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The Horizon

What's New at Shangri-La

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The Battlefield, Shangri-La's Iconic Par 3 Golf Course, is Open! All are Invited to a Formal Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony Set for Friday, June 30

*By Barry Willingham, President & CEO
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Are you ready to Play the Threes???

One of the most anticipated Par 3 golf courses in the country, The Battlefield, officially opened for play Friday, May 5 – and I couldn't be more thrilled with the response we have had from players of all skill levels. With multiple tee boxes, plenty of water features and bunkers, a warm-up range, and a 10,000 square-foot practice putting green, our newest offering has already caught the attention of feature story writers at *Destination Golfer*, *Tee Times Magazine*, *Midwest Golfing*, and *Golf Oklahoma Magazine*.

I hope you will join me, along with Shangri-La owner Eddy Gibbs, Executive Chairman Jason Sheffield, and the entire Shangri-La team for a formal Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony to officially unveil The Battlefield Friday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m. at The Bat-

tlefield Clubhouse.

Shangri-La member and former Broadway performer Ron Young, Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, and State Representative Josh West will headline the Grand Opening and Dedication festivities with the formal presentation of colors by the Ritual Team from Grove American Legion Post 178 and Ron Young's stirring rendition of The National Anthem.

Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell will keynote the official Grand Opening of the \$15 million facility. He was also the featured speaker at our dedication ceremonies for The Anchor Activity Park and USS Oklahoma Memorial at Shangri-La in 2021. Now, two years later, he will officially unveil the

unique golf course dedicated to veterans of World War II.

The Lieutenant Governor will be joined at the podium by his close friend, our own State Representative, Josh West. A military veteran and war hero in his own right, no one could be a more fitting individual to dedicate this tribute to our military veterans. During his time in the Army, he was deployed multiple times, including combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq and earned an amazing seventeen military awards and decorations honoring his heroic service to our country, including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with "V" device for Valor, a Meritorious Service Medal and an Army Commendation Medal

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I hope you will mark your calendar to join us for what promises to be an historic and moving ceremony as we dedicate the latest landmark to the Shangri-La and Grand Lake landscape.

No Private Golf Carts on the Golf Course

I need your help with an increasingly critical issue. Privately owned golf carts are not allowed on any of the golf courses at any time unless they have a "Trail Pass" sticker affixed to the front windshield. The current Trail Pass sticker is BLUE. If you have a sticker and it is any other color than BLUE, it is not valid. There are no exceptions to this rule. Liability insurance cost is skyrocketing, and we must mitigate the risk every way we can.

Please don't be offended if one of the staff approaches you about having a Trail Pass if your cart is on the course without a current (blue) Trail Pass sticker placed on the front windshield of your cart where it can be easily seen. If you have purchased the pass but have misplaced it, contact Membership Coordinator Katelin Jumper. She will be happy to get you a replacement sticker and put it on your cart.

It is important to understand that a Trail Pass allows members to use their personal cart on the golf course while playing golf. To be clear, the trail pass does not provide permission to drive on the golf course when you are not playing golf. Our insurance requirements are clear. Driving a personal golf cart anywhere on the golf course when you are not playing golf is considered to be trespassing. For your protection and ours, we must begin strict enforcement of this requirement.

There are golf cart accessible roads and the Monkey Island Trail available to get you wherever you are going, but using the cart paths on the golf course as your shortcut to where you are headed must stop. The number of kids (and adults) in unauthorized golf carts cutting across the golf course during all hours of the day and night has gotten completely out of control. I really need your support in getting this corrected. No trail pass sticker – no golf course access at any time. It's that simple.

While we're on the topic of golf carts, the Memorial holiday weekend also raised the terrifying issue of underaged children driving carts. This isn't just a Shangri-La problem. It is a Monkey Island problem, and it is up to all of us to help protect the children from the danger that surrounds them. Several underage children have already been seriously injured in accidents involving golf carts and even more powerful off-road vehicles. In order to help protect the safety of

our children, Delaware County law enforcement officials are planning stringent enforcement of the law including fines and golf cart impoundment – and the laws are more strict than many people realize.

For example, children under 16 cannot legally drive golf carts unless very specific legal requirements are met. *Children under 13 years of age are operating illegally if they are driving a cart even if they have adult supervision.* Traffic is heavier than ever, and I have personally witnessed life-threatening incidents involving very young drivers.

Please join the Shangri-La team efforts by taking action to put a stop to these children who are unwittingly endangering their lives. I'm sure you are as concerned about this issue as I am. Hopefully, by working together and making our voices heard, we can make parents realize they need to be proactive in demonstrating as much concern for their own children as you and I do! We can't allow enforcement that is so lax that children are killed before their parents realize this is unacceptable behavior. Let's work together to get this challenge under control.

