



# THE RAPID CITY ELK HEARD



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## Come out, keep us busy!

Good morning Elk members,

This month has been a busy one with all the golf tournaments and parties in the lodge room and in the Heard Room, all booked by Tina.

The bar has been hopping most nights.

I want to thank all the members and guests that have come to support the Elks Lodge thru the summer.

I would like to take the time to recognize a person I forgot to mention before. This person is not an Elk member but is always there to help when needed. When we had all the chairs in the lodge room cleaned, she spent a fair amount of time wiping down the legs on the chairs and trimming off the fuzz. A personal thank you to Janice "Jan" Schuler for all she does. Please remember it does not go unnoticed. THANK YOU!!

For September Elk of the Month, I have selected Jolene Delker-Lambert. For those of you who don't know Jolene, she works in the restaurant, always has a smile for customers and, it seems to me, she is always there working. Good job Jolene!

That is all I have for this month, so I hope to see everyone at the lodge.

Thank you,

Rod Holmes  
Exalted Ruler



Bob Windjue (right) was honored as August Elk of the Month by ER Rod Holmes who acknowledge Windjue's efforts (with his wife Theresa's help) in putting up and taking down the decorations for the July 4 celebration.

## Does celebrate 75 years



Please see story Page 2



## Back to two Lodge meetings; State Convention Oct. 7-9

Days are getting shorter, and Labor Day is upon us. so September has arrived



We continue to do our monthly Bingo event which has been well attended over the summer. The schedule for fall is Sept. 11, Oct. 23 and Turkey Bingo Nov. 20, all starting at 6:30 p.m.

The state Elks convention will be held in Rapid City Oct. 7-9 at the Ramkota convention center. Some bylaw changes will be addressed at this meeting

The two Lodge meeting schedule will return this month, I would invite all members to attend.

The Events Center board voted to pay off the loans we currently have on the rough mowers and the golf simulators as we are in financial position to do so.

Some other improvements are being planned to be completed this fall.

Respectfully

Doug Hamilton  
Lodge Board Chairman

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Lodge Treasurer.....Brady Foreman

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Bill Edwards.....2 Years  
John Hildebrandt.....3 Years  
Ted English.....4 Years  
Bud Burnham.....5 Years

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Tiler.....Scott VanDrew  
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# Busy Does Drove 33 now 75!

Hello September! Where did the summer go? I'm sure every child around is wondering!

The Rapid City Does Drove #33 will meet Sept. 9 at 6:30 in the Lodge basement

The District meeting will be held Sept. 24 – 25 in Sidney, Neb. Please plan to attend if possible. Send your information and registration money to Myrna Meyers, PO Box 2835, Rapid City, SD 57709. Everyone has been emailed the information for registration and motels.

**July 24 we had a potluck picnic at Bert and Dean Reichert's. We celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our drove! It was a great time!**

July 31 was the annual Does Golf Tournament at the Elks Golf Course. A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated and donated to this great event! And, **THANK YOU** Sue Meyers, for organizing this event!

The Craft Fair at the hospital will be Nov. 29. Any items donated for the sale will be greatly appreciated.

Karlene Schmidt is chairman and will need lots of help! Contact her at 209-0480 or e-mail to [kddocbar@yahoo.com](mailto:kddocbar@yahoo.com). All proceeds go to the Hospice House.

**REMINDER: 2021 DUES ARE DUE. Please**

Bonnie Stratton, President



## ELGA Derbies and holes-in-one highlight August

Hi all,

I am happy to tell everyone we had two very successful derbies in August with full fields of 10 golfers in both derbies.

Kris Nielsen was the winner for our morning Derby, and Leanna Jenner was the winner for the afternoon Derby. Way to go both of you!

Our Club Champion is Cara Boehler and our senior Club Champion is Shirley Sorenson. Congratulations to both of you! I want to thank everyone who participated in the Derby and or Club Championship.

**Perhaps the most excitement followed two aces on the same day! Paula Werlinger and Nicci Riefers each had a hole in one on No. 6 within a half hour.**

The match play tournament is moving along nicely. We are down to just a few matches to determine the winner. The next event for the ELGA will be our Have a Heart Tournament the last Tuesday in September, the 28th. Our final general meeting will follow that tournament.

Just a reminder, we will need new officers so don't be afraid to step up and help out your golf association.

Sue Mulz, President

## Check out the August golf events!

Hello Golfers,

September? Whoa! What happened to August? No idea here. Hope you can get out and enjoy the course while the weather is still nice. Time is fading away fast!

No looking back now, we have too much going on at the course this month with several fun events for our members:

Sept. 4 — Labor Day Weekend Scramble

Sept. 10 — Elks Men's Senior Championship

Sept. 11 — Elks Open

Sept. 18 — One-Person Scramble

We will again offer Fall Special Rates beginning in late September and running throughout the winter.

