

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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Our last meeting on 6 April was a real upbeat, fun meeting which is usually the scenario when we meet at Kelly's Saloon, in Fort Edmonton Park in the evening. We only had one guest but we were pleased to meet and welcome Pat Rasko, who is Marty Larson's son-in-law. We were glad to have Larry Wang with us and welcomed him with belated birthday greetings for April 5th.

Health & Welfare - Bert Boren reported that Andy Carabott had been hospitalized for heart surgery, but is home again after a triple by-pass and is recovering slowly. We also learned that Helena Graham, Stewart's wife, had a fall and fractured her pelvis. Fortunately surgery is not indicated. She is in the University Hospital.

Mixed Curling - Mike Matei reported that this event turned out to be a real fun evening for the curlers and those who attended for the dinner and social evening. It was described as a super time, with Skip Shirley Larson and rink, "making a clean sweep" in the final game. The name of the opposing skip?? - no names - no pack drill! Suffice to say thanks to Mike and Marty for their organization and co-operation.

District 8 Interim Meeting - Our club's official delegate Barry Walker, reported that this meeting was a great success, which was held at Fairmont Hot Springs on 19-21 March 1993. The whole affair was said to be well organized, very informal, easy going & happy. Our congratulations to the District 8 Officers and all Gyros & Gyrettes who helped to arrange this important annual meeting.

Bridge Wind-up 2 April - this annual gathering of the regular Gyro Bridge Club took place at the Victoria Golf Course Club House. A fine happy hour, followed by a good dinner, preceded an evening of bridge. For those who do not play bridge we indulged in cribbage with keen competition. Don & Arlene Birmingham (Crossroads) were there, with Arlene playing bridge, while Don got stuck playing crib with David Burnett, against (the best player) Marlene, whose partner was some lucky old gink named retreat.

Later the bridge winners over the past winter session were announced and prizes presented as follows:- Ladies High Score - Bernice Pedden (perpetually tops): Ladies Second High, Natalie Edlund: Third High Score Shirley Larson.

Men's High Score: Ed Edlund: Second High Marty Larson: and Third High Jack Ellis. (Editor's note) - with Bernice being a constant high score winner, rumour has it that John Pedden is in line for some special instruction next season. Likewise Marty Larson is secretly planning on giving Shirley some additional help.

Come what may - one thing for sure it was a good social evening for which we thank Ed Edlund (et al) for the arrangements,

Hockey pool - our Hockey Mogul Al McClure provided the following final list for the past hockey season.

Game 3 April	First period,	\$10.00	Ruby Mills:	Gerry Glassford:	Dale Mandrusiak.
	2nd	"	\$15.00	Stewart Graham:	Harvey Scott.
	Final	"	\$25.00	Neil Hartsburg:	Dan Warrack. (Thanks Dad!.)

Game 10 April this game replaces the game that was missed on February 6th.

First period,	\$10.00	(x)	Mark Power:	(xx)	Mrs.M.V. McClure (Bette's Mum):	D. Paulench.	
2nd	"	;	\$15.00	(x)	Bea Russell:	Angie Gudmundson:	Brian Zrobek.
Final	"		\$25.00	(XX)	James McClure:	(x)	Roger Russell.

(x) indicates the power of volume purchase!

(xx) " "it's all in the family".

Our thanks to Al McClure & Bette for doing a great job running the pool and to Ron Ewoniak for looking after the winners cheques.

Back to Kelly's Saloon - I almost forgot to report about the election of Officers for our Club, which we held on 6 April. Roger Russell was the Returning Officer who took charge of the proceedings. After all the brickbats and bouquets were voiced for the candidates and the smoke cleared, the following good men and true were declared elected to the 1993/94 Executive.

PRESIDENT - JOHN STROPPA; 1ST V/PRESIDENT - BARRY WALKER; 2nd V/PRESIDENT MIKE MATEJ;
SECRETARY - DICK OGILVIE; TREASURER - JACK ELLIS; IMM. PAST PRESIDENT JOHN ROSS.

We congratulate and thank each of these Gyros who have accepted the responsibility for their respective offices for the ensuing 12 months. We wish you every success in your efforts on behalf of our club membership and for Gyro in general; towards which we pledge our support.

Election night (cont) - Following the foregoing vote, primary ballots were produced which contained the names of all the club members eligible as club Directors. Upon the vote being taken the following five members receiving the highest votes were declared candidates for election, as follows:- TONY SHEPPARD; GERRY GLASSFORD; LARRY WANG; RUSS SHEPHERD; & OWEN CORNISH.

The election of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting on 20 April. At that time the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as Directors for a two year term.

Following the business portion of the meeting, President John Ross formerly introduced Gyro Padre Bill Graham, who was born, raised and educated in Medicine Hat, AB. He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1943, receiving his wings as Pilot Officer in 1945. Post war he graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA Degree and in 1950 from Knox College Theological Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1953. He was ordained at Westmount Church in Edmonton the same year. He joined the 418 Reserve Squadron and later transferred to the Regular Force in 1960 with various postings in Canada and Germany. He retired in 1979 and served Braeside Presbyterian Church. He was appointed City Chaplain the same year and retired the second time in 1989.

During his time with the RCAF he has flown a great number of various types of aircraft including three supersonic high performance types.

In 1978 in Moose Jaw, Sask., the Aerobatic Team of The Snowbirds was formed. Bill became well acquainted with the Snowbirds and has flown in one of their aircraft, although not as a team member, but he is the proud owner of a special Snowbird ring, which is normally only given to team members.

Bill showed us a video on the Snowbirds, whose flying skills, precision and team work are outstanding, in fact one of the most spectacular and dangerous performances imaginable. Our thanks Padre Bill for bringing us the excellent video and for your comments throughout.

