

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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OUR LAST MEETING on December 3rd was back at the Mayfair Club. Despite the cold weather and poor driving conditions we had a good attendance of 35 (sans guests). It was great to have Harry Mills conducting "cheerio" in his usual enthusiastic way; followed by Padre Bill Graham with one of his special invocations.

President Merrill reviewed our club's activities since we last met at Mayfair on October 1st just to bring everyone up to date, and/or for the benefit of those who did not receive their Gyrologs.

Our planned program for today, as arranged by John Ross & Gerry Glassford, was to have been a speaker from the Salvation Army. Unfortunately a misunderstanding as to dates incurred and the Major was unable to attend.

Anyway John Ross gave us a good resumé about the Salvation Army and the good work they still provide which first started some 100 years ago. Their work is well known particularly at Christmas time and in 1990 helped a total of some 4700 people in Edmonton. Their "Christmas Kettles" are being manned again this year and their slogan is "Sharing is Caring", so let us all be generous in helping the Salvation Army to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Following this timely message, John Ross then proceeded to talk about and show a slide presentation on his hobby of Juke Boxes, which was very well done. We learned how over the years, this particular field of musical entertainment has developed; from a machine playing a single one-sided record to today's most sophisticated models that include compact discs. John has re-built & re-modeled several juke boxes over the years (Wurlitzer's etc.) and his interest and expertise is well known. President Merrill thanked John for his fine program.

CURL-A-RAMA - Mike Matei reported this annual event which was held this past week end, was very successful. The total attendance was 119 Gyros & guests, including a rink from Vernon from District IV. Our club members included Mike Matei, Merrill Morstad, Marty Larson, Ed Edlund, Larry Dobson, John Ross and Gord Rennie. In addition Merrill brought a guest Owen Cornish, who found himself a member of the rink from Saskatoon. Thanks Owen for making the trip, we hope we see more of you.

As luck/skill would have it, the Edmonton area clubs ended up with the lion's share of the trophies. ~~Mike Matei (skip) with Merrill Morstad, Larry Dobson & John Ross, edged out Grand Forks in the "A" event; with Sherwood Park taking "C" and Crossroads the "D" honours.~~

Apart from the curling, perhaps the highlight of the meet was the entertainment that was provided on Saturday evening by Chuck Rose, a professional guitarist and singer who gave an excellent performance. This kind of entertainment added a new dimension to the Saturday festivities.

No undertaking can prove successful without some people working hard, planning and arranging an event such as curl-a-rama. Consequently our congratulations and thanks to the Calgary Gyro Club curling committee; viz, Fred Gossett, Ted Fraser, Alan Campbell & Bill Warrack, for their good work. Speaking of Bill Warrack - he still insists that Harry Mills is the luckiest curler he has ever played against - and he missed him!

HEALTH & WELFARE - Bert Boren reported that Mort Morter had been hospitalized for some surgery, but was home again and coming along O.K. Garry Diment had been sick, but was at the meeting and feeling better. On Tuesday evening, the editor received a 'phone call from John Halford, to say that he & Marion had been unable to leave for their winter home, because Marion was in the Wetaskiwin hospital recovering from a hip replacement and an eye operation. We were sorry to learn about Marion's problems but we hope she will soon be well enough to travel south and fully recuperate in warmer climes. Thanks for calling John, our best wishes to you.

BIRTHDAYS - greetings were extended to Tony Sheppard who will be celebrating another special day on December 6th. On that same date, Dick Mandlis will likewise be the centre of attention. We hope you both had a great day!

A DATE TO REMEMBER - VALENTINES PARTY - the following information was provided by co-editor Allan Douglas, and is presented verbatim:- Ed Edlund is the head of the team planning the Valentines Party for next February 14th, which will fall on a Friday in 1992.

On Thursday November 28, the Edlunds' and the Douglas' (Elaine is the Gyrette President), attended the dinner show at CELEBRATIONS - known as the best kept secret in Edmonton. They saw a terrific show related to the current location of ELVIS that was a lot of fun and included audience participation. The huge buffet meal was also excellent and they actually have a hip of beef that gives you a choice of well, medium or rare (rather than the usual well, well or well).

Mr. Edlund has booked for Valentines and we need to confirm our numbers by the end of December. The show will be Knaughty Knights which will answer the musical question, "what happens when 60's Rock 'n' Rollers get transported mystically in time?". Will they turn the medieval world on the Beatles???. Sign up and come out for a lot of fun!!!

ON THE DISTRICT VIII SCENE - we were recently reminded by D-8 Governor Norm Billington about the D-8 Interim Meeting to be held on 22-23 March 1992 at Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C. Our club needs to be well represented at this important meeting; led no doubt by some of our hard working officers and directors.

