



RED ROCK COUNTRY

Join Elaine as she takes us on a tour of Sedona, Arizona

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Important Notice Last Printed Newsletter

The newsletters we provide for our Owners are a valuable tool to provide you with up-to-date and pertinent information relevant to all Owners. Previous newsletters have indicated that the printed newsletters were being phased out. The time is here, and this is the **last printed newsletter**.

In an effort to balance our need to inform our Owners, keep our expenses manageable, and be responsible stewards

of natural resources, all future newsletters will be arriving via email.

If you wish to confirm that we have a correct email on file please contact Nancy at her email address, nancy.tremblay@elkhornresort.mb.ca.

For the few Owners who do not have access to an email account please call the Owner Services Office at 888-462-8785 and have your name added to a list kept for alternate delivery methods.

Thank you for assisting us in this most important endeavour.

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RED ROCK COUNTRY

SEDONA, ARIZONA

A two week winter getaway from Manitoba to explore Sedona, Arizona and area in February / March really makes you appreciate our exchange options with RCI!

West Jet delivered us to Phoenix Sky Harbour airport where we easily found the kiosk for the Arizona Shuttle located right beside the baggage carousels on the lower level. Reservations were made online weeks prior to departure so all we had to do was sit back and enjoy the scenery as we were whisked off to Sedona to our chosen drop off location at Enterprise Car Rental.

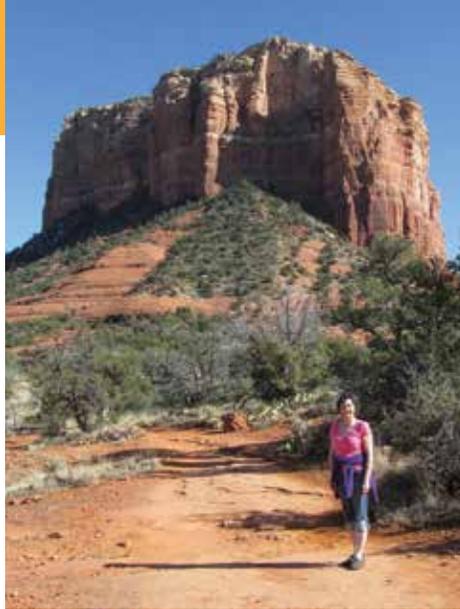
Our next stop was Sedona Summit, where we checked in to our 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom unit that had all the conveniences of home. Even the fireplace didn't go amiss with two days of Manitoba-like precipitation. Yup, the most snow locals had seen in recent memory!

The outdoor grills were great for meal prep and the four swimming pools (1 adults only) and two very large spas were nice perks.

Caution would be advised at check-in when presented to the Concierge; although they are personable and very obliging, they are part of the sales promotions and the amazing prices they offer for tickets to local attractions will be followed by the obligatory sales presentation.

The one annoyance at this resort was lack of free Internet anywhere on site, which obliged us to connect to an AT&T site and pay using our credit card if we wished to stay "connected". We were informed that upon the completion of renovations this situation would change.

We did enlist the services of the Concierge and booked tickets at full price for the Verde Railway and the Red Rock Western Jeep Tour. The Verde Railway tour leaves from Clarkdale and the train meanders through the Verde Valley and many different ecosystems, with a stop at Perkinsville. This quaint little siding became



famous when selected as a film location for the movie *How the West Was Won*. The return trip allows photo ops on the opposite side of train. A staff member on each car shares history of the area and points out items of interest. We were treated to aerial displays by bald eagles and hawks, watched a herd of javelina make their way up the steep banks of the valley and spotted the den of a cougar and her two cubs.

The second tickets for the Red Rock Western Jeep Tour provided great fun for about three hours. The drivers are outfitted in full Western regalia complete with gun, holster, spurs, and hat. They also have impressive memories that spew interesting and often comical facts. The jeeps are, as expected, a little on the rough side but transport you to areas not for the faint-of-heart. As mentioned in earlier excursions I have an aversion to extreme heights and any precipice, which is why I booked the *Cowboys & Canyons* tour which would travel along the *bottom* of the canyons and end at an historical cabin with a storytelling session. However, those two days of snow resulted in meltwater flooding the canyons and—what a surprise—we are now on the Mollogen RIM Tour! As the name implies, you arrive at the upper rim after switchbacks take you over rocks, sand, snow, ice and the water that has taken over the old stagecoach route. Sharing

the jeep with five strangers encouraged a brave front; only once did I have my head between my knees, and of course that was to provide better photo ops for the others.