Let's Talk "Fireworks"

Independence Day Fireworks fun is on the near horizon. Monkey Island Fireworks will once again be fired from Shangri-La. The official fireworks date for 2023 is Sunday, July 2. The Monkey Island Fireworks Committee always does a fabulous job of raising revenue to fund this fabulous display but, of course, they need our help. Let's go ahead and get the ball rolling.

If you enjoy the fireworks celebration, please contribute to make sure there is funding for a fabulous show. Shangri-La members may have contributions added to regular monthly billing by emailing Membership Services Coordinator Katelin Jumper and letting her know how much you want to contribute to the fireworks. It will be added to your Shangri-La bill. Email your wishes and amount to Kate.lin.jumper@shangrilaok.com.

If you would like to donate directly to the fireworks fund, make your check payable to Monkey Island Fireworks and mail to: Monkey Island Fireworks Committee, 30397 South 567 Road, Unit 63, Monkey Island, OK 74331. With your help, it will be the best celebration ever!

Summer is Here! Eddy's, The Canteen, and the Pool Bar Are Open - Doc's, The Summit, and The Galley Have Expanded Hours

If you haven't tried the food at The Canteen at The Battlefield, you're missing out on the items on Shangri-La's newest menu! Breakfast and lunch menus are available – and the patio at The Battlefield

Clubhouse is a beautiful place to relax. The Pool Bar is also now open daily – 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11:00 a.m.-Midnight Friday & Saturday. Eddy's Lakeside Bar is also open for the season – Fridays 4:00-midnight, Saturdays 11:00 a.m.-midnight, and Sundays 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. There's great entertainment at Eddy's every Saturday night. June entertainers include Travis Kidd, Three Dollar Rocket, The Fabulous Two-Man Band, and Torn.

Doc's Bar & Grill now has extended hours of operation for the summer – open until 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and until midnight Fridays & Saturdays with a special late-night menu available for snacking from 10:00 p.m. until midnight. In addition to the Thursday night karaoke fun, Doc's continues to offer live entertainment every Friday night. June entertainers at Doc's include Kevin Price, Gusto Dave Jackson, Ryan Graham, Scott Musick, and Chloe Johns.

The Summit Restaurant has a great new Summer Menu and expanded hours of operation, as well. The Summit is now open for lunch seven days a week (limited menu on Tuesdays & Wednesdays) and dinner service Thursday-Sunday. The talented Terry Jordan entertains at The Summit every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night from 6:00-9:00.

The Galley at The Anchor also now offers food service seven days a week – 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays. The Sports Bar at The Anchor provides service until 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and until midnight Fridays & Saturdays. With the NBA and NHL Championship finals, the Men's and Women's College World Series, PGA golf, NASCAR, and Major League baseball all this month, the Sports Bar at The Anchor is the place to be!

Even More Outdoor Fun!

The month of June means better weather and opportunities for all the outdoor fun we've all been missing for a few months. In addition to lots of golf and all the outdoor tennis, pickleball, basketball, WIFFLE® Ball, cornhole, and sand volleyball activities at The Anchor, our Thursday night Shrimp Boil & Karaoke fun on Doc's patio is underway for another summer.

Boating Season

The arrival of June means another busy boating season on Grand Lake and our marina crew is anxious to see everyone. The marina and ship store are now open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sail Grand boats and personal watercraft rentals are also available at the marina, along with yacht charters and parasail-

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Culinary Conversation

By Jonathan Moosmiller

Executive Director of Food & Beverage



Eddy's Lakeside Bar is officially open for the 2023 season – open Friday-Sunday weekly.

Ten! That's the number of dining and drinking venues on the Shangri-La Resort property. All eleven venues are now open, including The Summit, Buffalo Bar, Doc's Bar & Grill, Eddy's Lakeside Bar, The Galley at The Anchor, the Sports Bar at The Anchor, The Monkey Grind, the Pool Bar, the Turn House at the main clubhouse, and The Canteen at The Battlefield. If you can't find an atmosphere and menu that fits your mood and your appetite at Shangri-La, you must not be trying.

Wherever you choose to relax, try our new specialized Battlefield Ale. It is available on tap at Doc's or The Anchor, and it is available in commemorative cans at Eddy's, The Buffalo Bar, and of course – at The Battlefield!

Eddy's Lakeside bar opened over the Memorial holiday weekend to happy lakers who were thrilled to see 2023 menu items and our variety of new beverage options. In addition to frozen margaritas, pina colodas, and our Summer Hummer, we also have seven new specialty cocktails for you to try. Eddy's also offers nine different beers, eight seltzers and, of course, regular bar favorites.

The menu at Eddy's includes some great dishes to share – Chips, Queso & Salsa, Fried Cheese Curds, Nachos, Chicken Tenders, Popcorn Shrimp, BBQ Fries and Onion Rings. There is a variety of burger offerings along with Shrimp Tacos, and our popular Nashville Hot Chicken Sandwich. If you're trying to eat healthy, try the Caesar Salad or Garden Salad. For the kids...there are Chicken Bites, Corn Dogs, Cheese Quesadillas, and a Kid's Burger. Something for everyone!

