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Twenty-five jovial Gyros converged on the Mayfair Golf Club for our regular meeting on a beautiful warm, sunny day. This certainly wasn't Edmonton weather for 1999. **President Gord** welcomed everyone and asked **First Vice-President Gunnar Anderson** to lead us in Cheerio. **Gerry Glassford** then asked the blessing giving thanks for the beautiful spring day and hoping for a pleasant summer to follow.

After playing hooky for the last two meetings, your editor was back and taking notes. Now I have to get back in the groove of putting out the Gyrolog.

President Gord announced the birthdays for the first half of August. **Bruce Foy** celebrated on August 1st, **Walter Yakimets** on August 4th, and the wide part guys, **Al McClure** and **Allan Douglas** share the 14th.

PIP Marty Larson reported that our friend **Ed Edlund** is moving into the Waterford and that he will have his old phone number, 487-2826. He will be having some more tests on the 11th, and he would be happy to have calls and visits.

The younger we are, the more we want to change the world. The older we are, the more we want to change the young.

Our program was led by our own **Al McClure** related to the future of the hockey pool. He provided a brief history noting that **Harry Mills** started the pool when he and **Gord Rennie** were involved with Fort Edmonton Park around 1970. **Harry** and **Ruby** looked after the hockey pool until 1992. The proceeds of the pool were used to build the benevolent fund.

In 1992, **Al** and **Betty** took over the responsibility for the pool and have been working on it ever since. **Dave Duchak** has been looking after the scores for several years and **Bob Lippe** has been doing the bookkeeping.

Al recounted some of the ways the benevolent fund has been used over the years. Generally, the benevolent fund moneys have gone for community activities. For example, Gyro Park number 10 at Fort Edmonton, where the Edmonton and Crossroads clubs raised \$50,000 which was matched by the Alberta Government to build the park. Our club also donated \$10,000 to the Ezio Farone memorial park at the north end of the high level bridge. The Edmonton Club also provided \$10,000 for Alzheimer's research at the University of Alberta. Our club also contributed to Rick Hansen's Man in Motion.

Bob Lippe reported that ticket sales are usually around \$4,000 with \$2,100 going out to winners. With the projected costs for printing tickets, the Club could be expected to make about \$1,350 to \$1,400 this year.

A discussion about the hockey pool followed with the following results. **John Ross** volunteered to print the tickets on his computer to significantly reduce the costs. **John Pedden** described a cheaper method of printing tickets that he used for a football pool. To make the pool more interesting, the games to be identified will be televised Oilers games, by picking 21 of them so that there is one per week. **Marty Larson** volunteered to work on the sales coordination of tickets with another Gyro yet to be named. **Bob Lippe** and **Dave Duchak** will continue in their roles.

Bryce Van Dusen moved that **John Ross** establish a committee which would include **John Pedden** and **Dave Duchak** to explore how the tickets and the scorekeeping could operate and report back to the members. (A committee is a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours). The members unanimously supported the motion so it looks like we will have a hockey pool. **Al** will continue to offer assistance until he goes south for the winter.

John Ross thanked **Al** and **Betty** for all their work, and **Dave** and **Bob** for taking on significant parts of the role. The enthusiastic applause indicated that he was speaking for all of us.

As guest speaker, **Al** was asked to draw for a free lunch. The winner was, wait for it, **Past President Jack Ellis**. Will this winning streak ever end?

Upcoming events:

Our next meeting will be on August 17th at the Mayfair. **Mike Matei** has arranged for **Peter Carter** to speak about the Bright Nights festival.

A SPECIAL NOTE:

Our meeting on September 7th, will be a **MIXED** meeting for a tour of City Hall. **David Burnett** has arranged for us to meet at 11:45 a.m. at City Hall for a tour starting at 12:00 noon. If stairs are a concern, there are also accessible elevators that can take people to the level of the Council Chambers. Lunch will follow at the Kids in the Hall Bistro, watch here for details.

Al - IF You Go. Pls Make Special Effort to Host Anne/Joel, Dianne/Geoff. (15)