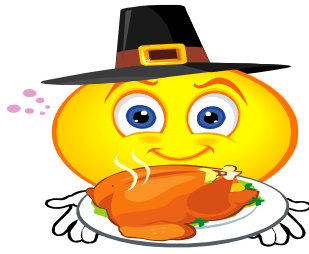


R-RANCH AT THE LAKE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

4 Bingo	Lodge	8:30 PM
11 Bingo	Lodge	8:30 PM
18 Campground Meeting	Big Oak Flats	10:00 AM
18 Cabin Meeting	Lodge	11:00 AM
18 Board Meeting	Lodge	NOON
18 Oktoberfest	Lodge	5:30 PM ish
Dance w/No Regrets	Lodge	7:30 PM – 11:00 PM
19 Pool Closed for winter		
25 Teen Meeting	Teen Center	1:00 PM
25 Crafts/Pumpkin		
Carving	Friendship Park	1:00 PM
Haunted Forest	Friendship Park	Dusk
Halloween Costume Party		7:30 PM-11:00 PM
& Dance w/Silverheels		

NOVEMBER

27 Thanksgiving Dinner	Lodge	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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DECEMBER

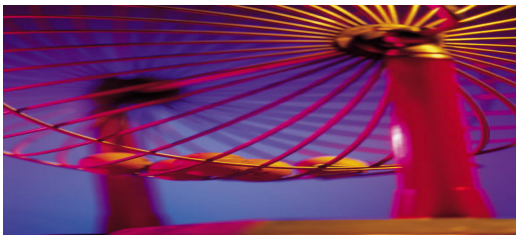
25 Merry Christmas--STAFF NOT WORKING		
31 New Years Eve	Lodge	8:30 PM -12:30 PM
Dance w/No Regrets		



Bingo can only be played if we have a Caller-Let the Lodge staff know if you want to Volunteer

**Outdoor Movie: Maybe on Saturday Nights-check with Lodge Attendant

ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER NODIE



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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R-BUSINESS HOURS

YOUR COUNTRY STORE 707-258-2975

Winter Hours:

Monday-Thursday CLOSED
Friday (until time change) 5:00PM-7:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM-7:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM-4:00PM

*****Hours Subject To Change Due To Ranch Usage*****

SNACK BAR 707-258-8744

Winter Hours:

Monday thru Friday CLOSED
Saturday 12:00PM-4:00PM
Sunday 12:00PM-3:00PM

*****Hours Subject To Change Due To Ranch Usage*****

ROA OFFICE/SECURITY GATE 707-252-0140

Business Office:

Daily 8:00AM-4:00PM
Gate 24 Hours

Maintenance Dept:

Daily 7:00AM-4:00PM
Propane 7:00AM-4:00PM
Gas (Golf Carts Only) 11:00AM-12:00PM Sat. Only

LODGE

Sunday-Friday 9:00AM-10:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM-11:00PM

STABLES

October - May:

Monday-Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday-Sunday 7:30AM-12:00PM
Wrangler Lead Trail Rides:
Saturday & Sunday Only 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Trail Card Holders: Call ahead on Thursdays and Fridays by two hours from the time you would like to ride in order for us to have the horses ready. Riding will continue until the weather forces us to close the trails and the arena. Please call ahead if you are planning to come to ride and are not sure if the trails are open.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This summer was filled with heated debates over a critical Board of Directors election that has provided the owners with a knowledgeable, hard working board that will be working toward the best interests of all owners. I would like to congratulate Ken McArdle and Mark Bendick on their re-election, and Paul Smoot on his successful election to the Board. All Officer positions will remain the same with Paul becoming the 2nd Vice President. Unfortunately, Laura Bohler has refused to continue in the office of Secretary, though she wants to continue to fill the Directors seat. The Board will be searching for an owner to fulfill Laura's Secretary duties.

I would like to give a special thank you to all the owners for their participation in R-elections as well as to Wayne Marzolf and his crew of volunteers who endured a long day to bring us a fair and accurate election.

Despite the heated atmosphere on the political side, we did have a good summer. The weekly outdoor movies topped with the Carnival made for great opportunities for families and friends to come together for a great time. Though the summer has come to an end we still have several upcoming events. Be sure to check the calendar for R-Ranch October fest, Halloween Party, Thanksgiving dinner, and last but not least to get together to say good bye to 2008 with our New Years Eve event. I hope to see many families and friends at these events.