Hope to see you golfing soon!

Aaron and the entire golf staff



## Texas Hold'em starts Oct. 2

Texas Hold'em play begins at 12 p.m. Oct. 2 and is open to Elks members and non-members.

These friendly games will continue each Saturday at 12 p.m. through April.. Come on out and meet people and have fun.

In the past we have been able to seat three tables and we hope to have at least this many this year.

We need more women to play to keep some of them men under control.

Come over and earn the game or fine tune your skills as we are always looking for new players. Come out, bring a friend.

Please come a half hour early the first week so we can get everyone informed as to rules and how we play the game, primarily by standard Texas Hold'em rules.

Glenn Kjerstad

**Queen of Hearts  
Jackpot Drawing  
Each Saturday 7 p.m.**

## Lodge meetings

Your Elks Lodge 1187 **regularly** meets at 7 p.m on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Past Exalted Rulers meet the first Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. **However, in July and August there is a single Lodge meeting on the first Wednesday. at 7 p.m.**

**See you on Sept. 1 and 15?**

The Lodge Board meeting precedes the regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the **first** Wednesday. .

The Event Center Board meets at **5:30** p.m. on the **third** Wednesday.  
Current members are always welcome!

## From Beau's Fairway Grille

Even though we are still going strong with golf tournaments and golfing, we are starting to shift our focus to Holiday Christmas parties for work and family.

Be sure to book your dates with Christina, and then come on over to our side and let's talk food! We have many packages available, and we can help you throw a phenomenal Christmas Party!

We are still serving Prime Rib on Friday and Saturday Nights, and Brunch on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with the regular menu 11 a.m. to -5 p.m.

Our fall hours have changed slightly, Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning August 30,s we will be closed on Mondays to give our employees a break and so we can spend some much needed time with our families.

We appreciate everyone's patience with us, as we have navigated the busy season with minimal help. Have a great September!



**Don't miss it!  
Bingo Sept. 11**

Play begins at 6:30 p.m.

**HAVE A TREAT ON US!**


**Come in during your  
birthday month,**

**show your current  
membership card  
to the bartender**

**and receive a free drink!**

(It's that easy!)

**Have some spare time? If you can help around the lodge, check with an officer**

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*Norman Lyon*

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# IN LOVING MEMORY



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Alvin Besmer	09/29/36	04/15/81	07/31/21

***An Elk is never forgotten!***

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## At A Glance

### September 2021

- Sept. 1 -- Lodge Board meeting 6 p.m.  
PERs meeting 6:15 p.m.  
Lodge meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 4 -- Labor Day Weekend Scramble
- Sept. 9 -- Does meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10 -- Men's Senior Club championships
- Sept. 11 -- Elks Open  
Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 -- Event Center Board, 5:30 p.m.  
Lodge meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 18 -- One-Person Scramble

## Around the Lodge in bits and pieces

Know someone who would be a great addition to Elks Lodge 1187? Bring them out and give them a tour of the facilities and pick up a membership proposal blank in the office.

We've added members during the summer, let's keep it up.

In a report to the Lodge at the August meeting Events Center Secretary, Est. Leading Knight Suzi Aadland noted that the firepit renovations are complete and "look awesome."

She said work is proceeding on reducing the size of the flagpole and there is work on changing the parking lot lights to LEDs.

Discussion is continuing over purchasing new chairs for the restaurant.

An effort will be made to replace dead trees around the golf course and plans are progressing to repair some sections of the cart paths.

She added that simulator league will be just a little bit later this year.

And, she said help is needed to take down bird nests on the front of the lodge and to develop deterrents for the future.

Retiring National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Neil Harris reported having attended the Quarterly volunteer service committee meeting July 21 at the Forst Meade VA Medical Center and committing the lodge to continuing to sponsor activities and personal needs when COVID 19 virus requirements are lifted. That day he delivered hot dogs, snack items and chips for the staff to use in the various activities.

He also delivered jigsaw puzzles, blank greeting cards, a T-shirt, calendars and coasters donated by Dale and Mary Clelland and Lodge members.

On July 21 he was host to nine veterans and four staff members at the Elks for the quarterly meal deal. This was the first the Lodge had been able to provide since January 2020 "and the veterans were absolutely excited to attend. Beau's Fairway Grille provided an awesome experience to the veterans, he added.

"Thomas was a most gracious host and provided prompt, courteous service; and Beau and Caleb prepared a delicious meal.

Harris thanked them all for making this a memorable experience for the vets. He also noted that his daughter and fiancée, both military veterans, were able to join in the event while visiting. "They truly enjoyed being able to visit with the veterans..."

Harris noted that letters have been received from Fort Meade thanking the lodge for its continuing support.

Sally Farrar,  
Heard Editor



A windshield view of Derby activities