

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

WAPITI WIND

September 2026

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE



**YOU ARE A MEMBER
NOT A CUSTOMER
THIS IS YOUR LODGE.**

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
is a fraternal organization built on
Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity.
We are Elks. We care. We serve. We strengthen our communities.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEANS:

PARTICIPATE A few hands and a few hours make a real difference.	LEARN Discover our history, share in our values, and grow as Elks and leaders.	SERVE Support our communities through Elks programs and charitable service.
BE KIND Respect one another. Welcome people. Strengthen our brotherhood.	KNOW YOUR LODGE It is a benefit for members and qualified guests — not a public facility. Please follow lodge rules and be respectful of your fellow Elks.	GROW OUR FAMILY Invite and sponsor family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU.

PARTICIPATE ★ VOLUNTEER ★ LEARN ★ SERVE ★ SPONSOR
Ready Elks, Let's Go!

CHARITY

JUSTICE

BROTHERLY LOVE

FIDELITY

** NOTICE TO MEMBERS **

Beginning September 1, 2026, a Credit Card processing fee will be added to all food purchases paid for by Credit Card.

Due to the continued increase in Credit Card processing costs, we are no longer able to absorb these fees while maintaining the quality and affordability of our food service. To help offset these expenses, the processing fee will be applied only to purchases made with a Credit Card.

Members and guests who choose to pay with cash or a Debit Card will not incur this fee.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to keep our Lodge dining services financially sustainable while providing the best possible experience for everyone.

!!ATTENTION PLEASE!!

The Lodge is need of a Lodge Esquire for the current Lodge year. Please Volunteer. If interested, contact the Exalted Ruler (Pam Depweg), or let the Office know.

The Esquire shall organize the Lodge, prepare candidates for initiation, examine and introduce visiting Members, superintend the ballots, transmit official messages as directed by the Exalted Ruler, and in all public displays shall officiate as Marshal. The Esquire shall perform other duties as may be required by the Laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

!!!BE SAFE!!! !!!BE SAFE!!! !!!BE SAFE!!!

Everyone likes to have a good time at the Lodge.

For the safety of our Members and their guests, it is requested that children **“Not”** be allowed to be on the Dance Floor Area unaccompanied.

The Lodge welcomes children/grand children, but remember, they are guests in the Lodge and the Parent/Grand Parent is responsible for their behavior.

Per the Lodge By-Laws (page 30, item 15), Children of Members in good standing are welcome in the Club when accompanied by their parent or guardian, and that Minors are required to yield to Members or adult guests.



ATTENTION!!!

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.

You must be an Elk to attend official meetings. Membership Cards will be checked.

From the Editor:

I have taken over as the Wapiti Wind Editor. Please submit input for the upcoming Wapiti Wind to me at Evasfox@yahoo.com, or call me at 916-335-2784.

Chuck Fox PER
Wapiti Wind Editor



!!!QUEEN OF HEARTS!!!

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle . Played on most Monday's at the Lodge. Tickets on sale at the Lodge at 4:00 pm on Mondays at the Lodge before the drawing at 6:30 pm, or you can purchase tickets at the Bar during the week. Need not be present to win. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Try your luck, you may be the next lucky winner.



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TBD

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 Elksdom.

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

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our **Facebook Page**, search Elks Lodge #2399 Lake Havasu City, AZ

Website & Email Statistics 4/23-9/23:

Website Visitors 1,838, Hits 3,974

Email Members 3,326, Emails sent 32

Total Emails sent 105,917

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If you send a text, please add your name so I know who it is from. Your number may not be in my contacts, so I have no idea who your are. Thanks.

Chuck Fox, PER
Wapiti Wind Editor

VOLUNTEERS

Want to Volunteer at the Lodge?

Please Contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

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Phone 661-644-5656

(If no answer please leave a message)

ELK OF THE MONTH

January, 2026	Elmer & Jewell Snider
February, 2026	Elizabeth Ledingham
March, 2026	Jim Travis
April, 2026	Eva Fox
May, 2026	Wanda Parsons
June, 2026	To Be Announced
July, 2026	To Be Announced
August, 2026	To Be Announced

Auditing & Acct.