I would like to thank Candace Shook and the carnival committee for their tremendous efforts in putting on a Carnival that put smiles on Everyone's faces. A great thanks to the committee, as well as all the volunteers and employee's who made this happen. I look forward to another carnival next year.

With the closing of many resorts on Lake Berryessa there is pressure for the R-Ranch to become a replacement for these. The Board you elected this year gives us an opportunity to deal with these difficult issues and to keep the R-Ranch a safe and fun family ranch.

Enjoy your holiday season!

Steve Pietrobono, President
R-Ranch Board of Directors



Oktoberfest

Come celebrate OKTOBERFEST at the R-Ranch on Saturday, October 18th in the lodge. If you are planning to be at the ranch and can join us for dinner (5:30PM

ish), please call the office and RSVP so that we can be sure to have enough sauerkraut and German sausages. The dinner will be complimentary for Owners & Associates. The charge for guests will be \$5.00 for age 13 and up, and \$3.00 for children ages 5-12, under 5 is free.



Credit Card Fees

In order to avoid having to pass along the annual credit card fees to our 1,400+ owners, we will continue to offer a "credit card price" for those owners who prefer to pay their annual assessment using a credit card, and we will also offer a "cash/check price" for those who prefer to pay their assessment via cash or check.

As an example, based on last year's (2008) assessment of \$950, the credit card price would be \$976.38. The net effect of paying by check is that you would receive a discount of \$26.38 (\$976.38 - \$950) when paying by check. We will clarify this again further when we send out the 2009 Notice of Annual Assessment.

R-FINANCES

The **2009 Budget** and the Notice of Assessment for the upcoming year will be sent out by November 1st. Due to our recent legal costs and an increase in R-Ranch costs in general, it will be necessary to increase our annual assessments. The new amount will be provided in the Notice of Assessment for 2009.



Please be sure to mail-in your annual assessment on, or **before, January 1st** so that you can receive six complimentary R-Ranch Guest Passes to share with your friends. You can pick up your passes at the ranch office.

Assessments must be received by January 15th, otherwise a 10% penalty will be assessed. In addition, all delinquent owners who are turned over to the outside collection agency, will be responsible for the 40% cost of collection including interest. So, please be "on-time" or even early, and take advantage of the complimentary Guest Passes!

Lawsuit Update

A recent demand for \$50,000 was submitted on behalf of the two plaintiffs, 1 current board member and 1 former board member, in exchange for dropping the lawsuit against R-Ranch. We have rejected this demand, and under no circumstances will the Board approve this or any future demands submitted by the plaintiffs.

Although it is possible that a trial date will be scheduled for some time in January, we are making every effort to achieve a final resolution of the lawsuit by December 31, 2008. I expect the litigation to be settled favorably in the best interests of R-Ranch.

Forecasted Budget

The **2009 Budget** that we will be mailing out before November 1st is the "**Forecasted Budget**" which has, in years past, been prepared by the outside CPA firm. We have been able to save over \$5,000 annually by preparing the "2008 Forecasted Budget" ourselves and will, once again, save over \$5,000 by preparing the 2009 Forecasted Budget internally. If you would like to review the "Actual Budget", a copy will be available at the ranch office after it has been approved at the October 18th Board Meeting.

A Bright Future for Ranch

We are looking to improving the "look of the ranch" which should help to increase the average R-Ranch share-price which has declined in recent years. This, of course, will be beneficial to all present and future owners.

Our aim is to keep the Ranch moving in a "positive financial direction" and to make a few additional improvements so that we can continue to have fun with our families and friends at R-Ranch. I remember playing miniature golf more than 40 years ago when Napa Valley Ranch was thriving and strong. There is no reason why we can't bring fun activities like miniature-golf back to the ranch in the near future. With everyone's participation and collective strengths, we will continue to brighten the ranch through positive leadership.

Mark Bendick, CPA
R-Ranch Treasurer



RANCH HAPPENINGS

4th of July and Labor Day Weekend

All 4th of July and Labor Day week-end activities went well and a BIG thanks to Mark and Fran Bendick and all those who stepped up and helped them with the Lawn and Pool Games. Thanks to Kevin Turzer and all the others who ran the Pool and Horseshoe Tournaments. Congratulations to all winners of the horseshoe tournaments and pool tournaments.

We are happy that we got such a positive feedback with the OUTDOOR MOVIE and have some better ideas for next summer.

During the winter we are thinking of showing movies in the Lodge-just not sure of all the particulars yet. We'll keep you posted,

October 18th we will be having an OKTOBERFEST celebration. There will be food and music by NO REGRETS. Put on your lederhosen and join us.