We also had the good fortune to be in Sedona during their Film Festival and purchased tickets for *The Discoverers*, which we thoroughly enjoyed and was topped off by the chat session that followed between the lead actor, Griffin Dunne, and writer/director, Justin Schwarz. The second session we took in was *An Evening with Joan Collins* where this ageless diva spent two hours reminiscing about her life, other actors and her many husbands (eight), and concluded with Joan taking questions from the audience. Another fun evening!

A favourite drive for us was up to Jerome, an old mining ghost town that has a new life as a tourist destination. Stop at Nelly Bly's and enjoy hands-on time with the vast array of kaleidoscopes, then enjoy lunch at The Mile High Grill and read the walls, tour the old mine and, of course, do more shopping. If you prefer some exercise, the hiking trails offer a level of comfort for everyone, and we especially enjoyed the Bell Rock, Centennial and Boynton Canyon trails. Of course all this activity resulted in healthy appetites and there was no shortage of dining choices. The Barking Frog and Dahl & DiLuca lived up to their recommendations; be sure to try a lunch at the Enchantment Resort (Oprah's fave).

So much to see (Grand Canyon, Pink Jeep Tours, Chapel of the Holy Cross, the Vortexes, Slide Rock, Tlaquepaque, Oak Creek Canyon, Montezuma Castle and always more hiking); so little time.

Red Rock Country is a beautiful place to visit and we found the people to be friendly and generous with their suggestions and directions. The flora and fauna is very unique and more than a little awe-inspiring, especially as experienced from her "Rims"!

Until next time, make every day an adventure! – Elaine

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel – not the destination."
— Roy M. Goodman



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Meet Chris Kern, Property Manager

I'd like to take this time to introduce myself. I come to the position of Property Manager for the Canmore properties with over seven years of experience, serving as the chair of the Fairholme Mountain Estates and Pointe of View condo boards here in Canmore. In my last position as Manager of Education I was responsible for the property management of the alternate high school and neighbouring cluster of student homes. I was also the project manager for the planning, construction and property management of a large educational and industrial complex.



In my duties as Manager, Program Operations with a local company, I managed high-end incentive programs for clients from several top corporations. In my university days I worked over four years at a hotel front desk, so I understand the customer service aspects of our business as well. I am bringing all these skills together to work at bringing the highest level of service to our ownership base and our RCI clientele.

Welcome Back, Moilah

We welcome Moilah back to the office after her maternity leave and are now able to give our clients customer service seven days a week.

Renovations

We have completed several upgrades to our units and have plans for more. In the winter we upgraded five rooms at the Lodges at Canmore with new flooring, with two more completed over the summer. We are currently waiting for our new TVs for the Lodges and have stocked the rooms at the Lodges & Falcon Crest with new pots and pans.

We have installed a new telephone / wireless Internet system for Lodges with each room having its own wireless account.

Currently I am busy building the new barbecues for Lodges & Falcon Crest which will be in place shortly.

AVAILABLE PROPERTIES

FOR SALE

The **Directors of Elkhorn Owners Association**, having re-acquired several properties, hereby invites **Owners** to increase their holdings by bidding on the following properties (details of properties shown below):

PROPERTY		BID
PROPERTY #1	FC1070/34	\$
PROPERTY #2	FC2070/4	\$
PROPERTY #3	FC320/33	\$
PROPERTY #4	1060/51	\$

I wish to purchase a maximum of _____ properties for a maximum total of \$ _____. If unsuccessful, please include me in your next bid mailout (Yes / No).

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Legal transfer fees and maintenance fees to October 31, 2013 are included in the purchase price. RCI points will commence in 2013 (properties #1, #2 and #4 are biennial with points for 2014). **All bids to be valid must be received no later than August 31, 2013.**

Please complete, sign and **mail** this form to: Mandi Riffel, Elkhorn Owners Association, Box 40, Onanole, Manitoba, R0J 1N0, or **scan and email** to mandi@elkhornresort.mb.ca.

