

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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PROLOGUE - yes, "retread" is back after a great holiday in bonnie Scotland with Ivy, Jean and Allan. We stayed in Edinburgh most of the time, where Allan was working at the University of Edinburgh. We did get around various parts of the country by car, bus and train which was most enjoyable. We even managed to squeeze in a few games of golf, ending up by playing on the Old Course at St. Andrews, which turned out to be a wonderful experience.

Since coming home and wading through all the junk mail and putting the bills to one side, we've had a great time catching up on all the Gyro news in the Gyrolog; edited by our sharp, good humour man, Allan (Same Old Bull) Douglas.

Thanks Allan for accepting the job of producing the bulletins, they are great. I'm sure the club membership appreciates your good work and keen sense of humour, as much as I do.

~~You are a tough act to follow at any time, but especially now, as I haven't yet recovered from the "haggis lag".~~

OUR LAST MEETING was held on Wednesday 20 November at the Regency Hotel, with some 40 members and guests in attendance. President Merrill Morstad opened the proceedings by calling on Larry Dobson to lead "Cheerio" and Ed Edlund to ask the blessing. Both "volunteers" did well! Visiting Gyros included Rick Little and Don Birmingham from Crossroads: Keith Bradley, Don Greig and President Glenn Butters from Sherwood Park.

We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet and welcome some guests from St. Albert including Don Corrigan: Butch Perfect: Wayne Knight: Jim Ross: Garry Isralson and Rick Karboniuk; who were introduced by Rick Little and Keith Bradley.

Several of these young men have attended some Gyro orientation meetings, as arranged by Rick Little, Keith Bradley, Marty Larson, Mike Matei, Al McClure and others; for the purpose of learning about our Gyro organization, with the objective of promoting and trying to establish a Gyro club in St. Albert.

While the work of Rick Little and company is meeting with some success, they need more names of people in order to have a sufficient number to achieve a starting point for a club. If any Gyro knows of someone whom he thinks might be interested in attending any of these formative meetings, please give Rick, Keith or Marty a call. Your help will be appreciated.

Following dinner, President Merrill called upon First Vice President of Gyro International Marty Larson, to introduce our special guests, Clare Drake and Bill Tuele.

Clare Drake, a well known Edmonton sports figure, was born in Yorkton and came to Edmonton in 1955 where he taught school at Scona Composite High School. He is best known for his many successful years the hockey coach for University of Alberta Golden Bears.

In 1967 he coached both the University Hockey and Football teams to Collegiate Championships in the same year - the only Canadian coach to have achieved this goal. He was also assistant coach for the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Team during 1989-91.

Our other special guest, Bill Tuele, was born in Thunder Bay but spent considerable time in Europe in places such as Baden-Baden, when his father was in the Military Service. When he came back to Canada he was with the CFCW Broadcasting Station and in 1979 joined the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Association and is now the Director of Public Relations for the Edmonton Oiler Hockey Club. For the past 2 years he has also been the PR man for Canada Cup.

Following some introductory remarks from each of these gentlemen concerning the world of hockey as we know it today, they proceeded to show a video, The National Hockey League 75th Anniversary Tape, which proved to be most interesting. It brought back many fond memories of the many great players and Stanley Cup Teams that we have enjoyed over the years.

A question and answer period followed which was conducted by Marty Larson like a sports conference, which was very informative, covering the gamut from the super stars to the grinders; with the bottom line being that hockey today is really big business.

Gyro Dave Duchak, a former champion hockey player in his own right some years ago, very ably expressed our thanks to Clare and Bill and presented them with a token of our appreciation.

Our thanks to Marty Larson for his usual professionalism when conducting the question period. Also a big thanks to Don Birmingham (Crossroads) who did a great job of bar-tending.

BIRTHDAYS - none mentioned at our last meeting. However a review of the records reveals that Marty Larson added another candle to his birthday cake on November 14th and Garry Diment did likewise on November 18th (both Scorpio's), while Gunnar (Sagittarius) Anderson celebrated on November 24th. We hope you all had a great day.

