



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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Special Meeting scheduled for July 12th

by Dave Osborn, Chairman, Board of Trustees

On July 12, 2011 there will be a special meeting to discuss and vote on a proposed annual golf pass. While the idea is controversial we need to generate additional income to be able to continue operations. You are encouraged to attend the special meeting voice your opinion and vote on the proposal. While the trustees could have implemented the idea we also know it is important to have support of you the members.

Here is the basic proposal that will be presented for a member vote on July 12th:

Annual Golf Pass

Family Pass \$66.67 month/\$800 year
2 Party Pass \$63.17 month/\$758 year
Single Pass \$54.58 month/\$655 year
1 year Unlimited Cart \$575 year
Unlimited Range balls \$125 year
One time initiation fee of \$100 for those purchasing Annual Golf Passes (Students exempt from Initiation Fee).

We will present those paying the Initiation Fee with a \$50 club coupon, good for family night, Friday night, club stags, or league nights. Good only through March 31, 2012.

Coupon given only in the year initiation fee is paid.

The initiation fee is applied to continuous purchases of passes however if a pass purchaser sits out a year the initiation fee will be paid to reinstate.

In addition to the Annual Golf Pass proposal, we have had a great deal of interest in student golf passes. We are also proposing to create a special pass for Students, ages 16-20:

Student Golf \$250

The Student golf pass will be limited to play

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The Secretary's Notes by Joe Thompson

What a great start we have this year in our Lodge! The membership is increasing, and we have a lot of activity taking place in our facility.

From my records, there is the information on Hastings Elks Lodge #159:

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Average Age	58.9	59.7	59.78	59.86
Lapsation %	15.26%	9.88%	10.61%	9.25%
Delinquent Members	65	42	48	42
Life Members	101	108	108	109
Active Members	433	445	455	462
Candidates	8	2	3	14

Jackie Norris, Exalted Ruler, and her husband, Duane, who is a Trustee, will be representing Hastings Elks Lodge at the National

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From The Trustees by Dave Osborn, Chairman

May proved to be a slow month for income due to the inclement weather. Hopefully, it will soon decide to be summer - our Elks Country Club sure could use the golfers the sunshine will bring out! We hope the balance of the year provides a better income flow to the club. There are several large tournaments scheduled that should help the cash flow.

We are going to try a theme night special on Friday nights, you can look for Mexican, Italian, and other ethnic foods served weekly. Check the calendar and come out and try the Friday night special it should be fun!

Even if you don't golf, remember there is food service available at the lodge. You don't need to be a golfer to enjoy a great meal at an affordable price.

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Jackie's Message by Jackie Norris, Exalted Ruler

This is always a busy time of year at our Elks Lodge, and that means there are always a lot of people to acknowledge and a lot of thanks to be handed out!

Let me start with a big "Thank You" to Robyn Allen, who stepped in for Reta Norton to deliver the moving tribute to the Stars and Stripes for our Flag Day Ceremony. Robyn has always done a wonderful job with the beautiful words of the tribute, and this year was no exception.

Perhaps you've noticed the beautiful new brick directional markers at various places around the course. When you see Ken Rhodus, make sure and thank him for this great addition to our golf course!

This month, Duane and I will be attending the National Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix.

As you may have heard, there are a number of controversial topics on the agenda, including: Proposed changes to the Initiation Ritual, which would shorten the ceremony and modernize some of the language; a change in title for some Chair Officers, including changing the title of Exalted Ruler to President, Esquire to Sergeant-At-Arms, etc. The purpose is to make our the Elks more modern, and take some of the fraternal formality away from our organization in hopes of making the BPOE more attractive to younger citizens.

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Share your best recipes!

The Ladies Association is collecting recipes for a cookbook. If you'd like to share your culinary secrets, please put your recipes in the folder on the Ladies bulletin board, or email them to: nebyack2009@hotmail.com.

Please participate with a recipe for an Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish...and, of course, dessert!

We'd also like to have a section for recipes submitted by men, so don't be shy, guys!