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Our August 1st meeting was held at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. President **Fred Schulte** welcomed 26 Gyros and one guest on another glorious day in Edmonton. **Bill Taylor** led Cheerio and **Peter Butler** asked the blessing.

Those celebrating birthdays in August are **Bruce Foy** on August 1st, **Val Pohl** and **Walter Yakimets** on August 4th, **Eric Spink** on August 6th, **Peter Fairbridge** on August 7th, **Peter Morrison** on August 13th, **Allan Douglas** on August 14th, **David Duchak** on August 18th and **Bill Clarke** on August 22nd.

David McNaughton and **Laura Travis** celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on August 1st. **David** and **Lauraine Duchak**, 69 years on August 6th, **Eric Spink** and **Christina Gauk**, 5 years on August 18th, **Allan** and **Jean Warrack**, 44 years on August 18th, **Victor** and **Valerie Jagoldas**, 48 years on August 23rd, **Leon** and **Jo-Anne Lubin**, 40 years on August 23rd, **Andy** and **Blanche Friderichsen**, 50 years on August 28th and **Peter** and **Eileen Carter**, 2 years on August 29th.

President Fred presented a golf story entitled **Fore** passed on by **Mike Matei**

In my hand I hold a ball.... white and dimpled, rather small....

Oh, how bland it does appear.... This harmless looking little sphere

By its size I could not guess....the awesome strength it does possess

But since I fell beneath its spell.... I've wandered through the fires of hell...

My life has not been quite the same.... Since I chose to play this stupid game....

It rules my mind for hours on end.... A fortune it has made me spend.... 2.

It has made me swear and yell and cry.... I hate myself and want to die....

It promises a thing called par.... if I can hit straight and far....

To master such a tiny ball.... should not be very hard at all...

But my desires the ball refuses.... and does exactly like it chooses...

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies.... and even disappears before my eyes...

Often it will take a whim.... to hit a tree or take a swim....

With miles of grass on which to land.... it finds a tiny patch of sand....

Then has me offering up my soul.... if only it would find the hole....

It's made me whimper like a pup.... and swear that I will give it up....

And take a drink to ease my sorrow.... but the ball knows....

I'll be back tomorrow!!!!

The Gyro International and District VIII Convention held in Calgary July 20-23 were well attended by nine couples from our club. Our club hosted a hospitality and information session on Saturday afternoon regarding our August 9-12, 2007 District VIII Convention. Ten couples from District VIII filled out registration forms and paid their full registration fees. Each of these early registrants received a Duracell Procell flashlight.

Barry Walker was one of two recipients of the **Bud Mitchell Gyro of the Year** award. This award, named after Past International President, Norman L. "Bud" Mitchell is given annually at Convention to a Gyro in recognition of extraordinary service to the Gyro Fraternity in Club and District affairs, in the promotion of external and internal expansion, in recognition of the unique esteem he holds among fellow Gyros, and for involvement in community, business or government affairs.

Roger Russell reported on the Tuesday, September 5th **Corn Roast** to be held at the **Malmo Community League Hall**, 11525-48 Ave. A Bocci tournament will be held at 4:30 pm and the meeting and Dinner will commence at 6:00 pm. This is a mixed Gyro/Gyrette event and will replace the luncheon meeting of the same day. The price is \$15.00 per person with a Tooney Bar. The menu includes Corn, Corn, and Corn, chicken, salads, French bagets, cake, tea, coffee and soft drinks. Please call Barry Walker @ 428-8530 or Roger Russell @ 434-4333 to sign up and pay.

An update at the Corn Roast will also be provided to all attendees on the August 9-12, 2007 District VIII Convention to be hosted by our Club in Edmonton. **Convention shirts have been picked by the organizing committee and will be available until September 8th, 2006.** Two types of shirts are available in both men's and ladies styles and sizes. A short sleeve burgundy shirt and a long sleeve blue denim shirt are available in small, medium and large sizes. Both types of shirts are \$40.00 each. We are hoping that all club members who are planning to volunteer and attend the convention will **purchase one or both types of shirts. For all of those that submit and pay for their 2007 Convention registration by September 5th, they will receive a free flashlight.**

Please advise Barry Walker by phone or email of your shirt requirements as soon as possible.

Val Pohl reported on the Sunday, September 24th **Gyro/Gyrette Horse Racing Event** to be held at Northlands Spectrum, 4th floor Sky Suite.

Thirty members and couples have committed to date, 50 are needed to break even. Please sign up and invite your friends. The cost is \$34 per person, Gyros or guests.

The doors open at 12:00 noon, a lunch buffet is served at 12:30 pm and post time is 1:00 pm. The buffet menu consists of Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Marengo, vegetable medley, three salads, desserts, coffee and tea.

Please mark your calendar and contact **Val Pohl** at 462-0511 or **Harry Nash** at 482-1012 to confirm your attendance. Payment is by cash or cheque to the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

President Fred referenced the recent full page colour advertisement in the Edmonton Journal regarding the **Drive for a Cure, Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament** which was jointly sponsored by our Club and the Canadian Cancer Society over the last three years. The Ad was paid for by the Journal as one of the key sponsors. The net proceeds for the three year period were approximately \$200,000. Kudos to all of the Edmonton Club Gyro's who put countless hours into the organizing and implementing of the tournaments.

Induction of new member: **Gerry Glassford** outlined a brief history of Gyro to **Peter Morrison** and formally inducted him into our Club. Marty Larson and David Burnett as sponsors pinned Peter and welcomed him into the Edmonton Club.

Bob Berube introduced our guest speaker **Greg Jackson**, Chairman of the Edmonton Committee of **KidSport Edmonton**.

KidSport is located all across Canada and has been in Alberta since 1995 and Edmonton since 1999. KidSport Edmonton's mission is to help kids overcome financial obstacles that prevent them from participating in sport. Through participation in organized sport activities, kids learn the values of: Cooperation, Team Play and Friendship; Commitment to Goals, Personal Excellence; Healthy Competition, Self Esteem. Since 2000, KidSport has raised \$200,000 to assist over 1,522 Edmonton kids to participate in sports programs.

Kids are eligible for up to \$200 per year in more than one sport. All funding is confidential and paid directly to the sports organization. 100% of the funds raised in Edmonton pays for registration fees. This is possible through the incredible support provided by their volunteers. A close alliance has been established with Sports Central who distributes sports equipment to needy kids. For example, over 2500 bikes are given out each year.

Roy Bennett thanked our speaker on behalf of the members.

The lucky recipient of the free lunch was **John Stroppa**.

Thanks to the team of **Bob Berube**, **Roy Bennett** and **Jack Brown** for organizing our luncheon speaker.

Upcoming Event:

Founders Night

Wednesday, October 18th

Edmonton City Archives, Prince of Wales Armouries, 10440-108 Ave

4:30pm- beverages and social time

5:30 pm- buffet supper

6:30 pm- tour of archives, including samples of our Edmonton Gyro Club's historical records and photos of Gyro Parks.

For further information contact **John Ross** at 435-7478, **Ernie Siegel** at 451-7583 or **John Stroppa** at 469-6133.

Some New Bull

Fred Schulte and Bill Taylor

