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BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

May 2026

From the Editor:

I am once again handing over the publication of the Wapiti Wind to PER Chuck Fox. His contact information is on page 2. It has been a fun journey, but it is time to pass it on. Thank you for all your support.

PER Jackie Turcotte

1974 Schwinn Stingray II

You can win this classic Schwinn bicycle. Drawing will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026

Tickets: 5 for \$20.00
(See Vanessa Brewster for tickets)
Need not be present to win



Special Thanks to: D & G Garage & Nikki Harvey

HAPPY
Mother's Day

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10, 2026 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mothers free All others \$13.00

Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes and Muffin
\$2.00 Champagne



**Kentucky Derby
Viewing Party**

Saturday, May 2, 2026 2:00 pm

Bring an appetizer to share

\$4.00 Vodka Mint Lemonade

2026-2027 Lodge Officers



Congratulations to our new slate of Officers.

Front row: Lecturing Knight John Nickell, Leading Knight Joyce Bradley, Exalted Ruler Pam Depweg,
Loyal Knight Mike Rossetti, 5yr Trustee Johnny Campbell

Back row: Treasurer Kathy Fairbank, Secretary Janeen Lembke, Tiler Nikki Harvey, Chaplain Tom Bradley

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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

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:
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 (If no answer, please leave a message)

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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.

Chuck Fox
 Wapiti Wind Editor

Auditing & Acct. Audit/Acct. Inventory	Chairman Kevin Rogers	Queen of Hearts Retail Sales RV Club (Vagabonds) RV Parking Scholarships Soccer Shoot Special Olympics Taco Tuesday Night Veterans Standown Volunteer Coordinator Yacht Club Commodore Youth Activities	Joyce Bradley Lodge Office Barry Stilwell Gary Parsons
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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 Hoop Shoot Hot Dogs Information Technology Law & Order Night Lodge Activities Lodge Emails & Website Lodge Expansion/Planning Monday Night Dancers Old Timers Night Pasta Night Volunteers PER President Public Relations	Vanessa Brewster Kathy Fairbank Pam Depweg Connie Jones Eva Fox Joyce Bradley Jerry Boyce Vanessa Brewster Scott Brown Elizabeth Ledingham Pam Depweg Jim Travis Gary Parsons Bud Watts Elizabeth Ledingham Gary Parsons Gabrielle Medley Patrick Lee Paulette Nainteau Glen Petty Pat Martino Eva Fox Jackie Turcotte	Flag Day Elks Training Government Relations Guest Monitoring Interview Committee Orientation Lodge Inspection Major Projects Purple Pig Mediator Membership/Lapsation Memorial Service Presiding Justice Protocol Ritual Coach Ritual Word Coach Veterans Services Wapiti Wind	Chairman Joyce Bradley Pam Depweg Gary Parsons Jerry Gillen Eva Fox Michael Rossetti Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Paulette Nainteau Joyce Bradley Pat Costello Pam Depweg Kathy Fairbank Pat Costello Bob Feliciano John Nickell Jay Bidwell Vanessa Brewster Jackie Turcotte Paulette Nainteau Bud Watts Chuck Fox

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.

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday----- 11:30 pm----- Pinochle
 Tuesday & Thursday --- 12 - 4 pm----- Hand & Foot
 Wednesday----- 3:00 pm ----- Desert Singles
 4:00 pm ----- Outcasts
 Thursday (tables 18 & 19)- 10:30 am - 3:30 pm ----- Bridge
 Friday ----- 12 - 4 pm----- Poker Omaha hi-lo
 (Please note: the poker sign up sheet, as well as the
 backup sign up sheet, are, at this time, full)

Please Note:

We will have a blood drive on Sunday, June 21, 2026, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm in the Lodge Room.

Please consider donating the gift of life

Monday Night Line Dancers
Special Playlist
2026

May:

25th - Wear Red, White and Blue

June:

8th Our Last Monday

Please note

***Calendar events
subject to change***



Queen of Hearts


Tickets may now be purchased at the bar:

Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 10 pm
Sunday 10 am - 7 pm

Drawing: Monday Night at 6:30 pm

Ticket requirements:

- Write your full name and phone number clearly (no nicknames), membership number and select an envelope to open if your name is drawn.

