

# FALL NEWSLETTER

Saskatchewan Elks Association

SEPTEMBER 2008

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Let's get try to increase our Membership for the betterment of our Order. Let people know who we are and what we do.



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## PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: BRO. DARRIN STEPHEN

As I sit here to write this article I realize that a quarter of my term as President is over and I haven't been anywhere as yet, but not to worry cause I will be coming to a lodge near you.

Now seriously, I haven't been sitting around do nothing I have been in contact with some Lodges throughout the province to see what we as the Association can do for these Lodges and to reassure them that we are here to help them if only they would take the time to ask for it. We have revamped the Membership services committee, with all involved the idea bank will overflow and we will once again prosper. This committee will be headed by Sisters June Tarr and Liz Busby but will consist of anybody who wants to be heard.

I have chosen for a theme this Remember When and hopefully I will hear this in a good manner as Remember When Stephens was President. If memory serves me correct wasn't that the year we started to increase Membership.

Fraternally Submitted

Darrin Stephen, SEA Prov.Pres.

## R/P PROV. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: LADY JO SWEETING

Greetings on behalf of the Executive and Members of the Saskatchewan Royal Purple Association. Summer is fast coming to a close; I do hope you have been able to enjoy a nice break as well as some great weather.

We offer our support and congratulations to Brother Darrin Stephen and his Provincial Executive on their election and the Committee members on their appointment. May you have a successful year as you carry out the business of the Saskatchewan Elks Association.

My theme this year is ***Bridging the Gap***. During my Courtesy Visits, I will be speaking on how to bridge an existing gap between members, Lodges and your community. I look forward to meeting many of you during this next year.

Thank you, members, for your dedication and commitment to Purpeldom. Without you, we would not be in existence. Keep up the good work and remember to live our great Principles of Justice, Charity, Sisterly/Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Upcoming events are the Diamond Ring Dinner on September 27th, hosted by Balgonie Royal Purple #358; the Walk-a-thon on October 17-19 hosted by Shaunavon Elks and Royal Purple. Plan now to participate in the Provincial Mixed Bowling, October 31/November 1/2 in Nipawin - optional to wear a 'Disney' character costume. You do not need a team to participate - just send in your name. Provincial Ladies Curling will be in Maple Creek on November 21-23. All these events are fun times and a good way to reconnect with your acquaintances.

Royal Purple very important to me and our organization needs each and every one of you. Please support your Lodge as well as the Association projects.

With Sisterly Love

Jo Sweeting, 2008-09 Provincial President

**MEMBERSHIP: RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, RESTRUCTURING & PROMOTION** are what we have to do in order for our Great Order to **PROSPER.**

If any Lodge is interested in having a Membership Drive or Membership Night, Please contact the Member Services Committee:

Sister June Tarr, 6439 Hird Cres., Regina, SK S4X 4H2 543-0139 [j.tarr@sasktel.net](mailto:j.tarr@sasktel.net) or

Sister Liz Busby, Box 772, Dundurn, SK S0K 1K0, 492-4724, [labusby@yourlink.ca](mailto:labusby@yourlink.ca)

Sister Tarr or Busby would be glad to be of assistance. If you have any ideas or suggestions for promoting the Order through sports and advertising please let the Membership Committee know. We need help from all Members to improve membership. **WE NEED YOU!**



Doing nothing is very hard to do....you never know when you're finished.



## **PEACE 100 - Rally in Nipawin, February 27 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The PEACE 100 will be held at Nipawin a couple of weeks later than normal. Registration will be on Friday, February 17, 2009 with the rally and banquet to follow on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. This should be an exciting rally as we are combining it with the Provincial Snowmobile Festival held the same weekend at Nipawin. This event is being hosted by the Twin Lake Snowmobile Club and an anticipated 300 to 400 snowmobiles will attend. We believe Premier Wall will also be in attendance.

Snowmobilers will be offered the option of taking 4 or 5 different guided routes where lunch will be served. The banquet and social will be in conjunction with the festival, so we expect a much larger group attending. A block of 50 rooms have been set aside for Elks Association.

The PEACE 100 raises money to help the police educate our children about the dangers of drug abuse. Please continue to support the PEACE 100 by donating a prize, money or selling tickets. Your Lodge will receive money back for selling 10 or more books of tickets. This can be a Win-Win – Money for your Lodge – money for drug education. Tickets will be distributed at the annual Walk-A-Thon.

We have a chance to help regenerate the PEACE 100 with this exciting new approach. We need your support to make it a success. Let's all get involved and help educate and prepare our children for a healthy good life.

