

R-RANCH AT THE LAKE NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter: July, August & September 2024



R Business Hours

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Sunday-Thursday 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Friday-Saturday 9:00 A.M.-1:30 A.M.

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Sunday- Friday 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. Saturday 9:00 A.M.-12:00 A.M.

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DAILY 7:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

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Scheduled Board Meetings

DATE LOCATION TIME

JULY 20TH LODGE NOON

OCTOBER 19TH LODGE NOON

ANNUAL OWNERS MEETING

AUGUST 24TH LODGE 10:00 A.M.

We would like to kindly remind everyone to **SLOW DOWN!**The speed limit is **5-10 MPH** depending on where you are on the Ranch. Please look for speed limit signs!



Calendar of Events

<u>July</u>

5th-6th: 4th of July Weekend

5th: Crafts Bingo **Movie Night**

6th: Lawn Games Ice Cream Social

Golf Cart Parade & Train Rides

(Red, White, & Blue)

Dance.

Movie Night



Behind Owner's Barn 10:00 A.M. Lodge **Big Lawn** 9:00 P.M.

> **Lodge Lawn** 11:00 A.M. Lodge 3:30 P.M. **Lodge Lawn** 5:30 P.M.

> **Friendship Park** 8:30 P.M. **Big Lawn** 9:00 P.M.

13th: Make Your Own Ice Cream in a Bag

Movie Night

Lodge 12:00 P.M.

20th: 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

20th-21st: Wild West Weekend

20th: Crafts **Noodle Pony Rodeo/ Obstacle Course Hippity Hop Horse Races Golf Cart Rodeo Golf Cart Parade & Train Rides**

Tri-Tip BBQ Dinner "R" Rodeo **Double Shot Band Movie Night**

21st: Poker Ride(s) 🕯 Pancake Breakfaš

27th: Movie Night

Lodge 12:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M. Behind Owner's Barn **Behind Owner's Barn** 12:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. Arena **Stables Parking Lot** 3:00 P.M. **Big Lawn** 5:30 P.M. Lodge 6:00 P.M. Arena 7:00 P.M. Friendship Park 8:30 P.M. **Big Lawn** 9:00 P.M.

> **Stables** Lodge 9:00 A.M.

Big Lawn 9:00 P.M.

9:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

9:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M.

9:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M.

2:00 P.M.

9:00 P.M.

Dark

Calendar of Events

Big Lawn

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Lodge

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Friendship Park

Meet at Lodge

Lodge

August

3rd: Movie Night

10th: Casino Night

Movie Night

17th: Tie Dye T-Shirts

Movie Night

23rd: Bull Frog Hunting

24th: Annual Owner's Board Meeting

Movie Night

Frog Races

31st- September 1st: Labor Day Weekend

31st: Four Barrel Band Movie Night



Friendship Park 7:30 P.M. **Big Lawn** 9:00 P.M.

<u>September</u>

August 31st- 1st: Labor Day Weekend

1st: Horseshoe Tournament Golf Cart Parade & Train Rides

Bingo



Friendship Park	1:00 P.M.
Big Lawn	5:30 P.M.
Lodge	8:00 P.M.
Big Lawn	9:00 P.M.

Specific Activities /Times for the weekend will be posted as it gets closer

Ranch Happenings

Memorial Day Weekend was a busy one! As usual, it was great to see everyone back at the Ranch enjoying the Holiday weekend, and helping us kick-off the 2024 summer season. Thanks to everyone who joined us for some fun on all of the Activities over the weekend, and a big thanks to those who volunteered to help out! Volunteer help is always needed and very much appreciated!

We had a good amount of kids join us in Friendship Park to make Father's Day Crafts for their Dads. It's always great to see the kids putting their creative minds to work. The potluck BBQ had plenty of yummy food that evening and was enjoyed by those who attended. We hope all of "R" Dads had a Great Father's Day!





Upcoming Fun

Where does the time go!? REALLY!? It's hard to believe that we are already almost half way through the summer season. We hope that you have already been soaking up the sun poolside and enjoying the Ranch this summer. If not, now is the time to get up here, enjoy the Ranch and join in on some of the fun activities!

There will be some sort of Activity for the kids every Saturday thru Labor Day Weekend. The activity for the weekend will be posted each week on Social Media, and on the Whiteboard in the Lodge. We hope to see all the kids joining in on the fun we have planned!

If you are not currently receiving the Ranch email blasts, I highly recommend signing up by clicking or copying and pasting the link below to ensure you don't miss out on the fun! https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/zlRbdwc

Movie Night

Movie Night is every Saturday Night thru Labor Day weekend. The Movie begins at dark (9 P.M. ish) on the Big Lawn. The Movie for the weekend will be posted on the Whiteboard in the Lodge and is always a G or PG rated movie. Don't forget a chair or blanket to sit on!