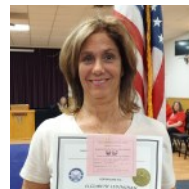
To Our Absent Members

Joe Ursich
Judy A. Thomas
Bruno Heise
Dennis Shanahan
Paul Reich
Edward Bertuccelli
Shirley Allensworth
David Pannier
Clifford Clauser
Wayne Riniker

**Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns**


**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
November, 2025	Kathy Fairbank
December, 2025	Jessica Baker
January, 2026	Elmer & Jewell Snider
February, 2026	Elizabeth Ledingham



Elizabeth Ledingham

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am- 4:00 pm				<u>1</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Planning Cte Meeting - 1 pm PER Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) Steve Wayman	<u>2</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Kentucky Derby - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) Steve Wayman
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm	<u>5</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	<u>6</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm Bar Bingo - 6 pm	<u>7</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Doors open - 4 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>8</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) DNA Duo	<u>9</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Fishing Club - 1 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) Lounge Lizards
<u>10</u> Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 am AEA State Convention	<u>11</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm	<u>12</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Elkettes Meeting - 6 pm House Committee/ Trustee Meeting - 7 pm	<u>13</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Vagabonds - 11:30 am Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm Bar Bingo - 6 pm	<u>14</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Doors open - 4 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>15</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) Fritz	<u>16</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Yacht Club - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) Fritz
<u>17</u> Bar Bingo / Bar Menu 12:30 pm	<u>18</u> Interviews - 9 am Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Orientation - 7 pm Monday Night Dancers - 7 pm	<u>19</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation - 7:30 pm	<u>20</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Old Timers Lunch - 12 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm Bar Bingo - 6 pm	<u>21</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Doors open - 4 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>22</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) DNR	<u>23</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4pm - 8 pm Music: (6 - 9 pm) DNR
<u>24</u>	 Memorial DAY	<u>26</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm MCL Meeting - 7 pm	<u>27</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm Bar Bingo - 6 pm	<u>28</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm Doors open - 4 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>29</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: (7 - 10 pm) BarRoad Time	<u>30</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4pm - 8 pm Music: (7 - 10 pm) BarRoad Time
<u>31</u> LCR 11 am	Bar Open - 10 am - 7pm Office - closed NO Pasta Night NO Queen of Hearts Monday Night Dancers - 4 pm - 6 pm					

AEA State Convention

Elkette President Message...



I'd like to thank the Elkettes for placing their trust in me to continue the Elkettes legacy of success. The Elkettes are one of the most supportive group of women and men I've worked with.

If you haven't yet joined the Elkettes, please consider this your invitation. We are the "FUND" raising and "FUN" raising part of being an Elk or spouse of an Elk. If you have had dinner at the Lodge, you are familiar with our delicious pies and cakes sold by the Elkettes. Volunteers are always needed to help sell pies and cakes. **LCR Game Day Event** is held on the last Sunday of the month (except Nov, Feb and Mar). It's fun for everyone and open to the public. Look for flyers in the Lodge.

Since June is right around the corner. Applications will be available starting **June 1st** for our **Annual Craft Fair** which will be held on Saturday, November 14th. This event fills up fast. Tables are \$45/\$50 per table. Applications are processed based on date the Lodge office receives the application and payment.

If you have any questions regarding what the Elkettes do and how much fun we have doing it, give me a call. Come see what we are all about. On the first Thursday of each month at 10am, we are having "**Coffee with the President**". Our first event will be on May 10th. This is an invitation to all new Elkettes and anyone wanting to learn more about what we do.

Your Elkette President,
Connie Jones
928-733-0357.

Upcoming Elkettes Events:



May 7th at 10 am

Coffee with the Elkettes President:

The first Thursday of the Month at 10 am will be our Elkette Orientation, "Coffee with the President". If you have any questions like: What the Elkettes do and how much fun we have doing it, come see what we are all about. We are the "FUND" raising and "FUN" raising part of being an Elk or spouse of an Elk. If you like to volunteer and want to have fun doing it...come check us out! Selling pies/cakes, volunteering at an event, when we meet, what we do...we would love to have you come check us out.



May 31st -- LCR Game Day Event

Tickets available in the Lodge office and at the door. \$15 Buy-in. Doors open at 11am; light lunch 11:30; doors close noon. Open to the public. Bring family and friends. Door prizes; Raffle; 50/25/25.

