



# Elkhorn Ranch Owners Association

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### Newsletter



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#### **EROA IS ACTIVE IN FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES**

Residents of the Elkhorn were very active in the Fourth of July activities in Como. Ann Bridgewater served on the Fourth of July Committee and headed up the successful parade. Al and Marla DeHart organized the Float Committee and produced an outdoor scene complete with trees, wildlife and a campfire. Our entry took second place in the parade. We also provided volunteers Denny Nall and Sandra Flower who marched as Smoky the Bear and Woodsie the Owl, respectively, in the parade. A good time was had by all, in spite of the intermittent rain throughout the day.

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#### **BURN PIT UPDATE**

Just a reminder that the Jefferson/Como Fire Department has taken over management of the burn pit. If you have not already done so, you need to register with the Jefferson/Como Fire Department to obtain the combination for the gate lock. This can be done in person by visiting Fire Station #5, located on Elkhorn Rd. As a convenience, the Fire Department also has the form on their web-site at [www.jcfpd.org](http://www.jcfpd.org) where it can be accessed and downloaded. The completed form can then be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 380 Como, Colorado 80432-0380 or faxed to them at (719) 836-3244. If you have any questions, please call the Jefferson/Como Fire Station at 719-836-3244.

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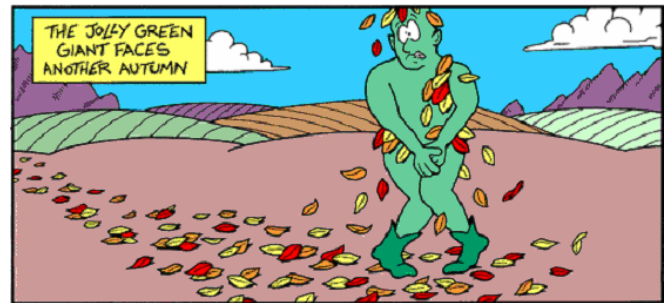
#### **UNCLE ELKY'S FAVORITE JOKES**

Here are my favorite jokes. Enjoy!

1. Two peanuts were walking down a spooky road at night... One was assaulted.
2. A termite walks into a bar room and asks, "Is the bar tender here?"
3. "Waiter! This coffee tastes like mud." "Yes sir, it's fresh ground."
4. What's brown and sticky? A stick.
5. Why are proctologists so gloomy? They always have the end in sight.
6. What do you call a sleepwalking nun? Roamin' Catholic
7. What did the apple say to the orange? Nothing stupid, apples don't talk.
8. What do you do with a dog that has no legs? Take him out for a drag.
9. Why can't a chicken coop have more than 2 doors? Because if it had 4 doors it would be a chicken sedan.

#### **MEMBERS' PICNIC**

We hope you have marked your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Members picnic on Saturday, September 16, 2006. What a great time to come and enjoy good food and meet other Elkhorn members. This is not a meeting, just a day to have fun and perhaps the colors will be changing. Fall is a beautiful time in the Elkhorn. The picnic starts at noon at the Elkhorn picnic pavilion. We furnish the hamburgers, hot dogs, cooked by the "world famous Elkhorn chefs", hamburger and hot dog buns, condiments, plates and silverware. Please bring your own drinks and a food to add to the pot luck. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with set-up activities, please contact Ann Bridgewater at 719-836-2298 or by e-mail at [babridgewater@myway.com](mailto:babridgewater@myway.com).



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#### **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (and Pot Luck)**

The October 6, 2006 EROA Board of Directors meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 7, 2006. We will be meeting at the Como Civic Center and will have a "pot luck" luncheon following the meeting. Jim Campbell will be a guest at the meeting to discuss water augmentation.

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#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - SUMMER 2006**

Nothing to report for this quarter. To report break-ins or suspicious activity, contact:

Rhonda Garrett  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator  
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**ELKHORN RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
EROA PAVILION - REMINGTON AND PRONGHORN**

**JULY 2, 2006**

The EROA Annual Meeting was called to order on July 2, 2006 by President, Bob Bridgewater.

There were 170 people in attendance for a wonderful meal prepared by Lyle Hetterley who has catered the picnic for many years. Bob thanked Lyle and wished him well in his retirement. He and his wife will be moving to Arizona. Several members also brought delicious desserts and cakes were provided by the EROA.

Just a note-attendance drops in the years that we have a fire ban. This year we are at a stage 2 restriction.

The speaker this year was Doc McKay who is head of Park County Building Department. Many people had questions and all found his presentation and answers very helpful.

