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# The Horizon

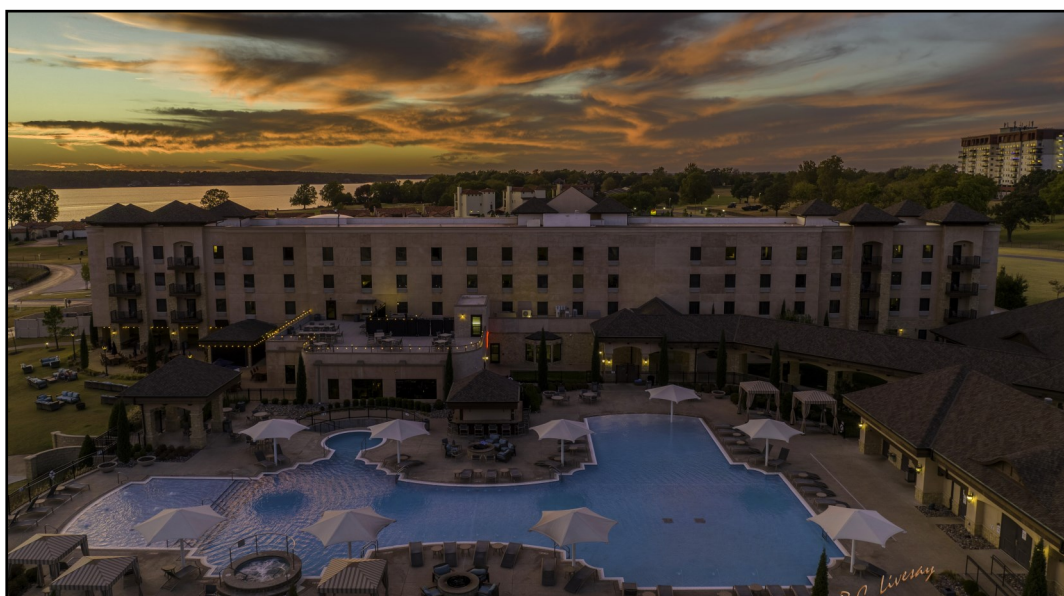
## *What's New at Shangri-La*

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## There's No Place Like Shangri-La Resort – and the Word is Spreading – FAST!

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



Our Shangri-La staff and our members all enjoyed the opportunity over the past month to get to get better acquainted with Lance Funderburk, our new General Manager. He brings great leadership and great ideas to our resort, as well as a wealth of knowledge about operating and growing great resorts; but his broad base of experience led him to share something with us that caught me a little off guard. Through his 20+ years of observation of resorts throughout the nation, he said he has rarely, if ever seen a resort with as many choices of entertainment options

and amenities as Shangri-La!

Even so, he is not satisfied – and he has already planned some very exciting new changes and additions to the options available to our members and our ever-increasing number of resort guests from an ever-expanding geographic base.

### ***The Shangri-La News is Spreading Far and Wide***

That geographic base continues to expand as more and more people find out about our little piece of paradise. I had the privilege last month of spending a couple of days with two of the most influential golf writers in Texas, both of whom came to

play all our courses, explore our amenities, and enjoy an opportunity to gather more information with their legion of followers.

Eli Jordan, Chief Editor of the popular *Avid Golfer Magazine* and Art Stricklin, a Dallas-based award-winning golf writer and President of the Texas Golf Writers Association, both spent three days with us learning all there is to learn about Shangri-La. Eli plans an extensive feature story in the November issue of *Avid Golfer Magazine*, and Art plans to spread his news about Shangri-La in several publica-

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tions including *Texas Golf Insider*. Mike Ratchman, publisher of *Texas Golf Insider* was also kind enough to invite me to be a guest September 6<sup>th</sup> on his statewide Texas radio program & podcast, *Golf After Hours*. We had a great time, and we are honored to have such prestigious writers join the many others who continue to spread the Shangri-La message throughout the nation. Glen Turk at Wisconsin-based *Midwest Golfing Magazine* published a fantastic three-page feature about Shangri-La in last month's issue; and Bill Cromwell at Kansas City's *Tee Times Magazine* has prepared a feature to be published in his September issue.

### **Let's Honor the Monkey Island Fire Department – ON THE GOLF COURSE!**

Each year, Shangri-La hosts a major golf tournament benefiting deserving entities. We have previously hosted tournaments for The Folds of Honor and the John Daly/Major Ed Heart of a Lion Foundation.

This year, we have decided to host a tournament honoring those closer to home – those whose tireless service benefits each of us in many ways each and every day. I hope each of you will sign up to participate in "The Courage Under Fire Classic" scheduled for Sunday, October 1 with proceeds benefiting the courageous team of dedicated first responders at the Monkey Island Fire Department. From fighting fires on land and on the water to providing quick and competent medical attention, the MIFD crews will respond to more than 1,000 emergency calls this year. No one does more to keep us safe!