Eddy's continues to be a Grand Lake favorite for great Saturday night musical entertainment. June entertainers at Eddy's are *Travis Kidd*, *Three Dollar Rocket*, *The Fabulous Two-Man Band*, and *Torn*.

For members and registered hotel guests, the Pool Bar is also now open with food & beverage service Sunday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and Friday & Saturdays from 11:00-Midnight, weather permitting. Check out the popular frozen drink options to cool you down at the pool (available leaded or unleaded!).

There are changes at Doc's Bar & Grill, as well. Doc's is now open until midnight Friday & Saturday nights, with a special "late-night menu" available from 10:00 p.m.-Midnight. We also offer an ala cart breakfast from 7:00-11:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday, and a breakfast buffet from 7:00-11:00 a.m. Fridays & Saturdays. Sundays are special at Doc's with a featured Sunday Brunch Buffet available from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

There is live entertainment every Friday night at Doc's. June entertainers include *Kevin Price*, *Gusto Dave Jackson*, *Ryan Graham*, *Scott Musick*, and *Chloe Johns*.

It's "Shrimp Boil" season at Doc's, as well. Our Thursday night indoor karaoke fun has moved outside – and we now feature a "Shrimp Boil & Karaoke" each Thursday night on Doc's Patio with

the fun beginning at 6:00. We have a variety of menu options ranging from a half-pound of Andouille Sausage with Corn & Potatoes for \$12 to a full pound of Cajun Boiled Shrimp with Potatoes & Corn for \$25...and several choices in between. It's the biggest Thursday night party on Grand Lake every week throughout the summer!

The Summit Restaurant has new lunch and dinner menus for the summer season, as well as extended hours of operation. The Summit is open for lunch 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. seven days a week (limited menu Tuesday & Wednesday) and full dinner service Thursday & Sunday nights from 4:00-9:00 and Friday & Saturday nights from 4:00-10:00 p.m. Terry Jordan is at the keyboards to provide great entertainment at The Summit every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night from 6:00-9:00.

At The Galley at The Anchor Activity Park, we now offer food service seven days a week – Sunday -Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Fridays & Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Onward and Upward

It is exciting to have all our seasonal venues open and summer hours of operation in place to accommodate the fun days ahead. Our banquet crew is also busy with lots of groups, meetings, and conventions, and they continue to hit it out of the park day in and day out. Next up? Watch for a new menu coming to Doc's as we get closer to the Independence Day celebration and the great Monkey Island Fireworks Show Sunday, July 2. We'll have lots of snacks, beverages, and treats on hand for that fun evening, so plan on being here early to enjoy the festivities and reserve a great spot for the show!

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. Ten of them! Please join us anytime you can. We're always cooking up something!

Dock Talk

by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager



Parasailing adventures are available. Call 918-257-6000 for reservations – and come fly with us!

SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

Can you believe it's already June? I hope everyone had a fantastic Memorial holiday weekend. Shangri-La Marina has been a busy place for a few weeks, and I'm sure we have only seen the beginning of the Summer Rush of 2023!

Shangri-La Marina is now open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. offering gasoline, diesel, pump-out facilities and a great selection of boating supplies, snacks, beverages, ice, apparel and souvenirs in the Ship Store.

PARASAILING, BOAT RENTALS AND YACHT CHARTERS ARE AVAILABLE

The arrival of the Memorial holiday weekend also meant the beginning of parasailing adventures at Sail Grand at Shangri-La Marina. Reserve your spot for this great experience. It is the only parasailing offered anywhere in the State of Oklahoma.

The entire Sail Grand rental fleet is also available for rentals. Pontoon, tritoons, Chaparral bowriders, and, for fishermen, we have a 22-foot Lowe center console bay boat equipped with a trolling motor available for rental, as well. Personal Watercraft are also available for rental. Shangri-La members receive a 10% discount on all rentals, with the exception of Saturdays and holiday weekends.

Yacht charters are also available from Sail Grand – and there are three different options from which to choose. Our 64-foot Bluewater Yacht has a passenger capacity of thirty. We also offer a 39-foot Princess cruiser which accommodates eight passengers, and a 38-foot Chris Craft which accommodates parties of up to ten people.

Shangri-La members also receive a 10% discount on all yacht charters. To reserve dates for rentals or charters, call 918-257-6000 or make your reservations online at www.sailgrand.com.

MONTHLY SIP & SAIL SUNSET CRUISES START THIS MONTH

If your group isn't big enough to charter a yacht, Shangri-La offers

monthly Sip & Sail Sunset Cruises each month throughout the summer season. The Sunset Cruises include a great yachting cruise on the lake along with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Our first Sunset Cruise of the summer is scheduled for Friday, June 9 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$90 per person. These popular cruises typically fill quickly, so make your reservations by contacting Katelin Jumper via email at KateLin.jumper@shangrilaok.com or call her directly at 918-257-7720.

