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BPO ELKS 2399

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December 2025



Elks Memorial Service

The Annual Service to the Memory of our Departed Members will be held in the Lodge Room on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 11:00 am.

A light buffet will be served following the ceremony



The Elkette's Present

Merry Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Cocktails: 5:00 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm

Salad, Pork Tenderloin with Apple and Cranberries, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert

Music by Kevin Jaxon and Midnight Sun

New Members (December 2024 - November 2025): Free
All Others: \$20.00 each



Bring in the New Year at the Lodge!

Wednesday, December 31st

Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm

Champagne Party Favors Photo Booth

Menu:

Salad,
New York Strip
Lobster Tail
Sides
Dessert

Entertainment:

Vocal Stylings by
Kenton Weaver
Maestro of Singing
Impersonations

Tickets: \$80.00

Tickets on sale in Office - Must be a ticket holder to attend



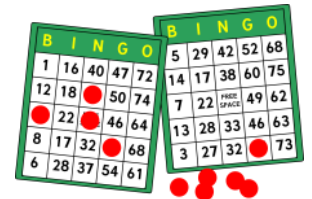
New Years Day Bingo!!! Open to the Public!!!

January 1, 2026

Doors open at 4:00
Games start at 6:00

No outside drinks or cups allowed.
Drinks on sale for \$1.00

Elks Lodge
3532 N. McCulloch Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ



There will be no Bingo on December 25th

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Vanessa Brewster

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.

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

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:
E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com
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(If no answer, please leave a message)

Wapiti Wind Editor Information

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If anyone notices a problems with the list of Committee or Club Chairs listed below, please let me know.

Please get inputs to me by the 20th of each month.

Jackie Turcotte
Wapiti Wind Editor

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Daily / Weekly Events

Monday ----- 11:30 pm ----- Pinochle
 Tuesday & Thursday---- 12 - 4 pm ----- Hand & Foot
 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

Please note

Calendar events subject to change

Line Dancers Special Playlist 2025-2026

December:

15th - Christmas Music and Christmas cowboy
dress
22nd - Christmas Music

January:

5th - New Year's Music
12th - Light up the Night

February:

2nd - Sweetheart Songs Wear Red and Pink

March:

2nd - Bingle Bangle

April:

20st - 50s/60s Music and Dress - up

May:

25th - Wear Red, White and Blue

June:

8th Our Last Monday

Music Time Changes at the Lodge

We've updated our music schedule to better suit the lodge atmosphere.

Wednesday music (twice a month) will now run from 5 -7 pm.

Friday/Saturday music will be 6 - 9 pm.

For larger bands, the time will be 7 -10 pm.


Current schedules are posted in the Lodge Foyer - feel free to snap a photo!

We've also made a few adjustments based on feedback about volume. Carpet is being added to the stage to help soften sound, and we're exploring acoustic sound-absorbing panels for the walls or ceiling. If you prefer a quieter dining experience, you can request seating toward the back of the dining room, away from the speakers. Bands are also encouraged to keep the volume lower during their first hour.

We have several popular larger bands scheduled in the coming months, including One Eyed Romeo, Kevin Jaxson and Midnight Suns, and Swamp Donkey.

