



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings NE

## CLUB HOUSE NEWS

by Theresa Hampton

**CLUBHOUSE NOW OPEN**

**7 DAYS A WEEK!!**

**8:00AM-SUNDOWN**

Check out the new web site! Club and Course updates such as cancellations and menus will be updated on the twitter feed on the home page of our website!

Also follow us on  
Twitter and Facebook!

Dixon Golf will be at our course on May 24<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Scramble. Plan to come out and play and possibly win door prizes, gift certificates, sleeves of balls, an Aurelius Driver or even a 3 day trip to Las Vegas!!!



## Hastings Elks Scavenger Hunt 2015 by: Jackie Norris

On April 18th, eleven teams of 4 gathered to participate in the 1st Annual Scavenger Hunt organized by our own Theresa! Six other establishments allowed us to come there and try to gather a huge variety of items. All of the teams left a drink ticket with the patrons and bartenders as well as waitresses for their trouble. Our fliers were left off with people too to inform the public who we are.

We had a wonderful group of people, and had a lot of fun seeing people we may not have seen in a while. We even had some old friends follow the last group back to the club to see everybody. It was all about having fun together as members and guests, being visible in the public and having a little business at the club. I think the event met all of Theresa's' goals and then some.

Thank you Theresa and staff for the delicious taco bar, the fun prizes and a really friendly evening of competition and fellowship!

Serving 11am - 2pm

**Mother's DAY BUFFET**

Roast Beef, Ham, Chicken, Sides and Dessert.

\$6 for Moms  
\$12 for all others.

## From the Trustees.....ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Thanks to the hard work of our clubhouse manager we have extended our liquor license to include liquor by the drink on the course. The bartenders will be happy to mix up your favorite cocktail for you to take with you while golfing. With that new license now in effect, along with the new liquor laws of the State of Nebraska now in place, we feel the need to revisit our policies on outside alcohol being brought onto the golf course or into our club. The trustees will be very strict with these rules for all golfers on our course, so be aware.

**We have adopted a new "Zero Tolerance Policy" to protect our club.**

Liquor or beer of any kind is **NOT** allowed to be brought onto the property. All alcohol consumed on our premises must be purchased in the clubhouse. If members witness others bringing alcohol onto the course, you are to simply call the clubhouse and inform the manager. Do nothing else. If the clubhouse manager or her designee suspects alcohol has been brought onto the course they will investigate and may remove the offenders from the premises.

**First Offense: Person will be asked to leave the property and banned from the course for the rest of the day, no matter the activity, no refunds.**

**Second Offense: Person will be asked to leave the property and banned from the course for 30 days, no matter the activity, no refunds.**

**Third Offense: Person will be asked to leave the property and banned from the course for 12 months, no matter the activity, no refunds.**

We ask members to police themselves and be respectful and diligent in following this policy. Remind your guests and teammates to follow our rules. These rules will be effective immediately and include all golfers on all daily rounds, scrambles, and tournaments.

We continue to work diligently to provide a great experience for you, and we are very proud to be Hastings ELKS.



Top Left-Newly elected Mike Norton with his wife Delta and PER, 3 vice NEA, Brad Norton at the ER Ball held at the lodge April 11. Top Right-Bill Riese and newly elected 5 year Trustee, Kathy Riese, newly elected lecturing Knight, Von Holding; newly elected Loyal Knight, Julie Rothfuss, District Deputy Stan Sedlacek and his wife Nancy and newly elected Loyal Knight, Dick and Hansen and his wife.

### **Mike's Message** by Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler

The Installation of Officers Ceremony was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and was wonderfully performed. I would like to personally thank all of the PERs that helped to carry out this important responsibility. I would also like to give a special thanks to Jeremy Brandt for coming down from Grand Island Lodge 604 to assist in the ceremony. The Exalted Rulers Ball was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> and beautifully decorated. Thank you to Leading Knight Dick Hanson, PER Brad Norton, my wife Delta Norton and her family for all their hard work to make it such a special experience. It is my pleasure to announce that Dick Freeling was awarded the Elk of the Year award. Nancy Freeling was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award. Julie Rothfuss was awarded the Officer of the Year award. Also, Duane Norris and Brad Norton each received Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendations. Congratulations to you all.

April 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> was The State Elks Convention in North Platte. Congratulations to our Past Exalted Ruler, Brad Norton, who was elected to the position of State 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. I am also pleased to announce that Leading Knight Dick Hanson was awarded the Elks National Veterans Service Commission Volunteer of the Year Award for the state of Nebraska. Also, Jackie Norris was presented the Presidential Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award for her over 4000 hours of selfless volunteerism. Our Lodge I very proud of all of you and eternally thankful for all that you do. The main concern at the convention remains membership. The Elks membership in all lodges is still in decline, which is very troubling. We were given several ideas on how to increase our membership but are always looking for new suggestions to help solve this growing dilemma.

