



Sun Valley
Elkhorn Association



SVEA

*Preserving the beauty of Elkhorn by guiding
the design of attractive residences and
landscaping and by protecting Association-
owned land*

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Message from the President

The SVEA Summer BBQ was a great success this year with 318 people attending representing 160 properties. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and music and the ability to socialize with their friends and neighbors. And that is what the summer picnic is all about. Every year we try to improve the experience. For next year, based on suggestions we've received, we are going to have the information session earlier, and separate from the BBQ. Those wishing to be updated with current 'happenings' can attend the informational session, which will start about thirty minutes before the BBQ. Those wishing only to enjoy the food, beverages, music and camaraderie of their fellow owners will be able to do so without having to listen to the quasi business side of the event.

As summer transitions into fall, it has been a very busy season at our pools and tennis courts. The pools have experienced nearly 20,000 visits and the tennis courts have seen 6,300 plays! As a reminder, SVEA has retained the services of a consultant to help us evaluate our existing amenities and help determine what amenities will be appropriate and desirable going forward. This comprehensive review was initially driven by the fact that we will need to spend around \$500,000 to renovate the tennis courts in the Village within the next two years. With our new amenity system, we are able to keep very accurate information about amenity usage. Based on that information, along with the survey last year, the Board felt we needed to have a comprehensive review of all our amenities before spending the amount of money defined in our capital plan. You will be hearing more about the suggestions coming out of the review, as we will receive an update from the consultant at our September 23rd Board meeting. The final report is expected this winter, in time for our annual meeting on January 6, 2012. Everyone will have an opportunity for input before the Board adopts a final plan. We look forward to your participation.

Two other issues deserve attention, or at least an update in this newsletter. The first relates to the lawsuit that a small group of homeowners in the Parker Gulch/Keystone area filed against the association in an attempt to prevent the association from improving existing trails, or developing new connector trails. Members of the Board and staff met with those homeowners who agreed to meet in an attempt to understand and address their concerns, and based on the input received, the Board voted to defer any trail development in those areas for at least a year to be sure all issues were fully vetted. Apparently, that was not sufficient, as some of those homeowners filled a lawsuit on April 20, 2011. While the Board is aggressively defending the right to manage the open space, ongoing dialogue is

being encouraged to hopefully address specific and reasonable concerns. The defense of the suit has been tendered to our insurance carrier, who has agreed to pick up the cost of defense. There is a hearing on the merits of the plaintiffs' case set for this October and we are somewhat optimistic that the case will be dismissed by the court at that time! We will keep you informed as the events unfold.

The second issue is the application SVEA filed to amend the City of Sun Valley's Comprehensive Plan. Every ten years the City reconsiders how land in Sun Valley may be used. At the last update in 2005, the City identified seven parcels, comprising about thirty-five acres of SVEA's 1800+ acres of open space that were potentially appropriate for recreational use. At that time, the Board felt it was prudent to preserve the potential future value of that land for all owners. Nothing else has happened since then, until the Sun Valley Company recently filed an application to modify the City's Comprehensive Plan by changing the designation of a number of parcels it owns in the City to residential. One of their parcels includes property on Prospector Hill. The SVEA staff reviewed their application and was concerned that if their application relative to Prospector Hill was approved, then one of the parcels SVEA identified in 2005 in that area, consisting of about nine acres, may become land locked, and we could lose the future potential value of that parcel. So SVEA filed what I will call a defensive application to have our property reclassified the same as what Sun Valley Company was requesting. As a result of the significant negative comments the Board and the City has received, we asked the City to defer any action on our application until the City takes action on Sun Valley Company's application, which is scheduled to occur before our next board meeting. If the City of Sun Valley denies Sun Valley Company's application as it relates to Prospector Hill, then the SVEA Board will recall our application.

In closing, I am deeply saddened by the news I received this Labor Day that one of our board members, and fellow homeowners passed away after a short illness. Patty Rosewater served as our Treasurer the past six years. I can't say enough about her contributions to our association – she was a very special person who made this world a better place. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her!

Jim Fletcher, SVEA President

Sign Up to Pay SVEA Dues Automatically

SVEA has recently changed banks and is pleased to now offer the ease of ACH (Automated Clearing House) Debits for your future assessment dues payments. If you don't already know, an ACH Debit is a method of secure payment transfers that, with your authorization, would allow SVEA to electronically withdraw funds from your bank account using your bank routing number and your account number. If you are interested in taking advantage of this service please call Darlene Kuehn at the SVEA office, 208-622-7420 x 404 or email her at svea@cox-internet.com.



Pool & Hot Tub Schedules

The Harker Pool closed for the summer season on September 6, 2011. The Village Pool is planned to remain open until September 30, weather permitting and based on swimmer usage. The hours will be reduced effective Monday, September 19th and will be from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. weekdays with a 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. schedule for the weekend of September 24th/25th.