Elkettes Craft Fair Applications Available June 1st

Pick up, complete an application and with payment turn into the Lodge Office. Event will fill up fast. Craft Fair is Saturday, Nov 14th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Tables are \$45/table for Elks, \$50/table for non-Elks. Applications are processed based on date received in the office. Applications are accepted until we run out of space.

2026 - 2027 Elkettes Officers

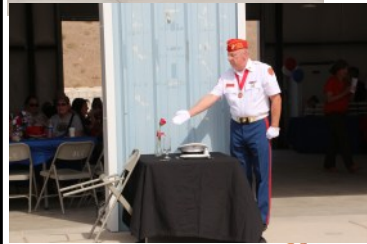


Presenting your new Elkettes Officers for the upcoming year:
From left: Parliamentarian Vanessa Brewster, 2nd Vice President Donna Pineau,
President Connie Jones, Secretary Lisa Nutt, 1st Vice President Chris Dukey.
Not present: Treasurer Heidi Albrecht

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

The PER Association served nearly 200 hot dogs and chips at the annual Vietnam Veterans Day event in March. This event recognizes and honors all those who served during the Vietnam War.

PERs on hand to cook and serve from left: Pat Martino, Don Carter, Larry Brangwin, Paulette Nanteau, Gary Parsons, Chuck Fox and seated in from Larry O. Lee. Jackie Turcotte took the pictures.



Elkettes Crazy Auction



Elkettes Bake Sale Donation



Proceeds from the Elkettes Bake Sale in the amount of \$1,500.00 were donated to Special Olympics for the purchase of uniforms for various sports the Olympians take part in. Pictured back row: Special Olympics Coach Brenda Johnson, Special Olympian Nick Anderson, Special Olympics River Area Director Mandy Evans, Elkette Julie Jackson. Front row: Elkette Cindy Quarto, Special Olympian Roxanne Harshnan, Special Olympian Aly Solorza and Special Olympian Lindsey Lehr.

GOLF CLUB NEWS



This month's Newsletter will start off with some sad news. Long time member Dennis Shanahan passed away a couple of weeks ago. He had not golfed in a couple of years, so some of our newer members probably never met him. He will be missed by many others.

We recently had our Scramble/Luncheon/Meeting, we had 76 golfers which was a great turnout once again. Congratulations to our winning team of Jerry Downing, Greg Stitzinger, Steve Linden and Robert Tusko. Only one person bet on this team winning "and it wasn't any of the players on the team." So, the Calcutta paid a hefty sum to Bob Vigil. "Yogi" he was very gracious and shared the wealth with his fellow Elk Golfers by keeping our glasses full of "ice."

By the time this letter is posted, we will have had our Sedona away outing. Although there are only a few of us going it will still be enjoyable, because Sedona is a beautiful location with a very nice golf course.

Our May outing is Monday the 18th in Parker, Az at Emerald Canyon Golf Course.

Also, our June outing is in Mesquite Nevada scheduled for the first through the fourth with three nice golf courses scheduled, Palms, Casa Blanca and Canyons. Hopefully we'll have a good turnout for the golf outing. All additional information on our away outings is on the Elk Golf website.

www.lakehavas elksgolf.com

Your body already knows how to move, you just need to stop getting in the way!

Mike Lomeli
Vice Chairman

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS

Hello Vagabond Friends and Members of Lodge 2399,



We are wrapping up our 2025/2026 season with a trip to the Railside RV Ranch in Williams, AZ and welcome any current Vagabond Members or new potential member to sign up and join us. The outing is scheduled for May 17th through the 21st. It is beautiful up in Williams this time of year!

As we close out the season, we have a very enthusiastic committee working to come up with ideas for new and exciting places to camp in 2027. We plan to have our complete schedule available to publish in September. As of now, we have another trip to Williams scheduled for September 2026 and Wickenburg first week in November.

For more information regarding these outings feel free to contact camellialuke@yahoo.com.

Last, as the newly elected Secretary of the Vagabond RV Club, I would like to invite any member of Lodge 2399 who loves the great outdoors, ATV Off-roading, Happy Hours, Arts & Crafts, Dice Games, delicious Potlucks and all the Elldom camaraderie that goes along with it, to consider joining our very fun club. All members of Lodge 2399 are warmly welcome to join!