We will get more details to you very soon, but I hope you will mark your calendar and plan to join us on the course Sunday, October 1 to participate in this great tournament for an even greater cause!

### **There's Always More Golf, Golf, Golf**

August was an incredibly busy month on the Shangri-La Golf courses. Between Friday night horse races, couples mixers, SLWGA and MGA events, and a Par Club Championship at The Battlefield, our members have been keeping the course busy. We had fantastic competitive fun, as well, including the awesome Mary Moore Charity Event, the WOGA 4-Ball Championship Tournament, and the Birdies & Bogeys Race to Shangri-La finals, along with some fun annual events like the infamous Run a Monkey Tournament.

The September Golf calendar is equally fun. After a busy Labor Day Weekend including another exciting Glow Golf Scramble competition Friday, September 1 (9:00 p.m.), Dock Shots competition Saturday, September 2 (5:30 p.m.), and our Labor Day Alternate Shot Horse Race Sunday, September 3

(4:00 p.m.), players will keep the course busy all month long.

September 5, we are honored to host the PGA South Central Section Pro/Assistant Tournament. October 14, the SLWGA ladies will host Green Country Interclub competition. September 14-15, we will once again host Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell's "Luau on the Green" and golf tournament; and Missouri Southern State University will host their annual college invitational tournament at Shangri-La September 24-26.

PGA Instructor Joe Hassler kicks off his fall Golf Clinics this month, with Friday Ladies' Clinics and Saturday Open Clinics each week beginning September 15 and, of course, our weekly Friday Night Yellow Rabbit Run Horse Race competition continues this month.

### **The Football Fun is Underway at The Anchor**

College football season is officially underway – and the NFL Regular season begins September 7. If you want to make sure you don't miss any of the action, The Anchor is the place to be! The huge video walls and the many additional screens make sure we can handle all the games, the PGA Tournaments, NASCAR season wrap-up, U.S. Open Tennis, and the final few weeks of Major League Baseball.

The Anchor always has something for everybody – the adults can catch the popular sporting events and the kids can spend the day in the arcade, on the Wiffle® Ball field, or the basketball court; and of course, there's always plenty of pickleball and tennis action on the courts.

### **If Summer Fun is Ending, Can Fall Fun Be Far Behind?**

Saturday, September 10 will be the last day of operation for this year at Eddy's Lakeside Bar. We're going out with a bang, though. Labor Day weekend entertainment features *Torn* on Saturday night and *Brett & Terri* Sunday night – and, of course, Eddy's will also be open Labor Day Monday. Our final entertainment of the year at Eddy's will be *Downbeat* on September 9 – and September 10 will be the final day of the season at Eddy's.

There are still a lot of other options, though. If you haven't tried the food at The Canteen at The Battlefield, you're missing out on some fabulous food choices 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 also remains open daily – 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11:00 a.m.-Midnight Friday & Saturday

Doc's Bar & Grill has a fabulous new menu available – and continues extended hours of operation this month – open 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. September entertainers at Doc's include *Kevin Price*, *Mark Gibson*, *Ryan Graham*, *Scott Musick*, and *Rockwell*. And yes, the Thursday night Shrimp Boil & Karaoke with *Jason Morgan* continues through September!

The Summit Restaurant has some changes in hours of operation for September. The Summit is open for lunch Thursday-Monday and dinner service Thursday-Sunday. The Summit is now closed Tuesday & Wednesday. The talented *Terry Jordan* is back at The Summit this month, entertaining every Friday and Saturday night from 6:00-9:00.

The Galley at The Anchor 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.

### **Boating Season Rolls on, Too**

Labor Day is the final day of parasailing for the season, but boat and personal watercraft rental and yacht charters are available, but at the Ship Store this month, rather than the Sail Grand office, Shangri-La members receive a discount on yacht charters and boat & pwc rentals except on holidays and weekends.

The weather is getting more perfect every day. The marina and ship store are open to serve you seven days a week from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

### **It's a Great Time of the Year on Grand Lake**

It's hard to believe that Fall arrives this month – the first day of Fall is September 23. You know what that means, right? It means the two best months of the year for boating and golf on Grand Lake have arrived. There's no time like September and October on Grand Lake, and we are grateful that you choose to spend those months enjoying all Shangri-La has to offer.

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.

Your support is sincerely appreciated, and we hope to see you often – anytime you have the urge to "Escape the Ordinary!"



# Culinary Conversation

By Jonathan Moosmiller

Executive Director of Food & Beverage



Join the fun at Doc's Bar & Grill for our Kansas City Chiefs watch party Thursday evening, September 7 as the Chiefs host the Detroit Lions in the first NFL regular season game of the year. We'll have the big screen ready!