May 17, 1993 Night Meeting - please mark this date on your calendar now and plan to attend this planned mixed meeting, to be called Eskimo Football Night. It is being arranged for at the Sturgeon Valley Golf Club in St. Alberta - more details later. Marty Larson reports that our football guests will include, Assistant Coach Adam Rita, Henry (Gizmo) Williams and Allan Watt.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - in Minneapolis, June 10-13 1993. We understand that to date we have four couples going from our club. How about a few more?

GYRETTES CORNER - A Gyrette meeting was held on April 13 at the Mayfair Club. The guest speaker was Deanna Van Soest, a dietician at the Grandview Auxiliary Hospital. Her topic was Women and Nutrition.

The next Gyrette meeting will be on May 11th. Watch for details in a later Gyrolog.

Laughter is the best medicine, with the baseball season underway perhaps a baseball story would be in order. These involve Yogi Berra, one time star Yankee catcher, who was almost as well known as a raconteur.

Berra was in great demand as a banquet speaker, but all requests for his services had to go through a front office man, Jackie Farrell; who on one occasion had to phone Yogi very early one morning. "Did I get you out of bed?" Jackie asked. "No", said Yogi "I had to get up to answer the phone anyway"

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Very seldom was Yogi stopped as a conversationalist but Hank Aaron did it one day. When Aaron came up to bat, Yogi noticed that the trademark on the bat was down. "Henry" said Yogi, "you don't want to break that bat so you better turn it around so you can read the trademark." "Mr. Berra" replied Hank, "I didn't come up here to read."
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VOX POP - If your foot slips you may recover your balance, but if your tongue slips, you cannot recall your words. (Bill Agnew)

Anything that parents have not learned from experience, they now learn from their children. To handle yourself use your head, to handle others use your heart. (Bernie Brown). (John Halford)

People who talk a lot are usually doing what they do best. (Andy Carabott)

Treasure the love you receive. It will survive long after your wealth & good health have vanished. (Dave Duchak)

One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears - by listening. (Ed Edlund)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 20th April, at 12.00 noon at the Mayfair Golf Club. This is our Annual Meeting which is the time when we hear from various responsible members, (whose term of office may be coming to an end) all about the great time we have had in Gyro over the past 12 months.

This is also the meeting when the ELECTION OF DIRECTORS takes place (as mentioned above) so please come out and exercise your franchise. We need your vote!

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GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

REPORT FOR 1993 DISTRICT VIII INTERIM CONVENTION

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS

MARCH 19 - 21, 1993

1. Membership: 55 active members
-- 3 of which are 50 year members
-- 8 of which are prepaid international lifetime members

4 non-resident associate members
1 honorary member (Wes Van Dusen)

Plus 1 new incoming member not yet inducted (John Plunkett)

2. Annual dues are \$270.00 payable quarterly. Dues include a \$5.00 pre-payment for meals.
3. Next Club installation is 1 May 1993. This year it will be a Quad Club installation - Crossroads, Sherwood Park, St. Albert and Edmonton. Our Club is responsible for organizing this year's event.
4. Regular meetings are scheduled for 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, held at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club, 9450 Groat Road, Edmonton. Normally meetings run from noon until 1:30 P.M.
5. Average attendance at our luncheon meetings is 30 members.
6. Inter-Club activities since last interim:
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April	St. Albert Charter Nite
May	Tri-Club Installation (with Crossroads and Sherwood Park)
June	Lacombe Golf Tourney (with Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge Clubs)
June	Stampede City Installation (4 couples)
July	International Convention at Lake Tahoe Our own Marty Larson becomes #1 in "Gyro Land". A very large contingent of club members attended. Our Club won the "Man-Mile" Award.
July	District VIII Convention in Grand Forks
October	Founders Nite - with Crossroads, Sherwood Park and St. Albert
November	"Edmonton Oilers Nite" at St. Albert
November	"Curl-A-Rama" at Banff

Throughout the year several trips to Red Deer to help incubate their new Club.

Also for the first time, a mixed curling "Fun Spiel" is planned for March 27, 1993 involving all 4 Edmonton area Clubs. Marty Larson and Mike Matei are organizing it.

7. a) Fund raising: Hockey Pool
(generates approximately \$2,000 - annually)
- b) Charitable works:
- major donation toward construction of Constable Ezio Faraone Memorial Park in Edmonton
 - funded a lifetime annuity to improve the lifestyle of a young handicapped Edmonton woman
 - donated to Alberta Ukrainian Commerative - Society in Aid of Children of Chernobyl

~~c) Social activities:~~

Ongoing	Bridge Club
April 1992	Ski weekend in Jasper
August 1992	Gyroette Golf Scramble at Devon
October 1992	Nite at the Races, Edmonton Northlands
December 1992	Christmas Party
January 1993	Bocci Nite at Italian Cultural Centre
February 1993	Valentine Party at Celebrations Theatre

Also, we are in formative stages of a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Club.

8. Anything special about our Club? Yes! We regularly have guest speakers at our luncheon meetings, which provides a great learning opportunity for our members and their guests.

This past year, our own members have given presentations on the Euro-Tunnel Mega Project, antique juke boxes, early years in radio, a warm Christmas message, making chocolates, Nagasaki Bombing, plus a provocative presentation titled "Is Alberta Headed For Compound Hell?"

~~Guest speakers have taught us about the "Little Britches" riding club for handicapped children, newspaper publishing, Nash Metropolitans, canoeing the Nahanni River, Police Department Vice Squad Challenges, bone marrow transplants, airport authorities, space programs, glider soaring, Snow Birds, plus operating concerns of a live theatre complex.~~

We feel that this ongoing learning opportunity contributes significantly to the success of our Club.

Respectfully submitted by
John Ross, President
and Presented by
Barry Walker, 2nd Vice President