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This week Gyros returned to old Italy and engaged in the traditional pastime of that peninsular nation - BOCCI. Well, if truth be known, we didn't actually return to Italy but we did get as far as the Italian Cultural Centre just off the St Albert Trail. The festive evening was beautifully organized by Jack Ellis and John Plunkett and six teams of four Gyros competed for "bragging rights" as the Bocci Best. This year those rights reside with Gunner Anderson, Mike Matei, Ken Foster (St Albert) and Larry Duchense (St Albert). Congratulations to the masters of the in-turn, the out-break, the take-out, and the lay-up - all this and not a single Italian name in the group (could there have been an liquid infusion of the "old Italiano" prior to the first roll???)

On the evening of March 5th, the co-chairmen of our forthcoming International convention, David Burnett and Marty Larson, organized a working committee to review, revise, report, and restructure (if necessary) the elements that will go into making this convention one of the best we have had. The meeting was held in the Nor Terra meeting rooms on the 20th floor of the Commerce Building. The food was excellent, the view superb and the meeting very useful. The reports by the various sub-committees made it clear that people have been working diligently over the past several months and the critical path leading to July 11-14 is being meticulously followed. One of the many highlights of the evening meeting was the presentation of possible Klondike garb for our host club members by Helen Ross, Allan and Elaine Douglas. Helen had given a great deal of thought to the matter of finding an affordable way for all Gyros and Gyrettes to have Klondike apparel that would be thematic (where anyone from another club would be able to identify our members for what they were - Gyros and Gyrettes from the Edmonton Gyro Club - open and flexible in styling thereby permitting every one of us to mix, match, and take maximum advantage of our already existent wardrobe. What she came up with was the use of a beautiful light blue check material that would be suitable for both men and women, light weight and therefore cool and comfortable for July days, affordable, typical of the 1890's, and of a colour already used by the Gyros and Gyrettes for club identification. Using the blue check material as a base, Helen created vests for both men and women that could be used with a wide combination of shirts, blouses, shorts, pants, slacks, hats, and skirts. She also made a beautiful full skirt for women, aprons, a short sleeved blouse, a shawl with ruffles, and a plain

(reversible) collar. Using clothes from their closet, Elaine and Allan modelled the apparel and by adding hats, canes, arm bands, parasols, purses, they created a wide range of different fashions but always with the common look of the beautiful blue check material.

Helen provided us with some cost estimates based on her work with the garments created for the Douglas's. She also discussed the matter of having garments made by a seamstress. The costs, (approximations only), are as follows:

GARMENT	COST FOR MATERIAL ONLY
Vest (Men and Women)	\$12.50 - \$15.00
Full length skirt with sash	approx. \$25.00
Aprons: Type 1 (eyelet)	\$10.00 - \$12.00
Type 2 (broadcloth)	\$3.00 - \$5.00
Short sleeve blouse for women	\$8.00 - \$10.00
Long sleeve blouse for women	\$15.00 - \$18.00
Shawl with ruffles	\$6.00 - \$7.00
Plain collar (reversible)	\$6.00 - \$7.00
Shirt for men	\$15.00 - \$18.00

CUSTOM CREATED

The costs for garments made from material supplied by those who wish the garment made for them ranges from \$10.00 to \$35.00 .

More on the matter of Klondike garb in later editions of Gyrolog but if we do move forward with this suggestion then sewing bees and hat-making bees will likely be organized so that we can work together to create the Gold Rush "96 look

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

The deadline for the early bird registration discount is fast approaching. You can still save \$30.00 per couple by registering before April 1, 1996. We already have more than 160 Gyros and Gyrettes registered and we would like to hit the 300 mark before April 1st. Plan now to submit your application form and your cheque.

NEXT GYRO MEETING: March 19. Our speaker will be Gemini Waghmare, Product Manager for EDTEL. Mr Waghmare's topic?? THE INTERNET.



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