September brings a few changes to the Food & Beverage venues at Shangri-La. Sunday, September 10 is the last day of the 2023 season at Eddy's Lakeside Bar. The Summit Restaurant is now closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Lunch service continues at The Summit and Buffalo Bar Thursday-Monday with dinner service Thursday-Sunday. Beginning October 1, The Summit and Buffalo Bar will be closed Monday-Wednesday.

We have a lot of other dining options, of course. Our Thursday Night Shrimp Boil & Karaoke with Jason Morgan continues this month – and we have something a little special planned to take care of our legions of Kansas City Chiefs fans September 7. That's the first regular season game of the NFL season, and the Chiefs host the Lions that night. In addition to the outdoor fun with karaoke on the patio, we will also feature the Chiefs game inside at Doc's. Plan to come early and stay late – and enjoy ALL the fun!

Speaking of Doc's, I'm especially grateful and thrilled to hear so many nice compliments about our new menu. The return of our Smokin' Monkey BBQ has been extremely popular featuring your choice of half-pound meat servings – Baby Back Ribs, Smoked Chicken, Brisket, Port Butt, and Sausage & Andouille – served with your choice of two sides with pickled jalapenos & onions, jalapeno cheddar cornbread, and barrel of Monkeys BBQ Sauce. Handheld choices include Smoked Bologna, a Salmon BLT, Crispy Shrimp Po'Boy, Pulled Pork, Nashville Hot Chicken, and the popular Doc's Smash Burger.

Steak lovers have been appreciative of our steak offerings, as well. Our Chicken Fried Steak is a longtime favorite, but the addition of Chef's Market Cut offerings – a 14 oz. Ribeye and a Pork Tomahawk – has been very popular. The Catfish, Salmon, and our special Redfish Tchoupitoulas have been especially popular with fish dish fans.

Dessert aficionados always gather around Chef Julie's awesome dessert menu as they try to decide between Berry Moscato Tiramisu, Imploding Chocolate Lava Cake, Lemon Luch, a Warm Brownie Sundae Skillet or Julie's signature Coconut Cream Pie.

September is a perfect month to hang out at the pool; and we also have a new Pool Bar menu; so be sure to take a look at that the next time you're enjoying the pool.

The Galley at The Anchor Activity Park also offers 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. Breakfast and lunch service is also available from 7:30 a.m.-

6:30 p.m. at The Canteen at The Battlefield, our new 18-hole Par 3 Golf Course. There is no more spectacular atmosphere on Grand Lake than enjoying a little food & beverage on the patio at The Battlefield overlooking the spectacular course.

We're not just about the food, though. We're also about the fun! Terry Jordan continues to entertain at the keyboards Friday and Saturday evenings at The Summit through October. In addition to Jason Morgan's Karaoke on Thursday nights, we also feature live entertainment at Doc's every Friday night. September entertainers include Kevin Price, Mark Gibson, Ryan Graham, Scott Musick, and Rockwell. Saturday night features live music at Eddy's until the final day of the season September 10. Labor Day weekend at Eddy's spotlights Torn on Saturday night and Brett N' Terri Sunday night. Eddy's will also be open from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Labor Day Monday. As we wrap up the summer of entertainment at Eddy's, Downbeat will make their final appearance of the year Saturday evening, September 9.

Doc's Bar & Grill remains open until midnight Friday & Saturday nights, with a special "late-night menu" available from 10:00 p.m.-Midnight. For members and registered hotel guests, the Pool Bar offers food & beverage service Sunday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and Friday & Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.-Midnight, weather permitting. Check out the popular frozen drink options to cool you down at the pool (available leaded or unleaded!).

## Onward and Upward

In addition to our multiple dining venues, 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. We are also planning future expansion of the menu at The Galley at The Anchor. Watch for that in the not-too-distant future.

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



*Sunday, September 10 will be the last day of the season at Eddy's Lakeside Bar.*

September has arrived, marking the beginning of the best two months of the year for boating on Grand Lake! Weather is getting a little cooler, the lake traffic is less congested, and before long the fall colors will begin presenting themselves along the shoreline. It's hard to believe Fall is already on the horizon – the first official day of Fall is September 23.

## NEW MARINA AND SHIP STORE HOURS

Following the Labor Day Weekend festivities, the marina and Ship Store operations will close a little earlier in line with earlier sunset schedules. We will remain open seven days a week in September, with daily hours of operation from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

## PARASAILING HAS ENDED AND BOAT RENTALS AND YACHT CHARTERS WILL BEGIN OPERATING OUT OF THE SHIP STORE

The last day of parasailing adventures on Grand Lake for the season is Labor Day, September 4. Sail Grand continues to offer an extensive rental fleet into the Fall season, but rental operations will move from the Sail Grand offices to the marina Ship Store after Labor Day. We offer pontoons, tritoons, Chaparral bowriders, and a 22-foot Lowe center console bay boat equipped with a trolling motor. Personal Watercraft are also available this month, including our all-new fleet of SeaDoo's.