While on the subject of celebration - we were told that Roger Russell recently became a grandfather. Our congratulations to the Russell's. Does that mean that we now have to call Roger POS instead of PYS ???

ON THE HORIZON - CURL-A-RAMA - by the time you get this bulletin the annual District 8 Curl-a-rama will probably be history. The word is out that the entries for this year's competition is bigger than usual. Mike Matei reports that we have 7 curlers from our club and an ancient photographer.

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY - as previously reported, it will be held at the Faculty Club on Saturday 7 December 1991. We understand that arrangements are in the capable hands of Mike and Sharon Matei, and John and Helen Ross. With such energetic, innovative organizers this should prove to be a zinger. Cost \$28.00 p.p. See you there.

GYRO DISTRICT 8 REMINDER - the District 8 Interim meeting is arranged for March 20-22 1992 at the Fairmont Hot Springs. Mark the date on your calendar now - more info later.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL - the Gyro International and District IX Conventions will be held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, July 14-17 1992. Host Club is Oakland. There have been a fair number of our club members who have already registered for this all important convention. However we still need more members to support OUR MAN MARTY - who will become Gyro International President. Make your plans now and send in your registration.

FRIENDSHIP

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along,
If each individual only looked after himself and all good things went to the strong;
If nobody cared just a little for you and nobody thought about me,
If we all stood alone in the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be.

Life's sweeter because of the friends we have made
And the things in common we share;
We want to live on, not because of ourselves
But because of the people who care.

It's giving and doing for somebody else
On that all life's splendor depends,
And the joy of the world when it's all added up,
Is found in the making of friends.

SMILES AND CHUCKLES: The British Isles are made up of four nations. The Scots who keep the Sabbath and anything else they can get their hands on; the Welsh who pray on their knees and their neighbors; the Irish who don't know what the devil they want, but are willing to fight for it; and the English who consider themselves a race of self-made men, thus relieving the Almighty of a terrible responsibility. (submitted without prejudice)

VOX POP - Appearances are deceiving - the ten dollar bill looks just as it did a generation ago. (Boyd Slavik)

Knowledge is like money. If you keep quiet about it, people will think that you've got more than you have. (Vern Sadd)

One swallow doesn't make a summer, but one lark may may make a fall. (Merrill Morstad)

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even though you wish they were. (Gord Robertson)

To be born a gentleman is an accident. To die one is an achievement. (Stewart Graham)

HOCKEY POOL WINNERS - 9 Nov. \$10.00 Bill Lord: Rick Connors: \$15.00 Don Cimino: Don Mills:
S.W. Hill: \$25.00 J. Reintke: Ivy Rennie:

16 Nov. \$10.00 Stan Roszell: Marty Larson: \$15.00 same two winners - no score 2nd period.
\$25.00 Jason Cowles: R. Mills: W. Yakimetz.

23 Nov. \$10.00 Bill Boone: \$15.00 Mrs. M. McClure (Wpg): Eleanor Cowles:
\$25.00 Graham Dobson: Jan Morter.

We understand that there are still some pool tickets that have not been sold and have been given back to Harry Mills. These tickets will be available for a price at our next meeting on December 3rd. Come prepared to buy and let's help complete the yearly sales.

OUR NEXT MEETING - will be held on Tuesday December 3rd back at our regular luncheon location, the Mayfair Golf Club at 12.00 noon.

At press time we had been unable to determine what the program will be for the a/m meeting, however we do understand that John Ross is the Program Team Captain, ably assisted by Gerry Glassford.

With a dynamite duo of these two Gyros you can be sure they won't let us down. So grab your name plate, call a friend and bring him out to share Gyro with us.

Remember, not everyone is a Gyro but a lot more could become Gyros if we just work at it and share our friendship.

My space and time are used up so I won't keep you any longer.

I have always thought that it is alright to have a train of thought - provided you have a terminal.

Retread.

