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JULY HAPPENINGS

Independence Day
July 4th



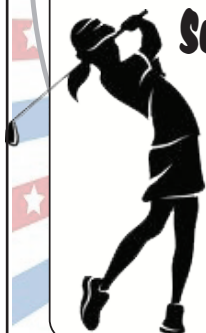
Golfing

Divorce Open
Sunday, July 19

Couples, Club, and Cocktails
Friday, July 24

Senior Club Championship
Sunday, July 26

Ladies Invitational
Friday & Saturday
July 31 & August 1



52nd Annual

Men's Invitational

Thursday - Sunday
July 9th - 12th

- **Hors d'oeuvres Party**
Thursday 6:30 - 9 pm
- **Hit the Boat Contest**
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Exalted Ruler Message

Hello members all. Happy July. June flew by. Happy 250th Birthday America, Happy 100 Birthday Elks National Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. I will be at National Convention from July 5th to the 8th along with Scott R Harris, DDGER for what is looking to be a great convention and celebration.

Thank you to Scott Perkins, PER for all his organizing efforts on the seawall around #9 green. It has really come together and looks great. Just hope we get some rain to help the

grass grow.

Thank you to Shelly Murdick and her Flower Committee for the wonderful beautification around the Lodge and course.

Thank you Andrew Kroetsch for the organizing of the window getting replaced in Sylvie's Room. It looks great and we are all glad it is completed.

Thank you to Gerry Goodwin, PER for his organizing of getting the air conditioning fixed in the banquet and areas including the tear out of the old system downstairs and cleaning up the old systems.

Thank you to Brandon Archibald and the rest of the staff for an awesome first night of Couples, Clubs and Cocktails. If you haven't signed up yet, you better for the next one. Couples are getting into the theme nights and having lots of fun. Just ask Jerry Thibodeau, the first night's costume winner.

Thank you to all who came out to the Flag Day Ceremony. For anyone who has not seen it yet, make plans to attend one. It is a great history lesson of our country and its flags through the years and what the brave men and women sacrificed to give us the freedoms we enjoy today.

July is full of great events both in the Lodge and community events, including the Men's Invitational and the Port Huron International Day Parade. I would encourage all members to support these activities and the Lodge during the month.

Any number of members have inquired about contributing to help with the funds to fix infrastructure. Our first project is the manhole and cover. As we experienced another backup in June, we need to get this done sooner than later. Cost is approximately \$8,000 for manhole and cover. A Restricted Fund called "Infrastructure Repairs" has been started. Some contributions have been made and anyone wishing to contribute and get this fund rolling may do so by contacting Gary Nesbitt, PER, Joe Miller, Lodge Treasurer or Emerson Putnam. The sooner we get the funds, the sooner we can get the sewer project started.

In closing, remember our obligation and support our cardinal principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress, working together is a success.

Fraternally Yours,

John C. Cuthbertson, PER

Exalted Ruler

The Flag Ceremony, a stunning event

The Flag Day Ceremony was held on Sunday, June 14th with the assistance of our Lodge officers and the St. Clair County Honor Guard. The history of the American Flag was recited along with the presentation of flags from the different eras, quite a few patriotic songs, plus a gun salute outside. It was a very moving and informative ceremony and one you may wish to add to next year's calendar of things to attend at YOUR Port Huron Elks Lodge 343.



Welcome NEW MEMBERS...

Jason Cowhy
Joseph Falk
Darrin Ferguson
Isacc Lerma
Gus Lierenas
Brett Schemansky
Wesley Sheehy
Jason Stephens

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We wish a speedy recovery for our members who have been either home ill or hospitalized.

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John Stewart	PER Gail Marquis	Jeff Blashill
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Pride, Purpose, and Fellowship...

There is a special sense of pride and gratification that comes with being a member of the Port Huron Elks Lodge #343. Membership is about much more than attending meetings or social events—it is about being part of a respected organization with a long-standing tradition of charity, patriotism, and community service. The Elks have been making a difference in communities across America for generations, and Lodge #343 continues that proud tradition by supporting local programs, veterans, youth activities, scholarships, and those in need throughout the Port Huron area.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Elks membership is the opportunity to serve others while building meaningful friendships. Members come from all walks of life, yet they share a common desire to give back to their community and support one another. Whether volunteering at a fundraising event, participating in a community project, assisting with veterans' programs, or helping organize youth activities, members experience the satisfaction that comes from making a positive difference in someone's life. These shared experiences create strong bonds and lasting memories that often develop into lifelong friendships.

The Lodge also provides a welcoming environment where members can gather, celebrate accomplishments, and enjoy fellowship. In today's busy world, finding a place where people genuinely care about one another is increasingly valuable. The friendships and connections formed through the Elks often extend far beyond the Lodge itself, creating a network of support, encouragement, and camaraderie. Members know they are part of something special—a group of individuals united by common values and a commitment to helping others.

