

40th Annual Laradon Hall Drawing



The annual Elks Raffle to benefit Laradon Hall goes back 39 years to 1968. In the November 1967 edition of the *Colorado Elks News*, Mr. John Haynes, State Chairman for the Major Project Committee, said that if a state-wide raffle "was undertaken in Colorado with our forty eight lodges and some 35,000 Elks, it would be possible to secure in one such program the sum of up to \$100,000."

The funds raised by the voluntary donations to this drawing have made it possible for Laradon Hall to provide services for countless clients through these 40 years. Again it is time for the Elks of the state of Colorado to step forward and with their voluntary donations provide for Laradon Hall and have some fun in the process.

This year we ask you to return your filled out drawing tickets with your donation in the enclosed addressed envelope. That is where the fun comes in you will get a warm fuzzy feeling at having helped Laradon Hall provide for their clients. This year we will be assisting Laradon Hall with their new project "Field of Dreams", a new facility to be built on land across the street from the current Laradon Hall. It would be great if all 28,186 members in Colorado to return their entry stubs with a minimum donation of \$10.00. With this kind of response we could make a donation to Laradon of more than \$200,000. State President Al Maggard has been provided with a wish list of equipment needed for the Filed of Dreams school. If \$200,000 is raised we would be able to provide for all items on this list. Add in donations from friends of Elks and other members of our extended Elk family and we could set a record for support to Laradon Hall.

As Always we will be holding a drawing for \$20,000 in prizes from those entries returned at the Annual State Convention in Denver September 7, 2008. But as an additional incentive a new traveling trophy has been created for the Lodge donating the most per capita. This trophy is named after Russell McQuillan of Colorado Springs. Russ was 3rd Vice President of the State Association as well as a member of the board of directors of Laradon Hall when he passed away. It is in his memory that I have created this award and Trophy.

So please honor Laradon Hall, Russell McQuillan, President Al Maggard and most of all yourself by returning your entry tickets and a donation as soon as possible. For more information on Laradon Hall go to www.laradonhall.org. T + + + his will give you information on all the good things that your donations to Laradon Hall accomplish.

Hoping to hear from you,
Steve Boyle PER
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Chairman Laradon Hall Drawing.

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Russell McQuillan Trophy