If you are planning ahead for the summer months, additional Sunset Cruise dates for the season are July 21, August 11, and September 8. The September cruise will be from 6:00-8:00.

EDDY'S IS OPEN!

Eddy's Lakeside Bar is one of Grand Lake's favorite on-the-water al fresco dining & drinking destinations. Eddy's is open from 4:00-midnight Fridays, 11:00 a.m.-Midnight Saturdays, and 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sundays throughout the summer – with extended days and hours of operation on holiday weekends. The kitchen will close at 11:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday.

In addition to a fabulous lakeside atmosphere and great food & beverage options, Eddy's is well known for providing outstanding live entertainment on Saturday nights, as well as Sunday night entertainment on holiday weekends. Live entertainment for June includes *Travis Kidd*, *Midas 13*, *The Fabulous Two-Man Band*, and *Torn*. On 4th of July weekend, we will have entertainment both Saturday and Sunday nights – *Usual Suspects* and *Downbeat*.

BOAT SALES AT SHANGRI-LA MARINA

Things are finally back to normal in the boat sales industry, so the selection of Chaparral, Bennington, Robalo, and Master-Craft boats is excellent. Nichols Marine offers both new and used boats for sale at Shangri-La Marina.

Many of the new boats are located at the Nichols showroom adjacent to the causeway onto Monkey Island, but we also have a variety of new and used boats in the sales dock at the marina. Check with Kenny Smith or Mike Williams in the boat sales office adjacent to the Ship Store.

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 in addition to locations in Tulsa, Norman, McAlester and Longview, Texas. The full inventory of new and used boats is online at www.nicholsmarine.com.

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

Courtesy slips at Shangri-La Marina make Doc's Bar & Grill the only accessible-by-water restaurant that is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week year-round! In addition to our weekly Thursday Night Shrimp Boil and karaoke fun with *Jason Morgan*, Doc's also features weekly Friday night live entertainment year-round. June entertainers at Doc's are *Kevin Price*, *Gusto Dave Jackson*, *Ryan Graham*, *Scott Music*, and *Chloe Johns*.

The Anchor is also within walking distance of our courtesy docks with lots of indoor and outdoor fun seven days a week, 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 marina@shangrilaok.com.

Staff Spotlight: Zach “Peach” Roach

by Communications Director Mike Williams



Battlefield Course Superintendent Zach Roach

The talk throughout northeastern Oklahoma and beyond is all about Zach Roach’s handiwork. You may not realize it’s Zach people are talking about – but when they talk about The Battlefield, Shangri-La’s new Par 3 Course, it all comes back to Zach. He’s the Course Superintendent at The Battlefield.

Except for a one-year hiatus in 2017 when he accepted a job as Assistant Superintendent at Dallas National, Zach has been on the Shangri-La team since 2013. He was raised in Inola, Oklahoma, where he was a three-sport athlete – baseball, football, and powerlifting. During his high school years, he was ranked 4th in the state in powerlifting. He bounced around college for a time, first at RSU, then a Tulsa Community College before deciding that wasn’t his cup of tea; so he took a job as a laborer on the crew at Southern Hills Country Club in 2009 helping to prepare the course for the U.S. Amateur. After four years of observations, he had an epiphany.

“While I was working on the course at Southern Hills, I saw what my bosses were doing and immediately took an interest in it,” he says. “I heard about a Professional Golf Management Program at Rutgers University in New Jersey and immediately signed up. I was in that program in 2012 and 2013. I got my first Assistant Superintendent Job at Cedar Ridge Country Club. I was only there for one season when the job opportunity came up at Shangri-La as an Assistant Superintendent.”

In 2017, he took the job in Dallas – but it quickly became obvious that Grand Lake was destined to be home. He and his wife Holly met on Monkey Island and married on Monkey Island. Now, they are raising their daughter Zoey, who will be three this month, on Monkey Island.

His disdain for the fast pace and heavy traffic in a big city and the opportunity to be the Course Superintendent for a golf course which was only a dream at the time, lured him back to the Island.

“It’s hard to envision what something is going to look

like when it’s nothing but dust, dirt, trees, and rocks,” he laughs, “But it turned out magnificent – even better than we expected.

“I think people are amazed how pretty it is. We used four types of wildflowers to add to the look of the course, but I didn’t imagine it being as blanketed as it is. Because they bloom so big, then tend to run out of energy quickly, but they reseed themselves. We should have wildflowers blooming at least through August.”

Even though The Battlefield has only been open for a month, it has already received rave reviews from writers and players, alike.

“Everything anybody has said has been positive. It’s true that it’s a little tricky getting around the course. It’s rugged terrain, but that’s what makes it so beautiful. If everything was flat, it would be a very bland golf course,” he says.

