

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY R.J.

It is 1984 and the height of the oil boom. Harrington Oil is a successful oil company in Texas. The Harringtons are old money, having made their money originally from cattle ranching, and Jack Harrington is a respected pillar of the community.

As he turns 30, R.J. comes into the inheritance his grandfather, Eli, left to him.

And so tonight, we are holding a lavish birthday party for R.J. Harrington. Friends and family gather at his parents' ranch—SouthSpoon—to wish R.J. well on his 30th birthday.

But all is not well; tension brews and questions need answering. What does Eli Harrington's will contain? Why are Sue Helen and Billy Joe barely speaking to each other? Why does Dixie alternate between looking ecstatic and miserable? And what is Lucille up to?

Join us to find out more in *Happy Birthday R.J.*

**Welcome to SouthSpoon Ranch!**

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN HAPPY BIRTHDAY R.J.?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules, and special abilities.
- Item cards and name badges.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

## HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NEEDED FOR HAPPY BIRTHDAY R.J.?

*Happy Birthday R.J.* is for 11 to 15 guests—plus one host (the game coordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 15 guests (you do need at least 11, however).

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by anyone
11	5	4	2
12	5	4	3
13	5	5	3
14	6	5	3
15	6	6	3

If you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *Happy Birthday R.J.* available on our website.

## HOW DOES HAPPY BIRTHDAY R.J. WORK?

*Happy Birthday R.J.* runs for three or four hours and suits a buffet meal. The host acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count towards the maximum or minimum number of players.

Your guests will all be attending R.J. Harrington's birthday party at SouthSpoon Ranch. They each have their own goals, and how they achieve these goals is up to them. *Happy Birthday R.J.* is an evening of intrigue, double-dealing and murder!

## WHERE CAN I PURCHASE HAPPY BIRTHDAY R.J.?

*Happy Birthday R.J.* is available from [freeformgames.com](http://freeformgames.com). We accept all major credit cards and PayPal.

When you purchase the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it right away.

We will also email you a download link and password, so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

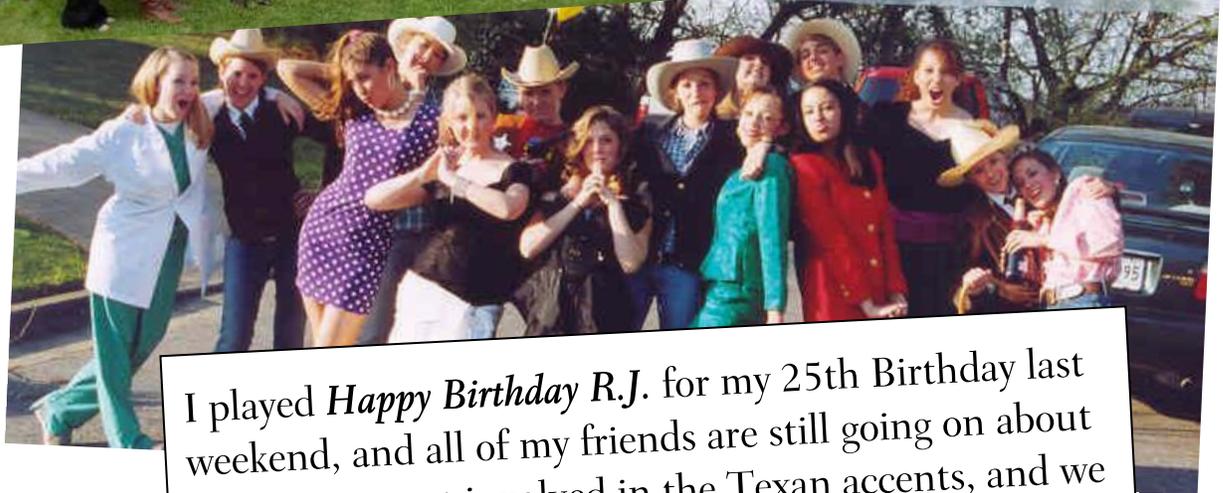
## WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE HAPPY BIRTHDAY R.J.?

We offer a cast-iron, no-quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *Happy Birthday R.J.*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.

