

**RANCH AT A GLANCE
SEPTEMBER 2022**



PURE JOY

***The newsletter is celebrating its
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!!
Thanks for the community support.
Suggestions always welcome.***



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OPERATIONS - Grant Kelba

The painting of the next block of townhomes is now completed and they look great. The eavestroughs are next on the agenda and will be replaced on three of the four blocks in the coming weeks.

The saloon repairs are also coming along, and it is expected that the saloon will be ready for use by mid September. After 11 months of not being able to use the saloon, owners will no doubt be pleased that it should soon be available for community and private events, as well as casual relaxation.

It has been brought to the attention of the maintenance staff that notwithstanding recent board notices, some residents' dogs are running loose and causing problems for other dog owners and their dogs. Residents are reminded that the SBR and municipal by-laws prohibit allowing dogs to be at large and are implored to be good neighbours and keep their pets under control at all times. Failure to do so could result in the MD's animal services being contacted by affected owners.

The ranch is looking great this time of year as residents have taken great pains in flowering up and greening up gardening areas that make this place a wonderful home to enjoy and share. Operations thanks you for all your work and help in keeping this place looking great.

If you have been out near the burn pile of late you will notice a significant number of large tree trunks that were harvested when the fence lines were repaired after the windstorm of December 2021. These logs are ready to be turned into firewood and we encourage residents to help themselves or ask for our help (at a nominal fee) to obtain and cord to two. Some are cut to length while others still need some chain sawing. We are putting together a plan that residents can take advantage of that will be announced very soon. Otherwise, please help yourself at anytime.

Work on the water plant is ongoing as the board continues to make changes aimed at increasing water availability. All those who are taking special care to conserve water as best they can are thanked for their ongoing efforts.

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RANCH CLUB - Kym Penner

The Ranch Club has had a busy summer. As we look back we see that many of our goals were achieved. Some were not quite as planned, however, we were able to engage our whole community in activities on and off our Equine Friends and the Barn sure has become a great place to meet and host casual events.

Did you know that a few more “upgrades” happened to the barn in August? Louis took on the task of building a counter for us to use during events as well as for the Fridge to sit on and he even started covering the plywood walls with nicer looking wood - it looks so good! Speaking of the fridge, thank you to all those who have kept it stocked this summer. It was great to be able to stop by the Barn on a walk or a ride, grab a water or a pop and continue (after a chat with whoever was around of course). Many of you who took drinks replaced them without even a mention from the Ranch Club... this is the type of community action we LOVE!!

Under the “did you know” file, the Ranch Club was able to find a local farmer to hay our West Pasture on a shared basis. The farmer will take 75% of the hay and we will get 25%. More important than getting square bales, this really will help reduce the risk of fire as we just do not have the number of horses to eat down the West Pasture every year. When we have too much grass it dies and piles up as thatch that the horses will not eat. It cannot compost into the ground fast enough causing a buildup year after year attributing to the thinning of the next year’s grass, unhealthy soil, and a fire hazard. We are taking steps to reduce these issues with this first cut and we will evaluate the pasture after the cut and decide on the next step for Spring.

In August the Ranch Club hosted a Clinic by Tracey Skinner from Meadowlands Equestrian. It was 2 mornings of so much information that we have decided to host a 3-day Horsemanship Camp. Interactive sessions will include, Discussion/Theory, Instructor Demonstrations and hands-on practice of horsemanship skills including groundwork, liberty, and riding.

Groundwork **helps the horse learn, as well as the rider, and is a vital part of training.** You can learn a lot about your horse from being on the ground and establish the mood or temperament the horse is in before you ride. Groundwork sets the foundations for discipline and trust.

If you are interested in participating, or even coming out to watch for a couple of hours, the camp will run September 30- October 2, 2022 in our Arena. For more information, please contact Lori Collins or email the Ranch Club squarebutteranchclub@gmail.com.

Have a GREAT September everyone, and as always, if there is a way the Ranch Club can support you please reach out and let us know. squarebutteranchclub@gmail.com

Also, keep an eye out for emails about our next events!