Maintenance on a course like The Battlefield is a little trickier than a Championship course, as well. Par 3 courses always create more maintenance because on Par 3 holes, there are more divots and ball marks because of the shorter hole length – and at The Battlefield, there are 18 of them! Shorter holes also mean it’s difficult for maintenance workers to accomplish much between groups of players. That’s one reason the course is closed on Wednesdays – to give maintenance crews a chance to catch up. Always the master of understatement, Zach even makes that sound much easier than it really is.

“A little water, a little fertilizer. mow it from time to time,” he jokes. “We’re still working on surfaces to get little bit better playing surfaces, and we still have a few sod seams. But it’s everything we hoped for – and more!”

If you haven’t figured out exactly who “Zach” Roach is, most people know him as “Peach.”

“Yeah, I got that nickname in school when I was playing ball with guys about four years older,” he laughs. “The coach couldn’t ever remember my name, but he thought I looked like a peach, so that’s what he called me – and it stuck.”

Even when he heads home after work, Peach is still pretty much at work.

“Holly and I live about 30 yards off of #8 tee at The Battlefield. Just a chip shot. I can never go home from work,” he says with a grin. “It’s both a blessing and a curse.”

Zach is officially a Monkey Islander, again – and he loves both the lake lifestyle, the outdoors, and his job!

“What’s not to love? I live at the lake and I get to work outside and make a living doing something I love,” he says. “I’m home!”



SLWGA News

Submitted by Cheryl Brecheisen

The SLWGA season is in full swing! The month of May provided multiple opportunities for the ladies to play golf at Shangri-La as well as at various away events. May 1 marked the group's first playday at the amazing new Battlefield course. The 9-hole and 18-hole players joined forces to compete in a 4-person mixed scramble. The participants raved about the beauty of the course and the enjoyable time spent with some new friends, but most agreed that the Battlefield "won" the battle with its challenging holes and tricky greens. Congratulations Jan Castelli, Lenda Smith, Linda Ballard and Cheryl Dalton who carded the lowest team score of the day. The SLWGA members are excited to have new member Mary Reneau join the group this season. Welcome, Mary!

The annual Guest Day on May 8 was a huge success as a record number of members and their guests enjoyed a beautiful, "chamber of commerce" day on the course followed by a delicious lunch and awards presentation. Co-chairs Barbara Patrick and Stephanie Winslow outdid themselves with the spring decorations (thank you to Debbie Hess), great menu selections and unique gifts and prizes. With 48 ladies competing in the 2-person member/guest best ball format, a total of 14 prizes were awarded. The winners were:

- 9-Hole Group: 1st place—Susan Jones and guest Pat Dunn
 2nd place—Mary Friedman and guest Sandy Kent
 3rd place—Kim Quillin and guest Sheri Griffin
- 18-Hole Group: 1st Low Gross—Ann Turner and guest Darian Kedy
 2nd Low Gross—Robin Purdie-Smith and guest Deb Stanfield
 1st Low Net—Judi Barber and guest Kaye Hansen
 2nd Low Net—Mary Reneau and guest Tammy Burks

In addition to these home events several SLWGA members also took road trips to three away competitions last month. The first stop was at the WOGA Stableford Partnership at River Oaks in Oklahoma City. Five players braved the unseasonably cold, rainy weather on April 24 & 25. Congratulations to partners Carol Cable and Susie Kraft who persevered to finish in the money winning the 1st Low Net award in the A flight.

Bartlesville was the next stop of away golf as six members participated in the Tulsa District Women's Golf Association at historic Hillcrest Country Club on May 2. The 2-person scramble was well attended by golfers around the area. Congratulations to partners Ann Turner and Robin Purdie-Smith who brought home the 2nd Low Net award in the Championship flight.

Belmar Golf Club in Norman was the final stop of away golf as it hosted the WOGA Senior Championship. All participants agreed that the course was beyond challenging! Congratulations to Cindy Johnson who won the 1st Low Net award in the C flight and Judi Barber for the 2nd Low Net award in the E flight. AND...Ann Turner who once again impressed us all as she won the SUPER SENIOR award!

SAVE THE DATE:

- June 5 Tulsa District at Adams Golf Course
 8 Interclub Team Event in Muskogee
 14-15 La Tee Da Invitational
 20 Un-Mystery Trip at Cherokee Hills in Catoosa

"Someone once told me there is more to life than golf. I think it was my ex-wife."— Bruce Lansky

Congratulations to the winning team of The Battlefield SLWGA Scramble – Jan Castelli, Lenda Smith, Linda Ballard, and Cheryl Dalton.



From rainy winter-like weather to reigning winners, Carol Cable and Susie Kraft survived and thrived at the WOGA Stableford Partnership placing 1st Low Net in the A flight.



May Day was a fabulous day on The Battlefield as 9-hole and 18-hole SLWGA players joined forces and competed in a 4-person mixed scramble.



Member Profile: Dawn & Roger Cook

By Mike Williams



Roger and Dawn Cook: Grand Lakers for almost four decades!

