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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 1978, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

1. Sherwood Park will hold its Annual Installation Party at the Capilano Motor Inn on Saturday, September 30, 1978. Cocktails: 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Dinner: 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Dancing: 9.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Cost: \$37.00 per couple. This includes breakfast at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday.
2. The Edmonton Gyrettes will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. Members will be notified by telephone the place of meeting.
3. The Crossroads Gyrettes' Whist Party will be held on October 21, 1978 at the Riverdale Community Centre, 100 Avenue and 93 Street, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 per couple. Come one, come all, and bring your friends (Crossroads, Edmonton, and Sherwood Park.)
4. A joint Founders' Day Celebration will be held on Monday, October 23, 1978 at the Regency Motor Hotel, 7230 Argyll Road. Cocktails: 6.15 p.m. — Dinner to follow. This year's function will be convened by the Crossroads Gyro Club.
5. The Sherwood Park Silver Plate Dinner will be held at the Capilano Motor Inn on Thursday, November 3, 1978 commencing at 6.30 p.m. Cost: \$40.00 per person with a limit of 125 tickets to be sold. Four draws for \$40.00 each plus one for \$1000.00 will be made. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club.

BIRTHDAYS

Vern Sadd	September 19	Al Ireland	September 24
Jim Wright	September 20	Gordon Heron	September 26
Ken Robertson	September 23	Tommy Douglas	October 2

One can do no better than to give some thought to the words of Jules Renard:

"As I grow to understand life less and less, I learn to live it more and more."

SICK AND VISITING

1. Ella Carter has been discharged from hospital and is now convalescing at home.
2. Bob Rennie, who had some major surgery recently, is now convalescing in the Aberhart Hospital. He sends his regards to all Gyros.

RECENT EVENTS

1. The Gyrettes' Barbecue at the Flying-V Ranch on September 12, 1978 was a decided success with some 80 odd in attendance. The feature of the evening was a Fashion Show put on by Sande's Shack under the direction of Sande and Marg Shaw, Norma Murdoch, and Amy Wilson, with George MacDonald at the piano. The Gyrettes modelled the latest creations from around the world in a poised display of talent and beauty. But the male models left a great deal to be desired as they probably set back the art by 100 years or so. It was a fine evening of fun, and special thanks go to the Gyrettes who organized the affair, to Bryce and Florrie Van Dusem who graciously made their facilities available, and to Bert

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Forem who presented a Financial Statement that showed a favorable bottom line.

2. The elements plagued the Golf Day held at Red Deer on Monday, September 18, 1978, but it didn't deter one brave soul from Edmonton, Howie Sharp, who took on the entire contingent of 8 from Calgary. During the early stages of the game he reported a heavy dew; but as the morning advanced a clear patch no bigger than a man's hand appeared in the sky, and by early afternoon a brilliant sun shone down on a determined group of golfers. Howie's one man stand must have been successful because he returned with the trophy, a huge silver bowl, emblematic of victory. And no reports have crossed any police blotter in the nearby communities re missing silverware.

With his golf skill firmly established, Howie turned his hand to cards, (or is it his cards to hands?) and not wishing to humiliate his Calgary friends completely, he suffered a slight loss. As the single staunch upholder of Edmonton's honor Howie felt duty bound to submit his just expense account. Even in this day of inflation no reputable, responsible comptroller would pass such an account - especially without receipts.

Better luck and more power to you next time, Howie!

THIS WEEK

President Jack welcomed to the meeting one of our Charter-Members, Nelles Buchanan. Nelles, looking well indeed, spent an enjoyable noon hour renewing his old Gyro friendships.

Harry Mills then introduced the guest speaker, Dennis McDonald, a former Calgarian, who is now the Director of the Fish and Wild Life Agency. Mr. McDonald spoke on the future of Sport Hunting.

He stated that in both North America and Europe governments now regulate hunting and fishing. Today, he said, hunting is a recreational activity, while in the far distant past it was a necessity for a nomadic society to obtain food. He expressed concern about the rise of the Environmental Movement in the 1960's and 1970's and the negative attitude to sport hunting, or for that matter to the destruction of any animal life. He questioned whether their views were valid. They appeared to be anti-hunting, anti-fishing, anti-killing. But he pointed out that the natural end of any life is death.

Mr. McDonald listed some of the reasons for the growing opposition to sport hunting. Some claim that it results in the extinction of wild life. This is a fallacy. The major reason

~~for the complete destruction of some species is because their habitat has been destroyed.~~

No species will ever become extinct, said the speaker, under modern conservation practice.

Hunters are responsible for considerable property damage. He stated that there are no more vandals among hunters than among any other group. This is a concept of guilt by association.

Some vandals use firearms. Therefore anyone using a gun or rifle is a vandal.

To the charge that hunting is a dangerous sport, Mr. McDonald said that statistics show that it ^{is} no more dangerous than hiking, canoeing, boating, or swimming.

Opponents say that hunters deliberately break the law. This, he said, is not true. As a group of recreationists hunters' behavior is quite ethical.

That hunters destroy the ecological balance by selecting the healthiest animals is false

said the speaker. The hunters' aim is to acquire game, and chance alone determines the choice. The trophy hunter looks for the biggest animal with the greatest horn point spread. This may be the biggest of the herd and therefore the oldest. But it will not necessarily be the most vigorous.

The traditional cry that hunting is cruel and immoral he dismissed as completely emotional. Some claim that much game is never retrieved, he said, and therefore is wasted. But, it was explained, in biological and ecological terms this becomes part of the nature cycle. Decay sets in and the dead creature becomes part of the soil and the atmosphere, and the cycle continues.

In conclusion Mr. McDonald urged the members to take a rational, balanced view of sport hunting, and not to accept the wild unproven statements of extremists.

Mort Morter thanked the speaker for an extremely interesting and enlightening discourse on a controversial topic.

FINALE

On the understanding that shooting golf is still in season, this one is dedicated to Howie Sharp, courtesy of S.I.

Apparently the strangest hole-in-one of the year occurred on the Manoir Richelieu Golf Course in Murray Bay, Quebec when one, John Basaraba, hit his tee shot 6 inches from the cup on the 165 yard (152 meters) ninth hole. As his foursome walked towards the green, a crow landed beside his ball, picked it up in its beak, and dropped it into the hole. A hole-in-one? "No," said John, "because an outside agency was involved."

This, however, was, at the very least, a crow making an eagle out of a birdie.

Good shooting to all!

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LATE ITEM

It is with regret that we have just learned that Howie Sharp suffered a heart attack while on a business trip to Red Deer this past week-end. He is at present in the Intensive Care Unit of the Red Deer Hospital. Pat is now with him at Red Deer. We trust that you will be up and around soon, Howie, your usual jovial self.

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