



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

From the State President April 2006

The Lodge year has ended for some and just beginning for others. Each group is to be congratulated. The first group for their great service to their communities and the other for their future service to their community.

The month of March saw all Districts hold their District conventions. Several State Officers and Committee Chairmen along with their spouses traveled each weekend to enjoy the friendship of fellow Elks and to continue the work of Elkdom.

Plans for the State Convention at Clarksville are almost complete. State Committeemen should be preparing their reports. Your reservations should be in soon.

During March the Elks received some well-deserved good publicity with the article in the USA Today and the program on the Today Show on the young people joining the Elks.

Harry Smith – State President

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Southwest District Bicknell - We have had a winner in the Lucky Bucks calendar draw already, congratulations.

The Lodge has been busy with lots of parties and get together. In Feb we had a Super Bowl party and the turnout in people and food was great. We nominated officers for the next Lodge year, and started filling our committee chairs.

The SW District Traveling Bowling League went to Hobart, IN for the State bowling tournament. Several people got some money back from it so we have some good bowlers around here. March got off to a good start with the NCAA tournament action and auction. On April 8 Bicknell Lodge installed Sara Kixmiller as the first Lady ER for Bicknell. Good Luck to her. Our Lodge has already had one fund raising event for the HS Band and we'll host another for the football team on the 22nd. Thanks to all the people who help with these events.

Congratulations to Vincennes lodge for having a state winner in the Hoop Shoot. Megan Eck was the winner of the girls 12-13 year olds.

Princeton reported their "Trash or Treasure" Bingo was a great success. Especially the dirty bingo part, as one particular gift went around the room several times.

Boonville Lodge held their reverse drawing on Mar 18th and it was a great success. Bicknell's Ed Hagemeyer's ticket was among the last 10 tickets in the drawing. He was hoping to be in the last five, but like the rest of us, he didn't make it.

Mt Vernon's DD Lorrie Strait is planning her last DD Clinic to be held at Bicknell on Apr 22 at 10:00 am. Bicknell will serve breakfast at 9:00 am, so you all come have breakfast with us.

From Sara Kixmiller

APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

KEY FACTS:

- Approximately 10.8 million persons ages 12 to 20 (28.7 percent) report drinking alcohol during the month prior to the survey interview in 2004. Among children aged 12 to 17, an estimated 17.6 percent were current drinkers.
- Among youths aged 12 to 17, an estimated 17.6 percent used alcohol in the month prior to the survey interview in 2004.
- Alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age. Alcohol use by the end of the sixth grade is reported by 20.9 percent of eighth graders in 2004. More than three out of every four students (77 percent) have consumed alcohol (more than a few sips) by the end of high school; and nearly half (44 percent) have done so by the eighth grade. In fact, 60 percent of 12th graders and one-fifth (20 percent) of eighth graders reported in 2004 having been drunk at least once in their life.

- Adults who had first used alcohol before age 15 are five times as likely to be dependent on alcohol as adults who first used at age 21 or older. In fact, more than one-quarter (2.0 million) of alcohol-dependent adults, age 21 or older, first used alcohol before age 14. About eight percent, 5.5 million, first used before they were age 18. Ninety-five percent, 6.6 million, first used before age 21.
- Underage alcohol use is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.
- Ten percent of 9- to 10-year-olds say that they already have started drinking alcohol.
- Perceived parental disapproval is the strongest influence on youthful alcohol use. Children who believe their parents always or sometimes engaged in monitoring behaviors (helping children with homework, limiting television and time out with friends on school nights, requiring them to do chores, etc.) than among youths whose parents seldom or never involved. **(Above data taken from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration 2004 Survey on Drug Use and Health National Findings.)**

Thus, you should start talking to your kids before They Start Drinking. Some talking points are:

- Describe some of the effects of alcohol on the brain and body.
- Identify effective alternatives to using alcohol.
- Work in groups to develop an effective alcohol prevention message.
- Discuss what to say or do if someone presses you to take a drink.
- Ask why they believe young people drink.
- Use some of the above data points to communicate to your child the ill effects of alcohol to the body, reproductive system, brain and social problems it can cause. Alcohol is the number 1 killer of youth up to age 24.

