

Saskatchewan Elks Association

SPRING BULLETIN

April 2023

Provincial President Kyle Stevenson



Brothers, Sisters and Ladies of the Royal Purple,

I cannot believe how fast the last year has gone by. This has been such a busy year for the Saskatchewan Elks Association as well as a time of growth. I have spent the last 10 months travelling throughout our great province—mostly through blizzards, and seeing how great our Lodges and most especially their members are. It really is a great honor to represent you all as Provincial President.

Over this past year I have gained friends and laughed so hard my stomach hurt for days. There have been nights at meetings where I watched the impact of what we as members do within our communities or on the life of someone. I have been blessed to see that in your lodges and to that end I applaud you all for your contributions and generosity of your time and most definitely your energy in making each project, donation, event or connection impactful.

I must admit though, while I am a seasoned Saskatchewanite, there were nights heading into those blizzards on some typical “Saskatchewan” roads, I wondered why we couldn’t redirect the snow to Alberta for a while instead.

Speaking of my friends in Alberta, Sister Kelly reminded me when we met up in Stavley for the National Curling Championships that our bet was still on. I’d just like to remind Sister Kelly that she might want to “revisit” that discussion to refamiliarize herself with the rules we established. Our deadline is fast approaching, which is May 26th in case you forgot, but again only a friendly reminder.

What started out as a friendly “bet” has quickly gained momentum throughout both Saskatchewan and Alberta and I am so proud to see how that excitement became contagious and watch as membership grew within the Lodges across Saskatchewan. I am looking forward to meeting all the new members of both Associations and across Canada, make sure to introduce yourself to me. Being a member of the Elks really is amazing, and seeing the impact we have is literally the best feeling ever.

This year I was fortunate to be able to attend both our Provincial Dart Tournament and the Elks of Canada National Curling Bonspiel as well the second day of the Provincial Bowling. I had a great team with me for the three events and I am thankful to those members who took time out of their schedules to attend the events with me. Our hosts were amazing to say nothing about the level of competitiveness that exists between our Dart and Curling aficionados, they are fierce! Even though my Team didn’t “win”, we still got the best prize, being able to hang out with some amazing people and celebrate all things Elks.

The highlight of my year was the Walkathon, hosted by my home Lodge of Shaunavon in October. Money raised that weekend went to support both the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children as well as SPARC (Saskatchewan Pediatric Auditory Rehabilitation Centre). At the end of the weekend, I was able to present our Grand Exalted Ruler with a cheque for the Fund for Children from the Saskatchewan Elks Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Over the past year I attended steak dinners, fish fry's, chili cook-offs, golf tournaments and Sunday brunches hosted by Lodges across Saskatchewan. You all know how to whip up some amazing meals and how to draw the crowds to the party.

While I won't say that everything is all fun and games when you "wear the Fez" as the leader of a group I have really enjoyed meeting so many people, learning so many new things and sharing ideas. I have seen many Lodges navigate the complexities of working together to bring an event to their area and support them as they learn how to work as a team towards a goal. I encourage you all to take a step back and remember that we all want the same thing, to have fun and change our small piece of the world. Sometimes it is swallowing some humble pie, while others might have to speak a bit louder for those in the back. Use your voice, your opinion is important, and we want to hear what you think.

I am excited to see what my own home Lodge of Shaunavon can bring to the table this fall to not only build our own membership, but bring additional awareness to what the Elks do for communities large and small across Canada.

To the members of my Executive, thank you so much for your encouragement and support over the last year. It was such a great year and I know you all will continue within the Association and do your own great work.

To the members of the Saskatchewan Association Foundation and all the committees, thank you for your hard work bringing attention to our Lodges, members and the work we do in our communities. I hope you all will continue your work with the Association, your support was truly appreciated this year.

To the members serving on their local Association Executives, Thank you. Thank you for stepping up to learn, grow and challenge yourself. I know you will do great things and are surrounded by great people who will lead you right.

To the members of the Grand Executive, thank you for your leadership and ongoing support. And finally, to the new members seeking election to their respective Executive offices, remember to have fun! We do so many amazing things but the one thing that keeps us really together is we enjoy who we do the work with the most. Thank you for stepping up and taking on a leadership position, even if you aren't sure what you're doing yet. You will figure it out and always know you can ask me anything anytime.

See you all at the Conference in June, and hope to see many faces on the tv screens for Convention in July.

Brother Kyle Stevenson

Provincial President

Saskatchewan Elks Association



REPORTS:

All Provincial Officers, Committee Chairpersons,
Foundation Directors,
Senior Homes Executive and District Representatives.
Please have your reports in the Provincial Office no later than
April 25th, 2023



Thank You!
Saskatoon Elks
For hosting the
2023
Midterm

Resolutions:

Please note that all Resolutions to be presented at the Provincial Conference in ALLAN, must be in the Provincial Office by APRIL 30th.

If you need help or have any questions, please contact the Judiciary Chairman
Andy Cox @ 306-297-8486 or
awjcox@sasktel.net



**Saskatchewan Elks
94th Provincial Conference**

Allan, SK.
June 8th – 11th, 2023
Please get your registration
in early...and don't forget
to book your room.

