

# Cougar Ranch Corporation

## Annual Report to Shareholders

Spring 2005

### Message from the Board

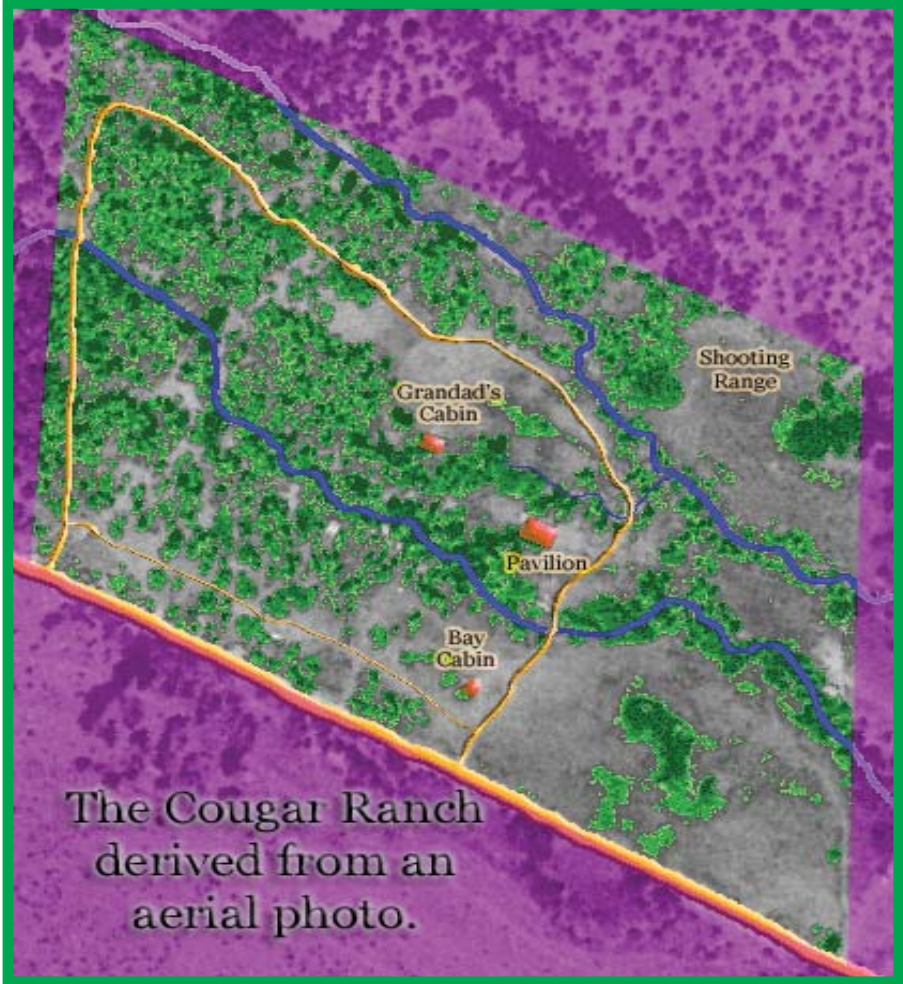
There are few things more important in life than our family. Those things that help bond a family together and the commonalities that we share are priceless. The Cougar Ranch is one of those things. It is a physical legacy left by our parents, Grandparents or Great Grandparents, Oliver Martel Anderson and Vera Knudsen Anderson.

If you view the Cougar Ranch purely as a recreational area, it is worth thousands of dollars in usage fees alone. Compare the cost of utilizing a public campground. Just staying at a public recreation area can cost more than \$30 a night. Stay another day, pay another fee. In addition to the fees, you have to fight crowds and are constantly reminded that you are a visitor on someone else's property.

