

# Bristlecone Elk

Ely Elks Lodge # 1469

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## Greetings to my fellow Elks

The publisher of our newsletter has badgered me to continue to write articles for our newsletter, so you will get a monthly rant from your newly elected "ER."

Our annual Crab Crack turned out to be a tremendous success! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary Fairman for all of his hard work as Chairman of the Crab Crack.

This will be Mr. Fairman's last year as Chairman, but will remain as an active consultant. The "Crabs" chairmanship has been passed to Bev Cornutt and myself. We will continue to make this event the best we possibly can.

The event itself went off flawlessly, the crab was delicious with plenty to go around. Everyone who attended was able to eat as much crab as they could hold, due in large part to the quality and quantity of the crab. There was actually so much crab left over, we ended up selling the left over crab after the event. The money was used to help defray some of the cost of the event itself.

A big thank you to Sherman Hawkins and Freddie Anderson who were the evenings entertainment. They were awesome!

Student appreciation was held Thursday March 19, 2009, The students honored are featured in this issue of the newsletter. The food was prepared by Oscar and Jill Atkinson from the J & O Ranch. The bratwursts were made from scratch Wednesday evening, with some assistance from yours truly.

The meat was fresh from Andersons, so we chopped, and chopped, and chopped, then ran it through the grinder, added the spices, kneaded the mixture, and finally ran the mix through the electric wiener maker. They were superb! Our thanks to Oscar and Jill!

Installation of new Officers was held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, I was installed as Exalted Ruler, Gwyneth Palmer – Esteemed Leading Knight, Beverly Cornutt – Esteemed Loyal Knight, Inner guard – Don Wallis, and Tiler – Brian Stanello.

We still need a Lecturing Knight and Esquire. ( **Any Volunteers?** ) I am and will continue to ask existing members to return to meetings... We need your input!

Jeff Ricketts  
Exalted Ruler

## Nevada State Elks Association Annual Convention

The Reno Elks Lodge is located at 597 Kumle Lane, Reno, NV 89509, which is across South Virginia Street from the Reno Convention Center towards Redfield Parkway.

Directions from I-80: Take US 395 South, exit South Virginia and turn right (north), proceed 2 blocks, hotel is on the right.

## Dear Fellow Elks,

I am honored you have elected me to be your Esteemed Leading Knight for 2009/2010. I hope I am able to meet your expectations.

Our Exalted Ruler, Jeff Ricketts, is concentrating on members during his year. He wants us to encourage inactive members to be more active as well as recruit new members. Membership is falling with less and less people are coming to meetings and dinners. For those who haven't been to a meeting or dinner in awhile, I challenge you to come next Thursday night. Join us for food or fellowship.

Gwyneth Palmer  
Esteemed Leading Knight