

# *The Elkhorn Bugler*

## *HOA Newsletter*

## *July 2022*



### **Board Meeting Highlights**

As two board members were not available to meet, we did not have a formal HOA Board meeting in July. Our small community is growing quite rapidly, and we are still looking for additional volunteers to help direct the future of the development. In particular, we need individuals who would be interested in working on a "Golf Course Advisory Board" and the "Park/Common Area Committee." Later this Fall, we will also have our annual HOA meeting where we will be electing board members. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to drop us an email. Please consider offering your time and abilities to these endeavors if you are interested in serving in one of these leadership positions.

One last note, JR Hamblet, Operations Manager, sent the HOA Board a letter concerning accessing the golf course. Please read the attached letter (page 3).



### **Pumpkin Patch for Kids**

**Ten pumpkin hills are thriving in the warm weather at the community garden. With a little luck there should be one for every 'kid' in the neighborhood!**

*meet your*  
***Neighbor***

Renae Ball lives on Luke Court. She bought her home in September of 2020, moving to Elkhorn Ridge part time from the Aberdeen area where she and her husband farmed for 30 years. After the passing of her husband she and her son still farm and maintain their Soybean Seed business in Conde, South Dakota. Renae also worked at the local bank for 23 years.

Renae has 2 children; a daughter in Sturgis and the son who farms, plus 4 grandchildren who are the "sunshine" of her life. Her hobbies include golfing, watching sports, playing the piano, listening to music, quilting and enjoying her sweet Golden retriever Lucy! She looks forward to being "fully retired" to do some traveling and being able to enjoy the beautiful Black Hills and the options it has to offer. Welcome Renae!

**Next Board Meeting:**  
*Tentatively Scheduled  
for August 3, 2022*

### **2022 HOA Board**

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Stan Smith

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## Community Forums Scheduled

*Have questions about the covenants? Want to share input/ideas on the new community green space? What is our relationship with the golf course?*

We are scheduling information sessions to discuss community issues. Join JR Hamblet, Elkhorn Operations Manager, and a representative of the HOA Board in the Conference Room of the Elkhorn Development office (off St. Onge Rd).

These drop in sessions will be provided as a way to answer your questions about living at EHRGE and provide a forum for ideas and feedback.

The first session is scheduled for **Wednesday, 7/27, 4:00-5:30 PM and will focus upon the Park and Common Areas**. The second forum is tentatively scheduled for 8/24 with a focus on Golf Course issues.

If you cannot make it and have some questions, concerns and/or requests, please drop us an email.

With summer heating up, it's time to pay extra attention to your lawn. For a healthy turf, move your mower blade up one notch. Leaving lawn grass a little longer, with each mowing until fall, will help provide some shade to the roots. Don't water everyday but rather every three days and for a longer period of time. This will force your grass to develop longer roots seeking the deeper moisture level. Most importantly, it's time to fertilize again and water well, after application!

Trees and shrubs will also become stressed during the hot and dry summer that tends to hit the Dakotas. They will need extra watering beyond what's provided by a sprinkler system. Remember to hand water newly planted landscape materials well every 4-5 days.

*Submitted by: Judy Smith, on behalf of  
Architectural Review Board*



*Thank you for being part of our community*



**Rocks require maintenance! The summer weather means the weeds are growing fast.  
Be a good neighbor and spray or pull your weeds.**

## Community Space



Property ownership has provided for a playground/park/community space off Brooks Loop. Now is a great time to provide input or volunteer to serve on the Park Committee. This will likely be a community project that will take several years and require interaction with the City of Spearfish.



## ELKHORN RIDGE

Dear Elkhorn Ridge Homeowner's Association President and Officers,

This is an informative notification from Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club to the Elkhorn Ridge Homeowner's Association regarding the Golf Course and concerns over unauthorized use on the facility's grounds and property.

As the residential development has grown over the last three years, there has been a significant increase in residential foot traffic on the golf course proper. An increase in instances of residents not picking up after their pets has been observed; additionally, some residents are taking the liberty to enter the golf course from privately owned property. We have identified mowed paths from residential property to the golf course, which is private property. **The Covenants clearly outline residents are permitted to access the golf course only through access points identified and authorized by Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club, Article 2 Use/Restrictions Section 2.11.**

In addition to this notification to the HOA it will also be shared with the City of Spearfish Police Department and those City of Spearfish Municipal Departments that address these types of violations. The Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club desires to maintain the standards its guests and pass holders expect.

Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club is a **CHAMPIONSHIP, FEE-BASED FACILITY** located on **PRIVATE PROPERTY**. The management would like to work closely with the HOA to enhance not only the experience of the golf course guest, but also the community where Elkhorn Ridge Golf Estates residents have chosen to live. However, for a symbiotic relationship to take place a change in the habits of a few must happen for the standards of both the Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course and the Elkhorn Ridge Golf Estates to be upheld.

Thank you,

JR Hamblet  
Operations Manager  
Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club