The start of May is also the start of our golf leagues. These leagues can also be a good way to get new members to both our golf course and our Lodge so I urge you all to try to get new members to sign up. The more members we have the more we can do. We have a lot of events coming up as well. First up will be the Annual Elks Youth Banquet on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, please come out and support our scholarship winners. Second event is the Annual Armed Forces Day Golf Outing on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. I encourage everyone to participate as the proceeds go to fund many of our veteran's activities. Finally, our Elks 159 Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday June 13, after which we will have our annual Flag Day ceremony. I will have fliers and signup sheets posted very soon. All and all this year is off to a wonderful start and I look forward to seeing you all at the lodge this summer.

**Hastings Elks Lodge #159 B.P.O. ELKS**

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 3050 EAST SOUTH STREET  
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Exalted Ruler.....Mike Norton  
 Leading Knight.....Dick Hansen  
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 Lecturing Knight.....Vaughn Holding  
 Esquire.....PER Rich Freeman  
 Chaplain.....Duane Norris  
 Inner Guard.....Don Runcie  
 Tiler.....Bob Stalholder  
 Secretary.....PER Russ Shaw  
 Treasurer.....Kent Rothfuss

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 Chaplain.....Sue Crabtree  
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 Pat Dickerson (1 Yr)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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 Randy Rippen, Kathy Riese

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Julie Rothfuss  
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**Lodge Meetings:**

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month  
 except July and August (fourth Tuesday only)  
 and December (second Tuesday only)  
 Lodge Meeting time: 7:00 p.m. November-February;  
 8:00pm March-October  
 at  
 3050 East South Street, Hastings, NE  
**Lodge Phone: 402-462-6113**  
**Golf Course Phone: 402-462-6616**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

01 . . . . . James W Connely	13 . . . . . Mike Spady
01 . . . . . Dennis Stark	16 . . . . . Richard D Hawthorne
06 . . . . . Selena Mae Longoria	17 . . . . . Ronald Ross
07 . . . . . Darrel Stromer	20 . . . . . Douglas L McCartney
09 . . . . . Harlan Schlachter	20 . . . . . Scott Trutna
09 . . . . . Casey St. John	21 . . . . . Keith A Bumgardner
10 . . . . . Aaron Adams	24 . . . . . Wayne Long
10 . . . . . Christopher Beekman	25 . . . . . Larry Thomas
10 . . . . . Larry L Harpham	27 . . . . . Tom Harman
11 . . . . . Milo F Kocourek	27 . . . . . Gary Roudebush
11 . . . . . Robert Wallace	27 . . . . . Gary D Tournor
12 . . . . . Jeff McCoy	29 . . . . . Steven C Liebsack
12 . . . . . Robert Storehalder	

**BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON**

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in May. We invite you and your family to celebrate with us!

Just present this coupon and a paid-up Membership card. \$5.00 will be DEDUCTED from Your evening meal ticket as well as the ticket of one guest.



To everyone who supported my run for the Nebraska Elks Association office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, with both financial and voluntary assistance, campaigning help and morale support, I want to express my sincere appreciation and enormous THANK YOU! Your outstanding support and motivation paid off and I'm thrilled and extremely honored to be serving all Elks across our great state. I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead, eagerly await hearing your ideas and concerns and solemnly pledge to serve this office to the best of my ability.

**Brad Norton, 3rd Vice President, NEA**

**DID YOU KNOW.....**

Hastings Elks Lodge Meetings are held at the on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month.

At the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, Bill Mooney was the winner of \$13.00 just for being there.

\$100 was lost by Denley Jacob Thompson for not being present.

**If you are an Elk which one will you be?  
You have to be there to win!!!**

**Open to the Public**

**Sunday, May 24th**  
 9am Shotgun Start

**ELKS GOLF COURSE**

**Memorial Day Scramble**

# May 2015 – Students of the Month by Nancy Hehnke



**Carli Johnson** is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. She is a member of band, tennis team, Hastings trap team, Future Business Leaders of America and 4-H. She is Captain and member of St. Cecilia cheerleading squad. Her community service activities include assisting at Catholic Social Services, Hastings Catholic School fund-raising dinner and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Carli received the Presidential Award twice for completing over 100 hours of community service. She is also a recipient of the St. Cecilia Citizenship Award and the Citizenship medal from 4-H.

She has taken courses at Central Community College and is a Certified Nurse Assistant.

She lists her hobbies as quilting, scrapbooking, trap shooting, riding horses, and hunting with her father. Her parents are Rex and Tammy Johnson.