TRACEY SKINNER

Tracey was born horse crazy and started her journey with horses at the age of 8. For the first 2 decades she was dedicated to the competitive sport of Show Jumping. She competed successfully throughout Western Canada in the high Jr/Amateur levels. During these years Tracey had the opportunity to ride with and work for some of the top Show Jumping trainers in the country.

The opportunity to start training and working with young horses quickly took Tracey's focus away from the competitive world. She became aware of the importance of developing a strong foundation in horses during the early and crucial years of their development. This brought her to the study of Natural Horsemanship. For the last 17 years, Tracey has studied under and been mentored by some of the top natural horsemen and women in the world.

Today, Tracey is more than ever a student of the horse. Her inspiration to continue her life long education is one of her best attributes as a teacher - always fresh with ideas and inspiration to bring to her students.

She remains passionate about developing young horses, **building a strong foundation in her charges**, helping them gain the confidence and competence to be successful in their lives, no matter what discipline they go into.

BARN MANAGER - Lori Cloakey-Collins

*By all these lovely tokens, September days are here.
With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer. –
Helen Hunt Jackson*

As I am witting this I am longing for the days of Fall. This August has been HOT HOT HOT and riding was best done in the morning or in the evening and wow the FLIES!!! UGH... but now soon the first Frost will hit us... (if it hasn't already) and the days will become cooler, and the bugs will become less, and the riding can be plentiful! If you are looking to book a ride with me or arrange a lesson with Lori L, reach out and I can hook you up!

I wanted to take this time to bring your attention to 2 whiteboards in the Barn. One lists the days and time that the Arena will be “booked” for lessons, and one will list the horses involved in Lesson programs. If you are wanting to “book” the arena for personal use let me know and I can put the information on the Board. As well it will list who may have the Barn Paddock booked. Just another way I am trying to get information out there for all the community now that so many people are using the facilities.

If you have been walking our inner pastures lately you will notice how much GRASS we have!! Delaying bringing the horse up front in the Spring really allowed the pastures to recover and thicken up, I am pretty sure this is the most grass I have seen in the Ravine pasture in the years I have been here... if you look at those mares some are still shoulder high in Grass!!

HAPPY SEPTEMBER



MEET THE HIBBARDS



Hi! We're Laurie and Steve Hibbard, your new neighbours at 23
Chinook Ridge.



We took possession of the Boyces' beautiful log home in mid-May. We have been back and forth from Calgary every week since then, but as of August 1st, we are here full time till the end of September. Friends of ours are renting our home in Calgary while their new house is in the final stages of construction. This is a great opportunity for us to fully immerse ourselves in country living and really settle in.

As a trader in the oil and gas industry, Steve was quite comfortable working from home during Covid. Now he is embracing the new technical aspects of working remotely from SBR. Luckily we have a great IT guy who lives in Bragg Creek and has been helping us get set up. It hasn't been a seamless transition but we're up for the challenge, and the up-side of being in this amazing home in this beautiful setting by far outweighs the occasional internet outages and dropped calls. We're confident it'll all get sorted out in due course.

Unlike Steve, who claims he has no plans to retire, I am happily enjoying retirement living. And while you will often see Steve around here and in Kananaskis on his e-bike, new e-mountain bike and adventure motorcycle, I prefer exploring on foot (walking, running, hiking) or in the Jeep. I love plants and gardening (inside and out) and am looking forward to getting involved in the community garden next year. I'm in the process of setting up a studio of sorts in one of the loft bedrooms for my various creative pursuits.

We have a 6 year old wire-haired pointing Griffon named Mick Duff, who is very friendly, loves the great outdoors and is satisfying his natural curiosity for all 4-legged creatures who live around here.

We have two sons who live and work in Calgary, and the younger one just got married on July 30th. When we showed the kids the listing photos of this house, the first question we heard was "where is the hot tub?" Not wanting to disappoint them, naturally we immediately ordered one. Steve worked diligently getting the deck ready and was very appreciative of the help from several neighbours who came by the day the hot tub was delivered.

It was our first taste of the hospitality and friendliness we have come to experience over our first few months at SBR. We love to entertain and are looking forward to having lots of family and friends coming out to visit us, and meeting and getting to know more of our neighbours.

