



Sun Valley  
Elkhorn Association



## **SVEA**

**Providing excellent facilities, amenities and accompanying services.**

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## Message from SVEA President

Dear Homeowners,

You may recall that last summer, after months of work by SVEA Staff and the Recreation Committee, your Board announced a conceptual plan for improving, formalizing and connecting certain trails in Elkhorn. After this information was reported at our Summer Barbeque, it was included in the Fall Newsletter, placed on the SVEA web site, and the map was predominately displayed at Harker Center. We received strong and consistently positive feedback.

The conceptual plan was designed to do three things:

- 1) to improve the hiking experience for all Elkhorn residents
- 2) to encourage hikers to stay off private property, since some property owners reported that hikers were taking 'short cuts' through their property, and
- 3) to move existing trails away from homes and resident's property lines where possible.

In mid September we received feedback from a few homeowners in the Parker Gulch/Keystone area who felt that improving the existing trails where necessary and providing connectivity, primarily over existing, but informal trails, would affect their privacy. Some of those owners also expressed their concerns at the SVEA Annual Meeting in January.

We immediately invited all potentially-affected owners to engage in a constructive dialogue to help us understand their concerns and ensure that they received accurate information about the concept and the goals of the trail improvement project. As a result of those discussions, conceptual trail locations were modified or moved and other adjustments suggested by those owners were made. Additionally, the Board voluntarily withdrew the trail improvement application that was before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Sun Valley to give everyone more time to reach a consensus. The Board also agreed with those owners that we would not file an application within the next year, and after that, only after giving them notice of our intent to re-file should that decision be reached.

Notwithstanding these efforts, a few owners, some who refused to participate in the discussions we had with other concerned owners, recently filed a lawsuit against SVEA claiming the association doesn't have the power to improve trails, and that the improvements will negatively impact their property values and quiet enjoyment of their environment. They retained a Twin Falls lawyer to represent them and are seeking declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent the

trail improvements based on claims that SVEA lacks the authority to make improvements to the trails because “the public will use the trails and the use of the trails constitutes a nuisance”. We were shocked by their action as we felt significant progress was being made through the on-going, constructive dialogue with other interested homeowners.

Your Board feels the suit is premature and without merit. The trail-planning has not been completed, the board has not made a final decision to proceed with any plan of improvement, and no application to improve the trails is filed with the City of Sun Valley, nor will there be an application filed for (Parker Gulch/Keystone) in the next year! Our efforts to maintain and improve the trail system, while trying to protect private property from trespass, is a legitimate function of your Association and we feel it is inappropriate for a few owners to invoke the extraordinary power of the court to obstruct the Association’s inclusive governance process for their own personal benefit. Accordingly, we have asked the Association’s counsel to defend its rights and interests in the matter. Nevertheless, we are committed to continuing constructive dialogue with all concerned owners so we can ultimately reach a resolution that will work for everyone.

Jim Fletcher, SVEA President

## **Elkhorn Swim Season Begins Memorial Day Weekend**

The SVEA swim season officially begins Saturday, May 28, with the opening of the **Harker Pool** which will operate, fully staffed with lifeguards, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm daily through Labor Day. This swimmer friendly salt-water pool with diving board, sauna, outdoor hot tub, wading pool for children and convenient access to the Harker Park is a perfect place to enjoy an Elkhorn summer day.

The **Village Pool** opens Saturday, June 11, and will remain in operation through September 30, 2011 *weather permitting*. Open swim hours are noon to 8:00 pm daily. Adult lap swimming is scheduled from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday. Children, supervised by a responsible adult, may access the pool at 10:00 am Monday through Friday, however children will be restricted to swimming in a designated roped off area during adult lap swimming hours. There will be no lifeguards on duty at any time. Attendants will be available to check in property owners and guests and issue towels. In addition to the pool, the Village location includes an outdoor hot tub, a steam room and sauna.



During the early summer months the Sun Valley area often experiences severe thunderstorms. For the safety of our owners and guests the association adheres to national safety guidelines and will close the pools anytime there is lightning in the area. This action is, at times, met with frustration by pool users. Your cooperation and understanding during these unavoidable instances is greatly appreciated.