4th of July Weekend

With the 4th falling on a Thursday this year, I assume most people will have Friday off rather than Monday, so with that in mind, we celebrated the 4th of July Holiday on Friday the 5th and Saturday the 6th. Some of the Activities will included Bingo, Crafts, Music and Dancing, Golf Cart Parade and train rides, movie night, water slide(s) and more. We hope you all had a happy and safe holiday weekend!



Cowboy up and join us for some good ole Wild West fun Saturday, June 20th- Sunday, June 21st! You can look forward to some crafts, contests, Hippity Hop Horse Races, "R" Rodeo, Tri-Tip BBQ (sign-up required), a band, and so much more! We're happy to welcome back The Double Shot Band for music, dancing and fun on Saturday night! We will end the weekend with a pancake breakfast in the Lodge and Poker Ride(s) on Sunday the 21st, both of which require sign-ups. You can join in by horse or golf cart (sign-up required). Keep an eye out for details, along with event and dinner sign-up information (coming to your inbox soon). You don't want to miss this! We hope to see y'all there!

Casino Night

Join us for a night of good times and a chance to win some prizes at Casino Night on Saturday, August 10th from 7:00-11:00 P.M. in the Lodge. Please note children will not be allowed at the Game tables during the event. Details will be posted as the date nears. Volunteers Card dealers are needed, a sign up sheet will be posted in the Lodge. This is always a fun event where good times are had by those who attend, so mark your calendars cause you don't want to miss it!

Labor Day Weekend



Join us the weekend of August 30th for the last Big Hoorah of the 2024 summer season... LABOR DAY WEEKEND! A full schedule of Activities will be posted and sent out by email blast.



President's Report

A Year of Positivity and Progress

This year has been incredibly positive, and it's evident in the smiles and the overall mood of everyone here. For the first time in a long while, there's been no negative talk circulating, and it truly shows. Remarkably, we didn't even need an election this year, a testament to the harmony and satisfaction within our community.

New Marketing Brochures

One of the exciting projects we've been busy with is the creation of new marketing brochures. Shelby, Brandon, Jenny, and I collaborated to retain the rustic charm that makes this place unique. There's really nothing quite like it around here, and until Lake Berryessa figures out its plans, our location stands out as the premier spot around the lake.

Incentive Program for Owners

Brandon and the board have devised a fantastic incentive program for our Owners. This initiative will benefit all of us, but we need your help to make it successful! If we sell 100 ROA shares, everyone will receive \$100 off their assessments. While some of us may be hesitant about increasing the number of people here, boosting our ownership numbers is essential to keep our assessments manageable. Achieving this goal will bring much-needed funds to the Ranch, benefitting us all.

Improvements Around the Ranch

We've been diligently working on fixing broken and neglected areas around the Ranch. It's been challenging, but we are making progress. Many of you have inquired about the cabin violations, and we are currently at the mercy of Napa County. Rest assured, we will update you as soon as we have any news.

Spread the Word

We encourage you to share this wonderful place with your friends and family. Let your horse-loving friends know about our amazing trails and our exciting future plans. We are dedicated to making this Ranch your go-to retreat when home gets too busy.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we are making this a place we can all be proud of!

Warm regards,

Nancy Pon

R-Ranch at the Lake Board President

Manager's Note

Dear Owners,

Thank you to everyone who has been enjoying R-Ranch this summer. Your presence and participation are what make our community so special.

We are excited to announce a pilot program aimed at helping us move some shares. We recently sent out a blast about this initiative, and we are getting more involved with social media to help advertise the Ranch. Your support in spreading the word is crucial.

As part of this effort, we encourage each Owner to think of one person in their life who would enjoy being part of the R-Ranch community. Please refer them to the R.O.A. office to purchase a share.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to R-Ranch.

Sincerely,

Brandon Hankes

R-Ranch Manager

From the Office

Hi All,

I want to thank you for all of your patience this past Memorial Day weekend and making our weekend truly successful here in the office. Your kind words and compliments really made our weekend special! Thank you to all that pre-registered your reservations. It made the check-in process so much quicker. We also had a great 4th of July weekend!

A big thank you to Marlene Schaefers, Owner #0343, for the donation of the beautiful Maple tree. We have two other Owners that have graciously volunteered to donate a Weeping Willow for the fishing pond (The Riley family, Owner #0633) and two Olive trees (Joseph Abrams, Owner #0049) for the new eating area.

