

Springfield, Ohio

1536 Villa Rd.



MAY 2024 CHATTER

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Please use the following phone number, 937-325-4848 when calling the Lodge and you will be directed to the department you would like to contact.

Lodge usually meets on the First & Third Wednesday in Feb., Mar. & April and every 3rd Wednesday of all other Months at 7:00 PM

TRUSTEES 2024/2025

Five Year

David Lee

Four Year

Mike Elliott

Three Year

Dennis Dyar

Two Year

Nick Sparrow

One Year

Bill Hoffman

To my Elks brothers and sisters,

After spending the last five years serving the Elks as a trustee, I decided to make the switch and become a member of the board, I would like to thank all who supported me in this effort and I will do the best I can to make our lodge the best in the state. Our board and trustees will work hand in hand to accomplish this.

That being said, our busy time is beginning at the lodge. Golf leagues are starting, tournaments are underway which means the maintenance scramble has been held and we had a net profit of over \$10,000 to be used for the golf course. Over two hundred golfers played in not the best conditions to help the club and congratulations go out to Austin Compton and Drew Davidson who both had a hole in one. Austin on hole nine and Drew on hole eighteen. Special thanks to all who participated. The weekend of April 27 brought the Sadie Hawkins tournament, which is always a good time for all involved. Congratulations to Jayson Skaggs and Marie McConaughy on their win.

May will bring about the start of the season of the bands when Gene Bowshier will bring his *Leadfoot* band to the Elks on May 11 and *The Menus* will return to the Elks on May 31, for a mad night.

The trustees are in the process of getting the pool ready for opening later this month and are working hard to get everything ready.

We are looking forward to a great year at the lodge, but it all comes down to us, the members, supporting our lodge. I look forward to seeing you all here enjoying yourselves to the fullest.

Have a great summer, and remember, ***Elks care and Elks share.***

John Baugh, Exalted Ruler.



Questions?

Give us a call

937.325.4848

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

You should have received your dues invoices for 2024-2025. If you have not received them please contact the office at 937-325-4848.

If you haven't paid your 2024-2025 dues yet and are planning on keeping your membership current, please mail them or bring them to the Lodge so that you can participate in all of the great activities we have planned.

If you do not plan on renewing your dues for

2024-2025, please call the office at 937-325-4848.

Don't forget to take a look at our website, springfieldelks51.com and Facebook for information regarding the Lodge, Social Room, Restaurant, Pool and Golf Course, as I can assure you that there will be activities scheduled that are not mentioned in this issue as a result of missing the deadline for printing.

Thanks, Kris Mason, Secretary

MAY 12 • 1-3
 Up to date Mother's eat FREE
 Kids pay their age and all others \$20

Mother's Day Luncheon

Chicken Marsalis, Beef Tips, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Roll, Dessert & Iced Tea

Must sign up at the lodge

SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 7PM to 11PM

LEADFOOT

Members \$5.00 / Guests \$10.00

Classic Rock & Fire Country since 2012

THE MENUS

Text 937-408-1403
 to reserve a table or Tiki bar seating

All outdoor seating is prepaid/reserved
 Lawn seats are \$7 in advance for members & \$10 for non-members (\$10 Day of event if available)



FRIDAY, May 31, 2024 Seven PM to Eleven PM

TRIVIA

with Gibby
 Friday, May 3 @ 7:00 PM

GOLF NEWS

It's golf season!

We have new carts this year that are equipped with a GPS system.

This system will tell you how far you are from the green and will sometime soon be able to tell you exactly how far you are from the hole. It will also tell you if you have fallen behind or are ahead of schedule. This usually isn't a huge problem but sometimes during tournaments a group will fall behind. If you get a message on the screen that you are behind schedule please try to pick up the pace and catch up to the group in front of you.

This new system will also tell you where you can and can't drive. You will see a yellow outline on your screen of places that you can not drive into. If you drive into a restricted area your cart will shut down. When that happens your cart will reactivate after 15 seconds and you will have 15 seconds to remove your cart from that area.

The best thing to do when it reactivates is to put the cart into reverse and get out of the restricted area.