The SVEA Recreation Committee and staff are happy to report that many familiar lifeguards and attendants are returning this year to make your swimming experience the best possible. Enjoy your wonderful amenities and please let us know how we can continue to improve! Suggestion boxes are conveniently placed at the check-in areas of each of the SVEA amenities, or you may phone or email the office with your comments.

Note: Pool hours are subject to change at any time due to weather conditions.

Pool Contact Information:

Village Pool beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> .....208-622-3047  
Harker Pool beginning May 28<sup>th</sup> .....208-622-3213

## Tennis Court Activities About to Begin!

SVEA welcomes back Bill Van Deinse as manager of the Elkhorn tennis amenities! Bill and his friendly, professional staff have successfully administered a very popular and energetic SVEA tennis program for over 20 years.

Court reservations may be made 72 hours in advance of play. During the months of July and August reservations for open play at the Harker courts are limited to the hours of 8:30 am to 10:00 am, and 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Reservations at the Village Courts may or may not be restricted to the 1½ hour time block depending on court usage.

The tennis staff hopes all owners and their guests will get involved. Don't be shy; if you don't have a tennis partner or game, let the pros know and they will assist in introductions and help you get involved. Scheduled tennis program and fee information is available at both tennis locations, the SVEA office, and on the website. Come by and pick up a schedule. The activities are fun and programs challenging.

### Tennis contact Information:

Harker Tennis Courts.....208-622-9281  
Village Tennis Courts.....208-622-5535

## Tennis Guest Fee Changes for 2011

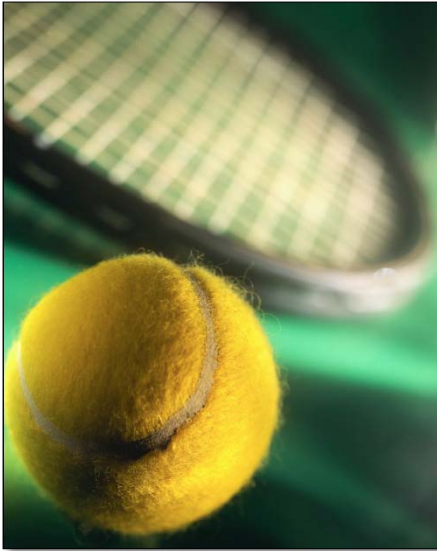
The Recreation Committee recommended, and the SVEA Board approved, a change in the guest fee structure for the 2011 tennis season. Guest fees, for open play tennis, will be as follows:

1. Tennis Guest Fees for open-play will be charged only at the Harker Center and only for the months of July and August between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
2. No open-play guest fee will be charged for use of the Village Courts.
3. Guest passes (12 per property) will be available for Harker Center court use during restricted hours. Only one (1) guest pass will be required on a per court usage basis (for singles or doubles play).
4. The guest fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

The fee structure changes will be on a trial basis for 2011 and reviewed by the Recreation Committee at the end of the season. With the elimination of guest fees at the Village, owners and their

guests now have a free open-play option. The Harker courts also make available a free open-play option, outside the heaviest program hours. As in the past, all guests must be accompanied by an Owner or Elkhorn resident with a valid amenity card.

## Sign Up For FREE Beginner Tennis Lessons!



If you have never tried the sport of tennis, or if it has been many years since you last played, let us help you get into the swing of things. SVEA is offering **free beginner tennis lessons** for Elkhorn members. This is a terrific opportunity for you to work with our tennis professionals to explore the sport of tennis! The free clinics take you through the basics to get you started. If you don't have access to a tennis racquet, one can be provided. All we ask is that you have proper foot attire (no black soles). Please be

sure to call and make your reservations early as we expect this clinic to be very popular creating limitations on available space and equipment. Please contact our tennis professionals at 208-622-9281 anytime after June 1, for more information.