Dennis Botterill, Chairman, PEACE 100



### **TAB PROGRAM (Teasing & Bullying):**

**Greetings Everyone. By the time you are reading this, school will have started and children will be back acting out and before long have picked someone to tease and/or bully. You are all aware of the TAB program that the Elk and Royal Purple Associations have been supporting. Perhaps it is time for the Lodges to think about donating a program to a school in your community. Perhaps you are near a school in a Community where there is no Elks or Royal Purple. If you can help, please contact Diane Reed at 306-752-3349 or E-Mail [reed.drilling@sasktel.net](mailto:reed.drilling@sasktel.net) to purchase a kit. The cost is very nominal and would help educate so many. Hope you hear from some of you soon."**

**Kind Regards, Diane Reed Program Co-ordinator**

### **BIDS TO HOST EVENTS:**

The Provincial Office needs bids for the following events:

2010 Provincial Golf (June 25-27)	2010 Mixed Curling (Dec. 3 -5)	2010 Walk-A-Thon (Oct. 15 – 17)
2010 Mixed Bowling (Nov. 5 – 7)	2010 Mens/Masters Curling (Feb. 19- 21)	
2010 Seniors Curling (Feb. 5 – 7)	2011 Seniors Curling (Feb. 4 – 6)	
2010 Mixed Darts Tournament (March 12 – 14)		2011 Provincial Conference (June 11-12)

Please send in writing to the Provincial Office what Events your Lodge would like to bid for and a form will be sent to you or they be found in the Constitution.

**REMEMBER:** THAT THESE EVENTS ARE FUN AND ILLUSTRATE FRATERNALISM, SO PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A HOST. ALL LODGES MUST MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2008 – 2009**

#### **Diamond Ring Dinner:**

September 27th, 2008, Balgonie

#### **Walk-a-Thon:**

October 17–19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Shaunavon

#### **Provincial Mixed Bowling Tournament:**

Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2008, Nipawin

#### **Provincial Royal Purple Curling Playdowns:**

November 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Maple Creek

#### **Provincial Mixed Curling Playdowns:**

December 5 – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Melfort

#### **Seniors Curling Playdowns:**

February 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Esterhazy

#### **National Midterm:**

February 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Regina

#### **Provincial Association P.E.A.C.E. 100 & Mid-Term:**

February 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Nipawin

#### **Provincial Men's & Masters Curling Playdowns:**

February 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, Outlook

#### **Provincial Darts Tournament:**

March 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Moose Jaw

#### **National Curling:**

March 16 – 20, 2009, Saskatoon (Elks #12 & R/P #46)

#### **National Darts:**

May 26 – 30, 2009, Saskatoon (River City R/P #376)

#### **Provincial Conference:**

June 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Regina

#### **Provincial Golf Tournament:**

June 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Whitewood

### **Provincial Mixed Bowling Oct. 31 – Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, Nipawin**

Come on Everyone – Members and non-members welcome – teams will be made up - anyone can enter – singles – doubles, triples or full teams. Let's have a great time. Meet old friends and make some new ones. Bowling will be in Nipawin; For more information, contact Eugene Rawlyk at 862-4879 or Alex Nakonechny at 862-3542 or Allan Doyle at 862-9102.



## **SASKATCHEWAN PEDIATRIC AUDITORY REHABILITATION CENTER (SPARC)**

Founded in 1976. The Center is located at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. **SPARC** is a family centered program for young children with hearing loss, providing a comprehensive diagnostic assessment and rehabilitative services. The Center provides educational resources for parents, assisting them to cope with the child's hearing loss. The Center encourages the use of spoken language and residual hearing such as a Cochlear implant.

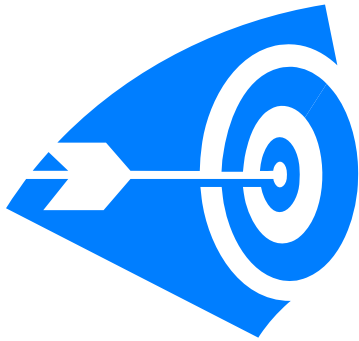
The Saskatchewan Elks Foundation contributes to the operation of the SPARC Program through the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. So Please come on out and participate in the **Annual Walk-A-Thon**, this year in **Shaunavon October 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Please remember to **Pre-Register for the Walk-A-Thon** so the Host Lodges can ensure that the event is successful. For more info contact Andrew Cox, Elks Host Lodge Chairman, Box 346, Shaunavon, SK S0N 2M0 or at Ph: 297-2854

Well Fall is just about here and our first Fall Event is drawing near. I am speaking about our Annual Walk-a-thon. This year it is October 17 -19, 2008. It is down in the south-west corner of the province being hosted by the Shaunavon Elks and Royal Purple. The lodges have spent a lot of time planning the weekend and I know that it will be a great weekend. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. Come to Shaunavon and support this great event that helps SPARC.

I hope that all of the lodges, Elks and Royal Purple, are doing well with selling the tickets. Remember that all the proceeds from these tickets go directly to SPARC.