Square Butte Ranch Website Update

The newly designed and developed Square Butte Ranch website was officially launched in August!

www.squarebutteranch.com

As mentioned in our original email announcement, the development and ongoing administration/maintenance of this website is entirely volunteer based and was designed with this in mind.

The overall vision shared by owners was to create a single source of information, or library, for important documents such as Condo Corp Board Meeting Minutes, Ranch Club Information, Bylaws, Community Newsletters, etc. The new website provides a safe, secure place to house these documents with access limited to property owners.

The secondary focus of the website was to provide the public with access to general information about our unique community including links to a couple of our great social media accounts. It also includes an interactive map, providing directions via Google Maps making it easier for visitors, contractors, trades, etc. to find our location.

Since its launch, a SBR Community Events Calendar has also been added to the website allowing for the option to RSVP for these events online. Additional content that is still in progress includes an Emergency Response Plan, Frequently Asked Questions, and the Residents Guide.

It is important that we hear from you to properly evaluate this project and to ensure that any future development encompasses the needs of the community and its owners. Under the Owners tab you will find a Website Feedback Form which we would encourage you to complete and share your feedback and any suggestions you may have for the website. Remember, this website was created for you!

Lastly, if you are an owner and have not received an email asking you to create a password to allow you access to the owner pages on the website, the alternative option is to go to the login page and click the “Sign Up” located just above the email and password fields. This will send a notification and I can then approve your access. If you are still having trouble logging in, please feel free to contact me at shannon.gibbons@squarebutteranch.com

Sincerely, Yvonne Gaudet and Shannon Gibbons - your Website Team



Remember ... always drink upstream from the herd..



Bald eagles are the only eagle found exclusively in North America.

At 4 1/2 kilograms with a 2 metre wingspan, these impressive predators have brilliant white heads and tails plus bright yellow beaks. The white feathers grow in when the eagle is 5-6 years old.

These predators can eat over 400 species. With eyesight 8 times that of a human they can spot prey from 3 kilometres!! and dive at speeds from 120-160 kilometres per hour!!

Bald eagles enjoy a fish dinner and have been spotted in our ranch pond pasture.

EARLY MORNING JOGGERS

This is for YOU courtesy of an alert resident who is concerned for your safety

Not The Face You Want to See at Dawn or Dusk



Cougars are most active from dusk to dawn. Cougars have been seen many times at the ranch.

Make noise by yelling or blowing a whistle. Do not approach the cougar. Give it ample space to run away – don't corner it.

BETTER YET: Don't be out there when they are!



HOME ON THE RANCH
Sandy with Chuck
Keith with Jewels

Photo Nancy Barrett





Photo
Shannon Gibbons

SOME HISTORY COURTESY OF HAZEL AND GARY BENNETT

DAVID OLIVER GLAISTER 1892 – 1973

David was born at Ladysmith, South Africa, the youngest of five. In 1899, after the death of both parents, he and his sister and youngest brother Rolland were brought up by an uncle, David Ballantyne, near Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1911 David and Rolland emigrated to Canada and arrived at W. H. Cochrane's ranch. One of the first people David met was Billy

Trevenan, who would later be an adversary in courtship. He went to work for Charlie Sturrock, which is now the High Noon Ranch, milking thirteen cows. Part of his duties was to haul the cream to the Turner Valley creamery. He learnt to never cross Sheep Creek until Bescoby the mailman crossed first.

One Sunday while visiting the Malcom Millar's he was asked if he would like to work there as he was tiring of milking cows in the hills. Two others were working there at the time, William Dean-Freeman and Francis Sinclair-Smith. Francis and he fought in the War of 1914-18 and later farmed land side by side in east Millarville.

David rented Sections 35 and 36 of 20-2-W5 and ran sheep with Baron Von Wessl and later Charlie MacDonald. While in this venture he met Margaret Rodgers, a neighbour to the east. When he went to war, he left stock with Margaret's uncles, Joseph, and Alfie Rodgers. After Armistice David returned and spent his courtship of Margaret in competition with Billy Trevenan.