## Open Space Trails Map Is Available

Spring is arriving a bit late in our beautiful mountain community. Not to fear; the hiking, mountain biking and wildflower experiences within Elkhorn are not to be missed and should go far in keeping you and your guests occupied until the higher mountain trails are free of snow. Over the past two years Staff has been working on area mapping. A map showing the existing trails can be found on our website at [www.sunvalley-elkhorn.org](http://www.sunvalley-elkhorn.org). If you haven't experienced the views from the hills of Elkhorn you are in for a treat! For those looking for surrounding area trails please visit [www.Trailweb.net](http://www.Trailweb.net). This site has a tremendous amount of hiking trail information for the entire Wood River Valley.



# Elkhorn Golf Club

## ***Golf-Club Privileges for SVEA Property Owners and Resident Guests***

“We enjoy and appreciate the relationship with SVEA and encourage all to come and utilize the Club,” relates Elkhorn Golf Club General Manager Don Shirey.

Tee Times: In addition to the guaranteed tee times of 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, and anytime after 3:00, SVEA owners and resident guests may take advantage of any available tee times after 2:00 pm during the summer (June 24 – September 25) and after 12:00 pm during early and late seasons. Nine-hole tee times will be available for afternoon play. Twilight rates will be available Monday through Thursday after 4:00 pm in the summer and after 3:00 pm in the early and late seasons. Depending on space availability, accommodations will be made to allow two groups (of at least 6 players) to play back to back rather than teeing off an hour apart.

Rates	Open – 6/23	6/24 – 9/25	9/26 – Close
	Early	Summer	Late
18 Holes	\$75	\$150	\$110
Twilight*	\$55	\$110	\$80
9 Hole**	\$40	\$85	\$60

Golf Club Contact Information .....208-622-3300

\*Twilight available after 4:00 pm during the summer and after 3:00 pm the rest of the season.

\*\*These times are available after 2:00 pm during the summer and after 12:00 pm the rest of the season.

### ***Restaurant — Opens June 2nd***

The Elkhorn Clubhouse Restaurant is open to Elkhorn Owners and their guests. Hours of operation are daily from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm, with the bar (serving limited menu items) remaining open until 7:00 pm. Views are fantastic from the deck and the food is great. Plan to stop by for lunch, an early dinner, or cocktail.

### ***Please Stay Off the Grass***

The Elkhorn Golf Club is an important part of our community. The owners and management are doing an exceptional job of maintaining their property. Golf course care is a very large and expensive undertaking and you are encouraged to do your part in protecting and respecting this private property. SVEA owns over 1800 acres of open space and many trails and hillsides are available and suitable for walking dogs and hiking. We also own and maintain the Harker Park for both children's and adult's activities. Please remind your guests and children the golf course is private property. Thank You!

## **Harker Center Park & Party Room**

A fun and under-utilized Elkhorn amenity, the Harker Center Park is available to owners and their resident guests. Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the park includes volleyball, basketball, a children's play structure, horseshoe pits, open areas, as well as tables, benches and umbrellas for picnicking and relaxing. Rather than driving to town with the kids or grandkids, consider a walk, bike ride, or take the bus to the Harker Center and enjoy your own private park!

A special amenity for Elkhorn owners is created when combining the park setting with the lovely and very functional Harker Lounge and Party Room. This space includes a kitchen, large-screen TV, cozy seating, and a bar, all topped off with a fantastic view of Baldy. Owners may reserve the Harker Party Room by contacting the administrative office. A \$200 rental charge applies to the room; however, there is no fee for use of the Park.



## Amenity Use Requires ID Cards - Your Assistance Is Requested

SVEA amenities are for the use of Elkhorn owners and their resident guests. The amenity card system is in place to ensure the facilities are being enjoyed by those paying for them. Please remember to bring your owner card when making use of the SVEA amenities. If you have not yet obtained your new eight-year owner card, please come by the office to do so. Also, your advance notice of your guest's arrival will avoid delays and frustration for them. All **resident guests**, not accompanying an owner, **must be pre-registered** and in the amenity card system **in order to use the facilities**. You may register your guests by calling the office @ 208-622-7420 (leave a message if after hours), faxing the information to 208-622-3215, or emailing to [svea@cox-internet.com](mailto:svea@cox-internet.com). Please provide your name, your account number or your Elkhorn address, the guests first and last name(s), and their arrival and departure dates. Once received, this information will be entered into the system and your guests may pick up their cards at the Harker Center during regular office hours. If registered guests arrive after office hours, or on weekends, they will be admitted to the facilities by showing ID until the office next opens. **If your guests are not registered they will not have access.** In order to pre-register a guest arriving on a weekend we must hear from you by 4:00 p.m. the preceding Friday.