We look forward to travelling with you!
Cami Luke
Vagabonds Secretary

Remember – BPOE – Best People on Earth

FISHING CLUB NEWS



The dates for the May Derby's will be Wednesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 27th from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-in scales will be open for 30 minutes after each Derby at Windsor Beach South. 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 a.m. 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 9th at 1:00 p.m.

The Derby on March 11th was won by Don Brockman and Paul Hansen with 5 fish weighing 17.37 lbs. Second Place went to Keith and Teresa Wagerly with 1 fish weighing 8.32 lbs. Keith's fish also won Big Fish of the Derby. In Third Place with 5 fish weighing 7.92 lbs. was Gary Viscotti and Jim Hatter.

The Derby on March 25th was won by Gary Viscotti and Jim

Hatter with 5 fish weighing 23.79 lbs. Jim had Big Fish of the Derby with a 7.59 lb. striper. Second Place went to Joe Kovach and Don Brockman with 5 fish weighing 16.95 lbs. In Third Place with 5 fish weighing 8.65 lbs. was Jerry Kozachenko and Randy Parks.

The Club's Semi-Annual Fish Fry was held on Sunday, March 15th. Fifty-One Club members and approximately One Hundred guests enjoyed the "All You Can Eat" buffet. The profits from this event are used to benefit Elk charities. This year's donation will go toward Elk Scholarships.

**Just a reminder. Our Sunshine Lady, Esther Thayer, needs to be notified of any club member in need or distress. Her telephone number is: 928-855-1646.

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.

LAKE HAVASU ELKS LODGE #2399 QUEEN OF HEARTS (QoH) RAFFLE RULES

GAME

The game goal is to pick an envelope number where the envelope holds the QUEEN OF HEARTS! The game starts with 54 cards (including Jokers) the QoH committee will mix them up, blindly place the cards in envelopes, mix up the envelopes again, number them from 1-54 then place them on the board in a secure QoH case. No one will know which envelope holds the Queen of Hearts.

RULES AND PROCESS

Only initiated United States Elk members, spouses with card, and widows with card may play. You must be 21 and you must show your current Elks card to win. Delinquent members cannot play.

Tickets will be sold in multiples of \$5: \$5 for 6, \$10 for 12, \$20 for 24. Players will print their full name or their last name and member number and phone number on the back of the purchased tickets. Tickets cannot be altered in any manner such as: no stickers allowed, no bending, tearing or ripped tickets will be accepted. An ink stamp is allowed for providing the required information.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

If you will not be present when the ticket is drawn on Queen of Hearts night (Monday) you must follow the below rules.

- * If tickets are purchased at the office during office hours or from QoH sales committee during the evening hours, they must be filled out completely (full name or last name and member number, phone number and envelope card number you want drawn in your absence). No nicknames will be accepted. We encourage you to return the tickets filled out at the time of purchase by placing them in the QoH barrel.
- * If the tickets are not filled out completely, or a nickname is used, another ticket will be drawn.
- * Winning members not present at the time the tickets are drawn will be notified by phone.

DRAWINGS

Drawing will be held every Monday evening at 6:30pm (except on holidays or announced reasons). Ticket sales will stop at 6:15pm Monday night.

A person who is not playing and has not purchased any tickets will be chosen to draw the tickets from the QoH barrel.

A ticket will be drawn each week. If the ticket drawn has no name, name cannot be read, has a nickname, is altered, information is incomplete for a non-present member, a new ticket will be drawn.

The winning ticket holder drawn will pick an available envelope number (non-present member envelope number requested will be drawn). If the envelope drawn is not the Queen of Hearts, the person will be paid out as indicated below. The drawn card will be clipped to the envelope and placed back in the QoH case. That number location will not be available to be drawn again.

All tickets for that week's drawing will be discarded.

Tickets for the next drawing will start being sold the next day (Tuesday) to be filled out and placed in the QoH barrel.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * Any game changes will be made between games (after the QoH has been drawn).
- * The winner's portion dollar amount only will be displayed near the QoH case, without taxes withheld.
- * The game ends when the Queen of Hearts is drawn.
- * All winners of \$600 or more will need to fill out a W-9 form, W-2G form, show I.D., and if over \$5,000.00 IRS taxes will be withheld.

PAYOUTS

Cards 2 thru 10 = \$30; Jack thru King = \$75; Aces = \$100; Jokers and 1-eye Jacks = \$150; and Queen of Hearts = Jackpot