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KEEPING YOU POSTED IN THE ELKHORN

The President's Report - Bob Bridgewater

Learning More about South Park

In our second installment about our community, we are featuring the nearby town of Fairplay, Colorado, Founded in 1867, Fairplay serves as the county seat of Park County. Like Como, featured in our last issue, mining played a significant role in the development of this community, now with a population of 678. I hope you enjoy this article.

Hunting in the Elkhorn

There have been some sightings of hunters in the Elkhorn this hunting season. Most have been seen along the roads in our community. As you know, hunting is prohibited anywhere on Elkhorn property. If you see any violations, you should contact the Park County Sheriffs office or the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Board of Director Openings

There will be two Board positions up for election this Summer. If you are interested in seeking a Board seat, please contact Ann, Debbie or Bruno

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous and healthy 2008. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 719-836-2298 or babridgewater@hughes.net
Bob

Ask Uncle Elky

As most of you know, I have not been very good at love and marriage. Now on my fifth marriage, I think I finally figured out how to make it last. After my first wife left me, I thought I had it made with my second wife, a successful saleswoman. However, I lost her on a business trip to Oklahoma.



She was driving through a reservation in Oklahoma, heading home to Colorado when she saw an Indian woman thumbing for a ride on the side of the road. As the trip had been long and quiet, she stopped the car and the Indian woman got in. After a bit of small talk, the Indian woman noticed a brown bag on the front seat. "What's in the bag?" asked the Indian woman. "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband," said the saleswoman. The Indian lady was silent for a moment then said, "Good trade." My wife figured that was a good idea.

You all heard how I lost my fourth wife. It was clearly a blunder on my part. Down on Highway 285 a few years ago, a Park County Sheriff pulled me over. The sheriff said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?" To which I replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!" She didn't appreciate that.

But now I think I have mastered some of the techniques to a successful marriage. Let me share some of my philosophy with you..

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Fairplay and mine is in the Elkhorn.
3. I take my wife everywhere..... but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

Uncle Elky (continued)

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" . . . So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me "In Lake Jefferson."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust!"

Happy holidays to you all!

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ELKHORN RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors and Members Meeting
October 13, 2007
Flower Residence
(Draft Minutes)

President Bridgewater opened the meeting and the Board members present were:

Bob Bridgewater, President
Mike Flower, Vice President
JoAn Nall, Treasurer
Cindy Gharst, Secretary
Terry Shumaker, Member at Large
Art Burnham, Member at Large

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting on July 1, 2007 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

JoAn Nall provided financial reports of income and expenses and cash flow through September 30, 2007. She gave specific information regarding newsletter costs, picnic costs offset by money collected for maps and tax lien activity.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Mike Flower and seconded.

The Board then discussed the cost to file tax liens and renewing tax liens. JoAn reviewed the tax liens currently on file

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Maintenance

Terry Shumaker reported about the servicing of the tanks at the RV dump station and the restrooms. Terry recommended waiting to pump the tank at the restroom due to poor access and it is near empty. He instructed the vendor to pump the RV station only.

Terry also requested a "No Smoking" sign for the restroom. Deb Van Gundy agreed to print the sign.

Architectural Committee

Terry and Art Burnham reported that there have not been any calls recently. A reminder about the Architectural Committee will be put in the next newsletter. Terry reported that several projects have been started without having been through the process.

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Board of Directors – October 13, 2007 (continued)

Newsletter

Mike Flower distributed a list of the 2007 subscribers and proposed new rates for 2008. Mike also recommended discontinuing the ½ page ad. These changes will help reduce the cost of the newsletter. The Board agreed with Mike's recommendations.

Neighborhood Watch

(No report at this meeting.).

Welcome Committee

Deb Van Gundy reported that she sent out 16 Welcome Packets. She also reported that she purchased postage from the cash allocated to the Welcome Committee.

Web Page

Denny Nall asked for suggestions or newsworthy information for the website. He also can set up links for information or articles.

Social Committee

Ann Bridgewater reported that she received good feedback about the picnic and the variety of food provided by the caterer. Ann also wanted to acknowledge the donation of the cake by Georgia Comstock.

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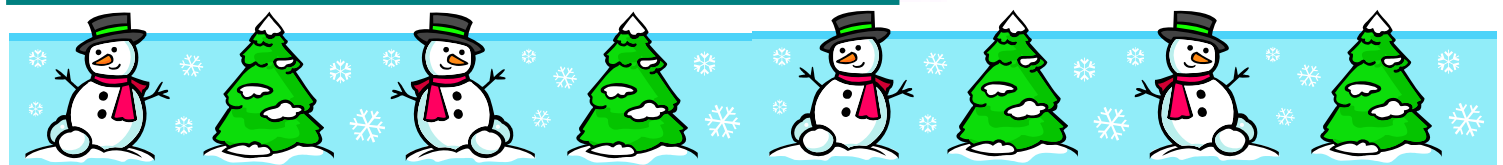
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Board of Directors – October 13, 2007 *(continued)*

A motion to rehire the caterer, Krista Hopkins, was made by Art Burnham and seconded.

The members' picnic was also discussed including weather issues, when to schedule it, and member interest. It was decided to set up a members' picnic during the Annual Meeting/Picnic in July.