Longtime Monkey Islanders Roger and Dawn Cook never met until they were both Grand Lake residents. Ironically, they came here in similar circumstances – no job – and for the identical reason: this is where they wanted to live. They figured everything else would take care of itself; and it has worked out quite nicely for three decades.

Roger actually spent almost every summer weekend at Grand Lake as a youngster, first spending weekends with friends, then his family brought their own boat from Tulsa to Port Duncan for many weekends before finally building a home there in 1978. In those early Island days, there wasn't even a causeway to access Monkey Island. A winding road dodged the backwaters of Echo Bay and wound back onto the gravel highway.

"There wasn't much on Monkey Island when I came here as a kid," Roger recalls. "There was a little fishing camp (now Shangri-La), Airport Resort (now Tera Miranda), East Bay (now Brighton Bay) and Port Duncan. There were no houses at Port Duncan, just a marina, restaurant, and boat repair facility. There were a few houses scattered here and there, and that's about it.

"Coming to the lake back then was a big, big deal," Roger says, "but it was a family deal. We were in a 16-foot boat with a 35 hp motor and we did just fine. When you weigh 75 pounds, you can be pulled up on skis by a boat like that. In those days, any boat over 30 feet was huge."

After high school, Roger spent a year at Oklahoma State University before joining the Navy.

"I joined the Navy to avoid going to Vietnam, and spent the next four-and-a-half years in Vietnam," he laughs. "I've always had a problem with volunteering. I always step forward when I should step back."

After his military tour, he returned to Oklahoma and spent seven years working his way through school at OU before landing a job in the oil and gas industry.

"After working for two or three different companies, I thought I could handle the business on my own. I had put together some pretty good deals based on \$18 a barrel oil prices. Right in the middle of my plan, about 1984, oil went from 18 to 12 dollars overnight. I went to bed feeling

pretty good about myself, and woke up broke. So, in 1985-86 I got divorced, my dad died, and I lost my business. That was it. I moved to the lake. Most people my age dropped out in the sixties. I dropped out in the eighties," he jokes.

A variety of Grand Lake jobs kept things moving forward. He ran a restaurant at Port Duncan, went to work for Joyce Duke at The Shebang ("to help her out for two weeks – and ended up working there for three years," he laughs), worked in the pro shop and on the golf course for Shangri-La, ran the then-popular Bay Club.

Ironically, Dawn was unknowingly headed for Grand Lake at the same time.

"I was living in the St. Louis area," she says. "Some friends of mine 'kidnapped me' one afternoon in St. Louis, and said they were taking me to Grand Lake. I'd never been here; but when we topped the hill on Highway 125 by the cut-off road to Grove, and I got my first view of Grand Lake, that's all it took. I said, 'that's home.' The next week, I took my kids out of school in the middle of the school year, and moved to Monkey Island. After I moved here, I thought, I'd better get a job."

She was working at a little store called "Dan's" (now Littlefield's Country Store) when she and Roger met. The meetings were casual, but increasingly frequent and increasingly friendly. Then a buddy invited Roger over to meet a girl who was leasing apartments at Port Duncan. It was Dawn.

"We've been together ever since," Dawn says. They ran the marina at Port Duncan together for years, while serving as volunteers at the Monkey Island Fire Department – first as firefighters, later as EMTs. After two heart attacks, Roger's firefighting abilities were diminished – and a major heart attack in 2004 took him out of duty completely.

"It's kind of funny," he says, "I was in charge of teaching CPR to the firefighters, and I had just taught (now MIFD Chief) Carl Tesreau the week before. We were on an emergency call when I went into cardiac arrest. Since we were already on a call, the ambulance was only about 45 seconds away, but it was Carl who put the paddles on me and brought me back to life."

That ended Roger's firefighting days, but his dedication to the Monkey Island Fire Department continued through his service as a member of the Fire Department Board for many years. He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and is active in American Legion Post 178 in Grove where he has served for 13 years. He is in charge of the post's distinguished Ritual Team which will handle the formal presentation of colors at the Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremonies at The Battlefield June 30.

Today, Roger and Dawn enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle on the lake, traveling throughout the United States and Canada periodically pulling a camping trailer, and enjoying the exploits of their blended family of seven children, 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren – and soon, they will have their first great-great grandchild.

Dawn enjoys genealogy research, having traced her family back to the 1500s and Roger's mother's family back to the 1400s. She loves to read, "hang out with the girls," including a regular Tuesday night "girls night out," and was deeply involved with the Monkey Island Fire Department Auxiliary "for a million years."

Roger focuses on his passion for golf. Dawn doesn't play.

"She's such a perfectionist, she thinks she ought to be able to play like Tiger after three rounds," Roger chips in.