We are still looking for tree donations for the pond (Weeping Willow tree), the new eating area (Olive and Sycamore trees) and the Stables (Sycamore trees). We would like to place commemorative plaques with the donator's name as well. Once we have all of our volunteers to donate, we will be in touch on whether or not you want to buy from the nursery we got quotes from, or use the one of their choosing. We'd like to get them planted as soon as possible. We get a discount for the more we order.

Additionally, I wish to thank Lucio Mancini, Owner #0199 for always volunteering his time to spruce up the landscaping at the office. It always looks so nice, and it is so appreciated!

We are so excited to see you all this summer season! Let's make it the best one yet!

Thank you and all the best to you and yours,

Jenny Thompson

R-Ranch Office Manager

B.O.D. Update

Dear Ranch Owners,

Summer is Here!

The Ranch is coming alive once more with the laughter and joy of children. Here's what we've been up to:

Marketing Updates:

We've created new marketing brochures and postcards offering free tours for ROA owned shares. At the Horse Expo, at the Murieta Equestrian Center, we introduced many to Napa Valley's best-kept secret. The biggest surprise? Our affordable pricing! Many couldn't believe how much we offer for such a low cost.

New Incentive Program:

We've launched an exciting new incentive program, inviting you to share this special place with family and friends. While some may want to keep our slice of heaven a secret, bringing in new members helps ensure we can continue to offer the fantastic amenities we all enjoy. This year, the board and management team face tough budget decisions, and your timely assessments are crucial to maintaining the Ranch.

Exciting Addition:

We are thrilled to announce that we've added a food truck to the property—a taco truck for now! This delicious new option adds to the convenience and enjoyment of your visits.

Ranch Facts:

Did you know the Ranch is 42 years old, spans over 1,093 acres, and costs an average of \$2.3 million to run each year? Our manager is constantly working to enhance your experience. For just \$2,500, you get 365 days of access—unmatched value anywhere in California.

Unmatched Value and Experiences:

Where else can your children roam freely, make lifelong friends, swim, and ride horses all in one day? Camping trips average \$600 a weekend, and horseback riding for four can cost \$400 for a one-hour ride. Here, you know our horses by name and enjoy so much more —miles of hiking, proximity to Lake Berryessa, free boat and golf cart storage (saving you \$170 a month on average).

We truly are a special place to relax and enjoy nature. Thank you for being part of our community and for your continued support. Let's make this summer the best one yet!

Sincerely,

Board of Directors



Maintenance Report

Summer is here! This past quarter we have continued to complete a few more projects, in addition to regular upkeep. We finished digging out and re-compacting the Meadow sites, so now they can be used year round. Furthermore, we added logs for barricades to prevent people from driving in the Meadow. A fountain was added to the front Office along with some grass, however, this is currently an ongoing project as there is some more minor landscaping needed. The facia boards along the pool deck were recently re-done with fresh wood and paint and the old rotted wood was removed. The lights in the Boat Storage have been restored and some LEDs were added too... and let me tell you, they are bright! We have had some more water leaks, but those will continue to be fixed as they come. As always, work orders are continuous and we stay on top of those. Some arcade games were recently added in the Lodge and Teen Center. Have you had a chance to go play them yet? Lastly, we are in the works of putting a gym together in the Youth Center so you don't have to miss a work out while enjoying your time up here!

We will continue to progress and accomplish projects as time and budget allows. I truly look forward to getting more done around here! We have a lot to do, but R team is getting it done as we can. I hope everyone is doing well and continues to enjoy the Ranch! We look forward to seeing everyone! Remember to be safe!

Last, but not least, be sure to stop in and get a nice meal at the food truck we have at the eating area by the pool now that it's complete!

Warm regards,

Casey Hankes

R-Ranch Maintenance Supervisor

Stables

Howdy Y'all! Happy 4th of July!

Things are moving along smoothly at the Stables and we're enjoying seeing all of the new and returning faces! We currently have 4 new baby goats! Miss Carmella gifted us with a sweet baby girl on May 31st and her name is Patty. Milky Way surprised us all and gifted us triplet boys on June 18th and their names are Waylon, Willie and Johnny!

As we are moving along with our busy season, we appreciate everyone being patient with our new staff members and Ranch horses moving their way into the string. We've been working hard on lunging, ponying behind trail rides, arena exercises and desensitizing. On top of the accomplishments on our off season and spring season, we have worked hard to get caught up on the maintenance of our herd and our facilities alike. R Ranch herd is beefing back up and looking better than they have in years! We had dewormer day for all the animals on property on July 1st and boy was that fun! We also have new additions to the Ranch herd: Jack, who just graduated quarantine, and in our designated quarantine pens, you will find Bonnie and Nina, who came from the Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro project. These sweet girls came from the BLM land and are very curious! We also welcomed Teeter the Burro, Stormy and Lady Peach who also came from the BLM, but are privately boarded. We look forward to seeing their growth and progress here at the Ranch!

