



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

August 2007

From the State President

Fall is on the way! This year is going fast and old man winter will be here before we know it. I live in the Ball State University area in Muncie and I know when the students start moving in that summer is almost history.

Laquata and I had a great time at the Greencastle 100th anniversary celebration. The lodge officers and members made us feel welcome. They had a cookout on the parking lot Friday night and a great meal on Saturday night. A young man entertained us by the name of Blair Carman. Blair played the piano and sang like Jerry Lee Lewis. The people there enjoyed him and the place was full at eleven for the Eleven O Clock Toast. A special thank you to Scott and Jan Lewis for their hospitality also.

The next weekend we went to the Kentucky Mid Year Convention at Henderson Kentucky. We were treated with Southern Hospitality at its best. It will be a challenge to match it when the Kentucky President comes to our Fall convention. They presented Laquata and I with the honor of being appointed a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky. Since both of us are from Kentucky it was special to be appointed. I also got a Louisville Slugger Bat with my name engraved on it. I keep it hid from Laquata in case she gets mad at me.

The Grand Exalted Ruler Lou Sulsberger, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Kentucky State Sponsor Ted Hess, also attended the convention and it was nice to get to know these men better.

Our judges re certification and certification for new judges will be held at the Lebanon Lodge September 15th. I am happy to say that 3 Kentucky Past State Presidents and 3 Past Exalted Rulers plan to attend and try to certify. I had several conversations about ritual with Kentucky members and even found myself giving a clinic on deportment in the hospitality room.

At this time Kentucky only has one ritual judge so they can use a few more. If any of you are interested in being a judge please plan to attend the clinic.

I have had the pleasure of attempting to play golf in two cancer tournaments in August. The first one was at Jeffersonville and the second one at Franklin. It was hot both days but fun to be with great Elks at both tournaments. The final figures are not in but the Jeffersonville tournament made about \$17,000.00 and Franklin about \$13,000.00. I can just see I.U. and Purdue using this \$30,000.00 as seed money and turning it into two or three million in government grants.

I also plead with all of the lodges to keep working on National Foundation. The last report showed Indiana in 30th place in the Nation. I know we can do better. Don't forget that the goal has been raised to \$4.25 per member. Enroll every new member in National Foundation even if the lodge has to pay the first \$10.00. We can do it!

In closing I want to encourage the lodges to take advantage of the hard work being done by our State Government Relations Chairman Larry Litsey. Larry is trying to get all of the correct information on the new gaming laws. A couple of misunderstood points, the fact that you have applied for the license does not allow you to have the gaming until it is issued. When you apply you are required to advertise it in the local newspaper at least 2 times 7 days apart that you have applied for the license giving the address of the gaming commission in case anyone wants to protest. No license is valid until that is done. Those that are caught having gaming without a license will not be able to obtain a license for at least a year plus other fines. I get a lot of lodge newsletters and some have information on their gaming activities listed. Its bad enough to do it without a license but to advertise it in the newsletter is not a good idea. Until the license is issued and the advertising has been done no gaming is legal except bingo and pull-tabs if you have a bingo license. I have been told that the law says that pull tabs can only be sold on the days you have bingo. BE CAREFUL.

Fraternally,

Jim Warren
State President

Message from the Indiana Elks Webmaster

Just a brief reminder to please keep sending me descriptions and locations of Veterans' Memorials located within your geographic area so they can be added to the web page.

Larry Shaver – PSP
Indiana Elks Webmaster
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Mark your calendars - October 8, 2007

The following Monday after the Fall Convention, IU Med Center will be hosting a tour and luncheon for the Elks. A tour of the new facility will be given followed by a luncheon. At the luncheon we will have an honored guest to join us, the PRESIDENT OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

You say why this date. Many times in the past we have had such tours/luncheon the Friday before the meeting, when we were in Indianapolis. PGER Jim Grillo, will be the guest at our convention and when he was GER he showed a great interest in our major project and will be extending his visit so he and Lucia may visit and tour the cancer center.

So mark your calendars and make plan to attend if possible.

Marvin Buck - PSP

News from the Southeast District

Hasn't this been a great summer, hot and sunny. Absolutely no excuse for not enjoying yourself. Our Lodges scale back activities in August, relax and rejuvenate everyone.

Columbus and Rushville are gearing up for fundraising golf tournaments in September, if you have the time they would appreciate you playing in the tournament. Jeffersonville's Cancer Golf Tournament turned out very well for them, raising over \$15,000. Keep up the good work.

Madison and New Albany keep entertaining their members with special dinners and other functions at the Lodge. Spreading the work of Elkdom.

It is fun visiting other Lodges; each Lodge has a great deal to offer their members and guest. The State Golf Tournament was in Richmond, great weekend of fun.