Talk to them about Alcohol and their Brain and how the Central nervous System (Brain and Spinal Cord) can be affected – depressing effect, act silly and stupid, or lose judgment, slow down your reactions, your vision may get blurry; you may slur your words; and, you could have decreased hearing and trouble smelling and tasting. You may find it hard to control urges; you may become violent or act without thinking. You may have trouble remembering or experience a blackout. You may lose your balance and fall. You may not know where you are. Breathing and heart rate slows. Drinking a lot of alcohol in a short time could shut down your whole system and you go into a coma or die.

See also TIPS FOR TEENS – ALCOHOL DAP 110 from Elks Drug Awareness program.

Dale S. Phillips, Indiana Elks State Drug Awareness Chairperson

From the Webmaster

I am very pleased to report that the long overdue project to completely upgrade the Indiana Elks web pages has finally been completed and is now online.

Everything is brand new, including the format. A part of the upgrade includes an archive of all of the past “Under The Spreading Antlers” newsletters dating back to July 2005, which are available for reading and/or downloading.

Please check it out at: www.indianaelks.org

I'm very proud of it and I think you will be too!

Larry Shaver – PSP
Indiana Elks Webmaster

Accident Prevention Information

Important Notice

As previously announced, AON Risk Services will assume service responsibilities and future renewals for all Elks programs starting April 1, 2006.

The phone number used for many years has been transferred to AON Risk Services. If there is any service you may need (certificates of insurance or billing matters related to Property Plus or D&O) you may call AON Risk Services at **1-800-421-3557**. (Do not call the Elks Insurance Department).

It should be noted that all items billed by Marsh, Inc. prior to April 1, 2006 (including Property Plus, D&O or other miscellaneous items) must be paid to Marsh, Inc. as originally received. If there are questions regarding Marsh, Inc.'s billing, please contact Marsh, Inc. by mail or call Susan Goggin at 1-415-743-7505.

Spring Cleaning and Fix-Up

For those Lodges that have had a winter with ice and snow, spring has returned! The parking lots and open-air areas may have damage or a need for maintenance. Plans should be made now to make the appropriate repairs and remove any hazards that might cause claims by users during the spring and summer months. Particular attention should be given to entrances and stairs.

Larry Shaver – PSP
State Insurance Chairman

***** NOTICE *****

IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD PHOTOS FOR
NEXT YEARS CALENDARS
PLEASE SEND THEM TO:

HERB BRAUTZSCH, PSP
Paragon Industrial Supply
9100 Front Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners for 2006

January

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
Bill Wersner, Jr	Hamilton, IN	Angola # 2398	7773	100.00
Gilbert DeVore	Chesterfield, IN	Elwood #368	3941	250.00
John McKay	Sunman, IN	Lawrenceburg#1836	1028	100.00
Frieda S Payton	Richland, IN	Boonville#1180	0682	100.00
Robert C Lucas	Muncie, IN	Muncie#245	9132	100.00
Paul R Riche	Kokomo, IN	Kokomo#190	0909	250.00
Rita Clark	Bicknell, IN	Bicknell#1421	7884	100.00
Sara Clark	Monticello, IN	Lognsport#66	4281	100.00
B.L. Goodpaster	Seneca, SC	Lawrenceburg#1836	3486	250.00
Buck Bradley	Aurora, IN	Lawrenceburg#1836	3500	100.00

Bud Marker	Angola, IN	Angola#2398	7570	100.00
Mr&Mrs Wayne Knight	Noblesville, IN	Terre Haute# 86	4658	250.00
Ron Deckard	Vincennes, IN	Vincennes#291	5638	100.00

Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners for 2006

February

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
Stephen McMains	Greencastle, IN	Greencastle # 1077	6941	100.00
Jeff Pfeiffer	Logansport, IN	Logansport#66	1892	250.00
John L Powell	Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis # 13	3300	100.00
Christine Martin	Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis # 13	3331	100.00
Phyllis A Hale	Converse, IN	Kokomo # 190	0957	100.00
Tom Kobiela	Garrett, IN	Auburn # 1978	7715	100.00
Gil Martens	Elkhart, IN	Wabash#471	6716	250.00
Cheryl Dale	Lebanon, IN	Lebanon#635	0950	100.00

Thanks,
 Bill Schaab, PSP
 State Calendar Chairman

STATE HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

They are as follows:

Girls 8-9 Division

Place	Name	Lodge	Score
1 st	Autumn Whirley	Richmond #649	23/25
2 nd	Allison Winger	Linton #866	21/25
3 rd	Katie Hartman	Madison #524	18/25
4 th	Erika Thornton	Bluffton #796	17/25
5 th	Brandi Bozarth	Washington #933	16/25
6 th	Alexis Shepherd	Ligonier #451	15/25
7 th	Abby Davis	Noblesville #576	14/25
8 th	Tiarra Spikes	Michigan City #432	12/25

Boys 8-9 Division

Place	Name	Lodge	Score
1 st	Austin Burtner	Lebanon #635	21/25
2 nd	Austin Miller	Elkhart #425	20/25
3 rd	Evan Pflum	Connersville #379	19/25 12/15
4 th	Trevor Wikle	Linton #866	19/25 11/15
5 th TIE	Brandt Nowaskie	Vincennes #291	18/25
5 th TIE	Alex Brooks	Union City #1534	18/25
7 th TIE	Chris Palombizio	Valparaiso #500	17/25
7 th TIE	Jake Castleman	Fort Wayne #155	17/25

Girls 10-11 Division

Place	Name	Lodge	Score
1 st	Alyssa Conrad	Brazil #762	16/25 5/5
2 nd	Hannah Ainsworth	Portland #768	16/25 18/20
3 rd	MacKenzie Dailey	Martinsville #1349	16/25 17/20
4 th	Katherine Berning	Valparaiso #500	16/25 7/10
5 th	Whitney Jennings	Logansport #66	15/25
6 th	Katie Goings	Angola #2398	14/25
7 th	Elizabeth James	Washington #933	13/25
8 th	Megan Jakoby	New Albany #270	12/25

Boys 10-11 Division

Place	Name	Lodge	Score
1 st	Grant Evans	Muncie #245	22/25
2 nd	Drew Benedict	Columbia City #1417	19/25
3 rd	Patrick Toole	Vincennes #291	18/25 5/5
4 th	Jayson Higgins	Logansport #66	18/25 4/5
5 th	Connor Ganly	Brazil #762	17/25
6 th TIE	Clark Adams	Franklin #1818	14/25
6 th TIE	Caleb Marsden	Rushville #1307	14/25
8 th	Andy Kropp	Valparaiso #500	8/25

Girls 12-13 Division

Place	Name	Lodge	Score
1 st	Megan Eck	Vincennes #291	20/25 5/5
2 nd	Beth Howard	Fort Wayne #155	20/25 2/5
3 rd	Brandi Ponder	Madison #524	19/25
4 th TIE	Sable Wall	Kokomo #190	16/25
4 th TIE	Brenna Sherwood	Elkhart #425	16/25

6 th	Sarah Legg	Lafayette #143	15/25
7 th	Emily Fanno	Highland #981	12/25
8 th	Abby Murphy	Richmond #649	11/25

Boys 12-13 Division

Place	Name	Lodge	Score
1 st	Collin Dawes	Wabash #471	24/25
2 nd	Greg Bockelman	Columbia City #1417	23/25
3 rd	Jake Greenberg	Dunkirk #1776	21/25 5/5
4 th	Joe Tharp	Lafayette #143	21/25 4/5
5 th TIE	Sean Crary	Highland #981	19/25
5 th TIE	Dylan Crouse	Bloomington #446	19/25
7 th	Nathan Harless	Franklin #1818	16/25
8 th	Dominic Gosman	Madison #524	15/25

Congratulation to the winners!

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