Just a short note to let you know we held our Murder Mystery [*Happy Birthday R.J.*] last night and everyone had a ball. This morning I have had all my guests ring me without exception, to tell me what fabulous party it was last night and that they had never had so much fun at a party. So, thanks guys for the game. Sue, Australia



We played *Happy Birthday R.J.* for our daughter's 16th birthday. She invited 14 of her closest friends and they had a blast. Mae, USA



I played *Happy Birthday R.J.* for my 25th Birthday last weekend, and all of my friends are still going on about it! Everyone got involved in the Texan accents, and we can't wait to try out the next Freeform game!! Thanks so much for a flawless evening :- ) Jennie, UK

# PERM CREEK TOWN NEWSLETTER

## JULY 1984

### **Let the good times roll!**

R.J. Harrington comes of age this month with the advent of his 30th birthday. R.J. and his brother Bobby are two of the most eligible men around town. I'm sure it won't be long before we hear wedding bells at South Spoon Ranch. Dixie Green has been a long-term attachment for R.J. Maybe the two will finally tie the knot??

### **Another oil strike**

Another big oil strike for Harrington Oil, the second one this year, has just been announced.

Bobby Harrington will manage the new field. Bobby recently joined the family business after completing a degree in finance in Houston. Good luck, Bobby, in your new role.

### **Lucille wins another trophy**

Lucille Harrington has added yet another trophy to her collection for her outstanding horsemanship.

She won the barrel race at the Perm Creek Rodeo last month. Congratulations, Lucille! Congratulations also go to Sue Helen Butler for winning the bucking bronco prize at the same rodeo.

### **New addition for the Butlers**

The Butlers have just acquired Tinsel Toes, a top thoroughbred mare of Blazing Blue and Diamond Dazzle. With such good lineage, I think we can expect great things from Tinsel Toes at next year's Perm Creek Rodeo.

### **New doctor at Bobcat Road Surgery**

The new doctor has finally arrived at Bobcat Road Surgery, Dr Drew Morrison. Dr Morrison is originally from Houston and replaces the recently retired Dr Clark, a general practitioner in this town for over thirty years.

### **Crystal Harrington to open town fair**

Crystal Harrington has gracefully agreed to open this year's Perm Creek fair next month.

The town wants to thank Mrs. Harrington for agreeing to attend this event and for her generous donation which allows this fete to take place each year.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that all entries for the fete produce competitions have to be made by the end of this month to Mrs A Busybody at Box K Ranch.

This year's fair is to be held on the first Saturday in August. Hope to see y'all there.

### ***The Ranch Rustler strikes again!***

Another horse has been stolen, this time from neighboring Dog-Leg Creek. Be extra vigilant until this criminal is caught.

### **Other news**

The Beaver Road Gym has just gained a new fitness instructor, Rick Harper. Contact Rick at the gym if you feel you need a fitness assessment.

The local children's charity wants to thank Miss Dixie Green for her recent fundraising work. The kindergarten now has enough money in their "roof fund" for the required building repairs.

# CAST LIST

- **R.J. Harrington:** The birthday boy himself, a slick southern boy with a cheeky look in his eye.
- **Dixie Green:** R.J.'s lovely girlfriend, a genuine southern belle.
- **Jack Harrington:** R.J.'s dad, suave and sophisticated oil tycoon with old cattle ranching money.
- **Crystal Harrington:** Jack's wife and R.J.'s glamorous stepmom.
- **Bobby Harrington:** R.J.'s half-brother, a sweet and caring southern boy. Recently returned from university and started in Harrington Oil.
- **Lucille Harrington:** R.J.'s half-sister—butter wouldn't melt!
- **Ali Fields:** Crystal's sibling, a city lawyer.
- **Billy Joe Butler:** Jack's best friend and neighbor.
- **Sue Helen Butler:** Billy Joe's wife, an expert horsewoman.
- **Sam Bond:** Crystal's friend, Sam works in insurance.
- **Rick Harper:** R.J.'s old schoolfriend is a gym instructor and dashing bachelor.
- **Deedee Taylor:** Sweet Deedee is Dixie's best friend.
- **Dolly Douglas:** Lucille's best friend, Dolly works as a hotel receptionist.
- **Drew Morrison:** Drew used to be a doctor in Houston and recently moved to town.
- **Randy Coltrane:** Bobby's friend, and the Perm Creek Deputy Sheriff.