Audit/Acct.
Inventory

Activities Committee

Activities-Volunteers
Awards Banquet
Bingo
Blood Drive

Bowling
Bulk Mailing

Charity Ball
Christmas Baskets
Community Activities
Decorating Committee
Door Greeters
Drug Awareness
Elkettes
Entertainment Committee
Family Picnic
Fishing Club
Giving Tree
Golf League
Grants Administrator
Hoop Shoot
Information Technology
Law & Order Night
Lodge Activities
Lodge Emails & Website
Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
Old Timers Night
Pasta Night Volunteers
PER President
Public Relations
Queen of Hearts

Chairman

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Kevin Rogers

Chairman

Elizabeth Ledingham
Pam Depweg
Doreen Davis
Paulette Nainteau
Jackie Turcotte
Carol Sigler
Wanda Parsons
Kathy Fairbank
Joyce Bradley
TBD
Eva Fox
Elkettes
Nikki & Tom Harvey
Pam Depweg
Connie Jones
Eva Fox
Joyce Bradley
Jerry Boyce
TBD
Scott Brown
Elizabeth Ledingham
Pam Depweg
Gary Parsons
Bud Watts
Elizabeth Ledingham
Gary Parsons
Gabriele Medley
Patrick Lee
Paulette Nainteau
Glen Petty
Pat Martino
Eva Fox
Joyce Bradley

Retail Sales
RV Club (Vagabonds)
RV Parking
Scholarships
Soccer Shoot
Special Olympics
Taco Tuesday Night
Veterans Stand Down
Volunteer Coordinator
Yacht Club Commodore
Youth Activities

Fraternal Committee

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

Flag Day
Elks Training
Government Relations
Interview Committee
Orientation
Lodge Inspection/Accident
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
Mediator
Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Presiding Justice
Protocol
Ritual Coach
Ritual Word Coach
Veterans Services
Wapiti Wind

Lodge Office
Joyce Grabowski
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Pam Depweg
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Paul Labovitch
Elizabeth Ledingham
Elizabeth Ledingham
Bruce Hubbard
Pam Depweg

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Pat Costello
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Kathy Fairbank
Jackie Turcotte
Paulette Nainteau
Bud Watts
Chuck Fox

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm Lodge Mtg 7:30pm	<u>2</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Sheriffs lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	<u>3</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm Bowling League Meeting 1 pm at the Lodge	<u>4</u> Office Closed 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Planning Mtg 1pm PER Mtg 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Steve Wayman 6-9pm	<u>5</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Steve Wayman 6-9pm
<u>6</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm	<u>7</u> <u>LABOR DAY</u> <u>Office Closed</u> <i>Bar Open 10am -6pm</i> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Kitchen Closed No Queen of Hearts No Monday Dancers	<u>8</u> Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm LHC Boat Patrol 1pm Elkette Mtg 6pm House Committee/Trustee Mtg 7pm	<u>9</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Vagabonds 11:30am Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	<u>10</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>11</u> Office Closed 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: DNA 6-9pm	<u>12</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm EYC Pig Fest 12-4pm Fishing Club 1pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: DNA 6-9pm
<u>13</u> Family Picnic 11-?? Potluck, Lodge will furnish Hot Dogs & Burgers \$\$\$ Raffles Music: Terry Hopple NFL Package	<u>14</u> Ritual Practice 10am Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Orientation 7pm No Monday Dancers	<u>15</u> Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm Lodge Mtg/Initiation 7:30pm	<u>16</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Old Timers Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	<u>17</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>18</u> Office Closed 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz 6-9pm	<u>19</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Yacht Club 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Law & Order 5pm Music: Fritz 6-9pm
<u>20</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm NFL Package	<u>21</u> Ritual Practice 10am Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>22</u> Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm MCL 7pm	<u>23</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm	<u>24</u> Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 5pm (doors open 3:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>25</u> Office Closed 12pm Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Kid & Nic 7-10	<u>26</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm No Regular Dinner Menu 1st Gents Elk-Toberfest 5pm Music: Kid & Nic 7 - 10pm
<u>27</u> Hot Dogs 11am-2pm LCR 11am NFL Package	<u>28</u> Interviews 9am Ritual Practice 10am Hot Dogs 11am-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>29</u> Taco Tuesday 11am-2pm, 4-7pm	<u>30</u> Lunch 11am-2pm LAPD Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm Bar Bingo 6pm			

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday	11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers 6 pm Karaoke	Thursday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge
Tuesday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot	Friday	12-4 pm Poker
Wednesday	3 pm Desert Singles		

Elkette's President Message

September is here and where did this first eight months of this year go? It's going to be Thanksgiving before we know!