The Village Hot Tub will reopen for the winter on Saturday, November 26th and remain open for the duration of the ski season. Hours of operation will be 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.



This Summer Elkhorn Amenities Usage Up 32%

All SVEA amenity locations have shown a significant increase in 2011 summer usage. As of September 6th the amenities are poised to have one of the most successful seasons in the past several years. The following usage numbers compare the same June 1 to Labor Day time frame for 2010 and 2011:

<u>Location</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Increase%</u>
Harker Pool	7700	11342	47%
Harker Tennis	3093	3572	15%
Village Pool	6992	8497	21%
Village Tennis	2041	2710	33%
Totals	19826	26121	32%

As the summer winds down, this year is shaping up to be one of our best ever. If you have not yet had an opportunity to visit and use your amenities, don't wait; time is running out!

A Note of Appreciation from Swim Team Coach Brian Gallagher

The SV5B Swim Team appreciates the use of the Harker Center Pool during the summer months. It's a wonderful opportunity for the kids to swim outdoors and they seem to enjoy swimming in those early morning hours. This group of swimmers in the past years has won FIVE state high school swim championships, TWO small-team Northwest Regional Championships and most recently, the "Most Points per Swimmer Average" at the Idaho State Summer Championships. Many of these swimmers will go on to swim in college and it's due to people like the Elkhorn Homeowners, who have given these swimmers a place to swim and train throughout the summer months.

*Thank you,
SV5B Swim Team*

Brian Gallagher Named Swim Team Coach of the Year

Though too humble to mention this in his note of appreciation, SV5B Coach Brian Gallagher was, for the third time, voted by his peers as "Coach of the Year." Congratulations Brian!

Open Space Trails

As our other amenities are closing down it is time for you to take advantage of the late summer and fall hiking in Elkhorn. You won't be disappointed. The views from the hills of Elkhorn are spectacular and the cooler weather makes for some of the best hiking in the valley. If you need a map for existing trails please come by the office or visit the website at www.sunvalley-elkhorn.org/AerialMap.pdf.

Please Remember to Clean Up After Your Dog



Without a doubt, Elkhorn is a very 'dog friendly' community. Though the majority of owners enjoy dogs and many have one or more in their family, no one likes to dodge dog waste or pickup after someone else. The administrative office has received reports that numerous full dog bags are

being left on the bike paths. Please, when walking your dog or letting them outside, be responsible and be a good neighbor. Pickup and properly dispose of all waste and keep your dog under control at all times. Thank you.

Fire Safety

Portable fire pits are available from many different sources and are currently a very popular deck and patio device. Unfortunately these appliances are VERY dangerous, particularly when placed on combustible surfaces. Leaving a fire pit unattended when burning or when the fire is not completely out and cold can result in devastating results if the wind happens to blow sparks or burning embers to any flammable material. Please, if you use a fire pit, carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions.

The City of Sun Valley Fire Department does not allow any open burning, other than barbeques. Also, the State of Idaho has banned all open burning from the middle of July until fire conditions are not so critical, which is typically in November. An individual causing a fire to burn on public lands may be held responsible for suppression efforts which can quickly total a staggering sum. Enjoy the outdoors; however, be safe and be aware.

*Jeffrey N. Carnes,
Sun Valley Chief of Fire & Emergency Medical Services*

Fall Tennis Schedule

SVEA's tennis contract requires the Village tennis building be staffed through Labor Day and the Harker Center tennis center until September 16th. Although the amenities are scheduled to close on the dates indicated don't let this stop you from playing tennis. Bill Van Deirse will continue lessons and Ladies' Day programs after the planned closure dates. These programs will continue as long as there is interest and weather permits. You may contact Bill by leaving a message at 208-622-9281.

Winterizing will begin on the tennis courts during the last week of September; however, some courts at both locations will have nets left up for late season play. Fall is a beautiful time of the year so plan on getting in some late-season tennis.

2011 Tennis Program Wrap Up

Thanks for another successful tennis season at SVEA. New programs introduced in 2011 that were particularly successful were Jesse Olavarria's "3 AND ME" clinics and Sue Mulcahy's "1pm TUNE UP CLINIC".

Harker Center tennis program results this year indicated Ladies' Days and the Evening Socials were comparable to 2010. Private Lessons, Junior Camps and Junior Clinics were slightly down from 2010. Team Play and Open Play each saw a modest increase over 2010.

Tennis Director, Bill Van Deirse explains further increases at the Harker Center may be hard to come by. "When the facility use is near 100% from June 25th through the week before Labor Day, any increase must come from non-prime time activity." Non-prime time activity will be a focus in 2012.

2011 Senior Tennis Season

Three local Senior (over 50) Women's tennis teams competed in the 2011 Southern Idaho Tennis Association (SITA) District Tournament held in Pocatello on August 26, 27 & 28.