Perhaps the greatest gratification of being a member of Port Huron Elks Lodge #343 is knowing that every hour volunteered, every dollar raised, and every act of kindness contributes to strengthening the community. The impact may be seen in a scholarship awarded to a deserving student, assistance provided to a veteran, support given to a family facing hardship, or opportunities created for local youth. These efforts reflect the Elks' mission of promoting charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

Membership in Port Huron Elks Lodge #343 is both an honor and a privilege. It offers the opportunity to serve, to lead, to make new friends, and to leave a positive legacy in the community. For many members, the true reward comes from knowing they are part of an organization that continues to improve lives, foster goodwill, and make Port Huron a better place for future generations. That sense of purpose, pride, and belonging is what makes being an Elk so gratifying.

Jan Wyllie, Expositor Editor

Club 343 closes a memorable chapter with grand banquet celebration

What a great time was had by all at the Club 343 Banquet on May 9, 2026! The evening marked our final drawings and the close of an incredible four-year run of raising funds and supporting our Lodge. The Club 343 chairs extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the night—and the past several years—such a success.

Congratulations to our big winner of the evening, Laura Nesbitt, along with fellow winners Kim Krug, Tyler and Lauren Osburn, Sandy Lashbrook, Robert Zmolik, Matt Tovarez, Cheryl Canto, Mike Stokan, Amy Miles, and Melissa Morabito. Our Share the Wealth winners included Cheryl Granger, Lindsay Lane, Jamie Tovarez, Mike Halifax, and our top prize winner, Scott Perkins. The Mystery Prize winner this year was Randy Johnston —congratulations! Renee Zeller also took home a fantastic garden wagon filled with a generous assortment of spirits—enjoy and share with friends!

We were also pleased to award next year's ticket winners, Paul Torres and Lou Flanigan, with Lodge gift certificates. A big thank you goes out to all who donated door prizes—nine in total! Winners included Barry Stokan, Dave Austin, Brenda Stokan, Barb Gurnsey, Scott Summers, Kim Collins, Arigo Zeller, Jon Carson, and Ann Tibble.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our volunteers. We are truly grateful to everyone who contributed to another outstanding year. As we look ahead, we are excited to see Lynn Bowman and Laura Nesbitt take the reins and carry Club 343 forward to even greater success.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you—Kim Krug, Al Krug, Penny Osburn and Gary Osburn. And remember, Club 343 is the place to be!

Tip your bartenders and waitstaff well, as they are trying very hard
to make your experience at our Lodge a great one!

CLUBSTER... A new way to keep members informed

We are excited to announce that Port Huron Elks Lodge #343 is officially launching CLUBSTER as a new way to keep our members connected and up to date with everything happening around the Lodge and Golf Club!

Download the Clubster app today to receive:

- Lodge & Golf announcements
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Clubster will also become the primary way our EXPOSITOR issues will be delivered electronically to our Expositor patrons and members moving forward. This will help make sure everyone receives updates faster and more conveniently right on their phone or email.

We encourage all members to get signed up and stay connected as we continue improving communication around the Lodge!

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VETERAN'S CORNER 61

Veterans Appreciation Day & Free Luncheon



Congratulations to the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans Committee and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission for another very successful Veterans Appreciation Day & Free Luncheon held May 20th.

This event all started with an idea, then we developed a plan, we found a cause "Pact Act", and asked others for help. With a simple thought of it's "Easy to be Kind" and how can we make a difference helping our Veterans, bring guided by our pledge "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" we did it, completing our 4th annual event which was our best one yet.

Over 180 Veterans & Spouses came thru our event. Thank you to our Elk Brothers, Sisters, Family, Friends and our Elk staff, you all, as a group truly stepped up. Next year's event which will have even more benefit providers is already being planned for May 19, 2027 (always the 3rd Wednesday) during Veterans Appreciation Month.

Thank you to those who attended, thank you to the over 30 Service Providers, Benefit Specialist and the free Courtesy Services who have helped so many, but most of all thank you to our Veterans. God Bless each and everyone of you!

Upcoming Events: Our next few bi-monthly free "Coffee & Donut Days" from 8:30 am to 12 noon in the Veterans Wellness room will be on Wednesday, August 12th, and October 14th. Followed by our annual "Hot Dog Roast" for Veterans, Active Military, First Responders & Spouses which will take place on Tuesday, November 10th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Yale VA, Veterans Clinic. These events are sponsored by Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, the Michigan Elks Association, ENVSC, and McLaren-Port Huron Yale VA. This is our way to say thank you, to our Veterans, active Military and first responders for their service. Please feel free to stop in, even without a scheduled appointment, we would enjoy your company.