OLD BUSINESS

SB-05-100/Election Committee

Ann Bridgewater provided a copy of a memorandum in which she summarized the election process used in 2007. After the election in July, some concerns were raised regarding the changes made in the SB-05-100 regarding homeowners' elections.

An Election Committee of three members was recommended. The Election Committee will be responsible for the pre-election procedures, the ballot count at the Annual Meeting and other compliance requirements. Ann Bridgewater, Deb Van Gundy and Bruno Huber volunteered to be on this committee.

A motion to form an Election Committee and appoint Ann Bridgewater, Deb Van Gundy and Bruno Huber to it was made by Mike Flower and seconded.

The Board also discussed the need to review and update technical information in the by-laws. Cindy Gharst agreed to review the by-laws and have some of the obvious changes identified for discussion at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Construction/Maintenance Services versus Security

Bob Bridgewater pointed out that Terry Shumaker has provided other services for maintenance and construction projects at no charge to EROA, which are separate from the security patrol. Bob requested the Board to consider paying Terry for his labor when construction projects are required.

A motion to pay Terry Shumaker when he is asked to perform construction work on behalf of EROA was made by JoAn Nall and seconded.

The location of the next meeting on January 12, 2008 will be held at the Nalls' house.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cindy Gharst
 Secretary

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The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Georgia Comstock has agreed to serve as the new coordinator, replacing Rhonda Garrett, who served the Community effectively for several years.

Georgia is a Colorado native. She graduated from Wheat Ridge High School. She, her husband and two children moved from Wheat Ridge to Elkhorn Ranches at the end of January 2007. It was an opportunity for her to become a stay at home mom and she is enjoying the new experience immensely. "I am enjoying being an active part of my new community by volunteering at the schools in Fairplay" she states.. "I also look forward to being more active with the Elkhorn Ranch as the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We have welcomed five new owners since the last EROA Board meeting which brings us to twenty new owners so far this year.

NEXT EROA BOARD MEETING

The next EROA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the home of Denny and JoAn Nall, 145 Rhea Road. All members are welcome to attend. This is your association. We welcome your participation and need your suggestions and ideas for the Elkhorn.

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THE HISTORY OF SOUTH PARK

Fairplay, Colorado

The Town of Fairplay, founded in 1867, is located in central Colorado within west central Park County, approximately 85 miles southwest of Denver and 85 miles west-northwest of Colorado Springs at the intersection of U.S. Highway 285 and Highway 9. Fairplay receives heavy through traffic, especially during the peak summer tourist season and the winter ski season. Fairplay lies within South Park which is a broad valley covering over 900 square miles and surrounded by the Mosquito and Park mountain ranges. Fairplay lies at an elevation of 9,957 feet above sea level.

As the incorporated seat of Park County, Fairplay is the center of county government. According to the State Demographer, 678 people now reside within the Fairplay town limits. It is estimated that about 1,500 more reside in outlying areas. Businesses in Fairplay include two motels, two hotels, a family grocery store, seven restaurants, two service stations, one bank, a number of gift shops and other small businesses. RE-2 District schools in Fairplay serve the entire South Park region. Two medical clinics and a pharmacy provide primary health services in town. The historic courthouse now serves as a public library

Early French trappers and Ute Indians found the area a favorite summer camp for trapping and hunting and fur trading. By the mid-19th century ranchers moved in with their cattle and sheep. Gold was discovered in 1859 in South Park and the rush was on. Gold and silver mining were the major economic factors for towns like Fairplay.

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The History of South Park *(continued)*

The mining district known as "Fairplay Diggings" was established in 1859. The term "Fair Play" came from the opinion that here every man would have an equal chance to stake a claim. This settlement was also known as Platte City, Fair Play and South Park City. Fairplay was the accepted spelling after 1874.

Prosperity in the mining industry influenced the westward migration of men, women and families which later gave way to permanent settlements, sturdy buildings, and amenities of home life. As Fairplay and other South Park communities became more settled, skilled services such as carpentry and blacksmithing were needed to build houses and repair equipment. Gold and silver were shipped back to Denver and Canon City as wagon roads and later a narrow gauge railroad were built to accommodate the businessmen and miners. Recreational outlets were provided by dance halls, saloons and gambling houses.

Fairplay became the county seat of Park County in 1867 that served miners, ranchers, local townspeople, and travelers despite economic ups and downs. South Park uses today range from ranching and mining to recreation.

Fairplay is centrally located to provide easy access to some of the best fishing, hiking, camping and skiing in Colorado. Favorite attractions include South Park City, created in 1959 as a historic site and outdoor museum representing a Colorado mining town between 1870 and 1900. The museum is open May – October. Check out the Historic Walking Tour in downtown Fairplay. Brochures are available at the South Park City Museum and Town Hall.

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An annual event in Fairplay, Colorado since 1948, Burro Days celebrates the role of the burro in mining days of old. Always held during the last weekend in July, the 60th Annual Burro Days will take place on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27, 2008. Over 10,000 people participate in festivities such as: burro races, llama races, kiddies pack dog races, parades, contests, over 140 arts & crafts booths, over 30 food vendor booths, local musical entertainment, Mountain Man Rendezvous, dance & BBQ, pancake breakfast, Cowboy Church services and more!

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UNCLE ELKY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Uncle Elky recently bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, neighbor Bob Bridgewater said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," Uncle Elky replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

