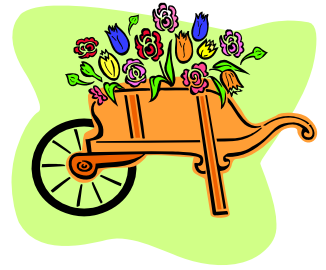




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KEEPING YOU POSTED IN THE ELKHORN

The President's Report - Bob Bridgewater

Learning More about South Park

In our third installment about our community, we are featuring a bit of historical trivia about South Park. I hope that you find it interesting.

New Owners for a Historic Site

One of our local historic sites is getting a new lease on life. New owners have purchased the Como Depot. They are hoping to have the restaurant open by May 1st. They have a great new chef so watch the Flume for the grand opening.

Annual Dues Notices

Thanks so much for your timely submission of the 2008 annual dues. Notices went out recently with dues remaining at \$25 per lot. If you haven't yet submitted your dues, please do so by the April 1 deadline. Annual dues are subject to a late fee commencing on May 1

Board of Director Openings

We are now accepting applications for the two open Board of Directors positions. Interested parties should submit basic information directly to me. Additional details are on page 7 in a separate article "Board of Directors Elections".

I hope everyone survived this challenging winter season. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 719-836-2298 or babridgewater@hughes.net

Bob

Ask Uncle Elky

I thought last winter was tough, but this winter we really have some bragging rights. We've had more snow than I can remember in a long time. The wind and snow closed U.S. 285 a record 17 times. But, if you were safely nestled into your cabin with the wood stove glowing with hot embers, it was a wondrous sight to look out at the glistening white and the fascinating sculptured snow caused by those frosty winds. I slept through most of it, but woke to the beauty that only winter can produce.



Now there are signs of spring in the air. Yes, Remington and Elkhorn roads are a muddy mess, but the sound of water flowing from the melting snow and the warm glow of the sun, means that Spring is on the way.

"For winter's rains and ruins are over,
And all the season of snows and sins;
The days dividing lover and lover,
The light that loses, the night that wins;
And time remembered is grief forgotten,
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,
And in green underwood and cover
Blossom by blossom the spring begins."

Algernon Charles Swinburne

"Over here in Denver
Where the Plains surrender
Fragile blooms of yellow and white
Are stepping out, into sunlight

Playing odds that winter's dead
To volunteer a flower bed
Weeds and grass are in a rush
To make it coarse or make it plush

Mother Earth's mountain breast
Melt and milk the magpie nest
The swelling banks once panned for metals
Now have skiers that switched to pedals.

Over all the mountains sing
Winter's over – welcome Spring."

Don Rehling

ELKHORN RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors and Members Meeting
January 12, 2008
Nall Residence
(Draft Minutes)

Board members present at the meeting were:

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

Other EROA members present:

Dennis and Linda Kennedy
Deb Van Gundy
Ann Bridgewater
Denny Nall,
Bruno Huber

President Bob Bridgewater called the meeting to order at 10:00am.



Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2007 were approved as presented with the notation that the minutes will be amended to reflect the results of the voting on motions passed. Also, the Board requested that the names of other members or guests present be included in the minutes, too.

Treasurer's Report

JoAn Nall presented the Treasurer's Report and Cash Flow for the period April 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. She updated the Board on the status of liens reporting that she sent out four intent to lien letters, one lien was paid and three properties with liens were in the tax sale. She also provided information about ten liens she closed and re-filed to reflect the current amounts owed. After some discussion about the timing to mail the dues notices, it was decided to keep the status quo and JoAn will send the notices by February 18th for a payment due date of April 1st.

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Board of Directors – January 12, 2008 (continued)

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Cindy Gharst and seconded. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Election process

Ann Bridgewater distributed a sample ballot form proposed for the 2008 election. She explained the process the Election Committee will follow to track the eligible voting members. The ballot will be mailed to all members, but the Election Committee will verify returned ballots against the list of members with paid or unpaid dues. Ann also reported the cost of production of the ballot to be close to \$60. Some options for bulk mailing are to use PineMailers or go through the Chamber of Commerce, which costs \$25 to rejoin. After discussion about the benefits of the Chamber of Commerce, the Board agreed to rejoin.

