



Calling all Elks

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Margo's Message by Margo Woolman, Exalted Ruler

It's been a busy July, and a hot one at that! I hope everyone is having a good summer so far! It is so great to see all the new faces at the club and on the course. If you would like to get involved on a committee, volunteer, or just have questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Grand Lodge Convention was held in Austin, TX, July 1-July 5. We met many wonderful people, had some good food with a Texan flare, saw some interesting places, and yes, we attended many meetings! It was amazing to see so many Elk in one place, each offering their talents to make our Fraternal Order even better! I was happy to have John & Lynn Folcik, Dale & Ginger Grothen, Jackie Norris, and Brad & Reta Norton help me represent our Lodge during the events.

August is going to be a very busy month as well. Don't forget to check the calendar for all the events in this month's newsletter or look on the website!

Calling all Elks!!! August 19th is the 159 Members Tournament. I am changing things up a bit this year and details are being finalized. Soon I will have flyers posted in the clubhouse so don't forget to sign up!

I'd like to say Thank You to all our staff, those that work in the clubhouse and on the golf course. We appreciate your dedication! When everything looks good, we all feel proud!

Tip of the month: Ask someone to golf whom you have never golfed with....it might just be fun!

Notes From the Secretary by Joe Thompson

July was a very active month for the Elks.

July 1st through the 5th, the National Convention was held in Austin, Texas. Exalted Ruler, Margo Woolman, represented our Lodge at the Convention. Also in attendance as voting delegates were Nebraska State President, John and Lynn Folcik; State Trustee, Dale and Ginger Grothen; and Past Exalted Ruler, Jackie Norris.

As a group, they met and made new friends and brought back ideas and information that can be used in our Lodge. The next National Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada, July 14-18, 2013.

The State's Fall Conference will be held August 24-26 in North Platte. The Nebraska Elks will have the pleasure of hosting the new National President, Thomas Brazier and his wife, Venita. They are from Santa Cruz, California Lodge #824. It's also worth noting that Venita is, herself, a Past Exalted Ruler of Lodge #1285 in Monterey, California.

I hope you'll save some time to help with the Local Soccer Shoot. This is one of our biggest Youth Activities each year, and will be held some time in September. Date to be announced.

Also, a couple of scheduling notes:

- The Secretary's Office will be closed from July 28-August 4th for a family vacation.
- There is only one meeting in August, on the 28th at 8pm.
- In September, we will be back to the two meeting schedule: the 11th and 25th.

What do YOU care about?

Please, tell us! Send a couple of paragraphs to:

Caring@HastingsElksLodge.com

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



Nebraska State President, John Folcik, represented not only the State, but also Hastings Lodge #159 as a delegate to the National Convention in Austin, Texas. Our Lodge is very proud to see "one of our own" in the top office of the State Elks Association. Looking pretty spiffy, John!

From the Trustees by Butch Lyons, Chairman

Volunteers Needed!

Please keep in mind there are lots of things that need doing at the Elks and your help is vitally important to the future of our Lodge and our Golf Course.

For example, we have trees that will be cut down this fall. We want to remove diseased trees before they infect the trees around them. Help is needed to cut them down and somebody to haul off to burn pile. We will be putting out sign up sheets with dates and times - but only YOU can put names on the lines!

Not everything involves heavy lifting:

- Don Runcie needs help picking up the range.
- We need volunteers to wash and clean out Golf Carts
- Gas up carts.
- Empty trash in cart shed.
- Wash windows on the outside.
- Pick up trash around building

When this comes up, I sometimes hear, "Well, shouldn't the paid staff be doing that?" There's only one answer that I can give you - "If we schedule enough paid hours, sure, they can do everything." But, if enough people help do these things, then we don't have to pay someone to do it.

**Elks 159 Member
Tournament
Sunday, August 19th**

Individual Scoring & Prizes, 9am Shotgun Start

Members Only - No Guests