In 1919 he bought S-half-3-21-2-W5 and rented the north half. As there were no buildings on the land, he decided to build a log house. The fire killed logs came from under Square Butte and Ronald Freeman contracted to haul the logs to W. H. King's and David hauled them the rest of the way. Jim Rogers helped him build the house. Here they ran a mixed farm and the brand R9 was used.

When the house was finished, he and Margaret married on August 19, 1920, at Christ Church. They lived on the place for 43 years until they retired in 1963 and built a new home on NE14-21-2-W5 "the old Frenchman's place".

David and Margaret had three children: Maude Hull, David Ballantyne, and Anne. They went to school at New Valley School.

A *smooth* sea
never made a sailor.
A *perfect* horse
never made a horseman.



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Peaceful feelings happen when
we are close to nature

Anjeet Das



Snow ski helmet
New ski helmet with tags. Never worn, part of a prize in a golf tourney. retails for \$170 and up. Size medium, comes with face guard as shown in picture. MIPS brain injury protection. Unit 54 at SBR if interested. Asking \$100 obo



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Free to refinisher and woodworker. Did not survive the SBR weather on my deck. Hate to throw it away.

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**GUESS WHO IS BACK - this time
with a prize!!!**

First right answer wins a bottle of
wine.

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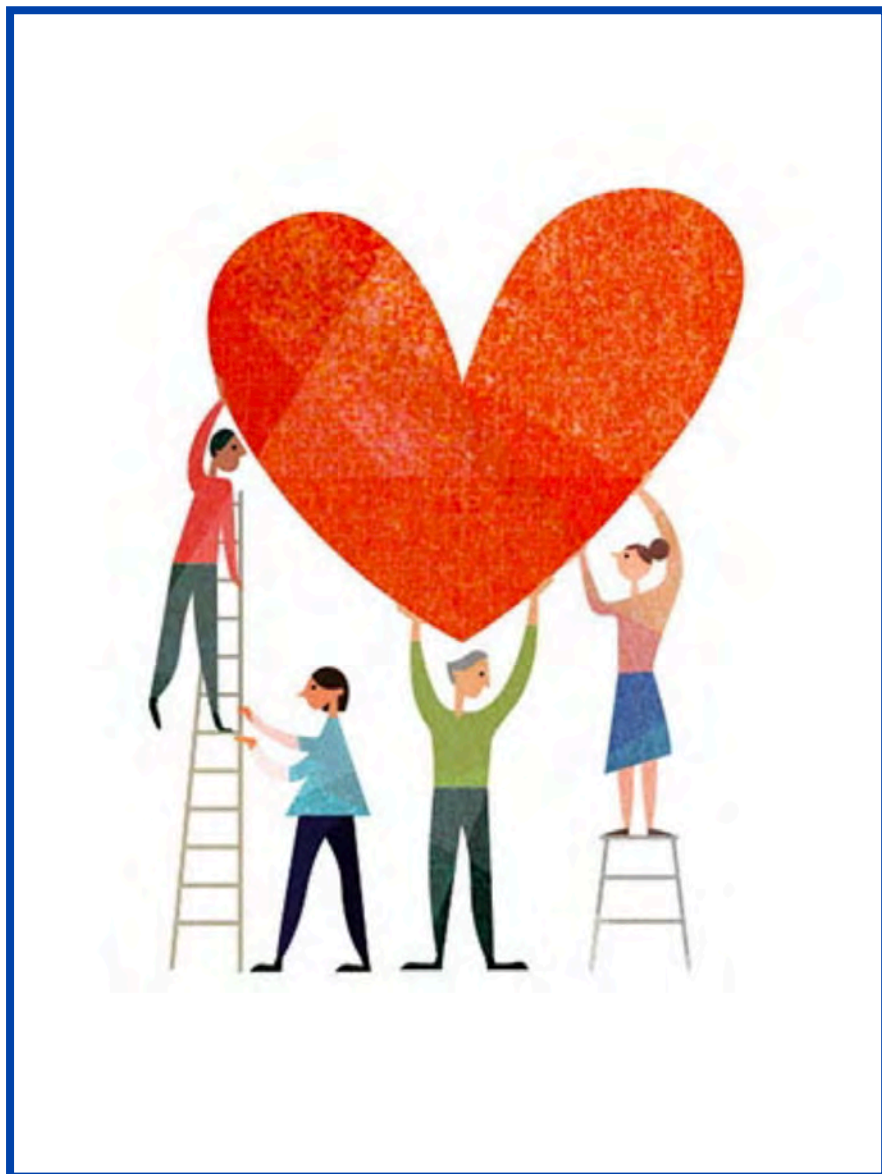