On October 25th we will be having R-Spooktacular Halloween Haunted Forrest and COSTUME Dance...YES COSTUMES are to be worn by ALL to dance. We will have "Ghoulish Goodies" to nibble on-if anyone wants to Bring Treats...please do...Boo

November 27th we will be having R-Thanksgiving Dinner from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. We will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or two that will serve at least fifteen people. We want to see the tables filled with food. Owners are free and guests ages 5-12 is \$7.00, ages 13 and up are \$10.00 and under 5 is free. **Owners are limited to four guests for this dinner.** The ROA office will have a signup sheet so we can get an ideas of how many turkeys are coming.....no, no, no how many to buy. Ideas of side dishes are sweet potatoes, any type of casseroles, dinner rolls, cranberries, gelatins, salads, stuffed eggs, anything yummy and grandma's best recipes.

R-New Years Eve Party and Dance will be on Thursday December 31



ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ALOHA FROM POOLSIDE

My staff and I would like to thank all those who helped us have a safe and fun summer. It was a big summer for a lot of our little ones. Learning to swim...it's so exciting to see. Special thank you to Greg Oliviera. He was our "Energizer Puddle Sweeper."

The last day that the pool will be open this season is October 19, 2008....sleep well MARCO POLO!!!
Nodie, Deborah, Lindy and Gary W.

LOSS OF AN EMPLOYEE

On September 7, 2008 Lindy McLeod and Gary Webster had finished out their season working at the ranch. They were headed to their winter home in the Mexican seaside when Lindys SUV went off the road and rolled causing her death.

Lindy was a pool attendant and she worked two nights a week in the lodge. This was her third summer working here. She will be missed.

Our prayers go out to Gary and Lindys family.
R-Ranch Staff

TEEN NEWS

Hey Teens! Listen Up! Get Involved!

The R-Ranch Teen committee is returning. There will be a Teen committee meeting on October 25 2008 at 1:00PM in the Teen Center.

R-Teens come and share your ideas for events and projects you would like to see planned for the 2008-2009 year. Together we can make this a boot scootin year.

If you can't be here on this day, write us a letter with your ideas. We would like to have your input.

Make sure you check the R-Ranch web site at www.rranch.info or call the ROA office at 707-252-0140 for upcoming Teen events and projects. Also look for flyers posted around the ranch.

Please come with ideas and an appetite.

PIZZA AND SODA PROVIDED!!

See Ya'll there!

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

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All donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Books, Games, Movies and Misc....

413 Ortega	543 McGuigan
320 Quintero	1754 Gina Ruth
159 Perera	1399 Shook
263 Wheeler	1589 Hankes
444 Frazier	1139 Turzer
808 Mary Ann Hamilton-LOTS of DVD's	
Volunteers-Joan & Don	

Bingo Callers: 912 Valerie Figueiredo
1696 James Fitzsimmons
808 Frank Hamilton and Shaurnet
Jason Godfrey

Snow Cone Sales: Savannah Dodge

After Dance Clean Up: 589 Mary Phillips & her guest Sandy

We are missing many DVD's and we will be contacting owners who haven't returned them. PLEASE return them or replace them if you have them.

We are no longer excepting VHS tapes but we will gladly accept DVD Donations.

Thanks
Lodge Staff

STABLES ROUND-UP

Greetings from all of us at the stables.

Our new hours are as follows:

We are closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

We are open Thursday through Sunday from 7:30am to 12:00pm

Thursday and Friday you must give at least 2 hours notice to ride.

Saturday and Sunday wrangler led trail rides are at 8:30am and 10:30pm

You must sign up 45 minutes prior to the ride and be ready to ride (boots, jeans, shirt w/sleeves, helmets-for all those under 18 and OWNER CARDS) **30 minutes** before the ride, as this is when we assign horses.

Please take time to thank maintenance particularly Chuck Bush for keeping our Big arena so beautifully this summer.

Thanks to all of you for the apple and carrot donations!
Our horses love you for it!!

We wish to thank you all for a great summer season.
Hope you all had as much fun as we did!

See you all soon,
Your Stable Staff

Horseman's Association

First and foremost, the RRHA wishes to thank everyone who came out and supported our annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. We would especially like to thank all of the volunteers who helped us out tremendously by setting up, cooking, cleaning or serving. All funds are going to the Small Arena Sand Project which we hope to have completed before winter sets in. The Sand Arena Project will be a combined effort, with assistance from the Ad Hoc Committee, and R-Ranch Management.

