

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 2003,04,08,09,10,11,12,13
BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

May 2025



Grand Opening of the Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Please join us in celebrating our Lodge expansion on
May 10th, 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm. No Reservations Needed!

Specialty Beverages

Truck featuring \$1.00 beers.
Margaritas will be \$2.00 each.

Appetizer stations will be set
up throughout the Lodge.

Music by Kevin Jackson
and the Midnight Sun.

Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 3rd
Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge



1:00 pm Mint Juleps • Appetizers • Wagering

2:30 pm Greatest 2 Minutes in Sports

Prizes for Best Dressed & Best Hat

Raffle Baskets



\$15.00 Tickets available in Office



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11, 2025, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy,
Potatoes and Pastry

Mothers: Free
All others: \$12.00

Greetings Elk family.



My first month as Exalted Ruler is now behind me and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I spent quite a bit of time at the lodge this past month and although I knew we had a busy lodge, I did not realize just how busy we are until I witnessed it for myself. Spring is upon us now and very shortly summer will be here and although our snow birds are beginning to depart for cooler temperatures, I do not foresee us slowing down. We have a very busy restaurant that brings our members in to have some fine meals from our kitchen staff and enjoy the genuine camaraderie of our lodge. I want to personally thank our kitchen staff for the amazing Easter brunch on Easter Sunday.

There are many activities happening in the month of May. On May 3rd at noon, the Elks once again are hosting a family swim day at the Aquatic center. This particular swim day is going to be very special as the Elks and the Aquatic center will be celebrating our 30 year anniversary of Elks hosted swim days. Additionally, the lodge will be hosting a Kentucky Derby day at 1pm. Which-ever event you choose to attend, a fun time should be had by all.

On May 10th at 4pm, we will be celebrating the Grand Reopening of our Lodge. There will be several Elk dignitaries in attendance

as well as dignitaries from our city. We will have drink specials, appetizers and music from Kevin Jackson and the Midnight Sun. The event will run from 4pm to 10pm and is open to the public. On May 11th, we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a special brunch provided by our Kitchen staff at 10am. A few of the officers of the Lodge will be attending the annual AEA convention in Tempe from May 14th through the 17th, and the Elkettes are hosting LCR on May 25th at 11am.

Let's not forget our weekly activities. The Queen of Hearts on Mondays with ticket sales beginning at 4pm, Country line dancing on most Mondays beginning at 7pm. Bingo on Thursdays with the doors opening at 11am and Karaoke in the dining room beginning at 7pm. So come out and have fun, enjoy our lodge.

In closing, thank you for renewing your Elks membership and supporting our many charitable programs. The Staff, Volunteers and all of the Lodge Officers will continue to work toward making our Lodge the place to be for friends and family to enjoy. Without all of these people working together, we would not have such a great Lodge. I look forward to seeing you around the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Pam Depweg
Exalted Ruler

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Wapiti Wind

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Elks Websites

Want more information about the Elks? You can get limited access to these sites without an account. Creating an account will give you access to the Members Only sections for even more information.

www.elks.org for any information regarding Elkdom.

www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

VOLUNTEERS

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(If no answer, please leave a message)

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After a very much needed break, I'm am happy to resume the role of Wapiti Wind Editor. I definitely feel "recharged". I want to thank Chuck Fox for stepping up and assuming the responsibilities. He did a fine job.

Jackie Turcotte
Wapiti Wind Editor

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Inventory

Activities Committee

Activities-Volunteers
Awards Banquet
Bingo
Blood Drive

Bowling
Bulk Mailing
Charity Ball
Christmas Baskets
Community Activities
CPR Defibrillator
Decorating Committee
Door Greeters
Drug Awareness
Elkettes
Entertainment Committee

Family Picnic
Fishing Club
Giving Tree
Golf League
Grants Administrator
Hi-Way Cleanup
Hoop Shoot
Hot Dogs
Information Technology
Law & Order Night
Library
Lodge Activities
Lodge Emails & Website
Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
Old Timers Night
Pasta Night Volunteers

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Queen of Hearts
Retail Sales
RV Club (Vagabonds)
RV Parking
Scholarships
Soccer Shoot
Special Olympics
Taco Tuesday Night
Volunteer Coordinator
Yacht Club Commodore
Youth Activities

Fraternal Committee

All American Lodge/Training
Americanism
Constitution & By-Laws
Elks National Foundation

Flag Day
Elks Training
Government Relations
Guest Monitoring
Interview Committee
Orientation
Lodge Inspection
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
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Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Presiding Justice
Protocol
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Jackie Turcotte

Attend Meetings

Lodge business is conducted during the official Meetings - not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or House Committee/Trustee Meeting.