- **Property #1, FC1070/34 – 35,000 RCI Points every second (odd) year** — Falcon Crest, Studio, Season 1; Biennial maintenance fee (2013 was \$399.53 + GST); minimum reserve bid of \$2,100 + GST
- **Property #2, FC2070/4 – 21,000 RCI Points every second (odd) year** — Falcon Crest, Studio, Season 3; Biennial maintenance fee (2013 was \$399.53 + GST); minimum reserve bid of \$1,300 + GST
- **Property #3, FC320/33 – 35,000 RCI Points yearly** — Falcon Crest, Studio, Season 1; Annual maintenance fee (2013 was \$399.53 + GST); minimum reserve bid of \$3,850 + GST
- **Property #4, 1060/51 – 53,000 RCI Points every second (odd) year** — The Lodges, 2 Bedroom, Season 2; Biennial maintenance fee due Nov. 30/14 of approx. \$675.00 + GST; minimum reserve bid of \$3,200 + GST

SEASON 1 = Weeks 25-35 (11 weeks); SEASON 2 = Weeks 7-13, 21-24, 36-39, 51-52 (17 weeks); SEASON 3 = Weeks 1-6, 14-20, 40-42 (16 weeks); SEASON 4 = Weeks 43-50 (8 weeks)

For additional information on the properties, please contact Mandi Riffel, mandi@elkhornresort.mb.ca.

What are Reservation Windows?

...and what should I know about them?

Knowing when to exchange can increase the likelihood of getting the vacation you want.

A Reservation Window is essentially a window of opportunity when you can request a specific type of reservation with less competition from other RCI® Subscribing Members. Each type of reservation at RCI-affiliated resorts has its own associated Reservation Window.

HOME RESORT

(not applicable to pure points members)

Update on the Canmore Area Flooding

Dear Elkhorn Owners Association members,

As you may have heard the Canmore area was hit hard by flooding and as a result much damage was caused throughout the region.

I am happy to inform you that Falcon Crest Lodge and The Lodges at Canmore were lucky to escape the flooding and operated normally through the crisis. Both properties were fully staffed and worked hard to accommodate travelers who were stranded due to the highways being closed. Crews worked hard and opened all the highways to normal traffic for the Canada Day long weekend and continue to work at repairing the flood damage throughout the area.

You own fixed or floating time, and want to reserve a unit at your Home Resort other than the one you own.

12-11 months before check-in date

HOME GROUP

You want to reserve a unit at a resort which is part of a larger group of properties in your Home Group of resorts.

11-10 months before check-in date

STANDARD RESERVATION

You want to choose from any of the other available RCI Points® affiliated resorts.

10 months before check-in date

Something to note! — The Home Resort Reservation Window requires a seven-night

stay. During the Home Group and Standard Reservation Windows, reservations can be made for less than seven nights.

By understanding how Reservation Windows work, you will know when best to exchange—and that can only mean better vacation options for you!

For more information, go to RCI.com, or call RCI at 1-317-805-9941 (weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Increase on Late Fee Interest

Please be advised that effective September 1, 2013, all member accounts that have outstanding maintenance fees will be charge 18% interest per annum.

CAUTION!

If you receive a phone call from a company claiming to rent or sell your unit this is a SCAM. Do not provide

personal information or send them any money.

Please use extreme caution if you are purchasing a timeshare in Mexico and believe you are trading in your property. You are legal owner of your property until the land title is transferred out of your name. (When purchasing in Mexico they advise that you are trading in your property, but do not go through the process of completing the transfer.) Essentially you would be left with owning two properties and being responsible for both maintenance fees.



Owner Services Contacts

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CANMORE OFFICE

Phone: 1-866-856-3437

Office Hours: 7 days a week,
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

We enjoy it when our owners keep in touch with us, telling us about the great trips they have taken, and new and exciting things they have encountered. Give our office a call or send us a note. • At any time you have questions or would like a complete orientation on how to use your ownership, please give our office a call. An appointment time will be made for the orientation.

Our Owner Service Reps are: Manitoba: Mandi, Judy, Nancy T., Elaine, Linda and Val; Alberta: Chris and Moilah