SVEA property owners Nancy Auseklis (captain), Wendy Cairncross, Nancy Wasilewski and Lesley Hardy joined other local tennis talent to compete in the 3.5 Senior Women's category. The Auseklis team came in third place with wins over Twin Falls and Boise. Other members of the Auseklis team were Patty Onken, Judy Powell, Julie Lynn and Donna Kostens. The 3.5 team was coached by SVEA tennis director Bill Van Denise.

In the 4.0 Division there were two teams for the Sun Valley area. SVEA owner Alma Mills captained one team. SVEA owner Lana Penrose captained the other.

Five SVEA homeowners led the Mills team to the District Championship. They were Alma Mills, JoAnne Wetherell, Sue Hamilton, Gayle Stevenson and Andrea Foss. Other team members included Chiyo Parten, Diane Bradfore, Lisa Cortese, Joyce Algaier and Susanne Williams. The 4.0 team was coached by Chris Gripkey.

The Mills team will now advance to the Sectional Tournament to be held in Boise on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. There they will compete against teams from Montana, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Nevada. Best of luck to the Mills contingent; let's root for a victory at Sectionals and a trip to Nationals!

The second team from Sun Valley was the Penrose team. Although their team did not fare as well at Districts, they had a successful season. They defeated Twin Falls four times to advance to the District Tournament. In addition to Captain Lana Penrose, the team was comprised of SVEA homeowners Jackie McRoberts and Jeani Paulson along with local talent Dee Bartels, Susan Rippon, Jacque Samway, Joyce Burrel and Sandra Maier. The 4.0 Penrose team was coached by SVEA tennis director Bill Van Denise.



Judy Powell, Bill VanDeinse, Julie Lynn, Donna Kostens, Nancy Auseklis, Lesley Hardy, Nancy Wasilewski, Patti Onken & Wendy Cairncross in Pocatello at the SITA District Tournament

A Golf Message from Sun Valley Company

You all know by now that Sun Valley Resort purchased the Elkhorn Golf Course. We are very excited to be involved with the Elkhorn Golf Course and the Elkhorn Golf Club. Our plans and goals are to bring the maintenance of the golf course and the operation of the clubhouse to a level that equals the standards that Earl and Carol Holding have established for the entire Sun Valley Resort.

The Elkhorn Golf Course will continue to operate as a semi-private club for the Elkhorn Golf Club Members. We will be working with the membership in a manner that allows for Sun Valley Resort guest play and continue to provide play and access to the course at a discounted green fee for members of the SVEA.

We also hope to bring participation and vitality to Elkhorn and the Elkhorn Golf Clubhouse with activities and events for the Elkhorn Golf Club members as well as the Elkhorn and Sun Valley community.

The addition of the Elkhorn Golf Course to Sun Valley Resort's Trail Creek and White Cloud Courses creates an opportunity for more golf for the local community and the ability to market the area as a vacation destination for the avid golfer.

We look forward to working with SVEA to promote the future of Elkhorn and the Sun Valley Resort.

Sincerely,
Rick Hickman, PGA
Director of Golf Operations
Sun Valley Resort

Elkhorn Golf Course Late Season Rates will Start on Monday September 12, 2011

Sun Valley Elkhorn Association 18 Hole	\$110
Sun Valley Elkhorn Association Twilight	\$80
Sun Valley Elkhorn Association 9 Hole	\$60
Junior under 16 with an adult 18 Hole	\$50
Junior under 16 with an adult 9 Hole	\$30

Twilight starts at 2:00PM.

Please call the Elkhorn Golf Pro Shop at 622-3309 for availability of tee times. Elkhorn Golf Club Members will have preference on all tee times.

Mark Your Calendar for the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting

This is an early reminder along with your Board's encouragement for you to make plans to attend this year's annual membership meeting. This business and social event will be held on **Friday, January 6, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall in Ketchum. Meeting information will be sent to all owners in early November. At this time the only official business expected to take place is the election of directors. However, this is an important meeting and the best forum to gain an accurate understanding of the many issues your Board has worked on over the past year, as well as their goals for the future. And equally important, it is a perfect opportunity for you to share your ideas and/or concerns with the Board and Staff and to visit with your friends and neighbors over a glass of wine. We hope to see you there!

Welcome New Owners



Peter & Irene Crowther
Kenneth Johnson & Osse Skarpengland
Carla J Murray & R Thomas Robinson
Frederick Van Winkle Jr & Michael Scheu
Peter & Martha Parry Clark
Jason & Sara Dorland

Ronald & Toba Essig
Anita Northwood
Thomas & Jacqueline Durels
Robert & Jennifer Edwards
Floyd & Judy Hill
Harry & Karen Hurt
David Brett & Rosemarie Torres Marshall
Robert & Patricia Rietveld
Ronald & Mary Santosuosso
Kirk & Ekaterina Smith
James & Nanette Songer
Guy & Julie Taylor
Christopher Clark
Dalton Family Partnership
Depeyster, LLC
Mary Hauck

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it”. [Henry Ford](#)

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