Meeting times are posted on the calendar.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm				<u>1</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>2</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm PER Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Jules Damon	<u>3</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Kentucky Derby Party - 1 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Jules Damon
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>6</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting - 7:30 pm	<u>7</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>8</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>9</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Terry Hopple	<u>10</u> Fishing Club Meeting - 1 pm No Dinner Menu Lodge Expansion Grand Opening - 4 pm - 10 pm Music: Kevin Jackson and the Midnight Sun
<u>11</u> Mother's Day Brunch 10 am - 1 pm 	<u>12</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>13</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Elkettes Meeting - 6 pm House Committee/ Trustee Meeting- 7 pm	<u>14</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Vagabonds Meeting - 11:30 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>15</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>16</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Fritz	<u>17</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm EYC Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Fritz
Arizona Elks Association Convention						
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Interviews - 9 am Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Orientation - 7 pm	<u>20</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation - 7:30 pm	<u>21</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>22</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>23</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Off Center	<u>24</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Long Time Comin
<u>25</u> L C R 11:00 am	<u>26</u>  MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed Bar Open 10 am - 7 pm No Pasta Night No Queen of Hearts Monday Night Dancers - 4 - 6 pm	<u>27</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm MCL Meeting - 7 pm	<u>28</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>29</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>30</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Whiskey River	<u>31</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Whiskey River

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday	11:30 pm	Pinochle	Tuesday & Thursday	12 - 4 pm	Hand & Foot
	7 - 9 pm	Monday Night Dancers			
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Desert Singles	Thursday (tables 18 & 19)	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Bridge
Friday	12 - 4 pm	Poker Omaha hi-lo			



I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Dueling Pianos event. As with everything the Elkettes do it was a great success.

Everyone had been instrumental in selling the overabundance of cakes and pies we had on hand. Pie Godmother Lisa Nutt organized everyone and everything. A big thank you to Scott Pierstorff, Donna Pineau, Dottie Toppin for moving pies from freezer to freezer and constantly cutting pie. Julie Jackson came in to sell pies on nights that we don't regularly sell. Leslie, Karen F, Chris Dukey, Melinda, Cindy Q, Don Q, Chrissie R, Ruth, Judy and Nita have gone above and beyond to sell the cakes and pies. Thank you.

If you missed Left Right Center last month do not despair it returns May 25th. The doors open at 11am. Cost is \$15 and includes a light lunch. You can purchase your tickets from the office, Vanessa or Connie. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event. We look forward to seeing you for a fun filled afternoon.

We do Great Things,
Vanessa Brewster
Elkettes President



Pie Sales Donation

The Elkettes donated \$500.00 to LCHF Lab and Screening..

Pictured from left are Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt, HCHF lab and screening coordinator Launa Robertson and Elkette Melinda Obradovich.

Crazy Auction Donation

The Elkettes donated \$1000.00 to Havasu Community Health Foundation Labs and Screening.

Pictured from left are Elkette Julie Jackson, Lab and Screening Coordinator Launa Robertson and Elkette Crazy Auction Chair, Heidi Alabrecht.



Havas Community Health Foundation (HCHF), a nonprofit, is designed to better our community by facilitating donations and grants into programs. While state and federal taxes support many vital programs and services, more funds are necessary to address every need. HCHF's objective is to bridge the gaps in services that everyday people could not access any other way.

Pie Sales Donation



Proceeds from February Pie sales Elkettes were donated \$500 to Mohave County Search and Rescue.

In the photo are Elkette Scott Pierstorff with Pie Chairperson Lisa Nutt along with some of

the Search and Rescue crew accepting the check.

Pie Sales Donation

The Elkettes donated \$500 to Pia's Paws from March Pie sales.

Pia's Paws rescue abused, unwanted and stray animals from the streets and in life threatening situations, vet them and try to find them forever homes.

In the Photo from Left to Right are Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt, Elkette Crissie Russo and Pia Frahm, founder of Pia's Paws.