## Valley-Wide Summer Events & Youth Programs

Summer in Sun Valley brings a plethora of activities for all! Sports, festivals, art shows and gallery walks, as well as big events all happen regularly in our community. Log on to [www.visitsunvalley.com](http://www.visitsunvalley.com) to review details. In addition, the Ketchum Parks and Recreation Department provides many programs for Elkhorn and Sun Valley children. To learn more for your summer planning, go to [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org) (Parks and Recreation, under city Departments). The April 27, 2011 edition of the Idaho Mountain Express included a Special Section for Kids of Summer; an activity planner. If the children in your life are not already booked to the max with things to do, check out <http://www.mtexpress.com/pdf/kids.pdf>

## Restriction Compliance Enhances Elkhorn Community



Thank you all for your part in maintaining the quality of life in Elkhorn by observing the general restrictions. Please continue to be considerate of your neighbors and the community by ensuring that your full trash carts are placed out on the roadside for pick up on Tuesday morning (Elkhorn trash day) and returned to an enclosed structure by Tuesday night. Do not store trash cans in view of your neighbors. For our part-time owners we offer these suggestions:

- ❖ If you rely on a property management company for this task, stress to them the importance of the Elkhorn restrictions.
- ❖ Clear Creek Disposal offers a special service to take trash containers to the roadside and return them to your appropriately screened location. For details call 208-726-9600.
- ❖ Many owners trade trash responsibilities with their neighbors who have the same need.
- ❖ The City of Sun Valley provides the convenience of a **TRASH** dumpster and Recycle bins at City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road. The City also provides **RECYCLE BINS ONLY** (No trash dumping please!) at the Elkhorn Fire station at 100 Arrowleaf.

## Preparing for Spring

By Regan Berkley, Regional Wildlife Biologist, IDF&G

Although it still looks and feels a bit like winter in the Wood River Valley, spring is just around the corner. With the coming of spring there are several things residents should be aware of when living in a wildlife-rich environment.

**Bird feeders** – As spring migrants return to the valley, many folks hang bird feeders out to enjoy backyard bird watching. However, it is important that bird watchers keep their bird feeders clean and dry. Every year we get several calls from people reporting dead song



birds in their yards; many of these deaths are due to bacteria or other contaminants in bird seed or feeders.

If you decide to install a bird feeder it is also important to remember that bird seed attracts area bears. This is particularly true in the spring, when bears are emerging hungry and thin from winter hibernation. To reduce bears' access to feeders, bring feeders in at night. Hang feeders so they are inaccessible to bears, and try to clean up any large piles of bird seed under feeders.

**Spring migration** – When living with wildlife in the Wood River Valley there is no time of year residents can relax when driving. Spotting deer, elk or moose on a roadway is not an uncommon sight.

In the spring, the shoulders of the roadways are one of the first places for grass to begin to grow. These tender, young blades of grass will attract winter-hungry animals such as deer and elk, which are following spring green-up northward to summer habitats. During their spring migration, deer and elk must cross many roadways and drivers should proceed with caution when traveling.

## Mountain Rides

### Take the Bus!

Remember to make it easy and leave the driving to Mountain Rides this summer! Keep the bus in mind when attending summer events such as the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, Gallery Walks or concerts.

### Red Route Spring Schedule is in Effect through Mid-June.

Mountain Rides Red Route which is running between Elkhorn Village and Ketchum is currently operating the departure 1 bus once per hour between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:55 pm through mid-June. New schedules will be available in early June.