There also have been white and black poles placed around the greens. You will not be able to drive past those posts. If you do your cart will shut down. The best thing to do is to drive to the cart path when you approach the poles. On holes where there is no cart path stay at least 35 feet from the side of the green.

Remember that all par threes are cart path only. If you drive off of the cart path your cart will shut down.

Every time you have a violation the system will notify the pro shop. If you get three violations in one round your cart will shut off and won't reactivate. At that point you will have to call the pro shop and wait for someone to reactivate your cart. That could take some time so please be careful about violations. The pro shop will know

who is in which cart so if there is a pattern to these violations they will know who you are.

The private carts are not equipped with this system because of the expense. Private cart owners are expected to follow all the same rules as rental carts. We will have people monitoring private cart activity and would also appreciate anyone seeing a private cart in a spot where they shouldn't be to take a picture if possible or at least report it to the pro shop or the trustees.

If a private cart is seen in an area that it shouldn't be in they will be given a warning. If they are seen a second time in violation they will be given a week suspension and their cart will not be allowed on the course. They may play during that week but they will

have to rent a cart. If they get a third violation they will not be allowed to use their own cart for a year.

This will definitely be a learning process and we will need to iron out some problems. It may take a little time but it will definitely make the course more playable around the greens.

The reason we got this system was to avoid bare spots and wear and tear on the areas around the tees and greens. If you are playing in a tournament we almost always play the ball down. If you happen to land on a bare spot it always makes for a harder shot. This system should make that problem much better and make for a more enjoyable round of golf.

Thank you from the Greens Committee!

NEW LADIES LEAGUE

NEW 9 Hole Ladies Golf League

"GOLDEN BIRDIES"

When: Tuesdays starting May 7

Time: Starts at 10:00AM

Sign Up: Golf bulletin board outside Pro-shop.
3 or 4somes.

Format: Go "ENJOY" playing 9 holes.

Stay for Lunch (it's your choice)



6 PM to 11 PM

\$12.00 ADMISSION

Food Served
6PM to 8PM

DERBY DAY! MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Saturday, May 4



TABLE GAMES, RAFFLES, POKER, TEXAS POKER,
BIG 6 WHEEL & BET THE DERBY

Food, Can Beer (Bud Light, Coors Light & Miller Light)
and Iced tea included with admission

Bourbon Basket Raffle • Hat Contest



AND HAPPENINGS

- MAY 3** Trivia w/ Gibby 7PM
- MAY 4** Derby Day / Monte Carlo 6PM
- MAY 11** Leadfoot Band 7PM
- MAY 12** Mother's Day Luncheon 1-3
- MAY 31** The Menus Band 7PM

Friday 3PM to 6PM
HAPPY HOUR 

Bottle Beer
Domestic \$2 / Import \$3

WINE DOWN
Wednesday

 Happy Hour 3pm to 6pm
Wine and Seltzers
 50¢ OFF

2024 POOL & GOLF PASSES

The 2024 golf and pool passes are available at the lodge or go to springfieldelks51.com to download them. Turn them in at the office.

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- DAILY DRAWINGS** 6:00 Daily
- BUILDING FUND DRAWING** Saturday at 6PM. Must be present to win 100%
- SUNDAY WEEKLY** 2:00 PM

BAR

BINGO

6:15 PM EVERY THURSDAY

If you would like to book a party contact Kathy Milam @ 937-631-2407

Elks Care – Elks Share

Parking . . . is sometimes very limited at the Lodge. **Warning** – if your vehicle is parked illegally in our lot outside the lined spaces (example – at the end of the rows, etc.) your vehicle will be towed away at your expense. We are **required** to maintain a legal fire lane around the parking lot for emergency vehicles. Elks Lodge #51 is not responsible for damaged or stolen cars or theft from cars. Everyone parks at their own risk.

Reminder . . . Members, please remember, you cannot sign anyone's name other than your own for the drawings – the quarter and dollar daily and the Building Fund weekly. Also, remember, **guests of members are not permitted to purchase alcoholic beverages or run tabs. Members must make the purchase.**

Articles for the Next Chatter must be turned in by May 15th. If you are typing your article on a PC, please email it to sharonleach@springfieldelks51.com.