See Ya There!

Bids To Host Events

The Sask. Elks Association needs Bids for the following:

- 2025 Provincial Darts
- 2024 & 2025 Provincial Conference
- 2025 Provincial Golf
- 2025 Provincial Elks Walk-A-Thon
- 2024 & 2025 Provincial Bowling



ELKS MASCOT

Don't forget about Charlie for your functions and events in your community.

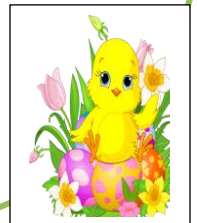
**RON POTTER,
SENIOR HOMES, CHAIR**

Greetings,

Hope everyone is wintering well. Spring is almost here! All is well with the Senior Homes as we have had an uneventful start to the 2023 year. Everything is rolling along smoothly with no unexpected surprises other than a bit of snow removal off roofs on our homes up north. We continue to have full occupancy with waiting lists at all our Homes. We may have some exterior work to do at Davidson but we are looking at that as our next big project possibly this summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Conference in June. Thanks to Joe, Tony and Charlotte for your help in the office.

Ron Potter
Senior Homes Chair



**JOE CALDER
FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN**

Thank You lodges for supporting our Trucks & Bucks Lottery Remember we have Assistance available to those in need.

HAROLD CLAFFEY – LOTTERY CHAIRMAN

The 2023 Trucks and Bucks Lottery is on schedule and progressing well. Our objective is to sell tickets. Dates are:

Loyalty Launch **Monday, April 17.** An email will be sent to previous supporters. There will be no other publicity until the Public Launch. The idea is that most of the tickets will be bought by previous buyers, and the winner of the cash prize will be a previous supporter; it's a "Loyalty Prize."

Loyalty Cut-off **Wednesday, May 10.** One week later than last year to promote ticket sales to previous buyers.

Public Launch **Thursday, May 11,** the day after Loyalty Cut-off. This is when media advertising will start, members will put up posters, postcards will begin to be handed out, and the campaign will start. The Public Launch is when we start to promote the Lottery. From May 11 to July 12, do everything you can to promote ticket sales. Tell everyone who'll listen all about our Lottery. Help people buy tickets on the spot with their phones. Sell, sell, sell. We only have two months. Our objective is to sell tickets.

Loyalty Draw **Wednesday, May 17.** Six days after the Public Launch, the Loyalty Draw will generate more publicity and interest. There will be a WINNER for us to promote.

Early Bird Cut-off **Wednesday, June 21.** To build excitement for the Main Draw.

Early Bird Draw **Wednesday, June 28.** Entering the last two weeks of sales with another winner to promote.

Final Cut-off **Wednesday, July 12.** LAST CHANCE! Our objective is to sell tickets.

Final Draws **Wednesday, July 19.**

All the above dates have been suggested by Stride to maximize sales. The dates coordinate with other high-ticket lotteries so that the cut-offs and draws are spaced out. Our objective is to sell tickets.

Ticket Prices:

For the Trucks lottery, the price for one ticket is going from \$20 to \$25. For the 50/50 draw there will be 25 tickets for \$50, up from 15 for \$50, and there's a new package of 100 tickets for \$100. **The best deal is now an even \$200, buying 50 truck tickets and 100 50/50 tickets. That works out to \$1.33 per ticket.** These changes may raise up to \$22,500 more for the Lottery.

PRIZES: Trucks main: Loyalty \$2,500, Early Bird \$5,000, Grand Prize: Winner's Choice of a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab Tradesman DT, value \$65,750.85 tax paid; or a 2022 Ford F-150 Super Crew, value \$66,588.90 tax paid; or \$60,000 cash. The fuel card has been discontinued. Bucks 50/50 Prize: Half of gross ticket sales.



TICKETS: Trucks main: 1 ticket for \$25, 5 for \$50, 20 for \$75, 50 for \$100. Bucks 50/50: 1 for \$10, 5 for \$25, 25 for \$50, 50 for \$75, 100 for \$100.

Ticket prices and prizes will be detailed on the poster, on postcards, in e-mails and on the website. Each Lodge will receive a package.

Our objective is to sell tickets. ELKS PROUD!

WHAT'S OUR OBJECTIVE?



Membership Fees
(Per Capita Tax)

Please submit immediately to the Provincial Office.

- Arborfield Elks
- Asquith Elks
- Craven Elks
- Gull Lake Elks
- Hanley Elks
- Indian Head RPE
- Maple Creek Elks
- Moose Jaw Elks
- Moose Mountain Elks
- Nipawin RPE
- Regina Elks
- Star City RPE
- Foam Lake Elks 2021, 22 & 23
- Kyle Elks 2021, 22 & 23
- Melfort Elks 2021, 22 & 23
- Paddockwood Elks 2021, 22 & 23



Provincial Chaplin Dave Davis

I would just like to say I attended Mid-Term meeting for the first time. I had a great time with all Brothers and Sisters.

I hope Spring will be here soon and then the Provincial Conference will be here before you know it.

See you all there.



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