The Cougar Ranch on the

other hand offers relatively unrestricted usage to all progeny of Vera and Martel Anderson for the annual cost of \$240 a share, or the corresponding percentage of the share you own. And just look at all the amenities. Our

Cougar Ranch includes your choice of three cabins, restrooms (without spiders and toilet seat slivers), two babbling creeks, numerous natural springs, a covered pavilion that will accommodate large groups, cool shady groves, easy access





## New Aluminum Picnic Tables

Last year, the Cougar Ranch Board of Directors identified the need for some good picnic tables. Some of the planks on the existing wooden tables had warped and sometimes there were not enough seats to accommodate everyone. In 2004, the Corporation purchased 4 new aluminum tables that are now under the pavilion. These tables will be easier to clean and will provide years of use.



## Culvert Installed

A new six foot high culvert has been placed in the runoff channel to the east of Grandad's cabin and a new road has been graded over the top of it thanks to Randy Anderson. This road will now enable everyone to access the



northeast corner of the property where the shooting range is set up for target practice. Before this, the main access to this area was by foot, over a large fallen log, requiring many exciting acrobatic maneuvers.



## Barbecue Grill Donated

Joey Bailey, son of Wendell and Belinda Bailey has designed and constructed a giant metal barbecue grill and donated it for use at the Cougar Ranch. The behemoth cooker christened "Joeys Road Kill Grill" can handle a wagon load of wings, hundreds of hamburgers or hordes of hotdogs all at once. Anyone who stays at the Cougar Ranch is welcome to fire it up and put it to good use. Next time you bite into a delicious barbecued breast of chicken at the Cougar, you have Joey to thank for sharing his welding skills with us.



## Our Cougar Ranch Fairy

Chances are, last time you used the Cougar Ranch cabins, you found fresh bedding, clean towels and spotless facilities. For a long time, some have suspected there is a Cougar Ranch fairy who visits in the middle of the week and magically performs these tasks.

Those who know the truth say that description is not far from accurate. Our Cougar Ranch fairy is none other than Alcea Slack. For years she has gathered the bed linens and other washable items and then taken them home where she washes and returns them for all to use. She also sweeps, mops and dusts the cabins whenever she visits.

No one has asked her to do this. She has just silently volunteered. It is now time for we who have benefitted from her labors to loudly proclaim "Thank you, thank you and thank you!"



## Recognize this Cougar Ranch Plant?



Mullein, *Verbascum thapsus* - is a biennial member of the snapdragon family. It can grow to 6 ft. tall and is a stocky plant. The leaves are very hairy and up to one foot long. The plant was used in early times for treating lung diseases, diarrhea, insomnia, and to relieve pain. In the Middle Ages, carrying a twig of mullein was said to protect a person from witchcraft and wild beasts. Native Americans used a tea made from the leaf for coughs. Settlers used the large leaves for baby diapers

and toilet paper. Also known as Lamb's Ear.



## Do You Have Reservations?

If you want to reserve any of the Cougar Ranch facilities, all it takes is an internet connection.

Go to yahoo.com. Scroll down until you see "Calendar" under "More Yahoo Services".

Click on Calendar and enter "cougarranch" as the Yahoo! ID and "anderson" as the password. Once you're in, you can see who has already reserved days and you can type in the days you wish to reserve. If someone has already reserved a day you want, you may want to call them and see what facilities they plan to use. Often one of the other cabins will be open and you can both stay there at the same time in different cabins.



## Projects Planned for 2005

At the Executive Board meeting held April 9th, 2005 the following needs were identified as projects to work on during the next Cougar Ranch work day to be held Saturday, June 18th 2005. We invite everyone to come lend a hand and have fun too. Bring food to share and a desire to help.

### Projects:

1. Install new bathroom stairs and ramp.
2. Install electric lights inside Grandad's Cabin (electrical wire has already been run to the cabin).
3. Cut down or lop off trees to the South of the pavilion that threaten to fall on the roof.
4. Paint - various places, bring rollers, brushes and old clothes.





### Cougar Ranch Corporation 2005 Board of Directors.

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