A motion to rejoin the Chamber of Commerce for \$25 for this year was made by JoAn Nall and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Maintenance/Security

Terry Shumaker was unable to attend this meeting; however, he does request to put something in the newsletter about volunteers for upcoming projects

Newsletter

There was discussion about some members not receiving the last newsletter electronically and resending some newsletters or putting out a notice to contact us if no newsletter was received. The Board also discussed the cost of the newsletter and the reduction of advertising space to three pages.

Social Committee

No report

Welcome Committee

Deb Van Gundy reported sending out packets to 23 new owners in 2007; 20 new owners from April 1, 2007 through current. She still has \$72 cash available and needs Neighborhood Watch signs. Kim at JCFPD is her contact for the signs.

Architectural Committee

Art Burnham reported that he received one call since the last meeting, but no action was required.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Earlier during the meeting, Bob Bridgewater announced that Georgia Comstock will take over this committee replacing Rhonda Garrett.





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Thank You!

OLD BUSINESS

By-Law Changes

As a follow up from the last meeting, Cindy Gharst advised that she did review the by-laws, identifying the sections which should be updated to include more modern methods of communication, posting procedures for meetings, etc. The next step is to prepare a draft of revised by-laws for these "housekeeping" changes. Cindy and Mike Flower planned to look at other owner association by-laws as models for some of these changes.

The next meeting will be April 12th at the Bridgewater residence.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Gharst, Secretary






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THE HISTORY OF SOUTH PARK

Some Historical Trivia

Whiskey Hole: An Early-Day Economic Welfare Program – Free Mining for the Unlucky

One of the most impressive gold discoveries in the so-called “Pikes Peak Gold Rush” of 1858 was at Tarryall on the edge of South Park. Prospectors who got there first rubbed their eyes in amazement. In the course of an old creek channel there were “scales of gold as big as watermelon seeds”.

After this initial boom, though, it became more difficult to find the gold dust. Going upstream to find the mother lode, a few of the men were fortunate. Other newcomers were unable to find any pay dirt at all. There was one good source, however. It was called the Whiskey Hole.

Old vets of several months began to feel sorry for the newcomers. They set aside the Whiskey Hole as a place where only destitute prospectors could pan for their whiskey. Hundreds of men found enough duct to handle their accounts at the nearby saloon.

Eventually, there was so much claim-jumping going on in the Tarryall mining district that, when new finds were found on the other side of the mountain, most sourdoughs moved over there. It was decided at the outset in this camp that any infringement on another's claim would be dealt with in the most severe manner. Thus, they named the new camp Fairplay.

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This Tree was Alive When Socrates Taught – Volcanic Ash at South Park in 1815

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the oldest tree in Colorado is located above the town of Fairplay. It is a bristlecone pine which is well over 2,400 years of age. It was found by researcher Craig Brunstein in 1990. While still alive, it shows its age, with only a few small branches of live needles stemming from bark which is now sixteen inches thick.

It had its beginnings at a time when the Athenians lost the Peloponnesian War to the Spartans and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon were still growing. Its tree rings have revealed droughts and cold spells through the ages, giving scientists knowledge of long-time climate patterns in the mountains of central Colorado. As an example, the tree rings indicate a record cold spell around 1815, when volcanic ash in the atmosphere around the world kept the snow falling even in summer above South Park.

The exact location of the tree is being kept secret so that it will not be vandalized.

(reproduced from I Never Knew That About Colorado, A Quaint Volume of Forgotten Lore by Abbott Fay)

UNCLE ELKY'S "BLAST FROM THE PAST"

Here's a little quiz to see how much you remember about some less-than-important things from a few decades back. It's just for fun, no scoring involved. Even the wrong answers may bring back a memory or two. Have Fun (but no peeking!).

