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Exalted Ruler

590 NEWSLETTER



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From the Secretary's Desk...

We finally made it to March, more daylight each day, and spring is right around the corner. A great deal of work has been completed at the Lodge over the winter months, so please stop by when you can to check out the improvements. I am predicting a remarkably busy spring for our Lodge.

In the coming weeks we will hold Lodge elections, initiate new members, shop for area food pantries, finalize budget planning, host dignitaries from the Grand Lodge in support of the Regional Hoop Shoot at Regina High School, and prepare for spring cleanup at both the golf course and the pool, just to name a few activities. What we accomplish now will set the stage for the rest of the year.

On a personal note, as a former member of the Regina High School boys golf team that practiced and played at the Elks Lodge from 1990–1992, I am especially proud to welcome Regina back to the Lodge. It has been 34 years since Regina called the Elks home for boys golf. The head coach is a Lodge member, and more than half of the players' parents are members as well. We have already welcomed one new family with two golfers on the team. This renewed partnership will be tremendous for our Lodge and for our community. Good luck to the team this season!

I am pleased to report that as of February 16, 2026, we have raised \$3,648.38 for the Elks National Foundation. That equals \$4.36 per member which is just shy of our \$5.15 per member goal. Reaching this goal qualifies us for more than \$12,500 in grant funding for the 2026–2027 Elk year. If you have not donated yet and are able to contribute \$5.15, please consider doing so. Every dollar makes a difference. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and contributed resources this past year. Your dedication continues to make meaningful impacts on our Lodge and the local community.

In this month's newsletter you will find updates from the Golf Committee, including the full-year golf schedule, an Exalted Ruler update, a message from our General Manager, and the March event calendar. Please remember that our summer calendar is already filling quickly. If you are planning a graduation party or special event, now is the time to reserve your date.

I must also remind everyone that all past-due payments need to be resolved as soon as possible. We currently have 17 members who have not yet paid their 2025–2026 dues. I have attempted contact by email, regular mail, text message, and phone. The names of these members will be included below, not in an effort to shame anyone, but in hopes of making contact and retaining them as members. If you know any of these individuals, please encourage them to contact me or provide updated contact information. Members who do not make arrangements will be dropped from the membership rolls on March 15, 2026.

Additionally, if you wish to drop your membership, you must notify me prior to March 31, 2026. Members who do not request a drop by that date will be billed for the upcoming dues year. On April 1 each year, the Lodge remits payment to the Grand Lodge and the Iowa State Elks Association on behalf of our members totaling more than \$37,000. Please pay your dues before March 31 or formally request a drop. I cannot stress how important this is for the financial health of our Lodge.

The following members still need to make arrangements for their 2025–2026 dues:

Anderson, Chris (18 years), Bormann, Brent (1 year), Bossen, Drew (34 years), Hanneman, Chad (3 years), Hicks, Robert (34 years), Hoth, Peter (10 years), Johnson, Greg (11 years), Lindekugel, Osa (1 year), Logsdon, Benjamin (18 years), Moore, David (5 years), Parker, Krystal (4 years), Pritchard, Brent (12 years), Pursley, Adina (15 years), and Wilson, Bryan (3 years).

Always remember: Elks Care, Elks Share — and We Are THE Elks. God bless our Lodge, the Order, our Troops, our Veterans, and the United States of America.

Nathan Greazel
Iowa City Lodge 590 Secretary

Exalted Ruler Update

I hope you are all doing well. I am writing to say that this will be my final announcement as I am preparing to hand over leadership responsibilities to Matthew McCormick. It has been a pleasure serving in this role, and I look forward to seeing the continued progress under Matthew's direction. Regarding Lodge operations, we expect to be in full swing by the end of this month. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to come out to the restaurant on Wednesday and Friday evenings for dinner. On a final administrative note, if you have not yet paid your membership dues from last year, please settle your account at your earliest convenience. I look forward to seeing everyone on the golf course soon.

Respectfully yours,

Jason Tjarks

Exalted Ruler signing off

Golf Committe Update

The Golf Committee has been very busy this winter planning and budgeting for the upcoming season, and we are excited about what's ahead for 2026.

We are adding a new Parent/Child event, which we hope will become a fun tradition for families at the Lodge. We've also made improvements to the Thursday Night Men's League to enhance competition, pace of play, and overall experience.