We look forward to seeing you!
From the Music Team

December 2025 Revised 12/11/2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><u>1</u> <i>Ritual Practice - 10:30 am</i> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm</i> <i>Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm</i></p>	<p><u>2</u> <i>Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Lodge Meeting - 7:30 pm</i></p>	<p><u>3</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Bar Bingo - 6 pm</i> <i>Music: (5 - 7 pm) Steve Wayman</i></p>	<p><u>4</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Bingo - 6 pm</i> <i>Doors open - 4 pm</i> <i>Karaoke - 6 pm</i></p>	<p><u>5</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>PER Meeting - 12:30 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm</i> <i>Music: (6 - 9 pm) Steve Wayman</i></p>	<p><u>6</u> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>No Dinner Menu</i> <i>Elkettes Christmas Party</i> <i>Cocktails: 5 pm</i> <i>Dinner: 6 pm</i> <i>Music: (7 - 10 pm) Kevin Jaxon</i></p>
<p><u>7</u> <i>Elks Memorial Service - 11 am</i> <i>NFL Package</i> <i>Bar Menu 12 pm - 3 pm</i> <i>Golf Christmas Party - 5 pm</i> <i>Vagabonds Christmas Party 5 pm</i></p>	<p><u>8</u> <i>Ritual Practice - 10:30 am</i> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm</i> <i>Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm</i></p>	<p><u>9</u> <i>Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Elkettes Meeting - 6 pm</i> <i>House Committee / Trustee Meeting - 7 pm</i></p>	<p><u>10</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Bar Bingo - 6 pm</i></p>	<p><u>11</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Bingo - 6 pm</i> <i>Doors open - 4 pm</i> <i>Karaoke - 6 pm</i></p>	<p><u>12</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm</i> <i>Music: (6 - 9 pm) DNA</i></p>	<p><u>13</u> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu 4 pm - 8 pm</i> <i>Car Club Christmas Party - 6 pm</i> <i>MCL Christmas Party - 6 pm</i> <i>Music: (6 - 9 pm) DNA</i></p>
<p><u>14</u> <i>NFL Package</i> <i>Bar Menu 12 pm - 3 pm</i></p>	<p><u>15</u> <i>Interviews - 9 am</i> <i>Ritual Practice - 10:30 am</i> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm</i> <i>Orientation - 7 pm</i> <i>Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm</i></p>	<p><u>16</u> <i>Taco Tuesday - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Lodge Meeting / Initiation - 7:30 pm</i></p>	<p><u>17</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Bar Bingo - 6 pm</i></p>	<p><u>18</u> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Bingo - 6 pm</i> <i>Doors open - 4 pm</i> <i>Karaoke - 6 pm</i></p>	<p><u>19</u> <i>Build Christmas Food Baskets - 9 am</i> <i>Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm</i> <i>Music: (6 - 9 pm) Fritz</i></p>	<p><u>20</u> <i>Deliver Christmas Food Baskets - 9 am</i> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm</i> <i>Music: (6 - 9 pm) Fritz</i></p>
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<p><u>28</u> <i>NFL Package</i> <i>LCR 11 am</i></p>	<p><u>29</u> <i>Ritual Practice - 10:30 am</i> <i>Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm</i> <i>Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm</i> <i>Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm</i></p>	<p><u>30</u> <i>Taco Tuesday - 4 pm - 7 pm</i></p>	<p><u>31</u> <i>Office Closed - 12 pm</i> <i>Bar Closed - 4 pm</i> <i>No Lunch</i> <i>New Years Eve Party - Ticket Holders - 6 pm</i> <i>Bar Reopens - 8 pm</i> <i>Music - Kenton Weaver</i></p>	<p><u>1</u> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pot Luck - 11 am - 2 pm</i> <i>Bar Open - 10 am - 4 pm</i> <i>No Lunch</i> <i>No Dinner</i> <i>Bingo - 6 pm</i> <i>Doors open 4 pm</i> <i>NO Karaoke</i></p>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> </div>	

FISHING CLUB NEWS



The dates for the December Derby's will be Wednesday, December 10th and Wednesday December 17th from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Weigh-in scales will be open after each Derby from 12:00 pm until 12:30 pm at Windsor Beach South. Lunch will be served at the Lodge after the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, December 1st 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 Sunday, December 14th at the annual Christmas Party following the installation of the new Board of Directors. The Club's social hour for the event will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm with dinner to follow.

If you were not contacted to give your food preference for the Christmas Party prior to December 14th, please contact the Club's Secretary, Stefanie Michels at 520-247-7787.

The Derby on October 15th was won by Rick Gallegos and Jon

Raftshol with 5 fish weighing 11.22 lbs. Jon Raftshol also got the Big Fish at 3.34 lbs. Second Place went to Don Brockman and Joe Kovack with 5 fish weighing 10.75 lbs.

The Derby on October 29th was won by Jennie and Charles Robertson with 5 fish weighing 10.14 lbs. Jennie also had Big Fish with a 3.03 lb. striper. Second Place went to the team of Jerry Boyce and John Burns with 5 fish weighing 7.19 lbs.

The Club donated \$500.00 to the Elks Scholarship Fund and \$600.00 to the State Game and Fish Department to purchase 150 Blue Gill so special needs individuals and all other children could fish on consecutive days from one to three separate tanks. This event enabled over 200 young people to celebrate "Kids Turn to Fish Day". Several Elks helped man the tanks along with reps from "Anglers United". All the children were given new fishing poles and reels.

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

Hello Vagabonds friends:



Wickenburg Was a Blast!

From November 6–9, over 30 rigs rolled into Wickenburg for another epic adventure! The weather was spot-on, the energy was high, and we even tried something new—a Craft Show open to all Desert Cypress residents. Our talented crew showed off their handmade goodies: jewelry, holiday crafts, art prints, teacup planters, and bark-tastic log creations. We raised over \$300 for the club—who knew we had so many crafty rockstars?

Games, Trails & Tunes

Barry Stillwell led two awesome morning trail runs, we got competitive with dice and lawn games, and on our final night, Mike G fired up the karaoke machine. Let's just say... the stars weren't the only ones singing! Thanks to Mike/Joyce Grawbowski and Don/Kelly Wilhite for putting on such a fantastic event!

Christmas Party Countdown!

Date: Sunday, December 7 from 5-9pm

Where: Elks Lodge

Tickets: \$35 each—grab yours before Monday, December 1 at the Elks Lodge Business Center!

Menu Magic: 8 oz Sirloin Steak, BBQ Chicken Served with all the tasty trimmings, plus salad and dessert. Yum!

Basket Raffle Fun: Feeling festive? Bring a Christmas basket to donate! You'll be reimbursed up to \$35. Just place your basket behind the glass boot at the party—raffle tickets go in the boot, and winners will be drawn throughout the night.