We are updating our Horseman's Association Email Interest list. If you would like to be added to that list, please send your address to our new Secretary Wendy Madeja at glowingwendy@yahoo.com. Check the ranch site <http://www.ranch.info> for updates for upcoming events and meetings.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

October 18th 2008

2:00 PM - How To Winterize Your Horse Clinic

3:30 PM - Scavenger Hunt

Hayley Domer-Snyder, our Junior Representative, will be leading the clinic. Kids are encouraged to come and join the scavenger hunt and win prizes. Donations are welcome.

December 6th 2008

5:30 PM - 2nd Annual Christmas Potluck Social

(RRHA will provide the Ham, and you bring a dish to share)

There will be a Special Guest from the North Pole and gift exchange for the adults and we are asking for children's present to be donated for this event as well. Please bring your wrapped gift to the ROA office and they will get it to us.

Please note if it is for a boy or a girl and the age range too. Any toys left over will be donated to a local charity.

Announcing The New Officers for 2008-09:

Robin Domer-Snyder, President,

catdomer@aol.com

Nancy Pon, 1st Vice President,

npon@sbcglobal.net

Valerie Figueiredo, 2nd Vice President,

vallyg@sbcglobal.net

Wendy Madeja, Secretary,

glowingwendy@yahoo.com

Ute Kilian, Treasurer,

ukilian@comcast.net

We look forward to having an exciting season and welcome all owners' participation and suggestions.



CABIN COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to send a big "Thank You" to James and Tiffany Fitzsimmons for their donation of brooms for the cabins. Now you will be able to sweep down the spider webs, and sweep out the cabin before you leave. Please remember these brooms were a donation and should be left in the cabin when you leave!

Our next Cabin Committee meeting will be on Saturday, October 18th in the Lodge at 11:00 am. All owners are welcome to attend. Look for notices in the ROA office and Lodge when you arrive. We will continue to post the minutes on the Ranch website under the "Committee Minutes" section. If you have other ideas please e-mail me at: mccrackn@pacbell.net.

Ruth McCracken, Chair



RANCH WEBSITE

The ranch has its own website. The address is www.rranch.info.

You can retrieve medical releases and hold harmless on this website. You can also view the Board Meeting Minutes, the newsletter and most committees post the date and times of their meetings on the website.

HOUSEKEEPING/BATHHOUSES

On October 5, 2008 we will be closing cabins 71-100 and bathhouses 2 and 6. We will be keeping bathhouse 5 open for those with cabins near the bridge. Your housekeeping staff Maria and Sidney appreciate those who helped to clean up after themselves.

Thanks
Nodie
Housekeeping Supervisor

YOUR COUNTRY STORE

Another season has passed and I want to say thank you for making this a very pleasant and successful season. Here I go again nagging, I sound like a broken record but there are 68 of you out there who have not paid their tabs. The majority of the tags are from July and August. Most offenders are those at the pool that didn't bring any money & will be back but then forget to come back. You can call me @ 707-258-2975.

I'm starting my winter hours. I'm now only open on Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday. There will be another change when the time changes. I will no longer be open on Friday evenings unless there is a need. If you're on the ranch during the week check the store I'm in and out, if I'm there its open even if the sign says closed.

Hope to see more faces during the off season, its really beautiful up here with everything green, the creek running, quiet, peaceful and relaxing.

Nellie Cutright
Your Country Store



R-Ranch Carnival

The R-Ranch first annual carnival was a big success. The owners and their children had a wonderful time. There was fun for everyone. There was food and drinks for all to enjoy.

I would like to thank the committee members for helping organize and running the games. The committee members included Tony & Leslie St. Amant, Frank & Mary Ann Hamilton, Tony & Marlyn LaRosa and Candace Shook.

I want to thank all of the owners and teenagers for stepping up and help run the games. You know who you are and I really appreciated your help. The heat was very hard to deal with but you all stuck through it. We couldn't have had a success without you.

I want to thank the R-Ranch Staff for all of their help setting up and tearing down the games. I want to thank you for keeping the electricity going to run inflatable's.



Thank you to Tony & Frank for cooking some really good food.

I want to thank Nellie Cutright for keeping the waters cold so that we could keep the volunteers from getting dehydrated.

I want to thank the board of directors at the time and the candidates for being sports and going in the dunk tank. Everyone enjoyed dunking you.