Yacht charters are also available from Sail Grand accommodating up to 30 passengers per charter – and Shangri-La members receive a 10% discount on all rentals and yacht charters, with the exception of weekends and holidays. To reserve dates for rentals or charters, call 918-257-6000 or make your reservations online at [www.sailgrand.com](http://www.sailgrand.com).

## IS IT TIME TO PLAN WINTERIZATION OF YOUR BOAT?

We hate to see anyone miss the spectacular Fall boating season on Grand Lake. If you want to enjoy the great weather on the water, you are probably in good shape to wait until mid-November to winterize your boat. But no matter when you plan to winterize, right now is the time to get it scheduled. This is an issue every year, it seems like, but there are a lot more boats than there are service technicians – and they can't winterize all the boats the day before that first freeze is predicted. Get on the schedule now!

If fall activities put an end to your boating after Labor Day, you may want to go ahead and winterize your boat now so you don't have any worries when the

chilly nights arrive. Schedule winterization by contacting Nichols Marine at 918-257-5500. They'll send you all the information you need to plan your winterization and any repairs you may need.

## SADLY, THE EDDY'S FUN FOR 2023 IS COMING TO AN END

Yes, it's getting to be that time of year. Eddy's Lakeside Bar is one of Grand Lake's favorite on-the-water al fresco dining & drinking destinations and we have an incredible lineup of musical fun for the Labor Day holiday weekend. *Torn* will perform Saturday night, September 2, followed by *Brett N' Terri* Sunday evening, September 3. Eddy's will be open late Sunday night of Labor Day weekend and from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Labor Day Monday.

The weekend following Labor Day, Eddy's will be open regular hours - 4:00-midnight Friday, 11:00 a.m.-Midnight Saturday, and 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The kitchen will close at 11:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday.

We'll wrap up the summer season at Eddy's with a great band Saturday night, September 9. *Downbeat* will provide the entertainment for a last big night – and Sunday, September 10 will be the last day of operation at Eddy's for the 2023 season – and what a fabulous season it has been!

The weekly musical entertainment continues at Doc's Bar & Grill. *Kevin Price* will be on stage at Doc's to kick off the holiday weekend September 1. Other Friday night entertainers for September include *Mark Gibson*, *Ryan Graham*, *Scott Musick*, and *Rockwell*.

## CHECK OUT THE SHIP STORE

The Shangri-La Marina Ship Store & Fuel Dock is a great one-stop shop for boaters. In addition to both gasoline and diesel fuel and pump-out service, the Ship store has a wide array of boating supplies, fun apparel, swimwear, sunglasses, great souvenir items including some creatively designed tee shirts, cool-weather outerwear, caps, hats, sunglasses, and footwear.

We also have a variety of snacks, beverages, ice cream treats, and ice.

## BOAT SALES AT SHANGRI-LA MARINA

Our selection of Chaparral, Bennington, Robalo, and MasterCraft boats is excellent. Nichols Marine at Shangri-La offers both new and used boats for sale. Be sure to check out an incredible all-new Bennington QX Tritoon that is 28 feet long, 10 feet wide, and is powered by the awesome new Mercury 600 HP outboard! 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..See the full inventory of new and used boats at [www.nicholsmarine.com](http://www.nicholsmarine.com).

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



## Staff Spotlight: Shawna Macy

by Communications Director Mike Williams



Meet Shangri-La's Executive Housekeeper Shawna Macy

When you walk into any facility at Shangri-La, it's clean. Hotel guests walk into their rooms and everything is like new. There's coffee, tea, water, fresh towels, soap, shampoo, crisp sheets and a beautiful home away from home.

You can thank Executive Housekeeper Shawna Macy and her team of 26 housekeepers who are responsible for making sure everything is clean and fresh, not only in the guest rooms, but the common areas, public restrooms, the fitness center, the main clubhouse, the Battlefield clubhouse, The Anchor, restrooms and showers at the marina, and oh yes... are there enough clean towels at the pool? Her housekeeping staff is responsible for cleaning virtually everything at Shangri-La except the restaurants.

"Oh, and the spa. We don't clean the spa. We just do all their laundry," she laughs.

The volume of supplies is staggering – 476 towels in guest rooms to be washed, dried, folded, and placed every day. Sheets in 119 guest rooms, many of which have two beds. And the kinds of things that never occur to most of us – like more than 250 rolls of toilet paper each week.