Elkettes Donate to Arizona Elks Major Projects



Elkette President Vanessa Brewster presented Exalted Ruler Pam Depweg a check for \$1000.00 which will be presented to AEMP at the AEA mid-term convention in May. The Elkettes have also donated \$500.00 in gift cards for children hospitalized at the Steele Children's Research Center.

FISHING CLUB NEWS



The dates for the May Derby's will be Wednesday, May 7th from 6:00 am to 11:00 am and Wednesday, May 21st from 5:30 am to 10:30 am. The last Derby before summer break will be on Wednesday, June 4th from 5:00 am to 10:00 am. Weigh-in scales will be open after each Derby for 30 minutes. Lunch will be served at the Lodge after the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, May 5th at 11:30 am. All members are welcome to attend. After the board's agenda is completed, questions or comments are accepted from all in attendance. The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th at 1:00 pm.

March 19th Derby:

First Place:

Ron Zajac and John Dontz with 5 fish weighing 12.11 lbs.
Ron also had Big Fish at 4.40 lbs.

Second Place:

Charles and Jennie Robertson with 5 fish weighing 6.88 lbs.

Third Place:

Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 6.18 lbs.

The \$100 Derby on April 2nd:

First Place:

Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 10.12 lbs.

Second Place:

John Rafthol and Rick Gallegos with 5 fish weighing 9.69 lbs.
John also had Big Fish with a 2.94 lb. striper.

There will be a party with free pizza and drinks at 1:00 pm on June 14th hosted by the Fishing Club for club members and their guest.

There will be no Fishing Report in the Wapiti in June, July or August due to the Club going dark during the hot summer months. Look for the next Fishing Report in the September issue.

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board. Place completed forms in the blue box with a check. DO NOT turn in to the office. In addition, all interested Elks may come to our Club meeting for further information. Any Club Officer at the meeting would be happy to answer your questions or call Jerry Boyce at (928) 208-1073.

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS

In case you missed April's meeting, our monthly meetings are back at the Elks Lodge, every third Saturday at 2:00 PM. Next meeting is May 17th.

Annual dues are due now. They are \$25 and include the Captain and his/her First Mate. For those who haven't paid, we are waiving the late fee.

We have a new board. Please welcome Dana Brost, EYC Commodore; Ken Hayes, Vice Commodore; Kathy Fairbank, Secretary and Sandy Bigham, Treasurer. Please give them your support by volunteering to chair and/or help out at our events. It's a big job and they will definitely need the assistance.

The Board is in the process of scheduling our events, both at the Elks Lodge as well as off-site locations. If you have any suggestions, let us know. We are looking to get back on the water this summer as well.

Kathy Fairbank
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VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS

Hello Vagabonds friends:



We have another event behind us ... The Desert Canyon RV Park out of St. George Utah ... where there was a new crafting opportunity offered to the group that was very popular. Our own Ivonne Szerlich and Shirley Wells teamed up to offer a class on how to make Christian bracelets and earrings so those who participated left the event with new jewelry. The crafters donated all the sample earrings for the 50/50 drawing.

We are always looking for people with new crafting ideas, a game they would like to share or any other activity that can create a new networking opportunity for our members ... just contact anyone on the board with your idea or reach out to the host of the event which you will find on your Campout Calendar.

Our last outing before going dark will be the Bisbee RV Park in Naco, Arizona May 16-20 ... right outside of Bisbee. Your hosts will be Misty Swanson/Dana Brink and co-hosts Jackie / Dennis Newbeck.

We have taken your suggestions regarding new camping opportunities for the 2025-2026 Campout Calendar. Our new questionnaire with these choices will be out via email by the last week in April with hard copies available at our next monthly meeting Wednesday, May 7.