Nodie (Lodge Supervisor & Pool Attendant) was the first one to be dunked and she looked really good in her shower cap and goggles. The kids really enjoyed dunking her. Justin Scannell was the first to soak Nodie and he did an awesome job.

We are planning on making the carnival a yearly event and we will keep you posted on when the next one will be. We will be in need of a committee and we will need volunteers to help run the event.

Thank you all again for your help.

Candace Shook
Office Manager



EMERGENCIES

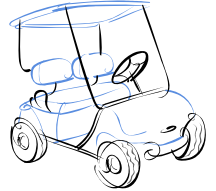
If you experience any type of emergency while visiting R-Ranch, please contact the ROA Office as quickly as possible. This is very important as they not only may be able to provide assistance (there is usually someone on R-Ranch First Aid Qualified), they will also coordinate calling emergency personnel as well as expediting them onto R-Ranch and getting them to your location on the ranch.

The ROA can be contacted by phone 707-252-0140, personal two way radio on channel 7, or by any employee with a radio (most carry them all the time). If all else fails, dispatch someone directly to the office.

Candace Shook
Office Manager

Golf Carts & Boats

If you own a golf cart or boat please make sure that your owner numbers are properly displayed. We have some golf carts out in the golf cart area that do not have owner numbers on them. We will be moving those carts to the impound area because we don't know who they belong to. If you have a golf cart out there please get your numbers on it so it doesn't get impounded. Items that are in the impound area accrue a ten dollar per day fine.



If you only bring your boat to the ranch when you are here and leave it in the overflow area you should still display your owner number on the tongue of the carrier. You can pick up owner numbers from the ROA office.

If you own a golf cart or boat and have not visited the ranch in awhile you need to make time to check on your property. The weather on the ranch seems to be very hard on boats and golf carts. The tarps are torn and we have seen flat tires.

If you own a golf cart or boat please remember they are to be maintained and in operational condition. If you have property on the ranch and it isn't in operational condition you are in violation of the rules are subject to fines and or loss of your boat site or golf cart storage.

Heather
Operations



MANAGER REPORT

CABINS:

Bunk Beds-21, 4, 52, 50, 2, 10-A, 91, 2, 66
Door-21, 88, 95, 62, 14, 7-A, 14, 2-A, 50, 33, 17, 66, 58
Smoke Detectors-5, 20, 58
Beds-6-A, 94
Tables-4-A
Screens-15, 16, 63, 35, 52, 50, 19, 61, 58
Shelves-76
Heaters-10-A
Curtains-32
Toilets-2-A
Hole Wall-54, 21
Sinks-6-A
Steps-54
BBQ's-14, 18



BATHHOUSES:

Showers-2, 6, 1, 8
Toilets-8, pool, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3, 7
Water Leak-pool, 8
Stall Door-pool, 5
Sinks-1
Screen Door-2, 3
Lights-2, 3, 6, 8
Windows-5
Urinal-pool, 2

CENTRAL BUILDINGS:

Lodge-Entrance door, glass doors, radio, ice room door, cameras, lodge bathrooms toilet seats and toilet paper dispensers, kitchen lights, graffiti on walls in bathroom, deck chairs, coolers, new ice freezer

Youth Center-Picnic table, broken window, hockey table, back fan, electric plugs for games, lock on window, glass door, outside lights

ROA Office-Light in front of door, keys made for cabin key board 81, 10, 11, 8-A, 6, 7, 8, 17, 52, 55, 100, 43, 74, 14, 10, 57

Employee housing-Street lights, swamp cooler, replaced stove

Snack Bar-New soda ice machine

GROUNDS:

Barrier pole at cabin 10-A
Fence at cabin 85
Lodge Lawn-rain birds
Garbage can at site 257
Security light west barn
Big lawn tree branch
Goat pen water leak
10 horse panels replaced at pens
Pasture C branch removed
Corral B water tank leak



West barn center fan
Low hanging branches to campgrounds
Friendship Park sprinklers
Security lights outside snack bar
Power Box at 114
BBQ site 324
Electric plug at 262
Power Pole at bathhouse 6
Broken Power pole at site 242



VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT:

89' Chevy idler arm
Propane pump meter
Ranger #52 brakes and tires
Mule #10 Flat tire
#63 Flat tire
Stables cart lights
Stables mule new starter and serviced
#62 New Rear End
Lodge Cart new reare end, gas leak and lights
New meter at gas tank





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CREATED BY CANDACE SHOOK
9/29/08

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT R-RANCH AT THE LAKE

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