Fraternally,
John W. Sauer
State Vice President

Elks Soccer Shoot

Where do I get information on the Soccer Shoot? Every Lodge should have a copy of the program manual provided by Grand Lodge. If your Lodge doesn't have a copy, where did it go? Does a past Lodge Soccer Shoot Director have it in his possession? If so, reclaim it. If it's still missing, order another from Grand Lodge. Any rules revisions are included.

Don't forget to use the **optional** grid goal contest. Diagrams for constructing goals, contest rules and procedures, and registration and scoring forms are all included in the manual. It should answer the bulk of your questions. Please, use it.

What happens if my champion can't attend the next level of the competition? The answer is to send an alternate. Just go down the list by scores until you can get a commitment. I already know the follow-up question is "What happens if I run out of contestants, and still don't have a commitment? At that point, unfortunately you're out of options for that age/gender group. We all realize that there will be schedule conflicts. Please, make every effort to make **reasonable** allowances at your contests to maximize participation.

I hope that you attended your District Deputy Clinic for August and the program was discussed. If not, why not? You should have either held or will hold your Lodge contests soon. Coordinate with your District Soccer Shoot Director so that you can send your winners to your District contest. District winners attend the state contest on October 13. Please, try to plan on attending the clinic at the Merrillville fall state meeting if you are involved in the program at the Lodge or District level. Keep up your efforts for the Soccer Shoot.

Edward F. Sulicz,
State Soccer Shoot Director

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



In Bluffton there is T-Ball teams that are for kids with disabilities. I have been helping for the past 3 years and this is one of the coolest things I have gotten involved in. The kids have so much fun. God has taken some of the abilities away but they have not taken any love they have in them.

God bless their families
John Barnes - ER
Bluffton Elks 796

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

Centrals Kokomo held its big fundraiser on August 25th at their 60th Annual Picnic. It featured BBQ and all the trimmings. We still have euchre on the second Saturday of the month, and a DD Clinic was held at Martinsville. We are trying to work out arrangements to get our kitchen back in operation.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Bicknell's month of August just seemed to fly by. We hosted our annual Drug Awareness Swim party. We had an exceptional turn out, 151 kids signed in and each received the new Drug Awareness literature as well as free cony dogs, chips, and sodas.

Bicknell Lodge also hosted the first DD clinic. District Deputy Dick Dunbar introduced Larry Litsey who spoke on the new Charity gaming laws and regulations. Roger Kraese discussed Business Practices, and DD Dunbar spoke on behalf of the National Foundation. He also spoke on behalf of GER Sulsberger's program of "*Elks - United to Serve Others*".

Bicknell is also getting plans together for the Labor Day weekend, which will feature Fried Chicken on Friday night and a Hog Roast and Beer Garden on Saturday night. We are organizing a Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary to begin in September.

Princeton held a car wash and \$500 was given to the Gibson County Sheriff's Department for the new drug dog. This was just one of the contributions to charity. So far this year, Princeton has made donations to the Cancer Research program, ENF, Veterans, CJ's Bus, the Wright Quints, and our troop boxes project. Thanks to everyone who helped, and we're not done yet.

Congratulations to the Vincennes Ladies of the Elks on the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer benefit. It was very successful. We initiated 9 new members and two people were appointed to fill vacant chairs. The golf course continues to be very busy.

Boonville will be initiating new members next month, and continue to have dart tournaments and run specials on brain sandwiches. Their Ladies Association will resume meeting in September.

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM



Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

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Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners for 2007

July 2007

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
John H. Reed	Bedford, IN	Bedford #826	7264	100.00
Dave Wolf	Madison, IN	Madison #524	0965	100.00
Roy S. Greener	Fort Wayne, IN	Columbia City1417	9646	100.00
Gary Davis	Anderson, IN	Greenfield #1720	9212	100.00
Gatlin Haltom	Lafayette, IN	Rockville #2471	9336	100.00
Billy J. Bullard	Mooreville, IN	Greencastle #1077	9894	100.00
Paul Dubenetzky	Indianapolis, IN	Bluffton #796	3252	100.00
Steve Reed	Kokomo, IN	Logansport #66	5303	250.00
Don Pemberton	Lynnville, IN	Boonville #1180	6744	100.00
George A. Hession	Logansport, IN	Logansport #66	7796	100.00
Mark Len Kensdofer	Union City, IN	Union City #1534	7293	100.00

Thanks,
Bill Schaab, PSP
State Calendar Chairman

Please send any articles, proofread please, for next month's newsletter to:

Sara Kixmiller
Under the Spreading Antlers, State Chairman
Also any comments to my attention at <mailto:mkixmiller@charter.net>