"I don't even have any idea how many pool towels we wash during the peak season," she laughs. "During season, the laundry room runs 24 hours a day 7 days a week – but I honestly have no idea how many towels we handle," she laughs.

A native of Cushing, Oklahoma, Shawna and her husband Jeremy moved to Grove 25 years ago. They have five grown children – four daughters and a son – and two granddaughters with a grandson due this month. While the kids were growing up, she was a stay-at-home mom, working on the side assisting with home health care responsibilities. In 2020, she put in her application at Shangri-La and was hired as a housekeeper. Her work ethic and attention to detail quickly elevated her to the position of Inspector. In 2022, she was promoted to her current position as Executive Housekeeper.

If you want to thank her, she's easy to spot. If her hair is

down, she's the one with beautiful hair almost to her knees.

"Yep. I've been growing it for 30 years. I've learned how to sit down without hurting myself, but when it gets caught in a door, that's not good," she laughs.

Cleanliness is its own reward for a woman with eagle eyes like Shawna. Even during the interview for this story, she asked to be excused for a minute, and was quickly on her knees, snapping up an ink pen she had spotted where it had rolled beneath an overhang on a fireplace. But there are other very real rewards – mostly in the form of notes left in rooms by appreciative guests.

"Guests leave notes all the time about what a wonderful stay they had, how much they liked their room. Sometimes little kids leave notes. I remember one off the top of my head. It said 'The pool was so much fun. I'll always remember this place.' We found one note that was left behind by some kids who had written a note to their mother – 'I'm sorry we spent \$45 off your card at The Anchor. We will pay you back.' It's great," she says. "We have a lot of those sweet notes posted on a board in our break room. I love the fact that people love this place."

There are, of course, challenges. Shawna responds quickly to the question.

"Stains. Stains on carpet, towels, sheets...everywhere. We have to figure out what the stains are, get them out and make everything like new again – every day."

There are, of course, the requests from guests that you almost have to overhear to believe.

"Some people don't like the soap. Some don't like the smell of the shampoo. Little things like that. It's tricky to make everyone 100% happy every day; but one request from a guest really stands out in my mind," she recalls. "A woman stopped me in the hall and said, 'Pardon me. Could you please get me a softer mattress?' You never know what people think we have stuck in a closet somewhere," she laughs.

It is a challenging job, for sure. With hours beginning at 7:30 in the morning and extending well into the afternoon, she feels fortunate when she gets two days off per week. Oftentimes, her schedule is a six-day-a-week challenge – but you can tell from the sparkle in her eyes it is a job in which she takes great pride.

"We have a great team right now. I'm really lucky. I certainly couldn't handle all this without such an attentive crew. They're like my second family," she adds. "I love everyone – and I love this job. I do!"



# SLWGA News

*Submitted by Cheryl Brecheisen*

Fair weather golfers?! Many SLWGA members don't know the meaning of this term as was evident in their participation in many events in the steamy month of August!

The annual Tri-State (Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma) Championship kicked off the month at Horton Smith Municipal Golf Course in Springfield, Missouri July 31 and August 1. Twelve SLWGA members participated in the competition on the course and excelled at partying as well. Congratulations to the following winners:

**Championship Flight** – 2<sup>ND</sup> Low Gross, Robin Purdie-Smith

**A Flight** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net, Liz Paden

**B Flight** – 1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross, Candy Couch

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Gross, Cheryl Brecheisen

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net and Closest to the Pin, Judi Barber

With the “real” Ryder Cup just around the corner, 16 golfers competed in the inaugural SLWGA “Shangri- La Cup” August 6 & 7. Two teams of 8 players were formed based on handicaps then the captains strategically set the match pairings. Day 1, Front 9 was a 2 Person Best Ball Match. Then the Back 9 was a 2 Person Alternate Shot format. Day 2 consisted of 8 singles matches. The Blue Team prevailed but all players were winners. Thank you to Susie Kraft and Peggy Howard-Burgess for chairing this fun event. And a special shout-out to Assistant Pro Taron Wright for a fabulous job organizing the teams and keeping the score cards and leaderboard!

The SLWGA Interclub Team traveled to Broken Arrow August 10 to take on the ladies' team from Indian Springs. It was another “moving day” for the team...unfortunately, the movement was in the wrong direction. But never fear, the last match of the season is this month at Shangri-La where the team hopes to take full advantage of the HOME course!