See you all in Shaunavon in October.

Fraternally Yours, Jim Wold, Walk-A-Thon Chairman



### **PROVINCIAL DARTS:**

Come on out and try the sport of Darts, it is for all ages, give it a try, don't be shy. The **Provincial Darts Chairman** is **Patti December** (Box 722, Prince Albert, SK S6V 5R5 Ph: 929-2028 pdecember@sasktel.net). This year the Provincial Darts will be hosted by the **Moose Jaw Elks Lodge #7 March 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. For more information, please contact Bro. Alex Wilson at 692-7474

STOP BLAMING OTHERS. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE.



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### **2008 CHARITY APPEAL WINNERS:**

Van or Car or SUV or Truck or \$20,000.00 Cash  
**Russell Fountain, Radisson, SK**

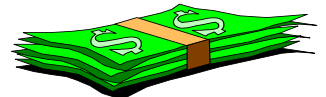
3,000.00 Cash  
**Ken Wingert, Craven, SK**

\$1,500.00 Cash  
**Gary Groves, Rosetown, SK**

Early Bird Winner:  
**Henry Rempel, Saskatoon, SK**

#### **\$100.00 Cash Each**

Barb Noonan, Red Deer, AB  
Gabrielle Dionne, Moose Jaw, SK  
Joni Charles, Stanley Mission, SK  
Beatrice Brown, Ruthilda, SK  
Margaret Forbes, Moose Jaw, SK  
Gus Kindt, Radisson, SK  
D. M. Johns, Regina, SK  
Nikki Churchman, Rosetown, SK  
Audrey Walker, Rosetown, SK  
Shayne Neigum, Kindersley, SK



CHOOSE A CHARITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT IT GENEROUSLY WITH YOUR TIME AND MONEY.



### **ADDICTIONS AWARENESS CONTEST**

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE "ADDICTIONS AWARENESS CONTEST" FOR THE 2008-2009 YEAR WILL SOON BEGIN. THE NATIONAL OFFICE WILL BE SENDING OUT IN SEPTEMBER TO EACH LODGE AN INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR THE CONTEST.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE LODGES, MEMBERS, PROV. CO-ORDINATORS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT AND GOOD LUCK WITH THE UPCOMING 2008-2009 CONTEST YEAR.

ELIZABETH BUSBY

NATIONAL CHARITIES COMMITTEE

## **PROVINCIAL CURLING EVENTS:**

Attention all Curlers:

It's time to dig out that curling gear and get ready for another great year of curling. Information will be coming out from the hosting Lodges so you can make your arrangements early.

This year hosts are:

**Mixed Curling: Dec. 5 – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Melfort**, for more info contact Dale Reed at 752-2370 or Bob Dunns at 752-4715.

**Seniors Curling: Feb. 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Esterhazy**, for more info contact Barry Off at 745-6504.

**Mens/Masters Curling: Feb. 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 in Outlook**, for more info contact Omar Jacobson at 867-8259.

We welcome everyone to the curling and know you will have a wonderful time if you participate in these fun filled events.

See you there

Your curling chairman, Gery Harris

Any Lodges wishing to host any of our Curling Bonspiels are encouraged to send their bids to Bro. Gery Harris at Box 144, Conquest, SK S0L 0L0 [gaharris@sasktel.net](mailto:gaharris@sasktel.net) and to Cheryl Simes at the Provincial Office at 508 12<sup>th</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0H2 [skprovelks@sasktel.net](mailto:skprovelks@sasktel.net)



ALWAYS ACCEPT AN OUTSTRETCHED HAND.

## **SASKATCHEWAN ELKS FOUNDATION SENIOR CITIZENS HOMES:**

Just a bit of history and the purpose of the Sask. Elks Senior Citizens Homes; The first homes were built in Prince Albert in 1959 and as time went on more homes were built in Moose Jaw (1961), Nipawin (1963), Esterhazy (1964), Rosetown (1968) and finishing with Viscount in 1976. The Viscount homes were turned over to the community in 1997 because of the lack of tenants. At the present time our 89 units are fully occupied with waiting lists at all locations. Also at the present time we are in the process of trying to purchase homes in Moosomin and Hanley. If we are successful in acquiring these homes we will have a total of 121 units available for rent.

The purpose of our Senior Homes is to provide unassisted living accommodations to our senior citizens who are on low or limited income. This program provides a very necessary contribution to our Seniors who live on limited incomes.

All our homes are mortgage free and in pretty good condition, just requiring regular maintenance and some upgrading. If you feel your community needs homes such as these, let us know. Consideration will be given to the feasibility of constructing homes in your community and what funds we have available to do so.

Tony Koval, Chairman



The Provincial Office and the Chairmen of the Sporting Events will be updating all history files, so if you have any information on the history of the Golf, Curling, Darts, & Bowling could you please forward it to the Provincial Office. Your help is greatly appreciated. We will need the dates, locations, and winners names. Thank you.



DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY, "I MADE A MISTAKE."



## **2008 PROVINCIAL MIXED GOLF:**

The Tournament was held in Kyle on June 20 – 22, 2008.

Mens Champ: Lee Closs

Senior Mens Champ: Roger Fettes

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight: Merlin Lee – Hanley Elks #153

Ladies Champ: Sheri Lowe

Senior Ladies: no golfers

Scramble: Gull Lake Team

## **GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN 2009 WILL BE HELD IN FREDERICTON, NB JULY 25 – 28, 2009**

**If anyone is interested in going – we have the opportunity of renting Fuller's Bus Line from Alida, SK – who will supply transportation to and from for \$16,500.00. if we can get a full bus load the cost per person would be around \$350.00. For more information contact Bro. Darrin Stephen, Elks Provincial President at 487-2825 or Lady Jo Sweeting, R/P Provincial president at 343-7590.**



**OOPS!!**

HELP! The computer hard drive crashed over the summer, so I am asking for help. If I sent you any correspondence or anything at all via email if you could email it back to me that would be greatly appreciated. Or if you have any files that the Provincial Office may need just send them on in. Thank you in advance for your anticipated help.

Well I hope everyone had a great summer, because I know that I did (except for the computer crashing), I had the opportunity to go fishing at Jan Lake – it was great, I could have stayed there all summer. Met lots of people, and I even caught some nice fish. I hope to see you all over the coming year at the Provincial functions.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl

## 2008-2009 PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

<b>President</b> , Darrin Stephen	487-2825
<b>Immediate Past President</b> , Glenn Shain	267-2259
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> , Bill Tarr	731-2746
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> , Fred Weber	268-2957
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President</b> , Ron Potter	435-3285
<b>Esquire</b> , Andrew Cox	297-2854
<b>Inner Guard/Tyler</b> , Alvin Alyea	769-8687
<b>Chaplain</b> , Jim Wizniak	865-3880
<b>Organist/ Ritual &amp; Patrol</b> , Gary Hamilton	463-2568
<b>Judiciary</b> , Joe Calder	932-4749
<b>Chairman, Forward Planning/Finance</b> , Bill Tarr	731-2746
<b>Chairman, Conference Site Ways &amp; Means</b> , Ron Potter	435-3285
<b>Provincial Golf Chairman</b> , Joe Neighbour	949-4982
<b>Provincial Bowling Chairman</b> , Willis Colby	975-0643
<b>Provincial Darts Chairman</b> , Patti December	929-2028
<b>Provincial Curling</b> , Gery Harris	856-4740
<b>Member Services</b> : June Tarr	543-0139
Liz Busby	492-4724

### FOUNDATION

<b>Chairman</b> , Joe Calder	932-4749
<b>Vice Chairman</b> , Dale Reed	752-2370
<b>Investigating</b> , John Houston	462-2211
<b>Investigating</b> , Liz Busby	492-4724
<b>Advertising &amp; Promotions</b> , Ron McKay	435-2748
<b>Advertising &amp; Promotions</b> , Liz Sport	297-2894
<b>Charity Appeal Chairman</b> , Cecil Chambers	789-3749
<b>Addictions Awareness Chairman</b> , Eugene Hartter	843-2972
<b>PEACE 100 Chairman</b> , Dennis Botterill	862-5813
<b>Walk-A-Thon Chairman</b> , Jim Wold	782-7138

### SENIOR CITIZENS HOMES

<b>Chairman</b> , Tony Koval	249-2826
<b>Vice Chairman</b> , Bert Hale	455-2140
<b>Project Managers</b> - Esterhazy, Barry Lowe	745-2423
- Moose Jaw, Art Watson	692-9698
- Nipawin, Eugene Rawlyk	862-4879
- Prince Albert, Lew Tolley	764-1261
- Rosetown, Keith Marlowe	882-2838

### DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District	1	Alvin Alyea, Arborfield #319	769-8687
	2	Ainslie Read, Prince Albert #58	764-7421
	3	Ron Boerrichter, Unity #488	228-3565
	4	Eugene Hartter, Wilkie #568	843-2972
	5	Bill Tarr, Craven #581	731-2746
	6	Willis Colby, Saskatoon #12	975-0643
	7	Barry Off, Esterhazy #469	745-6504
	8	Dennis Hansen, Craven #581	731-3685
	9	Gerry Cooper, Hanley #153	374-1380
	10	Gary Hamilton, Kindersley #492	463-2568
	11	Andrew Cox, Shaunavon #386	297-2854
	13	Blair Knudsen, Bengough #517	268-2899
	14	Ron Potter, Moosomin #340	435-3285
	15	Dale Gowen, Maple Creek #490	662-4471