Larry Haney / Joe Wilburn. Former Broadway performer Ron Young opened the tournament play with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem.

Shangri-La Hours of Operation

Golf Shop

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

Turnhouse

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 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

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