- What builds strong bodies 12 ways?
 - Flintstones vitamins
 - The buttmaster
 - Spaghetti
 - Wonder Bread
 - Orange Juice
 - Milk
 - Cod Liver Oil
- Before he was Mohammed Ali, he was...
 - Sugar Ray Robinson
 - Roy Orbison
 - Gene Autry
 - Rudolph Valentino
 - Fabian
 - Mickey Mantle
 - Cassius Clay
- Pogo, the comic strip character said, "We have met the enemy and..."
 - It's you
 - He is us
 - It's the Grinch
 - He wasn't home
 - He's really mean
 - We quit
 - He surrendered
- Good night, David
 - Good night, Chet
 - Sleep well
 - Good Night, Irene
 - Good Night, Gracie
 - See you later, alligator
 - Until tomorrow
 - Good night, Steve
- You'll wonder where the yellow went,
 - When you use Tide
 - When you lose your crayons
 - When you clean your tub
 - If you paint the room blue
 - If you buy a soft water tank
 - When you use Lady Clairol
 - When you brush your teeth with Pepsodent

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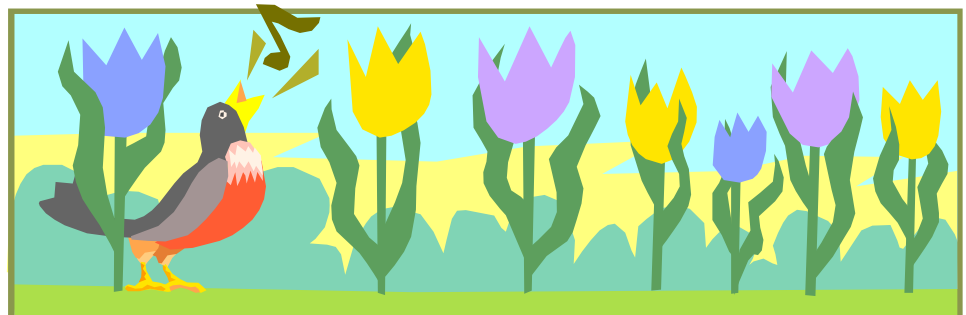
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 - A. Stuart Whitman
 - B. Randolph Scott
 - C. Steve Reeves
 - D. Maynard G. Krebs
 - E. Corky B. Dork
 - F. Dave the Whale
 - G. Zippy Zoo
7. Liar, liar...
 - A. You're a liar
 - B. Your nose is growing
 - C. Pants on fire
 - D. Join the choir
 - E. Jump up higher
 - F. On the wire
 - G. I'm telling Mom
8. Meanwhile, back in Metropolis, Superman fights a never ending battle for truth, justice and...
 - A. Wheaties
 - B. Lois Lane
 - C. TV ratings
 - D. \World peace
 - E. Red tights
 - F. The American way
 - G. News headlines
9. Hey, kids, what time is it?
 - A. It's time for Yogi Bear
 - B. It's time to do your homework
 - C. It's Howdy Doody Time
 - D. It's Time for Romper Room
 - E. It's bedtime
 - F. The Mighty Mouse Hour
 - G. Scooby Doo Time
10. Lions and tigers and bears...
 - A. Yikes
 - B. Oh no
 - C. Gee whiz
 - D. I'm scared
 - E. Oh My
 - F. Help Help
 - G. Let's run
11. Bob Dylan advised us never to trust anyone
 - A. Over 40
 - B. Wearing a uniform
 - C. Carrying a briefcase
 - D. Over 30
 - E. You don't know
 - F. Who says, "Trust me"
 - G. Who eats tofu
12. NFL quarterback who appeared in a television commercial wearing women's stockings.
 - A. Troy Aikman
 - B. Kenny Stabler
 - C. Joe Namath
 - D. Roger Stauback
 - E. Joe Montana
 - F. Steve Young
 - G. John Elway
13. Brylcream...
 - A. Smear it on
 - B. You'll smell great
 - C. Tame that cowlick
 - D. Greaseball heaven
 - E. It's a dream
 - F. We're your team
 - G. A little dab'll do ya
14. I found my thrill...
 - A. In Blueberry muffins
 - B. With my man, Bill
 - C. Down at the mill
 - D. Over the windowsill
 - E. With thyme and dill
 - F. Too late to enjoy
 - G. On Blueberry Hill
15. Before Robin Williams, Peter Pan was played by
 - A. Clark Gable
 - B. Mary Martin
 - C. Doris Day
 - D. Errol Flynn
 - E. Sally Fields
 - F. Jim Carey
 - G. Jay Leno
16. Name the Beatles
 - A. John, Steve, George , Ringo
 - B. John, Paul, George , Roscoe
 - C. John, Paul, Stacey, Ringo
 - D. Jay, Paul, George , Ringo
 - E. Lewis, Peter, George , Ringo
 - F. Jason, Betty, Skipper, Hazel
 - G. John, Paul, George , Ringo
17. I wonder, wonder, wonder, who
 - A. Who ate the leftovers?
 - B. Who did the laundry?
 - C. Was it you?
 - D. Who wrote the book of love?
 - E. Who I am?
 - F. Passed the test?
 - G. Knocked on the door?
18. I'm strong to the finish
 - A. Cause I eats my broccoli
 - B. Cause I eats me spinach
 - C. Cause I lift weights
 - D. Cause I'm the hero
 - E. And don't you forget it
 - F. Cause Olive Oyl loves me
 - G. To outlast Bruto
19. When it's least expected, you're elected, you're the star today...
 - A. Smile, you're on Candid Camera
 - B. Smile, you're on Star Search
 - C. Smile, you won the lottery
 - D. Smile, we're watching you
 - E. Smile, the world sees you
 - F. Smile, you're a hit
 - G. Smile, you're on TV
20. What do M & M's do?
 - A. Make your tummy happy
 - B. Melt in your mouth, not in your pocket
 - C. Make you fat
 - D. Melt your heart
 - E. Make you popular
 - F. Melt in your mouth, not in your hand
 - G. Come in colors



