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OUR LAST MEETING was held at the Mayfair Golf Club on April 23rd, with (PYS) Roger Russell wielding the gavel, while the attendance was good, there were no guests. We were happy to welcome the return of two of our "snowbirds" Ken McKenzie and Bryce Van Dusen, and world travellers Andy Friderichsen and Garry Diment.

This was our Annual Meeting at which the yearly reports of club Officers and Committee Chairmen are presented. Written reports are required and filed by our Secretary for future reference and guidance for the incoming Executive.

Reports were given by Mike Matei (Curl-a-rama); Secretary Dick Ogilvie; President Roger Russell; President Elect Merrill Morstad, and Gord Rennie (Gyrolog & Historical Records).

The final ballot for two new Directors was then taken, directed by Returning Officer John Pedden, who reported there were 5 candidates running for office, viz: Larry Dobson; Jack Ellis; Rick Newcombe; John Simpson and Gunnar Anderson; each of them had somehow acquired a Campaign Manager.

These well chosen Gyros were:- Ed Edlund for Larry Dobson; Merrill Morstad for Jack Ellis; Dick Ogilvie for Rick Newcombe; Roger Russell for Gunnar Anderson and Ernie Siegel for John Simpson. These "CM's" held nothing back when expounding the merits and capabilities of their respective candidates to such a degree, that it is difficult to determine whether it was what they said - or what they didn't say - that determined the final vote.

Whatever - the scrutineers using the "old math" reported the two successful candidates to be GUNNAR ANDERSON and JACK ELLIS who will serve as Club Directors for a two year term. Our congratulations to Jack & Gunnar who will be officially installed into office with the other Executive members at the Tri-Club Installation Party on Saturday May 11th.

By the way - at the Sherwood Park Gyro Club meeting on 17 April, they voted for two new Directors, from a slate of 6 candidates, replete with campaign managers, slogans, etc. Their campaigning was a load of laughs and after several ballots the new Directors are Dale Parry and Jim Malott. Our congratulations to them and best wishes for a happy, active time in office. (Editor's note - the total enjoyment of Gyro is experienced by active participation).

BIRTHDAYS - best wishes were extended to Taureans, Mort Morter and Gord Rennie, both of whom celebrate the 24th of April.

HEALTH & WELFARE - we were glad to see Howard Wilson at our last meeting, after his recent hospitalization. Ken McKenzie reported that Tommy Douglas is home from hospital, recovering from a recent heart problem.

IN REVIEW - the Annual Bridge Wind-up, held on 18 April at the Victoria Golf Course was a resounding success, with an attendance of 40 Gyros & Gyrettes, plus Merrill Morstad's guest and neighbor, Owen Cornish.

Following a happy hour and a barbecued steak dinner, John & Bernice Pedden who had looked after the arrangements for the bridge season; announced the winners during the year. To name all the winners would be like printing a club roster and there were many "double prize winners" over the course of the season, for both high and low honors.

High Average (Lady) was Carol Dobson and Marty Larson for the man.

A bridge session completed the evening with prizes going to Mary Simmonds; Ellen Boren; Ernie Siegel and Vern Sadd.

The non-bridge players were supposed to play cribbage at the wind-up, but instead under the effervescent tutelage of Sharon Matei, they played rummy, with the lucky winners being Jack Ellis and Gord Rennie. Thanks Bernice for the prizes!

All in all it was a great evening, a good season of bridge; thanks to the hard work and arrangements by John & Bernice Pedden.

ON THE HORIZON - TRI-CLUB INSTALLATION - (if you think you have read the following before - you are quite right - it was recorded in the Gyrolog d/17 April, verbatim - because repetition sometimes brings results - e.g. your attendance on Saturday 11 May, 1991).
"This all important annual event to which each of us is obligated will be held at the Regency Hotel, East Ballroom, Argyll Rd and 75th Street. Cocktails 6-7. Dinner 7-8 p.m. Installation of Officers 8-9 followed with dancing to 1.00 a.m. - Cost \$60.00 per couple.

Having elected our club leaders for the coming year, we now have the obligation to support them beginning with our attendance at their Installation. Let us fulfill this obligation with a good turnout on May 11th and enjoy the party with our Crossroads and Sherwood Park friends. Attendance at our various club functions is every Gyros responsibility - don't be counted among the missing!!

ANNUAL GOLF GAME - RED DEER - will be held on Thursday 6 June at the RIVERBEND GOLF COURSE in Red Deer. Details as to time, cost, etc., will be provided as soon as received from Rick Little of Crossroads, who is in charge of arrangements. Meanwhile if you plan on attending, give your name to Merrill Morstad.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - will be held on 17-23 June 1991 at Niagara Falls. The latest issue of the Gyroscope has all the details and Registration forms.

DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION - July 18-21, 1991 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Regina, Sask. Get your registration in now and qualify for the Early Bird Draw - you could be a winner. Our President elect, Merrill Morstad is looking for a strong contingent from our club. Let's make plans now!

GYROETTE GOLF SCRAMBLE - as previously reported, this popular fun event will be held on Thursday August 8th - BUT SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE! - Ernie (Smoothie) Siegel reported that this popular mixed golf game will be held at DEVON GOLF COURSE and NOT at Indian Lakes as previously reported. Following the golf the barbecue dinner will be held at the Flying V Ranch; thanks to the kindness of Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen. More details and directions will appear in our next Gyrolog - but mark your calendar now!
Crossroads and Sherwood Park Clubs please note you are invited to join us. If you plan on attending, please notify Ernie Siegel (487-9092) earliest. By the way, Ernie is looking for prizes and if you can help him with this please let him know.

GYRETTES CORNER - Your attention ladies!! - Marlene Burnett advised that your next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, 14 May at the Mayfair Golf Course. Cocktails at 6.00 p.m. This is your Annual Meeting and everyone is requested to make a special effort to attend. One important note - DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE - so dig out your piggy banks and come prepared! Oh yes, dinner at 7.00 p.m. (oops)

SMILES & CHUCKLES - "I don't say my golf game is bad; but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced." (Miller Barber)

You don't hit anything with your backswing - so don't rush it! (Doug Ford)

"In golf, driving is a game of free swinging muscle control, while putting is something like performing eye surgery and using a bread knife for the scalpel!" (Tommy Bolt)

VOX POP - Marriage is like a cafeteria, you take what looks good to you and pay for it later. (Russ Shepherd)

It's discouraging to make a mistake, but it's downright humiliating to find you're so unimportant, that nobody noticed it. (David Castell)

One of the most important things I ever learned came late in life. It was to say that I don't know. (Bernie Brown)

Playing golf and tennis is like raising children. You keep on thinking that you are going to do better. (Bryce Van Dusen)

If you can't be a star - don't be a cloud. (John Halford)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We must be silent before we LISTEN

We must listen before we can LEARN

We must learn before we can PREPARE

We must prepare before we can SERVE

We must serve before we can LEAD.

(David Burnett)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To understand and appreciate the true meaning and enjoyment of Gyro, can only be experienced through active participation. (Retread)

OUR NEXT MEETING - has been arranged for Tuesday May 7th at the Mayfair Golf Course, at 12.00 noon. Merrill Morstad advised that our guest speaker will be none other than our good friend Bill Carter, who is the President of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club.

Bill's topic will be about the question of "Recycling" a current subject which appears in the newspapers quite often.

Bill works for Browning-Ferris Industries Ltd (BFI Waste Systems) and is well qualified to speak on his chosen & timely topic.

You will enjoy meeting this fine Gyro whose quick wit is well known. So let's have a good attendance and make him welcome.

See you there. Retread