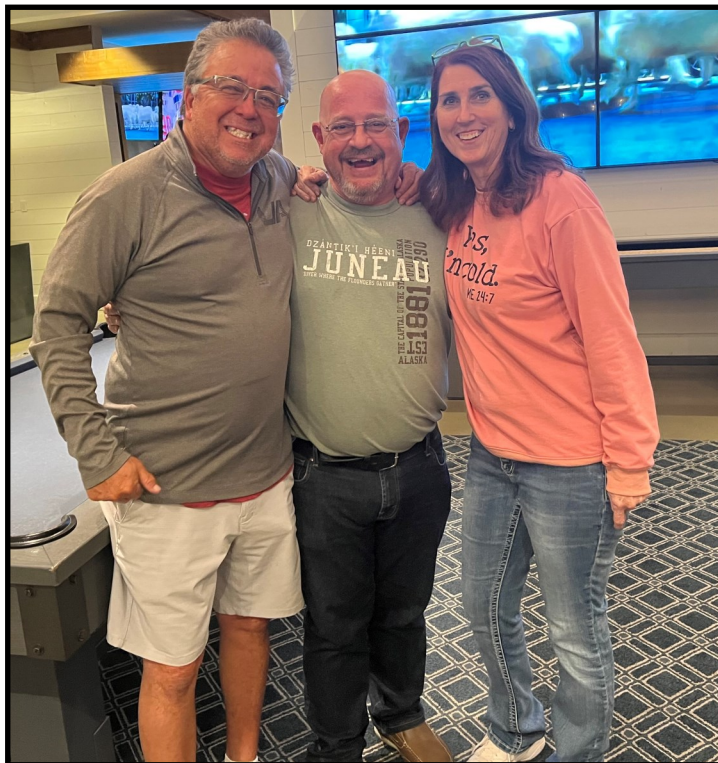
"If I can't do it well, I'm not going to do it at all," she interjects.

"Yeah, she doesn't realize that 'doing well' in golf is very subjective," Roger says. "I'm good with it, though, as long as I can play; and she's glad I play because it gets me out of the house."

"I play two or three days a week. If my heart was better, I'd play more; but I guess when you can die of a heart attack and still play golf most days, things aren't too bad."

Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



Congratulations to the "Jacks" – Champions of The Anchor 2023 Spring Pool League competition: Frank Coronado, Todd Mlnarik, Dr. Terry Geary.

Both The Anchor and the Racquet Club were very busy in May – but when schools dismissed for the year, we got a look at what the crazy summer is going to look like. The Anchor is popular with kids of all ages, but it has obviously become the "go-to spot" for a lot of our younger patrons. With that in mind, we have plenty of upcoming special activities for kids – especially those ages 6-14.

June 5-7 Coach Kerr will host a Summer Tennis Camp for kids ages 6-14. The \$250 charge includes all the fun activities and drills, as well as a T-shirt, cap, and tennis racquet. Camp will be held daily from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

For kids who are more into pickleball than tennis, there's a camp for them, as well. The Youth Pickleball Camp is set for June 26-28. Pickleball camp is also from 9:00-11:00 a.m. daily, and the \$250 charge includes a T-shirt, cap, and paddle, as well as all the fun activities.

To sign kids up for either the Tennis or Pickleball camp, sign up at the Racquet Club Pro Shop or contact Coach Kerr at 918-787-1235 or email todd.kerr@shangrilaok.com. Both camps are open to the public.

We have also planned a four-day Anchor Kids' Camp next month – July 10-13. This camp will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (11:30 on Thursday). The \$200 camp fee includes lots of fun activities and exercises, as well as lunch. To enroll in the Anchor Kids' Camp, sign up at the Pro Shop at The Anchor or email me at shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com.

Pickleball Tournament June 25

It's time for a little tournament competition on the pickleball courts at The Anchor Racquet Club. Fairland's First Annual Owl Pickleball Mixed Doubles Tournament is slated for Sunday, June 25 at 8:00 a.m. benefiting the Fairland Basketball program. This fun tournament is open to the public, both recreational and open competitive.

Entry fees are \$50 per person (\$100 per team). If you would like to

join in this fun tournament for a great local cause, contact Grant Callison at 918-932-7247.

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

In addition to the Mixed Doubles tournament June 25, there is a wide variety of June activity at The Anchor Racquet Club every week. Pickleball drills this month are held Monday at 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. (June 13 and 20 only), Fridays at 8:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

There are plenty of pickleball mixers, too, including Ladies' Night Pickleball Mixers each Thursday evening at 6:30 followed by the Competitive Mixer at 8:00. Pickleball Mixers are also Mondays at 8:00 a.m. (June 12 and 19 only) and 8:00 p.m., Thursdays at 8:00 a.m., Fridays at 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Tennis players are on the schedule, too, with open adult tennis drills Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We're not forgetting about younger players, either. Middle School and High School tennis drills are held Tuesday evenings at 5:30 and Saturdays at 1:30. High School tennis drills are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Seven-Day-A-Week Food Service

With schools finished for the year, more people are spending more time at the lake – and at The Anchor. We now offer food service seven days a week at The Galley food court at The Anchor. New Galley operating hours are Sunday-Thursday 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Our Sports Bar is THE SPOT for Sports Coverage

There is certainly no shortage of sporting event coverage at The Anchor. This month kicks off with complete live coverage of the NBA Championship Finals (beginning June 1), the Women's College World Series (also beginning June 1), and the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs (beginning June 8), as well as the College World Series (beginning June 16).