SUN, FUN AND YOU IN '92! - is the Grand Forks Gyro Club's slogan for the District 8 Convention at Grand Forks, B.C. on July 23-24-25-26, 1992. You won't want to miss this fun group. More information to follow later. Meanwhile plan on attending.

GYRO INTERNATIONAL - the 1992 Gyro International Interim & Leadership Conference will be held on 23-26 January 1992 at the Viccount Hotel in Tuscon, Arizona. The information about this meeting appears on the inside cover of the Gyroscope Magazine dated Aug-Sep-Nov-1991.

ANOTHER GYRO INTERNATIONAL REMINDER - the Gyro International & District IV Conventions will be held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada on 14-17 July 1992. No doubt a lot of you have already sent in your registrations for the "early bird draw", - but if not you still may be in time to catch the deadline. IN ANY EVENT - PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS - our club has a particularly happy obligation for a strong turnout - and you know why! (I don't want to use his name just in case in the meantime he gets black-balled!)

CLUB ROSTER CHANGE - please amend your membership roster as follows:- Roy Bennett's home address is 14911-84th Avenue Edmonton, AB. T5R 3X6

Effective 2 January 1992, Richard (Dick) Mandlis is changing his business location (Park West Jewellers) to Longstreet, 11411-101 Avenue Edmonton, A.B. T5K 2S2. Phone numbers 429-1390 and 429-1392. (Gyro Int'l Secy#Treas Robert. R. Gibson, please note the above changes on your Gyroscope Magazine mailing list. Thanks.

HOCKEY POOL WINNERS on 30 November - \$10.00 Bob Paley: Gord Rennie: \$15.00 James Walker and Ivy Rennie: \$25.00 Barbara Leigh: Edna Lawton and Jessie Edgar. (23 Nov) \$10.00 Tony Sheppard.

7 December: \$10.00 Alex Rennie: Hennig Brendal: Barry Walker. \$15.00 & \$25.00 (same score for (second & third periods) Elaine Tomniuk and Norma Treacy.

Harry and Ruby Mills wish to sincerely thank everyone for helping to distribute and sell the hockey pool tickets to complete this year's sales.

The story goes that all his life, a dignified English barrister-widower of considerable means, had dreamed of playing a famous golf course in Norfolk. One day he made up his mind to chance it, although he was well aware that the club was a most exclusive one.

He applied, but when it was determined that he was neither a member or a guest of a member, he was turned away.

As he was about to leave, he spotted a slightly familiar figure in the lounge. "I beg your pardon Your Lordship", the lawyer ventured, "but my name is Chapman of the London firm of Chapman and Parks". "I would like to ask you a huge favor. Might I play this delightful golf course as your guest?"

His Lordship put down his paper and asked - "Church?" - "Church of England, Sir". "Education?" "Eton, sir and Oxford". "Athletics?" - "Rugby, Your Lordship, and rowed four on the crew that beat Cambridge". "Military?" "Coldstream Guards, Victoria, sir". "Campaigns?" - "Dunkirk, El Alamein, Normandy".

His Lordship considered briefly, then nodded to the Club Secretary and said, "Nine Holes".

VOX POP - Temper gets you into trouble. Pride keeps you there. (Allan Ursulak)

If everything seems to be coming your way, probably you're in the wrong lane. (Allan Douglas)

FLASH - OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY held on 7 December at the Faculty Club was another great success, which was planned and organized by Mike & Sharon Matei, ably assisted by John & Helen Ross. The opening "mixer" was in the form of a questionnaire, containing some unique information about each person present. Everyone received a card containing 5 questions from which you had to try and identify each person to whom the question referred, which resulted in everyone becoming involved.

After dinner each questionnaire was read by Mike Matei, who then called on each person involved to explain their situation. This resulted in some hilarious anecdotes as well as some interesting but unknown facts about everyone.

More fun followed with a game involving identification and qualification requirements, with the last person on the list winning a prize. It was a real hoot!

President Merrill Morstad felt left out when he didn't get any desert - until they came in with a birthday cake and we celebrated his big day on December 7th. May you enjoy many more.

OUR SINCERE THANKS to Mike & Sharon Matei, John & Helen Ross for their hard work & innovative ideas, which made the Christmas party so enjoyable.

#### OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be held at Mayfair at 12.00 noon on December 17th. This is the time of the year that Padre Bill Graham gives his annual Christmas message; however this time he has invited his good friend Reverend Gordon Cann of McDougall United Church to speak to us. Let's share Gyro with him through a good attendance. Come out & bring a friend.

It's our last meeting before Christmas so let's be there to wish our friends a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. (retread)

