



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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

Congratulations to Tyler Peterson for winning the 2013 Elk's Lodge #159 Golf Classic! Well Done! He finished four under with an impressive score of 68. All 55 golfers won prepaid Club Cards and a choice of a sleeve of balls or Elk's #159 hats.

A huge thanks goes out to Don Runcie for donating 10 sleeves of balls for the tournament. We had nearly a dozen more folks join us afterwards for an encore Cream Can Dinner, back by popular demand. Thanks to Matt and Mike Norton for their work cooking this delicious meal and to Anita Storehalder and Rich Freeman for helping prepare salads and setting up the "trough."

This year I designated the 159 Golf Tournament as an ENF fund raiser. The Grand Exalted Ruler's new motto "Elk's Live, Elk's Give" was exemplified by your generous contributions, raising an impressive \$650 for ENF. Thank You Elks! This puts us well on our way to meeting the goal of \$4.60 per member this year.

Remember anyone can donate to ENF at any time. The sooner we reach our ENF goal, the better chance we have of getting and being able to use an ENF Gratitude Grant this year. Just to give you an idea how ENF helps our lodge, over the last three years we have invested nearly \$5700 in ENF and received \$12,000 back from ENF as grants for youth and veteran's activities.

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## Notes From the Secretary by Butch Lyons

Please do your part as an Elk, and make sure your dues have been paid this year. Your 2013-14 dues were due April 1 2013. We still have over 30 unpaid dues. Unpaid dues are always frustrating for the Lodge.

First we see an out-of-pocket loss when we are required to send nearly \$20 to Grand Lodge in the Spring for each active member. If you receive a dues notice, you are on our roster and we have no choice but to pay Grand Lodge - even if you don't pay us. We have not only lost your \$90.50 from our budget, we have also spent another \$20 in paying your fee to Grand Lodge. It's a net loss of \$110 for each delinquent member.

Then, every time we have to send out dues notices, it takes money away from other projects to pay for printing and postage. So please, if you have not paid, do so now. Your membership in the Elks, and your dues support of the Lodge is critical to our continued existence!



Exalted Ruler, Brad Norton (left) presents the Championship Trophy to Elk, Tyler Peterson at the end of the 159 Tournament. Tyler shot an impressive 68 (four under par) to post the best score among the 55 Elks and spouses who played in the Annual Tournament.

## From the Trustees by Randy Rippen, Chairman

With the end of August, we have reached the end of our peak golfing season. Last January, the Board of Trustees put together a new business plan for the summer of 2013, in hopes of reducing the financial shortfalls that have occurred each winter.

The plan called for small price increases at the bar, a two-tiered pricing system for Elks Members and Non-Elks, and increased promotion of our Tournaments and public golfing specials.

Overall, this has been a remarkable summer of revenue growth, and we are very grateful to our Members and the community for the tremendous response to our golf, food and drink offerings!

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**Saturday  
Sept 28th**

**Great  
Golf...  
Great  
Beers...  
Great  
Food!**

**Oktoberfest  
Shamble**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**11am Shotgun Start**

**Entry Fee includes  
18 holes of golf  
and a meal.  
Meal only: \$10**

**Public: \$50  
Golf Members: \$40  
(20% Member Discount)**

**CASH PRIZES...Flighted  
Tournament, every golfer  
has a chance to win money!**

**Register Now  
for the 18-Hole Oktoberfest Shamble\*!  
Sign-up in the Clubhouse, or do it online at:  
[www.HastingsElksGolf.com](http://www.HastingsElksGolf.com)  
\*Like a Scramble, pick the best Tee Shot. Beginning with the second shot, each golfer plays their own ball in. Team records the best individual score for the hole.**

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What makes you most proud of being an Elk?

Tell us so we can include your story!