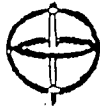


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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

October 3, 1991.

OUR LAST MEETING: was held at the Mayfair Golf Club on October 1, 1991 when once again there were 31 Gyro's in attendance. **President Merrill** called the meeting to order, and **Larry Dobson** led the group in Cheerio. **Bill Graham** asked the blessing.

GUESTS: There were four guests out to this meeting. **Bill Graham** introduced a couple of blokes visiting from Vancouver, **Wes Van Dusen** and **Jack Jansen**. The Gyro with the self-inflicted PYS, **Roger Russell** then introduced his guest **Ron Roper**. (How about that, an RR introducing an RR with neither a Roy Rogers nor a Russell Rogers around). Finally, **Al McClure** introduced a guest from St. Albert who has been coming out for the meetings around a new club in that fair city, **Robin Carr**.

BIRTHDAYS: There are five Gyro's who celebrate a birthday in October. They are **Bert Boren**, **Tom Douglas**, **Mike Matei**, **Gordon Robinson**, and **Roger Russell**. It was noted that one of these years **Roger** will need to re-assess the "young" part of his PYS designation.

CURLORAMA: This event will be held on November 29,30 and December 1 in Banff as reported by **Mike Matei**. The const will be \$130 for those who wish to curl and \$100 for those who want to come and, for non-curlers. Participants are guaranteed at least 3 games but last year the Edmonton rinks went beyond the minimum guarantee. Please let **Mike Matei** know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. This year the curling will take place in the same venue but the other activities will occur at the newly renovated Voyageur Inn. Let's try to exceed last year's participation of 14 Gyros from the Edmonton Club.

THE BAD NEWS: You all know that we have an Executive that draws its wisdom from unknown sources. Well, they have done it again. At the last Directors meeting there was a unanimous decision that the practice of subsidizing the individuals attending Curlorama would cease. The reason is that those attending Curlorama have too much fun to be subsidized! The Directors decided that the money should be used to subsidize Gyros attending functions where people do not have as much fun. Could it be that the Directors meetings are not as much fun as Curlorama?

FOUNDERS NIGHT: Founders night will be held on October 15, 1991 at the Regency Hotel and the Edmonton Club is the host. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$15.00 per member. The head honcho for the program is **Vice-President John Ross** and he plans to develop a skit related to the founding of Gyro. Since we are the host club everyone is asked to make this evening a priority so that our attendance is high (that is attendance, not attendees). **Marty Larson** explained that the address would be given by Past Governor **Ian Greig** from the Stampede City Club.

ST. ALBERT: Marty Larson reported that there had recently been 11 potential Gyro's out for a meeting in St. Albert. There is also a meeting of four others next Monday and it appears that we are well on our way to establishing a new club. The potential St. Albert members will be invited to Founders Night.

THE OILERS: On Wednesday November 20, 1991, there will be an opportunity to meet members of management and some players from the Oilers at an evening meeting being arranged by **Marty Larson**. Please note two things - this will be an evening meeting, and it will be on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday. Plan to attend for a fun evening where we can learn more about and offer support to the Oilers. It will also be an opportunity for us to invite members from the other clubs and potential members from St. Albert. MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY.

GUEST SPEAKER: Bryce Van Dusen introduced the guest speaker who is the Chairman and CEO of a company which has extensive holdings in bingo supplies, casinos and horse racing in Alberta where there are over 400 employees. **Harry Nash** gave an interesting and humorous description about how he got into the gambling business. His fast paced and fact filled presentation struck terror into the heart of your humble reporter. I am tempted to say you simply had to be there folks, but I will try to recall some events. **Harry** started by explaining that **Bryce** had invited him to speak to the Edmonton Gyro Club before - in 1968 when he compared doing business in Canada and the U.K.

It was after **Harry** joined the RAF in 1941 that he became regularly involved in games of chance. Although gambling was prohibited, morale was low and the officers turned a blind eye (that is those who did not participate). **Harry** used to ride 5 miles each way over hilly roads to deliver the bets.

After the war he had an opportunity to go book making but instead joined with his sister and invested his savings in a family store. He remained in that business until 1953. He emigrated to Canada after the Suez Crisis in 1956 and settled in the west.

In 1958 he met **Wes** who was impressed with a person who could sell typewriters door to door - without a typewriter. **Harry** had worked out his salary requirements and told **Wes** that his break even point was \$275 per month. **Wes** offered him \$250 per month, but revised it seven weeks later. **Harry** transferred to Edmonton in 1967 and worked for Acme until they sold in 1969.

Harry then went on his own and over the years acquired Alberta Bingo Supplies (ABS), Imperial Amusements etc. He has had the contracts for the Calgary Stampede and Edmonton Northlands fourteen times and has contracts with Calgary for another 2 years and Edmonton for another 4. He described their facilities on Argyll Road and downtown at 105 Ave. and 102 Street. He then thanked both **Wes** and **Bryce**. **Harry** in turn was thanked and presented with a token of appreciation by **Ian McIntyre**.

MORE BAD NEWS: Neil Sheidow has accepted a transfer to Toronto so he and **Ann** and the family will be moving east. This is bad news for the Edmonton Gyro Club and they will be missed. We wish them all the very best in the future and hope that time and friendship will link to bring them back for regular visits.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Enclosed in the Gyrolog sent to active members is a list of the program teams and events for this year. Please make note and plan to attend. Do not forget, we host Founders night October 15.

Not voted on for 15 Jan 99

THE DRAW: The fix was in and the draw was won by **President Merrill.**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Contributed by **Victor Jagoldus -**

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAWS:

CHANGE

Article IX - Finances, Fees and Dues

New Sub-Section

5. (a) The Board shall not commit the Club as an organization to obligations, debt, financing agreements or finance contracts to individuals, charities and organizations beyond the level of funds raised for such purposes and provided all such obligations, debt, financing agreements or finance contracts have a term not exceeding one year.

REASON - To ensure future boards do not have to raise funds to honor long term financial commitments.