In addition, we are proud to announce that we will be hosting the Regina Boys High School Golf Team for practices and four home meets this spring — the first time in more than 30 years that Regina will call our course home. We are excited to support local youth athletics and showcase our course to the community. The team will have tee times in afternoon from 3:40-4:10 on days when they practice and will be supervised by their coach and member Jason Urdahl. You may see them on the practice hole and or putting green. The regular season will begin on March 23 and concludes May 11.

This will be a busy year on the golf course so please remember to make a tee time on our new 4up reservation system to ensure you can get on the course in a timely manner without delay. Without a tee time you will be forced to wait until the next available time. Please DO NOT skip around the course, this was allowed in the past but will not be tolerated going forward without permission from the club house. I know this is not what many of us a used to but unfortunately it is the price we now have to pay with our new membership growth, beautiful course, clubhouse, and the closure of Finkbine this summer.

What else are we working on? The committee is discussing a possible annual Spring Kick-Off Event to start the season in style, as well as a golf-and-dinner event inspired by the famous Masters Champions Dinner. We believe events like these can add camaraderie and tradition to our golf program.

The committee has also completed a comprehensive review of golf course fees. This included surveying other area courses and comparing their rates and structures. Moving forward, this will become an annual review process to ensure we remain competitive and fair while maintaining the quality of our course.

If you have ideas to improve the golf experience at the Lodge, we encourage you to share them with the committee. Your feedback helps make our course better for everyone.

See you on the course!

Norby, Luke, Tim, Scott, Ned,

Rick, John, Rob, and Marissa



Lodge #590

2026 Golf Club Tournament/Event Schedule

Date	Day	Event	Note	Course Closed
April 11	Saturday Tee Times	Masters Pick A Pro	Open to all Elks Members with a Handicap Non-Golf Members must pay Green Fees *Must have a GIHN Handicap	Course Open
May 2	Saturday 10am	Derby Days	Men Golf Members only *Must have a GIHN Handicap	10:00 – 3:00
May 5	Tuesday 530pm	Super Tuesday	Ladies night; shot gun start	5:30 – 8:00
May 30	Saturday	ICGA Two-Man Ryder-Cup	Register with Iowa City Golf Association www.iowacitygolf.com	9:00- 4:00
June 2	Tuesday 530pm	Super Tuesday	Ladies night; shot gun start	5:30 – 8:00
June 5	Friday	Junior Event	Open to all Juniors	8:00- 12:00
June 13	Saturday 1pm	Hits & Giggles Couples	Open to all Elks & Guest Non-Golf Members - pay Green Fees &	1:00 – 5:00
June 15	Monday	Brown Deer Ladies Event	Shot gun start	5:30 – 8:00
June 27 &28	Saturday & Sunday	Men’s Senior Club Championship	Men’s Golf Members (50 and Older) Only	8:00 – 1:00 each day
July 4	Saturday 9am	Firecracker Best Shot	Open to all Elks & Guest Non-Golf Members - pay Green Fees & Cart	9:00 – 1:00
July 7	Tuesday 530pm	Super Tuesday	Ladies night; shot gun start	5:30 - 8:00
July 11	Saturday 1 pm	Junior Championship	Open to all Juniors under 18	Course Open
July 18	Saturday 9am	3- Person Event	Open to all Elks & Guest Non-Golf Members - pay Green Fees & Cart	9:00 – 1:00
July 19	Sunday 3pm	Parent /Child Event	Open to all Ages (9-Hole Event)	Course Open
July 25 & 26	Saturday & Sunday	Men’s Club Championship	Men’s Golf Members Only	8:00 – 1:00 each day
August 4	Tuesday 530pm	Super Tuesday	Ladies night; shot gun start	5:30 – 8:00
August 8	Saturday 1pm	Hit & Giggle Couples	Open to all Elks & Guest Non-Golf Members -pay Green Fees & Cart	1:00 – 5:00
August 10	Monday	Hospice Golf Tournament	Open to Everyone Golf Course close until 6 pm	8:00 – 6:00
August 16	Sunday 9 am	Women’s Club Championship	Tee times between 9:00 – 10:30	Course open
August 22	Saturday 9 am	Ryder Cup Event	Men Golf Members “ONLY” (Includes shirt) *Must have a GIHN Handicap	9:00 – 4:00