The candidates that were running for office this year were introduced. There were 5 openings and 5 candidates. The voting was still conducted and ballots were picked up and will be kept with EROA records. Those running were Bob Bridgewater and Mike Flowers for 3 year terms, Terry Shumaker and Cindy Gharst for 2 year terms and Art Burnham for a 1 year term. All 5 candidates were elected to the 2006/07 EROA Board of Directors.

JoAn Nall gave the Treasures report and passed out copies of the financial report. The yearly review of the EROA Fiscal Year Financial Records was done by Jill Fishinger, CPA. All Financial Records are correct and in balance.

Bob Bridgewater and Denny Nall spoke about water augmentation and that we need to start paying a share of the costs. The cost will be decided at a later date.

Denny Nall spoke about the EROA web site and also about sending more newsletters out by email which saves a great deal of money each year.

Mike Flowers spoke on the newsletter. He has done a wonderful job and all attending found out who "Uncle Elky" really is.

Ann Bridgewater spoke of upcoming events and about the 1st Annual Parade in Como that had been held July 1st. The float for the EROA (which was headed up by Al DeHart) won 2nd place. Events to remember: July 8th will be clean up day and hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. September 16th will be the members picnic and again hot dogs and hamburgers will be served with the rest being a potluck.

Gary Hart's term on the board ended this year. Bob thanked Gary for serving for 8 years and presented him with a gift card from the EROA. Tom Sallee was thanked for his service on the board. Tom and his wife, Barbara are now spending most of their time in Arizona.

The meeting was opened to questions.

1. Issues on trailers was brought up. Bob explained that nothing can be done. It is not listed in our covenants and Park County has okayed the use of trailers. It was hoped all owners would keep up their places which benefits all owners.
2. One owner caught a contractor removing dirt from their property. It was suggested that the sheriff be called.
3. An owner questioned about the fishing rights that was listed on the card she had received from the EROA. None of the ponds are stocked at this time due to low water levels.

A drawing for 3 gift certificates for \$10 each for homeowners dues were given to 3 lucky owners.

Bob closed the meeting at 2:15pm.

Submitted by  
Ann Bridgewater



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
EROA PAVILION - REMINGTON AND PRONGHORN**

**JULY 2, 2006**  
*(Draft Minutes)*

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Bridgewater at 2:55 pm. Those in attendance were:

President, Bob Bridgewater  
Treasurer, JoAn Nall  
Newly Elected EROA Board Members:  
    Art Burnham  
    Mike Flower  
    Terry Shumaker  
Absent, newly elected board member  
    Cindy Gharst  
Members in attendance:  
    Ann Bridgewater  
    Denny Nall

First order of business was the election of officers for the 2006/2007 EROA Board of Directors. They are as follows:

President: Bob Bridgewater  
Vice President: Mike Flower  
Secretary: Cindy Gharst (pending her acceptance of the position)  
Treasurer: JoAn Nall  
Member at Large: Art Burnham  
Member at Large: Terry Shumaker

Ann Bridgewater was appointed Social Chairman. Ann will be in charge of social activities for the EROA, as well as locating meeting places for the board of directors meetings. After discussion, the board determined a meeting would no longer be held in Denver, due to low attendance by EROA members.

The dates for the required EROA Board of Directors meetings were set as follows:

Saturday, October 7, 2006, 10:00 am Meeting place to be determined  
Saturday, January 6, 2007, 10:00 am Meeting place to be determined  
Saturday, April 14, 2007, 10:00 am Meeting place to be determined  
Sunday, July 1, 2007, 12 noon. Annual Meeting and Picnic, EROA Pavilion at Remington and Pronghorn. The Board meeting immediately follows the Annual meeting.

Terry Shumaker was appointed Architectural Control Chairman. Art Burnham will serve on the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

At the October, 2005 board of directors meeting, Jay Garrett offered to install a small window in each restroom at the picnic area. Terry will check with Jay on the status of the installation.

EROA Certificate of Deposit # 17973 in the amount of \$7,679.97 will become due July 21, 2006. JoAn Nall requested board approval to move the money to People's National Bank in Fairplay. Art motioned the money to be deposited in the existing money market account at People's National Bank in Fairplay, for determination of how to invest the money at a later date. Motion seconded and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

By unanimous consent, the board made the following declaration:

"The EROA Board of Directors wishes to commend and congratulate Ann Bridgewater for serving in a leadership role for the Fourth of July festivities held in Como, Co. Thank you, Ann, and to all of the volunteers for their efforts in successfully representing and promoting the Elkhorn Ranch. Special thanks to Al and Marla DeHart for making the beautiful float that represented the Elkhorn in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade."