Home is where a number of players brought home awards as Shangri-La hosted the WOGA 4-Ball Partnership August 21 & 22. Congratulations to the following winners:

**WOGA Championship Flight**

Overall Low Net – Soohyun Jin and Claudia Abernathy

1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross – Robin Purdie-Smith and Patty Coatney

**A Flight** – 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net – Ann Turner and Edna Pitts

**B Flight** – 1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross – Lenda Smith and Vicki Graper

**C Flight** – 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net – Paula Brumble and Karen King

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross – Cindy Johnson and Penny Humphrey

## SAVE THE DATES

September 10 & 11	Grand Lady
September 14	Interclub at Shangri-La
September 18 & 19	WOGA Cup at Forest Ridge
September 20 & 21	Home and Away at Stillwater Country Club

“Golf?! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.” Author Unknown



SLWGA ladies clean up nicely as they celebrate after the Tri-State tournament. Front row from left: Candy Couch and Robin Purdie-Smith. Second row from left: Liz Paden, Carol Cable and Cheryl Brecheisen. Third row from left: Lenda Smith, Vicki Graper, Judi Barber and Cheryl Dalton. Top row from left: Cindy Johnson and Penny Humphrey.



WOGA 4-Ball B Flight 1st Low Gross winners (from left) Lenda Smith and Vicki Graper.

Members of the Blue Team, winners of the “Shangri-La Cup” (left to right) Liz Paden, Susie Kraft, Cheryl Brecheisen, Judi Barber, Peggy Blair, Lenda Smith, Gaylyn Haynes and Linda Ballard.

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## Member Profile: Lance & Jodi Locke

By Mike Williams



*Lance & Jodi Locke with their son Brenner: Grand Lake has made Kansas City their "Home Away from Home"*

The best life sometimes requires a little patience. That was the case with Lance and Jodi Locke, at least. The two met while they were both students at Kansas University, but it was years before that initial connection took hold.

"We met through mutual friends at KU and hung out together for a while, then we went our separate ways," Lance recalls.

Their "separate ways" were indeed very separate. Lance landed in Kansas City, taking a job as an International Network Planner and Engineer with Sprint.

"I got some nice European travel out of that job. That was pretty nice," he says.

A native of Hays, Kansas, Jodi in the meantime joined Gerber Products Company and, despite her Journalism Degree, kicked off a career in consumer package goods.

"I still love writing, and have entered a few writing competitions," Jodi says, "But my dad knew somebody at Gerber, and that was a great job right out of college. I even had a company car," she laughs.

Ultimately, Jodi's consumer packaging career landed her with other companies – some over-the-counter products, some start-ups. Her career climb took her to jobs in St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, New Jersey, back to Minnesota and, ultimately to Kansas City in 2010.

"I ran into Lance at our favorite bar in Kansas City when I was thinking about moving to Kansas City from Minnesota," Jodi recalls.

"I saw her in the parking lot, actually," Lance adds. "She remembered my name, but I couldn't remember hers. We got reacquainted, and it was pretty much the two of us from then on."

The two began dating in 2010. Four years later, they were married at the newly-opened Shangri-La clubhouse – the beginning of a total commitment to each other – and to the Grand Lake lifestyle!

Raised in Oklahoma City, and a graduate of Putnam City West High School, Lance had a few Shangri-La memories dating back to when he was a child in the early eighties – but those memories faded quickly when Jodi re-introduced him to the resort property in 2010.

"My parents moved to Grand Lake in 2005," Jodi recalls. "I was moving out of a ridiculously expensive house in New Jersey....so my parents talked me into investing in a condo in Vista Tower which I began renting out in 2007.

"Lance remembered the area from seeing it as a kid, but when I brought him to Monkey Island in 2010, Shangri-La was in a state of devastation. They were baling hay on what was the old Gold Course – now the Champions Nine. We joined as members in 2011, right after Eddy Gibbs began rebuilding the resort. In 2014, we got married at the 'new' clubhouse. We had people at our wedding from 16 states. Some of them have been back to visit us, and they can't believe the incredible difference," Jodi says.

"Now, our home in Kansas City has become our vacation home in the summers," Lance adds. "We're at Grand Lake all the time – pretty much full-time in the summer. We can both work from home, so that's a tremendous advantage."

Jodi is currently working for Emergent BioSolutions, working on the launch of the release of NARCAN, an important opioid overdose treatment recently approved as an over-the-counter treatment. After years of working on start-ups for mobile software, Lance is now working with Dazl, a residential real estate collaboration hub, developing a program that will allow a realtor with a seller to create possible bid opportunities for trades on a new platform to create bids in real time.

"We're clearly still in the start-up stage, but we're hoping to have a full launch in two or three months. Stay tuned," Lance adds.

In the meantime, they enjoy an idyllic life at Grand Lake. Both are avid golfers, rising early to attempt to get the second tee time on the Shangri-La Golf Course. They try for the second tee time because Jodi's father, Jim "Bomber" Basgall, is renowned for insisting on the first tee time so there's no one in front of him to slow him down.

"We like to have the second tee time so we can try to play into Dad and his frequent partner Butch Bruenger and make them think they're playing slow," Jodi laughs.

