



# THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

March 12, 2003

## President

Victor Jagoldas  
Res. 434-2438

**President Victor** welcomed twenty-one cheerful Gyros to the meeting. **Larry Dobson** led in Cheerio and **Owen Cornish** asked the blessing.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Roy Bennett  
Res. 987-2403

The birthdays for March are **Alan Rusler** - March 3, **Roy Bennett**- March 17, **Ernie Siegel**- March 22, **Barry Walker**- March 29, and **Don Assheton-Smith** - March 30.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Tony Sheppard  
Res. 435-4325

Health of the Club: Our condolences and prayers went out to **Roger** and **Janet Russell** and their families on the loss of **Rogers** Mother. **Bill Graham** has been in the hospital for some surgery. He is now at home recuperating. Before going to visit please give him a call. We wish you a speedy recovery Bill.

## Imm. Past President

Larry Dobson  
Res. 444-5111

**President Victor** handed out a copy of the club constitution to our two newest members-- **Jim Brown** and **Eric Hedegaard**.

## Secretary

Geoff Brewer  
Res. 444-6080

## Treasurer

Dick Nichols  
Res. 476-3221

Game 14 of the hockey pool was on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, with Edmonton hosting the Canucks. Vancouver led after one and the winners were Bob Scranton and Don Nielsen. It was tied 2:2 after the second and Morgan Weisgerber and **Harry Nash** each won \$15. The final was 3:2 for Vancouver and Barbara Walker and **Jack Ellis** won \$25.

## Directors

Fred Schulte  
Res. 434-0925  
Peter Fairbridge  
Res. 435-5629  
Wayne Tingley  
Res. 488-5467  
Peter Butler  
Res. 987-4581

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Columbus Blue Jackets hosted the Oilers who led by one after the first. **Sharon Matei** and **Tony Sheppard** each won \$10. They were ahead 3:1 after the second and Brooks Ross and Don Hendrickson received \$15. The disappointing final in overtime was 3:3 and Rob Scranton and Don Nielson pocketed \$25.

## Gyrolog

### Editor-In -Chief

Gordon Rennie  
Res. 488-2856

Still away on March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Oilers were in Anaheim and were losing by one after the first. Agnes Warrack and Ron Harris won \$10. We were leading after two by a score of 2:1 and Perry Baird, Jennifer Stephen and Geoff Brewer were each up \$15. With the Oilers victorious 4:1, F. Braun and Bik Kunnas took home \$25.

## Editor

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## **CLUB DUES:**

Analysis of our financial situation by **Jack Ellis** determined that it will be possible to reduce our annual dues and still be able to work with a balanced budget for our club. In determining the final figure one adjustment to be made was that any cost of attending conventions by our executive and other members that are paid by the club would be paid out of the Convention Fund in the future rather than the General Fund.

The initial amount for our dues was set at \$200 annually or \$55 per quarter, down from the current \$270 annual rate. This assumed there would be no change in either District or International assessments. However, it now does appear that there will be an increase in at least the District fees, so the proposed new dues will have to allow for that. District dues could go up between \$10 and \$15.

A question was raised about the rates for Associate Members. These rates will be based on the assessments from both district and International, and for that reason they may increase slightly in the future.

A concern was raised about the fact that it is easy to reduce dues, but not always so easy to increase them when the time comes to do so. **Dick Nichols** confirmed that the decrease proposed still left a small cushion for increased costs in the short term, and it was felt that this cushion should be kept there.

## **LUNCHEON AND SPECIAL FUNCTION COSTS FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

To clarify the determination of costs for members and guests for Gyro meetings and functions the following is now being recommended by your executive:

### **Gyro Luncheon meetings:**

The cost to both Gyros and Non Gyro Guests will be the same. A prospective Gyro member is entitled to up to two free lunches as per our bylaws.

### **Mixed Special Functions:**

If the event is subsidized by the club, club members will pay the subsidized rate, but non member guests will pay the full rate.

Again, if the guest is a prospective member as per our bylaws he is entitled to attend at no charge one mixed event.

### **Alcohol for functions:**

The executive recommended that alcoholic beverages provided at a social function will be available on a cash basis only. If the function cost is subsidized as it very often is, the subsidization will be on the cost of the meal, and not for the alcohol. The rationale behind this was that some of our members do not consume alcohol, and that there is also a potential liability issue if the club provides alcohol at no charge.

A big thanks to **Past President Larry Dobson** for writing this Gyrolog.

## **NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION:**

**Eric Hedegaard** , our latest new member, gave a very informative presentation about his life and times. Eric was born in Denmark and spent much of his early life in a boarding school as it was during the war times. He became a mechanical engineer in 1949, married his wife **Birgette** in 1950, and worked in his profession in Denmark until 1957. He then took a leave of absence and traveled to Canada, ending up in Edmonton, and never returned to Denmark. He joined Angus Butler Engineering initially and then joined Vinto Engineering which has since changed its name to Hemisphere. He tried to retire in 1994 but it took a few years to fully divest himself of the company. He has two daughters and enjoys the outdoor life, particularly skiing. We welcome you **Eric** and are sure you will enjoy the Gyro friendship.

**Free Lunch:** was won by **Gordon Rennie**. Welcome back from Hawaii **Gordon**.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

- April 1 - Election Night at Kelleys Saloon. Cost is \$35 per person and includes wine with a steak meal. Payment needs to be sent to **President Victor** by March 24.
- April 15 - Regular Club lunch meeting - with the team of **Peter Butler**, Peter Carter, and **Win Kirkwood**
- April 25- The Gyro Bridge Club windup at the Highlands Golf and Country Club (6603 Aida Blvd). Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30 followed by bridge and prizes. There will be a no host bar. If you have any special menu requirements contact **Marion Morstad** at 417-0571. Cost will be approximately \$30 per person. Please ensure that all bridge games for the year are completed by the first week in April and the scores and money forwarded to **Marion Morstad** at that time.
- May 6 - Meeting cancelled
- May 10- Installation of our new executive- Mixed function in the evening at the Edmonton Country Club. **Walter Yakimets** and **Bruce Foy** organizing.
- May 20- First meeting under the leadership of our new president- **Roy Bennett**.
- May 27- A trip to the Black Cat Ranch. There are 10 couples signed up so far. There is room for a total of 16 couples, so if you have been procrastinating on this one and would like to go contact president Victor.
- April 14- The Gyrettes are planning an evening at the Yellowhead Casino mixed event. This promises to be a fun filled event, with a great dinner and a chance to win your fortune with money provided to you when you arrive. The cost per person is \$30. Cocktails start at 6:00p.m., and the Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. They need to know numbers attending soon. Send your cheque to **Carol Dobson** or give to **Larry** before March 28.

A non-Gyro event which we are invited to attend is a Wine Society Train trip from Stettler to Big Valley including a great meal. The cost per person for this full day event is \$96.30 per person. If you are interested in going contact **President Victor**.

**Larry**