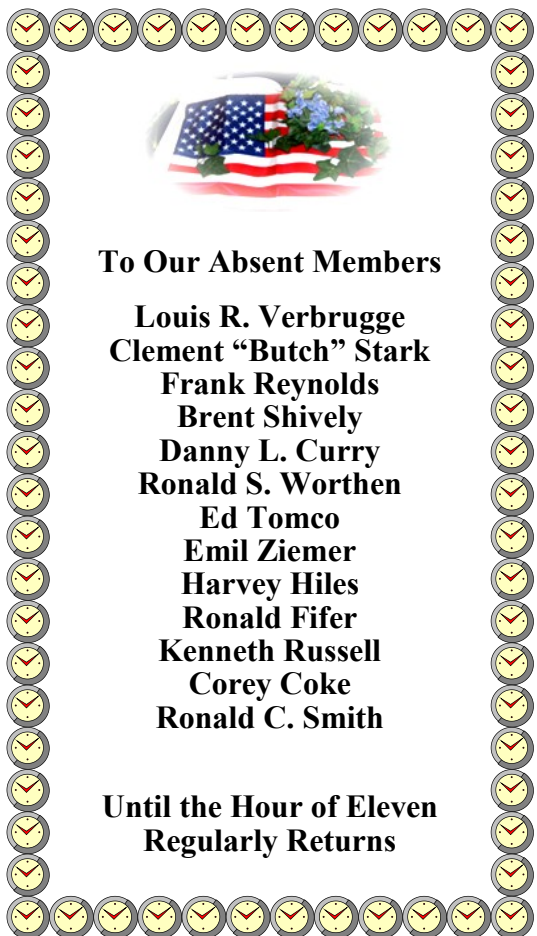
We plan 7 outings per year and two of them ... Williams in September and Wickenburg in November ... being mainstays on our calendar for many years. October is a busy month for activities in Lake Havasu that many of our members participate in so we tend to stay clear of planning any events during this month but we are always open to suggestions if someone has ideas that would stay clear of any of the local activities. Also, other than our Christmas Party in December we stay clear of planning any outings this month so our membership can spend time with their families. This leaves 5 outings from January through May that we will plan additional outings. We take campout suggestions from the questionnaire. At our May meeting our committee will collect all the questionnaires and rank them by most to least popular and we will take the 5 highest ranking locations to work on for our calendar for next year.

It is really important that everyone participate in this process so your voice can be heard. We sure hope to have a great showing at our last meeting before going dark for the summer ... June, July, August. We will announce the results of the questionnaire at the end of our May meeting. The new Campout Calendar 2025/2026 will be out before our September meeting ...

Best,

Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary

Remember – BPOE – Best People on Earth



ELK OF THE MONTH 2025-2026

February, 2025 Howard Faulkner
March, 2025 Gabriele Medley



Howard
Faulkner



Gabriele
Medley

Elks Senior Bowling League

Proceeds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the 50/50 drawings were donated to the Elks National Foundation last December.

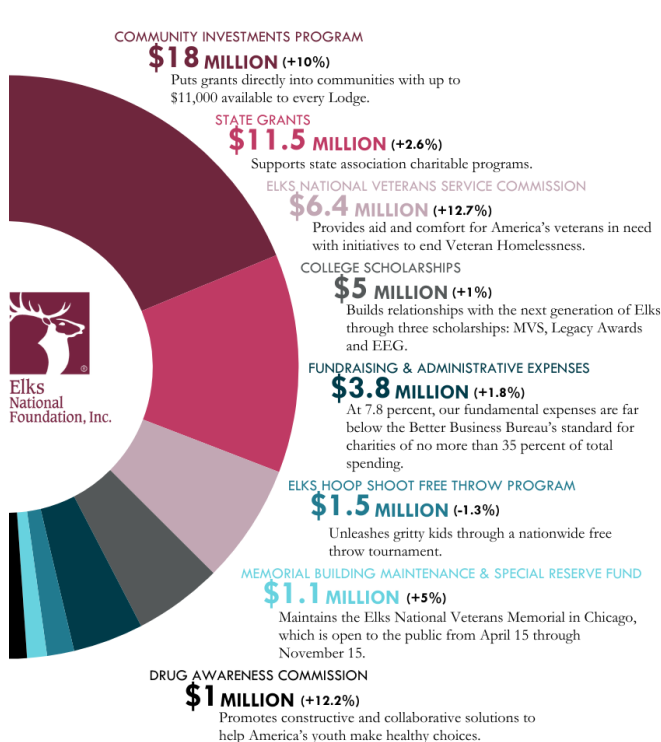
What is ENF

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; meet the needs of today's veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

A big Thank you to the Elk Members who came out on April 10, 2025. We will resume next winter. Hope to see you all in then.

Thanks,
Dan Dieter,
Highway Clean-up Chairman.



FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW
\$48.2 MILLION