Sunday mornings, they do shoot for the first tee time at The Battlefield, Shangri-La's new Par 3 course.

"The Battlefield is a beautiful course," Lance interjects. "It's done nothing but continue to enhance this incredible area. We're golfers, but we're on the lake," he adds, "so we decided we should at least have a watercraft of some type. We don't have a boat, but we have a Wave Runner we keep at Shangri-La Marina – and, of course, the resort pool at Shangri-La Resort is a great source for us to have water fun.

They are regulars at frequent "Dock Shots" golf competition and have never missed participating in the holiday Alternate Shot Horse Race matches at Shangri-La.

"We also spend an inordinate amount of time at The Anchor, largely because of our 12-year-old son Brenner," Lance grimaces.

"The Anchor is absolutely Brenner's favorite thing to do," Jodi adds. "His game card has 25,000 points on it at all times. He loves The Anchor."

Don't be misled. Jodi and Lance love The Anchor, as well. They are avid SINGO players, but with a summer SINGO season ending, they're drawn to sporting events on the giant video walls at The Anchor. Soon, however, their addiction to Kansas

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# Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



*It's FOOTBALL SEASON at The Anchor!*

It's that time of year at The Anchor. Bring all the kids. Send them to the arcade, the basketball court, the Wiffle®Ball field, or the cornhole competition. And for you? Grab a seat for football, football, football!

As you know, there's no place like The Anchor to watch your favorite sporting events. We have two giant video walls in addition to lots of other screens both indoors and outside on the patio. The college football season is already underway – and NFL preseason has wrapped up preparations for the opening this week of the NFL Regular Season. If you have multiple games of interest with conflicting schedules, The Anchor is CERTAINLY the place you want to be. With multiple sports screens both indoors and on the patio, in addition to our two giant video walls, there's no doubt we are THE PLACE on Grand Lake for all the games.

It's not just football, though. Right now, we are featuring daily coverage of all the tennis action at the U.S. Open which starts daily at 11:00 a.m. every day through September 10. We also have all the NASCAR action, Major League Baseball, and complete PGA coverage, including the Ryder Cup coming up at the end of the month.

## **Seven-Day-A-Week Food Service**

Don't worry about getting hungry while you're at The Anchor. We offer food service seven days a week at The Galley food court at The Anchor. 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.

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

We have some special September events coming up at the Racquet Club. Friday, September 15 we have scheduled another fun "Dink and Drink" event from 8:00-9:30 p.m. The \$15 fee for non-members (free to members) includes all the fun of a normal PB Mixer, but with drinks! The bar will be available from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sign up at the Racquet Club prior to starting in order to receive your ticket for participation.

We also have a great charity pickleball tournament slated for later this month. The NEO Charity Pickleball Open is a two-day event, September 23

-24 from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. This tournament benefits the NEO A&M Basketball Program. Entry fee is \$55 per player. Contact Tournament Director Kumar Krishnan at 918-212-6133 or email [shangrilapickleball@gmail.com](mailto:shangrilapickleball@gmail.com).

There is a wide variety of additional September 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., Thursdays at 6:45 p.m., Fridays at 8:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Pickleball 101 for ages 13+ is held each Tuesday from 8:00-9:30 p.m.

There are plenty of pickleball mixers, too, including a Ladies' Competitive Pickleball Mixer each Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Pickleball Mixers are also Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Advanced Mixer), 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 7:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We're not forgetting about younger players, either. We have added Beginners Tennis Drills each Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Middle School and High School tennis drills are held Tuesday evenings at 8:00, and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

## **Save the Date**

Two big events are coming up over the next couple of months – and you'll want to mark your calendar right now – and get signed up! Monday & Tuesday, October 2 -3, Coach Kerr and his team will host a two-day Adult Ladies Pickleball Camp from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. both days. Cost is \$250 per player including visor, shirt, personalized towel & koozie, and instruction from certified teaching pros – USPTA and ITPA. To register, call 918-787-1235 or email [todd.kerr@shangrilaok.com](mailto:todd.kerr@shangrilaok.com).

In November, we will host the two-day Mary Bulten Memorial Fall Pickleball Tournament, Saturday & Sunday, November 4-5. We will have Men's and Women's Doubles competition Saturday beginning at 9:00 and Mixed Doubles Sunday beginning at 9:00. There are three age divisions – 18+, 39+, and 50+ - so there is no excuse for you not to join the competition.

## **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. Beautiful fall days and nights 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 – and the certified "Best New Attraction in Oklahoma!" as awarded officially this year by the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association. Happy September! I hope to see you soon at The Anchor!



## Shangri-La Women's Champion Ann Turner to be Inducted into the OSU Athletics Hall of Honor

Congratulations to Ann (Pitts) Turner, Shangri-La's reigning Women's Club Champion. Ann will be inducted into the Oklahoma State University Athletics Hall of Honor at special ceremonies in Stillwater September 15.