With the fall fast approaching, our Elkettes monthly membership meeting starts back up.

Our next meeting is September 8th at 6pm. Hope to see you all there. Our September LCR Game Day is on the 27th at 11 am. I want to thank all the LCR volunteers who have been showing up month after month all summer long. Without your help we would not have so much fun.

Pies and cakes.... Yum, yum, yum. Our August pie charity is the Lady of the Lakes, Soup Kitchen.

As we return from our vacations and start in on the fall events, one big one is the Elkettes Kids Turn to Shop. In the newsletter is some of the items to donate.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Connie Jones

Elkette President

Kids Turn to Shop, November 28th. We expect about 250 children. Looking for new or gently used: Ball caps, Wallets, tools, jewelry, hair, clips, trinket, boxes, purses, knickknacks, games, and toys.

Anything new or gently used a child would like to give to their parents, godparents, siblings, aunts, and uncles.

We can also use tissue paper, assorted size gift bags, items can be brought to our meetings or drop off in the lodge office.

PIE SALES

LCR

KIDS TURN TO SHOP

VAGABOND RV CLUB NEWS

Hello Vagabond Friends and Members of Lodge 2399, Here's hoping everyone had an eventful, fun and safe summer!

I am pleased to introduce our newly elected Vagabond Board for the 2026/2027 : Wagon Master: Joyce Grabowski, Vice-Wagon Master: Mike Grabowski, Secretary: Cami Luke, Treasurer: Sue Beimler.

We are excited to be starting our 2026/2027 season with a trip to the Railside RV Ranch in Williams -September 17 -20th. This will be followed by a trip to the Desert Cypress RV Park in Wickenburg - November 3rd thru 6th, 2026. We wholeheartedly welcome current Vagabond Members and potential new members to sign up and join us for the November trip that will surely include Happy Hours, various games, a potluck, shopping in downtown Wickenburg and ATV Off-roading! Also stay tuned for a complete schedule of our 2027 RV Trips that will be available in the next issue of the Wapiti Wind and for any questions regarding club membership or the campout events, feel free to contact the club Secretary at camellialuke@yahoo.com.

Last, I would like to remind 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

Vagabond Board 2026-2027 (R to L)

Wagon Master Joyce Grabowski
Vice Wagon Master Mike Grabowski
Secretary Cami Luke
Treasurer Sue Beimler



Golf Club News

Hello fellow Elk Golfers,

We've had two Elk Golfers have a hole in one this summer, both were first for each of them. On July 11, 2026, on Hole#8, a 135-yard par 3 of the Lake Havasu West Course, Don Crooker had his first hole in one, "as an 80-year-old golfer." On August 2, 2026, on Hole#1 a 157-yard par 3 on the Lake Havasu East Course, Phil Wagner had his first ever! Great job by both, although they didn't happen while playing with the Elks Golf League, a great feat at any time!

By the reading of this letter, we will have had our away tournament in Williams, Az the 19-21, playing golf at Elephant Rock Golf Course the 20-21. It looks like we'll have close to 40 golfers for this two day away tournament, what a great turnout, it should be a great tournament!

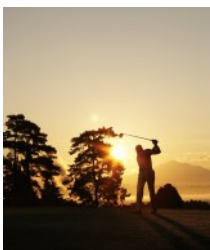
Our October away tournament will be on October 19, Rivers Edge Golf course, Needles, Ca. Contact our away Chairman, Steve McDaniel for additional information at (909) 908-4275 or havasu9@yahoo.com

Go to the website, www.lakehavasuelksgolf.com for any additional information.

Arnold Palmer's most famous quote;

"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated, it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect, it is at the same time rewarding and maddening and it is without a doubt the greatest game ever invented."

Mike Lomeli
Vice Chairman



ELKS YACHT CLUB

EYC members are returning from their vacations, and favorite Club activities are being planned. The EYC Pigfest will be on Sept. 12th, with tickets being sold, and a D.J. has been secured. It will be great to see our friends and neighbors again.

The Octoberfest is planned for October 4th. Plane to dance to Fritz's German music, and eat Authentic German Brats. Yum!

Chili Cookout will be Nov. 7th. Get out your favorite recipe and make a pot of Prize-Winning Chili. There will be three (3) trophies given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners! Don't forget to decorate your cubicle. This event will be held in the main dining room, and is always a crowd pleaser!