### Mountain Rides Kicks off May as National Bike Month with These Great Events!

**Smart Moves** is a program that runs from May 16<sup>th</sup> - August 19<sup>th</sup> and encourages people to get out of their cars (if riding alone) and take the bus, ride a bike or walk, car or van pool with other adults. It's free to participate and all that is asked is that people log their trips to have a chance to win great prizes. Trips qualifying for Smart Moves rewards could include trips to work, the grocery store, the gym, etc., basically anything that would have entailed using a vehicle to get there and has been replaced by another form of transportation. Prizes include a season ski pass to Sun Valley's Bald Mountain, summer yurt trip, Smith and Scott prizes, restaurant and Atkinsons' Market gift certificates, and more. Pick up log sheets at the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce, Hailey Chamber of Commerce or the Mountain Rides office or call 788-RIDE (7433) x103. Save paper and go online at [www.rideshareonline.com](http://www.rideshareonline.com)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Rides Bike Swap** will be held May 21-22 at the Hailey Sturtevants on Main Street. Check-in bikes on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 7 pm. The Bike Swap will be held on Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 9 pm to 2 pm. **New this year** will be 2 **FREE** Bike Maintenance Clinics on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by the City of Hailey and Sturtevants in front of their store at 11 am and 2 pm. We are also taking kids' bike donations (working or not) for Sun Valley Adaptive Sports who will refurbish the bikes for kids who can't afford to buy one.

For more information go to [www.Mountainrides.org](http://www.Mountainrides.org) or call 788-RIDE (7433).

## Welcome New Owners

*Deborah & Thomas James  
Joan & Gerald Johnston  
Rebecca & Peter Smith  
Michael Richardson  
Lynne & Stephen Heidel  
Nikki & Miles Daisher  
Michael Petersen  
Karen & Gary Burt  
Woolley Family Trust  
Katherine & Robert Dean  
Amy Rene Lientz*

*Linda & Maurice Sercarz  
Charles Young  
Lee Albright  
Melanie & Robert Tominaga  
Kathleen Price & Edward Wong  
Teresa & Kirk Lyon  
Karen & Gerald Whyte  
Marline Rennels  
Claudia & John Mahedy  
Laura Houston  
Lee Anne Linderman*

## Seeking Board Candidates

Do you have the time and interest to contribute to your homeowners association? The Nominating Committee is in search of owners willing to run for election to the board of directors. "Our association works because of the dedication, commitment and hard work of our professional staff which implements the policies of the SVEA Board of Directors," related Board President Jim Fletcher. "The nine-member Board in turn must reflect the needs, values, and desires of our community. Being a Board member is enjoyable, rewarding and above all, necessary to maintain excellent facilities, amenities and accompanying services. Only by having members who represent the varied views of homeowners can we balance all your needs."

The SVEA Board of Directors has expertise in the areas of law, finance, communication, construction and amenity direction. At the end of the year, three board member positions will be open. "We are looking for prospective board members who are willing to add their skills and commit their time to implement SVEA's strategic vision of "maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in Elkhorn", related Pam Bailey who heads the nominating committee. "In order to keep the balance of full-time and part-time residents we currently need members who live in Elkhorn full-time", she said. The nominating committee is comprised of Board Members and non-board members and will be visiting with all applicants in early August. Those wishing to run for election will be included in the annual meeting proxy information.

The SVEA Board Member Application is available on the web site, [Click Here](#) to open.

**Applications may also be obtained at the Harker office.**

## Summer Membership Meeting and BBQ Will Be Held July 20th

This year's summer membership meeting and barbeque will again be held in the Harker Center Park. All owners are invited to attend this informational meeting, enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Full Moon, and spend the evening relaxing with friends and neighbors. Please take a moment to complete and return the RSVP below. You may mail, fax to 208-622-3215, email to [svea@cox-internet.com](mailto:svea@cox-internet.com) or call us at 208-622-7420.



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### SVEA Summer Membership Meeting and Barbeque



Date: Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Place: Harker Center Park  
Meeting: 5:30 pm  
Barbeque: Following Meeting

BBQ is free for property owners with current amenity cards; \$10 each for guests who accompany an owner.

Owner Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Elkhorn Property Account # or Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Kindly RSVP by July 11th for our final count to the caterer.**

Please return to: PO Box 1708 Sun Valley, ID 83353

Or fax to: (208) 622-3215 or email to [svea@cox-internet.com](mailto:svea@cox-internet.com)

“A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.”

Herm Albright  
1876-1944, Author