WELCOMING COMMITTEE REPORT

I mailed a total of twenty-three welcome packets in 2007, and have mailed five so far for 2008. Three of the packets mailed out this year were to owners that acquired their property in June of 2007. I would like to remind any property owners that may sell their property through a private sale to please send the information to the EROA. We would like to send a welcome packet to the new owners as well as have the correct information for mailing newsletters, election and meeting information and dues notices. Your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated.

Debbie Van Gundy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Elections will be held this summer for two of the six Board of Directors positions. The two positions will be three-year terms. If you are interested in running for the Board, please submit your application by May 1, 2008 to:

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Att'n: Bob Bridgewater
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or by e-mail to babridgewater@hughes.net. You can also contact Bob by telephone at 719-836-2298

Your initial notification of intent to run for a Board position need only include your name, your filing and lot number, your address, your telephone number and, if available, your e-mail address. You must be a member in good standing (all dues paid). Additional information will be requested at a later date, including a brief biography. Brief bio's of each candidate will also be featured in the June 2008 EROA Newsletter

The ballots, with the names and resumes of all candidates will be mailed out by the middle of May, 2008. Elections will be held at the Saturday July 5, 2008 Annual Meeting. Ballots can be mailed in or returned on Saturday, July 5 at the picnic and Annual Meeting.

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2. You haven't played Solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 4.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries..
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 50) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually looked back up to check that there wasn't #9 on this list

. . . AND NOW YOU ARE LAUGHING AT YOURSELF.

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If you have something to give away, sell or trade, or need a product or service, please submit your items to Michael Flower at mikeaf2000@comcast.net or by fax to (303) 791-8845. There is no charge for this service to property owners. Also, classified ads will be automatically removed from the subsequent issue, unless you request that it be republished by communicating such to Michael by the next publication deadline. The deadline for submissions for the March 2008 issue is Friday, February 29, 2008.

NEXT EROA BOARD MEETING

The next EROA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the home of Bob and Ann Bridgewater. All members are welcome to attend. This is your association. For information or directions contact Bob at babridgewater@hughes.net or at (719) 836-2298. We welcome your participation and need your suggestions and ideas for the Elkhorn.

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Don't forget to visit the web site at www.elkhornowners.org. Any web site suggestions should be sent to Denny Nall at djnall@djnall.com.

"Blast from the Past" answers.

- 1 D - Wonder Bread
- 2 G - Cassius Clay
- 3 B - He Is Us
- 4 A - Good night, Chet
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