Yes, we are definitely up and running! Join the Elks Yacht Club! (Boats not necessary)

Kristin Hubbard
E.Y.C.



Fishing Club News

The dates for the September Derby's will be Wednesday, September 2nd and Wednesday September 16th from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 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!!

Due to Labor Day, the Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Wednesday, September 8th at 11 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, September 12th at 1 p.m.

The Derby on June 3rd was won by Dan Obradovich and Kurt Beach with 5 fish weighing 9.53 lbs. Second Place went to Dave McCullough and Ray Schemm with 5 fish weighing 8.48 lbs. The Derby on June 10th was won by Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 13.88 lbs. Gary also had Big Fish of the Derby with a 4.81 lb. striper. Second Place went to Don Brockman and Joe Kovack with 5 fish weighing 4.81 lbs.

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





**BINGO ON THURSDAY'S
WILL BE CHANGING HOURS
STARTING 09/03/26
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 P.M.
BINGO STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.**



**BINGO
MACHINES
ARE BACK!!!**



Great news for all of our members — our Bingo Machines are coming back!

We appreciate everyone's patience while the Machines were unavailable. We are pleased to announce they are being installed soon.

For those who remember the Bingo Machines from the past, these will have some new features. You will receive a PIN when you put your phone number in. Keep this PIN and don't share it. You will no longer get a card to track your playing. Nothing to keep track of other than your PIN. The KIOSK will have \$10's and \$20's. The Machines will be closed and you will not be able to play them on Sundays and Tuesdays (per Arizona Bingo Laws). All other days you will be able to play the Machines (10am—10pm).

These Bingo Machines help support our Lodge's charitable programs and the many community services we provide throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to see you.

GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPY PLAYING!



ONLY 15000 TICKETS AVAILABLE
Get your Tickets at your local Elks Lodges, from the
Arizona Elks Major Projects Office
Or Scan the QR code below



Ticket are: \$20 each, 3 tickets for \$50.

Drawing will be held on October 17, 2026 at the
AEA Mid-Year Meeting in Tempe AZ.

Must be 21 years of age or older to win. Tickets are not tax deductible. Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes and vehicle registration fee's.

**The Machines have been installed
and as of 8/12/2026 are. now active.**



B.P.O.E. #2399



MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

QUESTIONS WELCOME!

Have you ever wondered how decisions are made at the Lodge? Do you have ideas to share, questions to ask, or simply want to get to know the Officers who serve our membership? Do you want to volunteer to be an Officer and want to know more about what that entails? Interested in joining a Committee?

We invite all members to join us for a “MEET THE LODGE OFFICERS” coffee hour the first Friday of every month starting September 4th at 10am. This informal event is an opportunity to learn more about the Lodge Operations, upcoming projects, Committee activities, and the goals we have for the future. More importantly, it is a chance for open communication.

Your Officers are committed to serving the membership, and we value your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. Whether you have questions about Lodge finances, programs, events, volunteer opportunities, or simply want to understand how things work, we encourage you to attend.

Come enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, meet your Lodge leadership, ask questions, share your ideas and discover new ways to become involved. No question is too small, and every members voice matters.

The Lodge Officers look forward to seeing you there and building an even stronger Lodge together!

Donation Request for Scholarship Fund

My name is Gabriele Medley, and I am the Scholarship Chair for 26-27. We are raising funds for our scholarships, which will support High School seniors as they move forward with their education.

We will host a Silent Auction on October 18th from 1-3pm. Cost of entry is \$5 and this will provide one drink from our special cocktail menu. We are also accepting donations to be included in the auction. There will also be a raffle for three (3) drinks for a \$5.00 entry. Please attend and support Your Lodge.

We have a goal of \$10,000.00. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting educational opportunities in our community.

Sincerely,
Gabriele Medley
Trustee, Scholarship Chair
elks.gabriele@gmail.com

**** 52 Club Raffle Winners ****

Below are listed the WINNERS so far for the Month of August 52 Club Raffle:

August 3, 2026	Mike Kilpatrick
August 10, 2026	Jack Gerds
August 17, 2026	Ann Marie Frederick



MEMBERSHIP AND LAPSE

Volunteers are needed for the “Membership/Lapse” committee. If interested in volunteering for this committee, contact Bob Feliciano (Chairman) at 928-855-4251.

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