

**Applicant Fact Sheet - Mark Twain's Wild West Bold-Face Liars Contest**  
**1:30-2:30 PM - Saturday, June 12 at Zephyr Cove**

Categories: (Men's & Women's)

- 1) Stretchers -stories that stretch the truth beyond the horizon of fact
- 2) Lifters -stories that actually lift the furniture
- 3) Powder Burners -no explanation needed

Guidelines for this contest germinate from a 1878 book by Fred Hart called, The Sazerac Lying Club...

Polite lying, as we all know, is a gentlemanly accomplishment, and is moreover -when successful- decidedly meritorious. It stimulates the mental faculties, varnishes unpleasant facts, promotes friendship and lubricates business. Besides, there is money in it, and that is sufficient to make it commendable and surround it with a halo of respectability. Many prominent persons have gained colossal fortunes by lying. It is the lawyer's principal capital, the editor's chief support, the politician's trade, the diplomat's trump card, and the monarch's mask. This contest is distinctly devoted to moral lies. Only those lies intended to amuse, instruct and elevate will be entertained.

**Judging criteria is:**

- Technique-delivery, confidence, general stagecraft;
- Story development-good development of the tale in the time available;
- Originality-new material or fresh handling of a familiar yarn, and
- Effectiveness-in judges' opinion, taking audience response into consideration

**Rules:**

1. All boasts, lies and tall tales can be original, or told with permission from source.
2. Stories should last no more than 2 minutes.
3. Please dress appropriately for a family audience. Costumes are allowable -no props
4. Prepare for a family audience. Vulgar or off-color words will result in immediate disqualification.
5. Twenty-five liars will have two minutes each to tell their tales.
6. Liars will appear in alphabetical order as per their real last names.
7. Must be sixteen years of age or older.

Mark Twain will preside & The Honorable Miss Lilly Langtree will judge.

**PRIZES**

- 1) Powder Burners 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Cabin for two nights, snowmobile double sled, single parasail ride
- 2) Lifters 1<sup>st</sup> place - Cabin for one night, snowmobile double sled, single parasail ride
- 3) Stretchers 1<sup>st</sup> place - Cabin for one night, two scenic day cruises, single parasail ride
- 4) Powder Burners 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Breakfast for two and a double parasail ride
- 5) Lifters – 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Breakfast for two and a double parasail ride
- 6) Stretchers 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Dinner cruise for two

ENTRY FORM

*Mark Twain's Wild West Weekend*  
*Presents the First Annual*  
***BOLD-FACED LIARS' COMPETITION***  
*Zephyr Cove Resort, Zephyr Cove, NV*  
***Saturday, June 12, 2010 - 1:30 - 2:30 pm***

*If You Have Mastered the Art of Spinning a Tall Tale  
You could be the Next Big Bold-Faced LIAR!!!*

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Please submit your application and a check for \$5.00 payable to Zephyr Cove Resort. No refunds.

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Category: check one. Stretchers \_\_\_\_ Lifters \_\_\_\_ Powder Burners \_\_\_\_