**Nathan Truong** is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. He is a member of the track team, Future Business Leaders of America and Teens 4 Life. His community service includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, assisting the Knights of Columbus in philanthropic projects, working in support of Hershey Track Meet, assisting with Adams County Fair and Midget football games and Hastings Catholic School fund-raising dinner.

He is working for dual-credit for Freshman English through Nebraska Wesleyan University Honors Academy. He is Class Treasurer.


Nathan's hobbies are playing guitar, drawing landscapes and playing games. He is the son of Hung Truong and Kim Le.



PER Brad Norton on April 19 presented Dylan Buschow of Bladen his Eagle Scout Award. Dylan's Eagle Scout project was a bulletin board for the Webster County Fairgrounds.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Grothen Crew) Senior Golf 9 AM Good Sam Club Golf - 8 AM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM Town & Country Fundraiser Golf 1:00 PM	Juvenile Diabetes Fundraiser Tournament 10 AM Private Party 5 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Special Olympics Fundraiser Tournament	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Duane Crew) Senior Golf 9 AM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM A1 Fiberglass Golf 1:00 PM	Women's Open 2 Person - 9 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Miller Tournament 2 Men - 9 AM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8 PM (Margo Crew) Senior Golf 9 AM	Mens League 6:00 PM	Divorce Golf 6 PM	Bullseye Tournament - 9 AM
28	29	30				
Bullseye Tournament - 9 AM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4 PM - 7 PM				
		Bingo-Vets Hospital in G.I. - 7 PM				

# Does Corner

By: Pat DuBois, President

April 21st Meeting honored Past Presidents.

We voted to take care of all summer concerns since we do not meet June, July, and August. Rose Kehn was our hostess to a very delicious and enjoyable luncheon.

Mark your calendar for Spring Luncheon May 19th. The hostess will be Donna Dill. Donna will be placing the Drove 112 Wreath at Park View Memorial Service this year along with BPO Elks 159 Exalted Ruler Matthew Norton. Happy Summer Everyone!



## Veteran's Activities

By: Rich Freeman

Congratulations Dick Hansen for receiving the State Veterans Service Volunteer Award for 2014-2015 at the recent State Elks Convention in North Platte. Your help and thoughtful service has been greatly appreciated by myself and others. 😊

Coming up on May 16th is the Armed Forces Day Golf Outing. Last year we had a good turnout. Thanks to all who took part. Let's make this year's event even larger.

Memorial Day Services will be on May 25th at Park View Cemetery.

June will bring with it Bingo at the VA in Grand Island, Sandwich Day at the VA in Grand Island and of course Flag Day celebration at the Elks Lodge following the 159 Outing on June 13th.

## Armed Forces Day Golf Outing



2-person, 18-Hole Fun Scramble

(Team must include at least one Veteran or Boy Scout/Scout Master)

**Sat, 16 May 2015**

9 A.M. Shotgun Start

Hastings Elks Golf Course

**Veterans & Boy Scouts/Scout Masters FREE**

**Everyone Else \$15 Donation**

\$10 Carts Available

(All Proceeds benefit the Hastings Elk's Veteran's Activities)

**SIGN UP** at the Golf Course or Call (402) 462-6616



**Hastings Elks Lodge #159** delivered bedding and food vouchers to 4 new residents at the VA Transition Assistance House on Tuesday, 14 April 2015. Funding for this activity is provided through a Freedom Grant approved by the Elks Veterans Service Commission for our Lodge late last Summer. This grant is made possible through your ENF donations and those received from every donor across the United States. Pictured here are Brad Norton, PER and Freedom Grant coordinator, Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler, Dick Hansen, Esteemed Leading Knight, and Rich Freeman, PER and Lodge Veterans Programs Chairman.





**Army National Guard Operation Hidden Egg 2015** by Brad Norton

The Nebraska National Guard held its second Operation Hidden Egg event on March 28, 2015 at the ANG East Campus in Lincoln. Brad Norton represented the Elks with an Army of Hope booth. Thanks to Anita Storehalder's sewing expertise, little stuffed bunnies were transformed into bean bags for kids to toss a "rabbit hole" target. The kids all had a great time playing the game and every child received an Easter egg filled with candy as well as drug awareness stickers. We supported 158 military and family members, including 91 children who were rewarded with an Easter egg hunt towards the end of this event.

# JUST-4-FUN



## GOLF TOURNAMENT 2-PERSON SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 AT



ELKS COUNTRY CLUB



ENTRY FEE - \$35.00 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF AND  
LUNCH AFTER (CARTS EXTRA)



TEE OFF AT 9 A.M.

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