NEW SECTION...FUR FRIENDS

Can't let the horses get all the credit!
Please send a photo of your fur friend
to

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George: Jan Elgar



Big thank you Square Butte Ranches for donating all their recyclable bottles for the month of August to the Millarville Library Fundraiser. And a HUGE thank you to library volunteer Ada Morgan, Dave and the Setters for transporting the mountain of bottles from SB to the recycling trailer. THE TRAILER WILL BE PARKED OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY/SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 7-9 so feel free to add more!



HAZEL BENNETT, sister of Gary Bennett, was a longtime resident at our ranch.

Queen's Plate 2022

RONDURE

- What's in a name? "I looked at Oxbow (Rondure's sire and winner of the 2013 Preakness Stakes), and thought, 'How am I going to name this guy?'" said **Hazel Bennett**, of Borders Racing Stable. "I got out the dictionary and started looking at names and came across Rondure. It means, 'gracefully rounded curve.' And that's what we went with."
- After a sparkling season to date, it appears Rondure is well ahead of the curve. Opening his sophomore season with an absolute romp, the Borders Racing Stable homebred finished second, a neck back of fellow Plate contender The Minkster, in the Queenston Stakes. One race later, the Katerina Vassilieva trainee wowed the crowd and his connections with an authoritative score in the Grade 3 Marine Stakes. "He's not overly large in stature, but he's stout," said Vassilieva. "He has a stout, muscular body and a big heart."
- "Excited, of course," offered the multiple stakes winning conditioner, after the Marine. "But business as usual when it comes to the horse. I'm just going to do what I always do - try to take the best care as I can of the horse, and to do right by him."
- The multiple stakes winning conditioner is grateful that two-time Queen's Plate winner and trainer of The Minkster, Dan Vella, who had previously trained Rondure, suggested her name to the Borders team over the winter. "Dan was the one who so graciously recommended me to Borders Racing. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't even have the horse."
- **Bennett** is thrilled to have a starter in Canada's most famous horse race. "That's what you do in this business, you dream. But that's okay. It's what you should do. These wonderful animals, they allow you to do that."

Owners – Borders Racing Stable

Hazel Bennett, who calls Calgary home, and Harry Dobson, who has lived in Monaco for the past 20 years, comprise Borders Racing Stable. Part of the ownership group that sold English soccer powerhouse Manchester United to Malcolm Glazer in the mid-2000s, Dobson is a lifelong horse racing fan. The native of Scotland's roots in Thoroughbred ownership dates back over 40 years.

Bennett, who worked as an investment advisor, and is a director with HBPA Alberta and chair of the Alberta Thoroughbred Aftercare Society, met Dobson over 30 years ago. The operation, which currently has approximately 30 horses, including its broodmare band, has 51 career wins on its own, and more victories with various partnerships over the years. Roaring Forties, Viazar and Via Ann are some of the operation's top performers.

Trainer – Katerina Vassilieva

Katerina Vassilieva's connection with horses began at age 11. After finishing her Master's degree in genetics, she made the decision to pursue a career in Thoroughbred racing. Vassilieva, who worked as a hotwalker, groom, exercise rider and assistant trainer, earned her trainer's license since 2011. Her home base is Woodbine, but she has campaigned successfully at several racetracks, including Gulfstream Park, Keeneland and Belmont Park. One of her big stars is Big Bazinga, who followed the Kentucky Derby trail in 2014 and gave Vassilieva the chance to compete in some of North America's biggest graded races. The multiple stakes winning trainer posted a 20 per cent win average in 2016 and a 25 per cent strike rate in 2020.