Mike asked for opinions from the board to have paid ads in the EROA Newsletter. He will check to see what a fair price would be for these ads and present this information to the board at a later date. The matter was tabled at this time.

JoAn reported the EROA joined the Park County Chamber of Commerce so bulk rate mailing could be used for the newsletter. Since we are no longer using bulk rate mailing, JoAn motioned that we not continue to pay membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Motion seconded and passed.

Terry inquired if mileage is paid to a person when a specific trip is made out of the area to purchase items for the Elkhorn. After discussion, the board felt there were members who live in Denver, that could pick up items and bring them to the Elkhorn. Bob suggested a member could keep track of any such trips for consideration of reimbursement by the EROA.

Art asked if any copies were available of the history in this area that had been written by Jim Gardner. If so, he would appreciate receiving them.

Art requested next year's Annual Picnic be placed on the agenda for the October board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by  
JoAn Nall

## DIRECTORY

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<i>Member-at-Large</i>	Art Burnham	303-424-4871
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	Terry Shumaker	719-836-3555

### OTHER

<i>Security Patrol</i>	Terry Shumaker	719-836-3555
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	Art Burnham	303-424-4871
<i>By-Laws and Web Page</i>	Dennis Nall	719-836-1993
<i>Maintenance</i>	Terry Shumaker	719-836-3555
<i>Social</i>	Ann Bridgewater	719-836-2298
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<i>Web Page</i>	<a href="http://www.elkhornowners.org">www.elkhornowners.org</a>	

If you would like to receive the periodic newsletter by e-mail and haven't signed up yet, please send your e-mail address to [mail@elkhornowners.org](mailto:mail@elkhornowners.org). This will also enable you to receive news from the Elkhorn between newsletters. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter or the website, please let us know.

## COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** RV generator removed from a Winnebago; RV awing and frame removed from a 32' RV; Whirlpool electric self cleaning range – white; 3 years old; stainless steel double kitchen sink. Call Ann at 719-836-2298 or email [babridgewater@myway.com](mailto:babridgewater@myway.com)

**Free Straw Bales:** Lots of straw bales for anyone who might want them for erosion control or garden mulching. There is no charge for the bales. If you are interested, please call Erin at 303-470-0127

**For Sale:** Filing 4, Lot 204 Three acres, asking \$10,900. Contact by phone (303) 343-1323 or by e-mail at [Brothermac1@aol.com](mailto:Brothermac1@aol.com)

If you have something to give away, sell or trade, or need a product or service, please submit your items to Michael Flower at [mikeaf2000@comcast.net](mailto:mikeaf2000@comcast.net)

## Ask Uncle Elky



The election of Board is over. My last minute write-in campaign proved unsuccessful, as I didn't receive a single vote. Go figure. On the plus side, it will give me more time to prepare for my winter hibernation..

- Q. When is the best time to view the fall colors, especially the turning of the Aspens?
- A. Well, the Aspens are turning even as we speak. However, they are expected to peak during the last ten days of September. There will be beautiful color right here within the Elkhorn. However, if you feel like venturing out, a trip over the Boreas Pass is rated as one of the most scenic ways to view the Fall colors.
- Q. I am a weekend resident. The weather will start getting unpredictable during the next several months. What is the best way to get a weather forecast before heading up the hill from the City?
- A. There are several good web-sites that provide up-to-the-minute weather information. I particularly like to visit [www.southparkwx.com](http://www.southparkwx.com). It has everything from satellite generated charts to pictures of US 285. Another good site for those traveling from the Denver area is [www.coniferwx.com](http://www.coniferwx.com), which provides similar information for the Conifer area.
- Q. Is there still a fire ban in Park County?
- A. The Park County Sheriff's Department has lifted Park County Stage I Burn Ban. As always, extreme caution should be used when managing open fires. If you see a neighbor or resident with an unsafe fire situation, a diplomatic, but firm, reminder would be appropriate.
- Information on fire safety can be found at the USDA Forest service web site at [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us). Another good web site is the Pike and San Isabel National Forest web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc). This site also has a wealth of other information about the area. Also check out the Jefferson/Como Fire Protection District website at [www.jcfpd.org](http://www.jcfpd.org).
- Q. Is it OK to ride ATV's on the roads in Elkhorn Ranch?
- A. No. ATV's and dirt bikes (unless licensed as street-legal) are not allowed on local or county roads. They are allowed on private property and in the National forest. However, please be courteous to avoid loud noise during late night or early morning hours.

If you have any questions for me, send them to Mike Flower at (303) 470-3107 or at [mikeaf2000@comcast.net](mailto:mikeaf2000@comcast.net).

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