



Calling all Elks

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Inside and out, Hastings Elks under “New Management”

Motivational speakers will tell you, “Every challenge is an opportunity.” After a winter in which both the Clubhouse and Golf Course Manager positions became vacant, the Hastings Elks have definitely turned a challenging situation into a great opportunity to move forward both inside and out!

We were very fortunate to find outstanding and strong new Managers to fill both openings. Thanks to the involvement of members who volunteered to conduct preliminary interviews for the Trustees, we ended up with very impressive managers for our Clubhouse and Course.

Both new Managers now face challenges of their own, starting in their new positions just before the busy season. We hope you’ll make them feel welcome as they settle in and get the Club and Course ready for a great 2012!



Duey Lynch, Clubhouse Manager

Duey is already a familiar face to many of our members. He has been a golfer and Hastings Elks Member for a couple of years. Duey brings an impressive background in restaurant management to the Club. After working away from the food industry for a time, he’s excited to be back in the “people business,” bringing service and hospitality to our members. His business skills will also help the Trustees better manage the Club budget. As we continue to grow, Duey will play a crucial role in making the Clubhouse profitable. He started March 5th.



Ben Meyer, Golf Course Manager

Ben joined us on March 19th. Except for a stint in the U.S. Marines, including a deployment to Iraq, Ben has spent his entire working life on golf courses. He comes to us from Lincoln, where he was the head groundskeeper at a 9-hole municipal course for the past few years. Prior to that, he had been a groundskeeper for two 18-hole courses in the Lincoln Municipal system - Holmes Lake and Mahoney. Ben is married and has a 6-year old he wants to raise in a smaller city.

Margo’s Message by Margo Woolman, Exalted Ruler

As the Exalted Ruler for 2012-2013, let me WELCOME each of you to a new year at the Elks! My name is Margo Woolman and I am so excited to be able to serve you and represent our Lodge over the coming year. It will be a year of excitement, challenges and change, but all in all, I feel it will be a great year!

I invite each of you to attend The Officers Initiation on April 1 at 7:00 pm. What a way to show this year’s Officers and Trustees that you support their talents, dedication, and the strengths that they bring to the Lodge, Club, and even the golf course!

There will be many events held this year, some old and some new, so don’t miss out! Providing services and helping our veterans and youth will also be keeping us busy! Be sure to keep yourself on top of things by reading your newsletters, attend Lodge Meetings, check the Bulletin Board in the clubhouse, and visit our new and improved websites at www.hastingsElksLodge.com, www.hastingsElksGolf.com, and the brand new www.IAmAnElk.com. Thank you Duane Norris for all your hard work, time and dedication making our websites so user friendly and full of information!

Speaking of change, have you met our new Managers? Duey Lynch is our new Club Manager and Ben Meyer is our new Course Manager. Please introduce yourself and give them a warm Elk’s welcome!

The Committees for this year will soon be available in an “Elks Notebook” located at the bar. It will include a listing of all the committees that govern the Lodge, Club, and the Golf Course. If you would like to contact a committee member, their names and phone numbers will be provided. There is always room for more, so if you would like to participate on a committee, we welcome you! Just contact the Committee Leader or let any officer know!

I would like to say Thank You to all my friends and Elks who have supported me on my journey over the past six years. The friendships I have gained and the rewards I feel inside, will last a lifetime!

Our Lodge can only be as good as we make it, so let’s make it as great as we all know it is!

Notes From the Secretary by Joe Thompson

As I prepare this article (March 15th), I wish to commend the members on the rapid payment of Lodge dues. More than 200 members have already paid.

The generosity of our members is wonderful. In the additional check off columns, we have raised the following amounts:

- Elks National Foundation \$ 215
- Debt Reduction \$1,600
- Round-Up \$ 400

Those who gave to the ENF will have their donations credited to their individual accounts in July of this year.

In a future Newsletter, I’ll be listing the committees of the Lodge. If you see any you would like to serve on, please contact Margo. I’m sure she’ll be happy to put you to work.

We need to take time to thank Jackie Norris for the outstanding year that she gave to Hastings Elks Lodge. This has been one of the most active years our Lodge has ever had. Many thanks are also due to Randy Rippen for the many hours that he has donated to the Lodge and Club operations during his 5-year term as Trustee. We’re fortunate that he will remain on the Board to finish out the remaining 2 years of Dave Osborn’s term.

What do YOU care about?
Every Member has their own reason for saying, “I Am An Elk.”

What is your reason?
What makes you most proud of being an Elk?

Please think about that for a moment...and then write two or three paragraphs telling why the Elks are important to you.

Now, just one more thing -- send those paragraphs, and a casual photo to:
caring@HastingsElksLodge.com

Visit IAmAnElk.org to see how your story will be used!