Jockey – Flavien Prat

Flavien Prat, who won the 2019 Queen's Plate with One Bad Boy, has ridden in places like Germany, Italy, and his native France as well as the United States. In 2009, he began riding periodically during the winter in Southern California before returning home shortly thereafter. Prat's first full season in North America was 2015, and he finished second in the standings of the Del Mar summer meet. At Del Mar, Prat earned his first Grade 1 win in the U.S. aboard Wild Dude in the Bing Crosby Stakes. Prat's first graded stakes victory came with Catch a Flight in the Grade 3 Precisionist in 2015.

He earned his first Breeders' Cup win in 2016 with Obviously in the Turf Sprint. In 2017, Prat picked up multiple Grade 1 wins with Paradise Woods and Moonshine Memories and also won Grade 1s with Avenge and Ransom the Moon. On Breeders' Cup Friday, Prat secured his second victory when he guided Battle of Midway to a win in the Dirt Mile. Prat teamed with Country House to win the 2019 Kentucky Derby. In fall 2019, Prat achieved the remarkable feat of securing a mount in all 14 Breeders' Cup races. Last May, Prat won the Preakness Stakes for the first time, with Rombauer. Prat has enjoyed great success at Del Mar. He's won the riding title at the summer meet in 2017, 2019, 2020, and 2021, and tied for the title in 2016.

Time of Day Angling Restrictions are now in effect



A time of day angling restriction is when angling is not permitted from 2:00 PM to midnight (14:00 to 24:00) at specified locations. **A time of day angling restriction will be in place until 11:59 PM on August 31st:**

- all rivers and streams (flowing waters) in fisheries management zone ES1, including the Bow River downstream of Banff National Park to Bassano Dam (this includes Ghost Reservoir, Bearspaw Reservoir and Bassano Reservoir)
- St. Mary's River mainstem (including tributaries) below the St. Mary's Reservoir in fisheries management zone PP1

Time of day (ToD) angling restrictions are implemented to protect fish during periods of low flows and high temperatures when those water parameters reach certain thresholds.

The thresholds that have been set to protect fish (based on the protection of trout) are:

- when water temperatures exceed 20°C for three or more consecutive days and,
- when flows in the Bow River are below the 25th percentile for 4 or more days at that time of year.

AEP will continue to monitor temperature and flow data from flowing waters across southwestern Alberta; however, all decisions on time of day angling restrictions are made based upon conditions recorded at the Bow River monitoring station at Carseland. This station provides real-time water temperature and flow information, which allows AEP to compare real-time information to the thresholds set to protect fish during these high-risk periods.

The overall goal of a time of day angling restriction is to reduce angling effort and associated fish mortality due to hooking and handling during periods of warm temperatures and low flows when fish are already stressed. If angling effort is not reduced or is shifted to other sensitive areas, such as streams and rivers in Eastern Slopes, Zone 1 (ES1), it is unlikely that we can achieve the desired level of protection for these fisheries.

The time of day angling restriction approach aligns with other jurisdictions and recognizes the importance of conserving riverine fish and fisheries during times of low flows and high temperatures in southern Alberta. AEP will evaluate and improve the approach for subsequent years.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Patricia Kelcher

With the promise of a completed saloon on the horizon, the Social Committee is eager to coordinate an opening event. Depending on readiness, we have chosen two tentative dates, September 24 or October 1. We are leaning towards the first date, however we will need community support as some of our members are away right up until that date. When details are finalized, there will be a notice sent out for you to reserve your spot.

October 9 is another opportunity for a full moon pond party! In the past we have enjoyed a casual gathering around a fire by the pond with hot beverages and hotdogs and chili. Depending on the temperature this year, maybe we could include a guitar.

Please note that anyone can join the social committee. Current members are Doris Setters, Ada Morgan, and Patricia Kelcher. We will meet again to discuss future activities and if you would like to be there contact pkelcher52@gmail.com. Or send your ideas. So far we are considering a Ladies Wellness Spa Day, a games night, a cooking adventure where interested people plan, cook, and dine together, and a drum circle. We need to know your interest in the above, especially those activities where we commit to someone or which bear a cost. And then in November we typically have a tree decorating party, and in December some Christmas events.

We hope to have a more detailed calendar of events to send out with dates and times after hearing your feedback and meeting again. We are eager to warm up our saloon again with your presence.

