



# Calling all Elks

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## Brad's Message by Brad Norton, Exalted Ruler

Hi everyone! I'm finally back from nearly a month-long absence. I just returned from the Grand Lodge Convention, held in Reno, Nevada this year. All sessions were very informative and I was able to support Lincoln Lodge #80, Nebraska's Ritual Team representative. Although they didn't place this year, they performed a great rendition of the Elk's Initiation Ritual. They faced some awesome competition and I was able to see Carlsbad's 2nd place performance.

I also participated in the celebration honoring the election of our new Grand Exalted Ruler (GER) Millard Pickering. He is very upbeat, forward thinking, and relayed some great information and ideas in several very impressive discussions during the convention. His motto this year is "Elks Live, Elks Give." He gave some wonderful ideas on retention and membership, embraces the military and our veterans, and stressed maintaining access and good communications with all our members.

He wants Elks to highlight all of our volunteering and charitable works to our community. Other thoughts from our new GER: TIME is our most precious gift - make good use of it. TALENT abounds at all levels in our organizations - identify and take advantage by utilizing the various contributions our members can offer in our giving. TREASURE - not everyone can get out to volunteer, but every Elk can make a significant impact on various projects with monetary contributions. This led into his praise and congratulations to the entire membership.

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## From the Trustees by Randy Rippen, Chairman

First of all, we continue to have an exceptionally good summer when it comes to revenues and finances. As usual, we've also had unexpected expenses; but, overall, we should all feel good about the way our golf course and clubhouse business is performing. Hat's off to Selena, Ben and their crews inside and outside!

Even though we still have a month of peak golf left, and then another 6-8 weeks of shoulder season, the Trustees are already planning some new business initiatives for the off-season in the Clubhouse. We will be looking for more facilities rental business - meetings, seminars, holiday parties and the like. In addition, we'll be trying to expand our food sales this winter with a new "Sunday Dinner at the Elks" menu.

In addition to the new dinner menu, we'll also be launching a "Soup of the Week" starting in October. This special item will be a fundraiser for the Transition Home for homeless Veterans at the Grand Island VA. We plan to keep only the cost of the soup from each sale - and the profit will be donated. The "Soup of the Week" will be offered for Family Nights on Wednesday, Friday evenings during dinner and for our Sunday Dinner at the Elks. We hope to give you reasons to keep us in mind all winter long!



The winners from the 25th Annual Child/Adult Golf Tournament on July 21st: Front Row L-R: Payton Hendricks, Jordan Faimon. Second Row L-R: Blake Timmerman, Ashlee Long. Back Row L-R: Jackie Norris (Youth Activity Chair), Savannah Davis, Skyler Good, Byron Moore and volunteer coordinator, Nancy Freeling.

## Notes From the Secretary by Butch Lyons

Just a short note from the Secretary's office this month: Most of your Lodge Officers will be at the Elks Fall Conference in North Platte from August 23rd to the 25th. For those of you who golf, don't forget the Elks State Golf Outing on Friday, August 23rd at Iron Eagle in North Platte. All Elks and spouses are invited. It's a 9am Tee Time, and \$40 per golfer (includes the cart.)

I continue to remind those that have not paid their Elks dues to please do so. Some have been asked, "What do my my Elks Dues do for me?" My answer is that the support of you and other Elks makes our Veterans and Youth programs possible. And, from a practical standpoint, being an Elk Member in good standing gets you *very nice discounts* on food and drinks in the Clubhouse!



**Open only to  
Members of  
Hastings  
Elks Lodge**

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**Tournament**

**Sunday, August 18th**

**1pm Shotgun Start  
6pm Cream Can Dinner  
Just \$35 for 18  
holes of golf  
and the meal.  
Meal only: \$10**

**Only Members of  
Hastings Elks Lodge  
159 (and spouses) are  
eligible to play in the  
159 Tournament.**

**Register Now for the one Tournament  
that's JUST FOR YOU!**

**Look for the sign-up sheet in the  
Clubhouse, or do it online at:  
[www.HastingsElksGolf.com](http://www.HastingsElksGolf.com)**