



### 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](mailto: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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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.

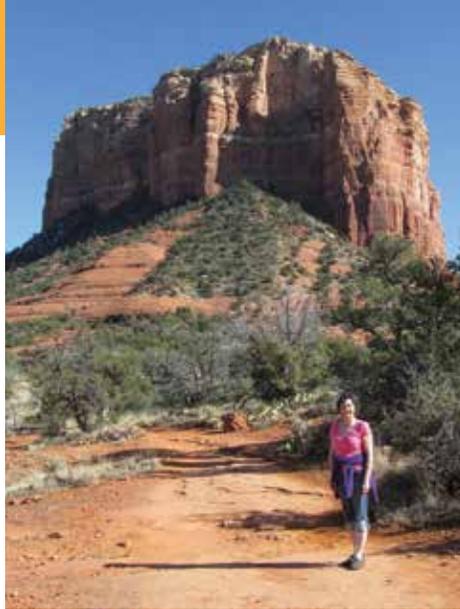
Our next stop was Sedona Summit, where we checked in to our 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom unit that had all the conveniences of home. Even the fireplace didn't go amiss with two days of Manitoba-like precipitation. Yup, the most snow locals had seen in recent memory!

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!

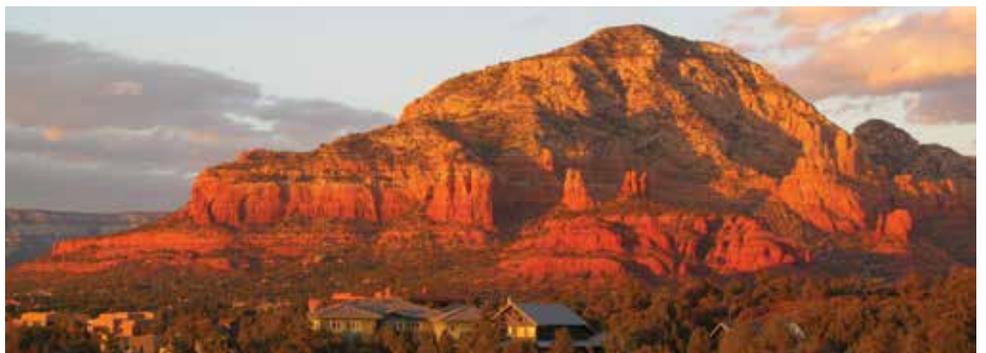
A favourite drive for us was up to Jerome, an old mining ghost town that has a new life as a tourist destination. Stop at Nelly Bly's and enjoy hands-on time with the vast array of kaleidoscopes, then enjoy lunch at The Mile High Grill and read the walls, tour the old mine and, of course, do more shopping. 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



## Neepawa Condominium Corporation #3

# 2013-2014 Board of Directors

### Board of Directors

Roberta Bishop – Winnipeg, MB	President
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Reid Hartry – Winnipeg, MB	Vice President
Richard Chambers – Brandon, MB	Treasurer
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Ian Sarna – Onanole, MB	Director at Large

### Finance & Building Committee

Roberta Bishop – Winnipeg, MB  
 Richard Chambers – Brandon, MB  
 Reid Hartry – Winnipeg, MB  
 Ken Metcalfe – Winnipeg, MB  
 Bruce McClinton – Oakbank, MB  
 Eric Sim – Winnipeg, MB

The Finance and Building Committee may be contacted via email: [ncc3fbc@gmail.com](mailto:ncc3fbc@gmail.com)

## NCC#3 Director Profiles

The Board of Directors is a group of owners who devote countless hours to the condo association. We will be providing a biography of two members in each newsletter so you can get to know who is working on the board on your behalf as an owner.

### Richard Chambers

My name is Richard Chambers. I was born and raised in the Boissevain, Manitoba area. I took a two-year diploma course at the University of Manitoba. I ran a 2,000-acre mixed farm in the Boissevain area for 33 years. We retired to Brandon in 2004.

I am presently running the Manitoba office of Quality Grain Marketing, a grain brokering business.

We purchased our first week at Elkhorn Resort 23 years ago. We currently own three red weeks: one D-style and two A-styles (one-bathroom A-frame). We have used RCI for many exchanges through the years.

I have been on the Building and Finance committee for 11 years and on the board of directors for five, the last two as treasurer.

One of the things that I would like to see resolved is how we can help members to dispose/sell unwanted weeks in an orderly fashion. I realize that this is going to become a bigger issue as our owner base ages.



### Bruce McClinton

Bruce and his wife, about five years ago, purchased a timeshare unit 376B/36 at Elkhorn, as well as an RCI membership, to provide a vacation option for them and their family.

Bruce was raised on a farm near Weyburn, Saskatchewan. He got his education and worked in Saskatchewan until moving to Manitoba. His mother, his brother and sisters and their families still live in that province. He moved to Manitoba in 1988 and he and his wife live at their home in Oakbank. They have three adult daughters in Manitoba and a son in Alberta. They are happy to be close to their three-year-old granddaughter who also lives in Oakbank with her parents.

Bruce has been a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) for over 35 years. He retired in 2012 from the WRHA after 13 years with them, most recently as Director of Finance – HSC, responsible for leading planning and budgeting processes for several Winnipeg hospitals. Previously he lived and worked in Pinawa as a Controller with the Atomic Energy Corp. (AECL) for 10 years.

Prior to moving to Manitoba he lived in Saskatoon and for eleven years was with the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan in management of a broad range of administration and finance-related activities. Bruce recently volunteered to assist the NCC#3 Finance and Building committee seeing it as an opportunity to contribute.



## FOR SALE

### Seven Weeks Available For Purchase To NCC#3 Owners

#### Available for Purchase are:

- **1 Unit** — One bedroom / 700 sq. ft. / Season 4 / 20,000 pts. Maintenance Fees \$504.99
- **1 Unit** — Two bedrooms / 1,100 sq. ft. / Season 5 / 14,000 pts. Maintenance Fees \$643.30
- **3 Units** — One bedroom / 700 sq. ft. / Season 5 / 10,000 pts. Maintenance Fees \$504.99
- **1 Unit** — Two Bedrooms / 840 sq. ft. / BLUE season Maintenance fees \$529.81
- **1 Unit** — Three Bedrooms / 1,000 sq. ft. / WHITE season Maintenance fee \$579.96

**Season 4** – Weeks 4-12 and 40-44

**Season 5** – Weeks 1-3 and 45-50

Properties are first-come, first-served. The cost is the 2013 Maintenance Fees + Land Title/Transfer Fees. If you are interested in purchasing please email Mandi at [mandi@elkhornresort.mb.ca](mailto:mandi@elkhornresort.mb.ca).

## MEMBER NOTICES

### 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

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.)

**The NEW WEBSITE  
for NCC#3 members only  
will be launched on September 1st.**

[www.ncc3.ca](http://www.ncc3.ca)

To get your personal login directions, send your name and email address to [mandi@elkhornresort.mb.ca](mailto:mandi@elkhornresort.mb.ca) with "Login Request" in the subject line.

**Owners in good standing will be provided access to the "Members Only" area** where they will find news, important info, past newsletters, and meeting minutes. There will also be a place for posting comments and sharing feedback.

## Owner Services Contacts

#### MANITOBA OFFICE

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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

## 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.

