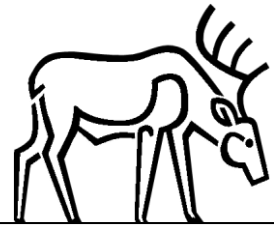




Newsletter

Elkhorn Ranch Owners Association
P.O. Box 106; Como, CO
Summer (July – September 2012)



Elkhorn Ranches News and Notes

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since the last newsletter, we as a board have made some progress on issues of concern. We have finalized the plans for use of the Indian Mountain Burn Pit. Please contact a board member if you have questions. We are still working on water augmentation. We have a gracious volunteer to do the newsletters. This should help in the newsletters being timelier.

Please note the changes to the By-Laws and the Governance policies passed. The revised documents are on the web site. We are looking for volunteers for a committee to look at and monitor the By-Laws and Governance Policies. Please contact any Board Member if you are interested.

Our annual picnic was held on September 1 this year. We had about 35 members attend. We had good food and good company.

Again I want to thank all the people who volunteer their time and the members who take the time to come to the meetings. Without them this job would be more difficult.

MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The annual meeting was held on May 26th 2012. Those minutes and notes are posted on the association's website:
<http://elkhornowners.org/home.html>

The 3rd 2012 board meeting was held September 29th, 2012 and the next one will be held on January 5, 2013; 10:00 am at the Jefferson Community Center. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities

WE NEED HELP!

We are looking for volunteers for the Election Committee. We also need volunteers for Board Positions. Helpers are wanted for organizing the next picnic. One last opportunity is the By-Laws and Governance committee.

WATER AUGMETATION

At the annual meeting, Art provided a detailed report about the state of our water augmentation process and the importance of the process. Below is the recap from the minutes on the website:

A member asked what we were trying to accomplish with the Water Augmentation. Art gave a brief history of the water augmentation. When Elkhorn and Indian Mountain were developed the Water Court gave a decree that Elkhorn owners had right to water for domestic use. The plan was called "Augmentation." Augmentation compensates for water use by our development so that our use does not violate senior priority rights of South Platte water users downstream. Every owner has the right to domestic (non-agricultural) water use on their property. Work is in progress for a title search for Tarryall Reservoir. It is a slow process.

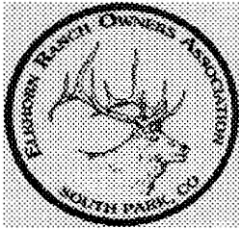
JoAnn Nall asked when was the last filling? Dave said it was last year but he did not feel it was complete.

Art continued on that Elkhorn is not sharing attorney-privileged information with Indian Mountain. 2011 was a bad year in that we lost diversion capability. It is not repaired completely yet. The State Engineer scheduled dam inspection for this year. Tim Buchanan thought it was in pretty good shape. We are being represented by Buchanan and Sperling since 2010. We have not been billed for work to date.

Burn Pit Update

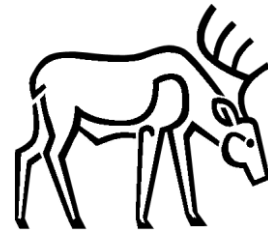
At the annual meeting the Indian Mountain Burn pit was discussed. The board continues to work on access for the Elkhorn Ranch owners. The recap of the discussion from the meeting is below:

Dave presented the issues of the burn pit to the attendees. The burn pit belongs to Indian Mountain. At one time they wanted to charge Elkhorn owners \$100 per lot each year. They have recently agreed to charge us \$1000 fee to let all Elkhorn owners use it. They don't want to regulate but want us to regulate who uses it. It was put up for a vote to allocate the \$1000 to the budget for the burn pit. The vote passed.



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Board Members

At the annual meeting two board members were elected. Cindy Hause and Jim Abel were elected to serve 3 year terms on the board. Below are the Board Member Contacts:

Georgia Comstock - President ----- (719) 836-9600

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Art Burnham - Vice President- ----- (303) 424-4871

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Chuck Hause - Member at Large ----- (303) 973-1252

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New Committees:

At the annual meeting it was determined that some new committees were needed. These committees will need someone to head the committees and volunteers to assist with these new tasks.

New Committees:

By Laws & Governance Policy: Chairman Needed

Members' Picnic: Chairman Needed

Election Committee: Chairman Needed

Please contact Georgia or another board member to help out with these committees. We cannot expect the board members to do all the work. Remember, the board members are volunteers and give their time freely. We all can do a small part to help out our mountain community.

Existing Committees:

Architectural Committee:

Art Burnham – (303) 424-4871

Terry Shumaker – (719) 836-3555

Water Augmentation Committee:

Art Burnham – (303) 424-4871

Welcome Committee:

Betty Kratky – (719) 836-7020

Security Patrol and Maintenance:

Terry Shumaker – (719) 836-3555

If you have questions or would like to help with these committees, please contact the above people.

Elkhorn Wildlife

There are a lot of critters that live in our community. If anyone would like to share pictures, I will put them in the newsletter moving forward. Be aware that there are more than docile deer and squirrels in our neighborhood. I am sure many have heard the yipping coyotes. We have also seen Bear, Mountain Lion, Coyotes, Bobcats, Porcupines, Badgers, Elk, and others animals. Keep this in mind, keep your trash contained, and keep an eye on your pets especially around dawn and dusk. Also be alert that we have free range cattle throughout the area. Don't be surprised to find a heard moseying through your property.

Newsletter Composer

Greetings, I am Travis Stuckey and I have volunteered to help with the newsletter. I have been an owner since 2008. My wife and I have a place off of Pinto Trail. We live full time in Denver but get up here at least 2 times per month even in the winter. We will be putting out the newsletter 4 times per year, once per season. If you would like to contribute, please send me an E.mail - travis_stuckey@hotmail.com.

Hope everyone is having a great summer. It's starting to get cooler here in late August with the temperature dipping into the 30's at night. It won't be long before the aspens start to turn and the valley will be highlighted with gold. Have a great summer and we will see everyone at the picnic in September.