On another note: The MiElks and Lodge 343 continue with our monthly (2) \$25.00 free gas gift card "give-a-way" program as we are now in our 4th year. For the month of May, Cheryl Drugich, US Air Force along with Glenn Zampaglione, US Army were both drawn for our monthly Marathon Gas Gift card drawing, congratulations! The Yale Veterans Clinic of McLaren/Port Huron Yale Community Health Center is located at 7470 Brockway Road, Yale, MI. 48097. To our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans and newly initiated Veterans, your time served is very interesting to us, please consider sharing your Military Service story to Scott R. Harris DDGER, ENVSC VAVS Rep at scottharris55@comcast.net for a future Veterans Corner publication. The Yale Veterans Clinic of McLaren/Port Huron Yale Community Health Center is located at 7470 Brockway Road, Yale, MI. 48097



Welcome new members of PH Elks Lodge 343

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 is pleased to announce the initiation of 8 new members during our most recent ceremony held on Monday, June 8th, pictured with Past Exalted Ruler Robert J. Fritch who was filling in for ER John C. Cuthbertson. Please welcome them into our fraternal organization.

To all interested Elk members . . .



The double tree stump behind #4 green is going to be carved into a pair of eagles in memory of recently departed Elk member, Bob Kempf. This carving will occur Monday July 20 through Wednesday July 22. Please pardon the noise during this 3 day period as this is going to be completed by a professional chain saw artist and his assistant.

People are welcome to watch the process from a distance that doesn't interfere with the golfers on holes 4 & 5 or the carving artists. In addition, please check in with the pro shop for cart availability before taking a cart out to the site.

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From Brandon Archibald, Golf Professional



Summer is officially here, and what a season it has been so far.

Despite a wet spring, the golf course has been busy with leagues, events, and plenty of rounds among friends. It has been great to see

so many members enjoying the club, and we appreciate the support you've shown our staff throughout the season. July is one of the biggest months on our calendar, with several premier events right around the corner.

• **52nd Annual Men's Invitational - July 9-12** - Our signature event of the season returns as players from across Michigan and beyond compete in the 52nd Annual Men's Invitational. This long-standing tradition showcases great golf, outstanding camaraderie, and everything that makes Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 special. We look forward to welcoming our guests and another memorable week of competition.

• **Divorce Open - July 19** - One of the most entertaining events of the year returns on July 19. The Divorce Open has become a member favorite, combining friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and a day that's always full of memorable moments.

Couples, Clubs & Cocktails - July 24
• **Our newest social golf series continues with another Couples, Clubs & Cocktails event.** These themed evenings have quickly become one of the most popular additions to our schedule, bringing together golf, food, drinks, and fun in a relaxed atmosphere for golfers of all abilities.

• **Senior Club Championship - July 26** - The Senior Club Championship is one of the most prestigious titles awarded each season. We look forward to seeing our senior golfers compete for a championship and add their names to the club's history.

• **Ladies Invitational - July 31** - August 1 - We close out the month with the Ladies Invitational, one of the premier women's events of the season. This tournament showcases the strength of our ladies' golf program and continues to be a highlight of the summer calendar.

Thank you to our members, guests, volunteers, and staff for helping make 2026 such a tremendous season so far. Enjoy the summer, enjoy the golf, and we look forward to seeing you around the club.

Brandon Archibald, PGA
Head Golf Professional

May's Couples, Clubs & Cocktails



Neon lights. Big drives. Loud music. Cold drinks. And an absolutely electric night at Couples, Clubs & Cocktails: 80s Neon Night held on May 22nd.

The golf course was glowing, the outfits were outrageous, and the energy all night long was exactly what this event is all about.

From the first tee shot to the final cocktail, the Port Huron Elks was PACKED with laughs, music, competition, and memories that won't be forgotten anytime soon. Nights like this are what make this place special.

Thank you to everyone who came out, dressed up, embraced the theme, and made the evening such a blast. The creativity this year was on another level. Neon everywhere. Dance moves that probably should stay in the 80s. And enough good vibes to light up the entire golf course.

If you missed this one... don't make that mistake again. Because the next Couples, Clubs & Cocktails is already shaping up to be another can't-miss night at the Elks. Grab your team early!



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			1 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm DIAMOND ART 3-5 & 6-8	2 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	3 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm	4 Independence Day Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm
5 Bar 11am-8pm Kitchen 12pm-6pm	6 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-8pm	7 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm	8 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm DIAMOND ART 3-5 & 6-8	9 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	10 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm	11 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm
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19 Bar 11am-8pm Kitchen 12pm-6pm Divorce Open Golf Outing	20 Blood Drive-noon to 5:45 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-8pm BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30pm	21 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm	22 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm DIAMOND ART 3-5 & 6-8	23 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	24 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm Couple, Club, & Cocktails GOLF	25 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm GLOW GOLF
26 Bar 11am-8pm Kitchen 12pm-6pm Senior Club Championship GOLF Outing	27 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-8pm	28 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm	29 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm DIAMOND ART 3-5 & 6-8	30 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	31 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-9pm LADIES INVITATIONAL	Aug. 1 LADIES INVITATIONAL