IMPORTANT DATES:

-JULY 20th - 21st - Wild West Weekend!

"R" Rodeo will be held on Saturday, July 20th at 7:00 P.M.



We want to remind all that the new ride times are as follows starting Memorial Day weekend.

8:00 A.M. - Trail

9:00 A.M. - Arena

10:00 A.M. - Trail

11:00 A.M. - Arena

12:00 P.M. - Trail



Sign up sheets will still go out promptly at 7:00 A.M. each morning!

You MUST be signed up ONE HOUR before your ride is scheduled to depart, and be present 30 MINUTES prior to your ride departure. The ABSOLUTE latest you can sign up for the 8:00 A.M. trail ride is 7:15 A.M.! GUEST BOX MUST BE CHECKED AND GUEST PASS PAID FOR IN OFFICE AND GIVEN TO STABLES STAFF FOR ANY GUEST NOT ON YOUR DEED TO BE ABLE TO RIDE!

We have had numerous Owners ask what can be donated to the Stables to help our herd and assist in our day to day tasks, we wanted to make it easier for everyone so we have made an Amazon wishlist that we've blasted and appreciate any and all contributions from our Owners! To those of you who have already donated supplies to the Stables, THANK YOU! I have done my best to reach out to you all personally, and if I haven't yet I promise you that your contributions have not gone unnoticed!

If you haven't already, please be sure to check out R new Stables Instagram page! We will announce upcoming events and share photos of all the fun we have here down at the stables! **@rranchstables**

Please feel free to reach out via e-mail or phone for any Stables related questions!

Sincerely,

Lacy Thompson

R-Ranch Stables Supervisor

Volunteers & Helping Hands

Volunteers are often needed and are always welcomed! The Ranch extends R thanks to those of you who are willing to help out where help is needed, it is very much appreciated!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the following:

- Robert Ford, Owner #450, for generously allowing us to use the water slide and slip n' slide on multiple occasions. Those have been a big hit, especially on those scorching days we've had!
- Rob Chaney, Owner #0653, for his help with movie night- you saved the night!
- Blanche Bush, Owner #1159, and Frank & MaryAnn Hamilton, Owner #808, for their help with the Ice Cream Social!

Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH to every single Owner who has graciously volunteered their time and/or materials for the betterment of the Ranch. It is very much appreciated!





Donations

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU to every single Owner who has generously donated to the Ranch. As always, it is very much appreciated!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the following:

- Kelly Khoury, Owner #1608, for donating craft supplies and scissors.
- Jess Owens, Owner #215, for donating paints.

Some Weeping Willow, Olive and Sycamore trees donations are needed as well as some new tack down at the Stables. The Stables has a wishlist on Amazon that was blasted out to the Owners.



Positive Feedback

"Hi Nancy

My daughter, granddaughters, and their three friends finally got to stay at the ranch after so many years of interruption. We spent three nights in our favorite screened cabins (15,16,17), had perfect weather, and a terrific time. So much nostalgia—same food, same amazing pool, same routines. It was great.

The ranch housekeeping staff is the best ever with bathrooms and cabins as sparkling as old structures can be. Office looks freshened up and the staff was efficient and pleasant. So fun to chat with Jennifer after so many years. The handsome fence around the golf carts shields what used to be such an eyesore.

Our cabins held some surprises. We were accustomed to three mattresses (two bunks, one single) and the bare platform in each cabin. With only two mattresses per cabin, we needed a third cabin—not a problem as it was weekdays. Cabin 15 had the biggest surprise with an industrial ceiling light and fan contraption which mysteriously turned itself on during the night! Never a dull moment camping at rranch.

We hope for a revisit this summer. For the first time I will need to use the guest passes which I have earned and banked in the ranch accounting system over the years (six per year since it went into effect.). What is the procedure for obtaining this info?

You and the board members are doing a great job. It is much appreciated."

Susanne Maruoka #1636



R New Website

If you have not yet, please go check out R new website! We have worked long and hard on this and we hope you all love it!

www.rranchatthelake.com

R Instagram

If you have do not follow R Instagram page(s), please head on over and give us a follow to stay up-to-date on what's going on around here! The Stables has a separate Instagram account, however, both accounts collaborate. Be sure to follow both accounts at:

@rranchnapa





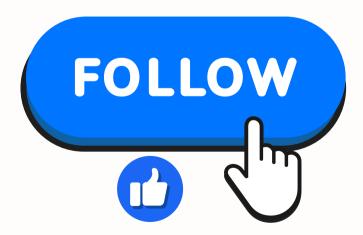
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