Ann served as head coach for the first 24 years of the Cowgirl Golf program and led the team to its first conference title in just her second year. She went on to lead the Cowgirls to 15 conference championships, 15 NCAA Championship appearances and five AIAW Championship appearances.

The honor is one of many bestowed on Ann. She is a 2008 inductee into the Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame, a 1995 inductee into the National Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and a two-time recipient of the NGCA Rolex/Gladys Palmer Meritorious Service Award for outstanding service and contributions to women's college golf. During her years at OSU, she coached 19 All-Americans and directed many of her players into the professional ranks.

Congratulations, Ann. We couldn't be more proud!



Check out the latest addition to our collection of WWII memorabilia honoring "The Greatest Generation." This authentic armored personnel carrier arrived on campus last month.



Congratulations to Shangri-La member Becky Brock on her first career hole-in-one scored at the Battlefield at Shangri-La August 28. Becky aced #6 from 54 yards with her pitching wedge. The shot was witnessed by her husband, Gary Brock. What a great shot, Becky!



Congratulations to Shangri-La member Dan Moore on his first career hole-in-one carded August 28 at the Battlefield. Dan aced number 12 from 112 yards with his 50° wedge. What a great memory and great shot. Keep up the great playing, Dan.





What an honor! Shangri-La President & CEO Barry Willingham (center) was privileged to host "Texas Golf Insider" Writer Art Stricklin and "Avid Golfer Magazine" Chief Editor Eli Jordan for play on all Shangri-La golf courses in August. Both are planning feature stories on Shangri-La. Thank you!



Shangri-La's new General Manager Lance Funderburk visits with Debbie Mitchell, Barry Willingham, and Jim Basgall at the "Members Meet & Greet" to introduce Lance to our members. (photo bomb by Brian Mitchell)



WOGA 4-Ball winners of Overall Low Net (from left) Claudia Abernathy and Soohyun Jin.



Congratulations to Shangri-La member and high school sophomore Landon Sulser who won his first high school golf tournament August 8 in Denver with a score of 73. All those summers of Junior Golf on Monkey Island are apparently paying off. Great playing Landon!

WOGA 4 Ball winners ( from left) Penny Humphrey and Cindy Johnson, 2nd Low Gross in C Flight and Paula Brumble and Karen King, 1st Low Net in C Flight.





Mike McCurdy captured top honors in the Seniors Division as well as the Overall Par 3 Club Championship.



Patrick Strickland brought his "A" game to win the Men's Division in the Par 3 Club Championship Tournament.



Susan Schupp was victorious in the Par 3 Club Championship play – Congratulations, Susan – Par 3 Women's Division Champion.





## 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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City Chiefs football will make their presence on Monkey Island a little more scarce. They are season ticket holders for the Chiefs home games and are so committed that they will be in Germany on November 5 when the Chiefs play the Dolphins in a match-up on foreign soil – with the Lockes in the stands!

"Brenner's sports and Chiefs football keep us pretty busy in the fall, so we're not at Grand Lake in the fall months, but it is certainly home to us," Lance says.

Lance and Jodi have made a lot of friends on Monkey Island over the years – and they are no strangers to the popular spots – Shebang, Monkey Island Pub (where they hosted their wedding after-party), Eddy's, The Regatta, BOOM, and the wide variety of Shangri-La venues. They're relatively easy to spot, because they're usually traveling in their golf cart which is clearly marked on the front with a giant decal: KU!

The front passenger's seat is often occupied by Izzy, their prized goldendoodle.

"She loves to ride in the golf cart, but she always claims the front seat," Lance says. "No exceptions!"

"We've made a lot of friends here, but what is amazing is the number of people from Kansas City who actually live pretty close to us – but we never met them until we met them at Grand Lake," Jodi says.

The Lockes are entertainers, frequently hosting friends and family at their Vista Tower condo – guests of all ages!

"Brenner plays video games online with his friends while he's at the lake," Jodi explains. "They see that he's at Grand Lake, and they want to come. So, we host a lot of Brenner's friends here, as well. We love it here, his friends love it here, and our friends love it here. It's a great place to call a home away from home, no matter how old you are!"



*It's a Rare Event! Congratulations to Shangri-La member Butch Bruenger who shot his age (78) on Shangri-La's championship course.*

## 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

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

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

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

CLOSED TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

### Shangri-La Marina and Ship Store

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Seven Days a Week

### The Spa at Shangri-La

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

### Canteen at The Battlefield

7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Thursday-Tuesday  
(Closed Wednesday)

### 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

Friday: 4:00 p.m.-midnight

Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-midnight

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (midnight Sept. 3)

Monday (Labor Day): 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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