Theme: Western Wonderland. Dust off your cowboy boots or party shoes—Western wear or festive attire welcome! We'll be dancing to the tunes of Steve Waymon and celebrating the season with plenty of surprises.

Don't miss out—this party's gonna be a holly jolly hoedown!

Special Note: There will be no Vagabonds meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Best,

Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary

Remember – BPOE – Best People on Earth

DDGER Diane Bodwell visits our Lodge



DDGER Diane Bodwell was given a warm Lake Havasu City welcome during her official visit to our Lodge.



The Hoe Down



Dancing, dining, best costumes and even some jail time made for lots of fun at the Hoe Down.





Fishing Club Kids Fish Day

The Fishing Club purchased \$600.00 of Blue-gills to stock irrigation tanks used for community fishing events. The first day 40 adults with disabilities spent the afternoon fishing. The next morning over 200 children were involved in an event which allowed them to feel the thrills of fishing under the guidance of Elk's Club Members. Pictured are Sabrina Robertson and Charles Robertson.

Elks Sponsored 52 RaffleWinners

Sept 30th	Lisa Dewey	\$100
October 7th	Michelle Moreno	\$100
October 14th	Val Billinger	\$100
October 21st	Michelle Moreno	\$100
October 28th	Shelly Buck	\$100
November 4th	Jon Raftschol	\$100
November 11th	Scott Proctor	\$500
November 18th	Gary & Deb Haines	\$100

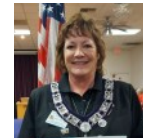
ELK OF THE MONTH 2025-2026

February, 2025	Howard Faulkner
March, 2025	Gabriele Medley
April, 2025	Heidi Albrecht
May, 2025	Dan Dieter
June, 2025	Cheryl Beach
July, 2025	Wanda Parsons
August, 2025	Sheri Sanderson
September, 2025	Glen Petty
October, 2025	Janeen Lembke

Glen Petty



Janeen Lembke



On behalf of the scholarship committee, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Tom and Nikki Harvey for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the scholarship fund.

We also want to thank the Elks Fishing Club for their continued support in donating \$500.00 to the Scholarship Fund. Your kindness and commitment to supporting education truly stand out.

Because of your generosity, a deserving student will have the chance to pursue their dream of a college education - an opportunity that can change the course of their life. Your support not only eases the financial burden but also inspires hope and confidence in our students, reminding them that there are people who believe in their potential.

Thank you for making a lasting impact and for being champions of education in our community. Your gift will be remembered not just for its value, but for the doors it opens and the dreams it helps realize.



With sincere appreciation, Scholarship Committee

To Our Absent Members
William Hendrickson
Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns

Scholarship Fundraiser Elks Flags

Show Your Elks Pride at Home or on the Road!



Display your Elks Colors!

Support our scholarship fundraiser and show your Elks spirit by displaying our vibrant Elks flags at your home or RV campsite. All proceeds go towards supporting our Scholarship Program.

Flag Options and Pricing

- White 1-sided flags: \$15.00 each
- Purple 2-sided flags: \$30.00 each
- Personalize any flag with your name: Additional \$5.00
- Yard flag stands: \$8.00 each

How to Order

1. Choose you flag and color when ordering - white or light, medium or dark purple.
2. Add personalization if you wish.
3. Include a flag stand if wanted.
4. See Elizabeth in the office to place your order.

Why Buy?

Every flag purchased helps fund scholarships for deserving students. Show you support and pride while making a difference in our community!

Your support for this great cause is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Baskets

Christmas Food Baskets



We are excited to announce that it's time again for our annual Christmas Basket food drive!

Please help us bring joy to those in need by dropping off canned and nonperishable food items. Donation barrels will be located at both entrances of the lodge.

Donations are being accepted from October 18 to December 13, 2025.

Items Needed:

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| Canned fruits & vegetables | Cranberry sauce |
| Gravy (jars or packets) | Boxed mashed potatoes |
| Boxed stuffing/dressing | Pancake mix |
| Maple syrup (24 oz.) | Cereal |
| Peanut butter | Jelly |

A friendly reminder: Please check expiration dates - we want every basket to be fresh and safe for our families.

Thank you for sharing the spirit of the season and helping us spread holiday warmth throughout our community!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact :

Jon Villalobos (602-820-3896) or
Heidi Albrecht (702-845-7972).

Volunteers Needed – Help Spread Holiday Cheer!

It's almost time for one of our favorite community traditions - preparing and delivering Christmas Baskets to local families. We'd love your help to make this year's program a success!

Mark your calendars and join us for any (or all!) of the volunteer opportunities below:

Friday, December 19, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Sorting non-perishable food items

Saturday, December 20, 2025 – 8:00 AM
Sorting perishable food items

Saturday, December 20, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Delivering food baskets to families in our community

Your time and energy make a real difference during the holiday season. Bring a friend, bring your holiday spirit, and help us brighten the season for local families!

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Albrecht, Christmas Basket Chair, 702-845-7972.