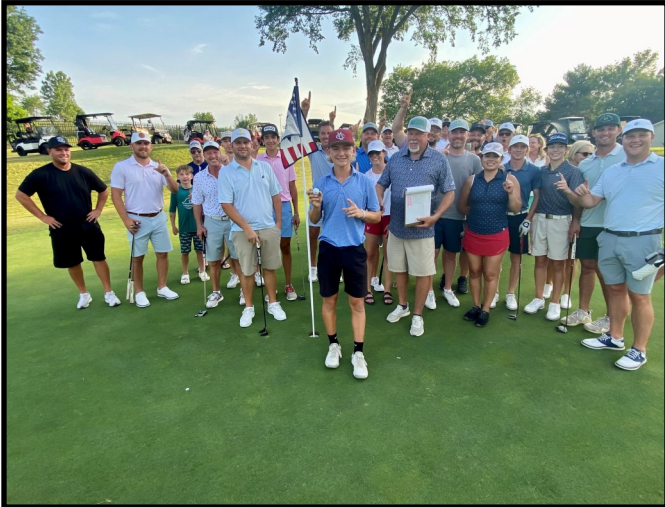
The USFL wraps up 2023 competition this month, with semifinals slated for June 24-24 and the Championship game on July 1. We also provide complete PGA Golf coverage and Major League Baseball, as well as weekly NASCAR coverage. We have LOTS of sports screens to make sure we have complete coverage of ALL your favorite events.

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. Summer days also fill the basketball court, WIFFLE® Ball field, pickleball courts, cornhole 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. Happy June! I hope to see you soon at The Anchor!



Congrats to Jackson Ellison on his first career hole in one! Jackson aced #6 Champions during the Memorial Day Alternate Shot Horserace. He hit his PW from 135 yards and was witnessed by the entire Gallery. Wow!!! Just incredible!



Memorial weekend traditionally starts the "pool season" in Oklahoma – and guests at Shangri-La Resort certainly took the tradition seriously.



Congratulations to Tara Lawson on her first career Hole in One carded on #13 at the Battlefield!!!



"Cooperation" is the key when it comes to boosting tourism and economic development. Shangri-La's Mike Williams is pictured with Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.



Congratulations to Charli Bullard from OKC on her first career Hole in One! Charli aced #6 at the Battlefield from 89yds with her 56 wedge. It was her 1st career Hole in One. The shot was witnessed by Don Bullard, Candi Bullard, Holly Harwell. It was worth the wait.



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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ing adventures. Mitch Whitehead has added to the charter fleet. In addition to the 64-foot Blue-water Yacht (30 passengers), we now also offer a 39-foot Princess Cruiser (8 passengers) and a 38-foot Chris Craft Launch (10 passengers). Ask about the 10 percent discount available to Shangri-La members.

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 your 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.

Tennis & Pickleball Camps and Summer Camp for Kids, Too

We know planning summer activities for kids is important – and we want to help you plan ahead. In addition to golf opportunities, Coach Todd Kerr has also scheduled a Summer Tennis Camp June 5-7 and a Youth Pickleball Camp June 26-28. The \$250 camp fee includes a racquet (or paddle), hat, and T-shirt, in addition to the daily fun on the courts from 9:00-11:00 a.m. For more information, contact the Racquet Club Pro Shop or email todd.kerr@shangrilaok.com

We have also planned a "Anchor Summer Camp" July 10-13. The fun four-day camp will be filled with games, exercise, and friendship. The \$200 per child fee includes all activities including lunch. Contact Shaun Tune at shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com. All youth camps are open to the public.

Moving Ahead!

I can't thank our valued members and guests enough for your continued support, encouragement and participation that enables us to constantly move forward to greater success with expanding venues and increased amenities. Thank you for your support, your patronage, and your friendship through the years. I hope you'll join us often – and don't forget The Battlefield Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony Friday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m. Our team is always here for you and your guests any time you are struck by the urge to Escape the Ordinary.

Shangri-La Hours of Operation

Golf Shop

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

Turnhouse

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

Summit Restaurant & Buffalo Bar

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

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

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

Shangri-La Marina and Ship Store

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

CLOSED SUNDAY

Open 7 days a week beginning May 15

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.-Midnight 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

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

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

The Monkey Grind

Sunday-Saturday – 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Eddy's Lakeside Bar

OPENING MAY 19

4:00 p.m.-midnight Friday

11:00 a.m.-midnight Saturday

11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sunday