Date	Day	Event	Note	Course Closed
Sept 1	Tuesday 530pm	Super Tuesday	Ladies night; shot gun start	5:30 – 8:00
Sept 13	Sunday 12pm	Couples Ryder Cup (18 Holes)	Open to all Elks Non-Golf Members - pay Green Fees & Cart	12:00- 5:00
Sept 14 to 17	Monday to Thursday	Veterans Event	Golf Course is Close 8:30 to 3 Monday to Thursday	8:30 – 3:00 each day
October 4	Sunday 10am	Chili Open	Open to all Elks Non-Golf Members - pay Green Fees & Cart	10:00 – 3:00
November	To Be Determined	Frost Buster	Open to all Elks Non-Golf Members-pay Green Fees & Cart	10:00 – 3:00

Other closures of note:

**Thursday Men's League – April 16 to August 20 (Golf Members Only) 19 weeks
Course will be closed 5:30 – 8:30 pm during Men's League**

The Iowa City Elks Lodge will host four Regina Boys Golf home meets this year. They will be held on March 30, April 20, April 27, and May 11. The Course will close at 4 pm on those days.

General Manager's Update

March is an exciting and important month at the Lodge. As we transition into a new season, there's plenty happening both on and off the course. Please take a few minutes to review the important updates below.

Golf - The official course opening date is TBD — stay tuned to our weekly emails for updates as weather conditions allow. We are also excited to kick off our first of four Regina Golf Meets on Monday, March 30th. We look forward to welcoming Regina's Boy's High School Golf team to the Iowa City Elks Lodge and starting the competitive season strong. Spring is right around the corner, and we can't wait to welcome all our members back for another great golf season.

Bar & Grill – March means one thing... March Madness!

Stay tuned for one of the most fun and energetic times of the year in the Bar & Grill — don't miss out!

2026-27 Lodge Season – Make a plan to pay your Lodge Dues & Cart Storage fees before the start of the Elks year beginning April 1st. If you have not logged in to your FourUP account or have forgotten your credentials, please contact the Lodge Office at Office@elks590.org for assistance. March is a month of preparation, excitement, and momentum as we head into another outstanding Lodge season. Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon.

-Men's & Women's basketball watch events

-Food & drink specials

-Our 2nd Annual Bracket Challenge benefiting the Elks National Foundation

Warm regards,
Peter Kessler
General Manager Elks Lodge 590



March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Pro Shop CLOSED	2 Pro Shop CLOSED Office Hours 10AM-2PM MMCB 12 PM Board MTG 6PM Lodge MTG 7PM	3 Pro Shop CLOSED Office Hours 10AM-2PM	4 Pro Shop Hours: 10 AM - 8 PM 11 AM - 7 PM Bar & Grill Lions Club 11 AM - 1 PM Restaurant 5-8:30PM	5 Pro Shop Hours: 10 AM - 3 PM 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Rotary Club 11 AM - 1 PM Private Event 5 PM	6 Pro Shop Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Restaurant 5-9:00 PM	7 Pro Shop CLOSED	
8 Pro Shop CLOSED Private Event 5PM	9 Pro Shop CLOSED Office Hours 10AM-2PM	10 Pro Shop CLOSED Office Hours 10AM-2PM Altosa 5 PM - 8 PM	11 Pro Shop Hours: 10 AM - 8 PM 11 AM - 7 PM Bar & Grill Restaurant 5-8:30PM	12 Pro Shop Hours: 10 AM - 3 PM 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Rotary Club 11 AM - 1 PM Private Event 5 PM	13 Pro Shop Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Restaurant 5-9:00 PM	14 Pro Shop CLOSED Private Event 11 AM	
15 Pro Shop Hours: 8 AM - 3 PM Sunday Brunch 8:30AM - 12 PM Bar & Grill 11 AM - 2 PM Triangle Club 11 AM - 1PM	16 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn Bridge Club 11 AM - 3 PM Board MTG 6PM Lodge MTG 7 PM	17 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn St. Patrick's Day	18 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn 11 AM - 7 PM Bar & Grill Restaurant 5-8:30PM	19 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Rotary Club 11 AM - 1 PM	20 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Restaurant 5-9:00 PM	21 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn	
22 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn	23 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn	24 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn Private Event 5 PM	25 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn 11 AM - 7 PM Bar & Grill ICRTA 11 AM - 1 PM Restaurant 5-8:30PM	26 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Rotary Club 11 AM - 1 PM Private Event 5 PM	27 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn 11 AM - 3 PM Bar & Grill Prime Rib Night Restaurant 5-9:00 PM	28 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn Private Event 11 AM	
29 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn	30 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn Regina Golf Meet	31 Pro Shop Disk to Dawn	**Pro Shop Hours Subject** to Change Based on Weather & Golf Course Opening				Golf Course Opening TBD



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