



THE GYROLOG THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

President

John Plunkett
Res. 435-7011

JULY 2008

1st Vice-President

Leon Lubin
Res. 454-9712

Those celebrating their birthdays in July are **John Mann** on the 2nd, **Tom Chambers** on the 7th and **Leon Lubin** on the 18th.

2nd Vice-President

Bill Taylor
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The July wedding anniversaries are **Gordon and Eleanor Robertson**, 59 years on the 9th; **Barry and Valerie Walker**, 38 years on the 11th; **Bryce and Florrie Van Dusen**, 68 years on the 13th; **Jack and Joyce Brown**, 8 years on the 15th and **John and Mim-Bertsch Mann**, 8 years on the 28th.

Imm.Past President

Jack Brown
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President John Plunkett welcomed 33 Gyro's and four guests to the July 8th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Cheerio was led by **Leon Lubin** and the grace was presented by **David Burnett**.

Treasurer

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Jack Brown introduced his guest **Ken Willan**; **Allan Warrack** his guest **John Boyd**, **Dick Nichols** his guest **Alex Djukic** from Australia and **Walter Yakimets** introduced his son **Stephen Yakimets**.

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Gord Robertson was recognized by all members present for his long-standing service in arranging for the duplication and mailing of the *Gyrolog* to those members that do not have access to the internet.

Gyrolog Editor

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Past District Governor Gerry Glassford undertook the induction of our newest member, **Ken Bowes**. **Ken** is a Saskatchewan native and is a semi-retired surgeon who still does locums in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. **Ken's** sponsor, **Ron Ramsey** provided a new members pin. **Ken** then made the traditional rounds to be welcomed into the club by each member present.



Marty Larson introduced our guest speaker, **Walter Yakimets**. **Walter** was born on a farm in the Redwater area and took his medical training at the University of Alberta. He and his wife **Kay** moved to New Zealand where **Walter** completed his post-graduate work. **Walter** returned to Canada and was a well-known instructor at the U. of A. and has also traveled to various other countries to instruct.

Walter has recently returned from a trip to the tip of South America where he visited the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the continent of Antarctica. The trip from Edmonton involved a flight to Houston, Texas; Buenos Aires, Argentina and Tierra del Fuego. The former cruise ship, the **Island Princess** and renamed the **Discovery** was used to transport a maximum of 400 passengers. The number of passengers is limited to prevent the overloading of the local environment and accommodation services. The first stop on the cruise was the Falklands Islands where 1500 British residents still make a living with various agricultural activities.

The group then traveled 1287kms to the island of South Georgia which is also a British possession. Whaling stations were very prevalent on South Georgia in the early 1900's.

The weather is very unpredictable in this region and many times the itinerary was adjusted due to foggy and low cloud conditions. The continent of Antarctica is 14 million square kilometers, is very dry and is one of the coldest places on earth. In comparison, Canada is 10 million square kilometers in size. The maximum thickness of ice is 4700 metres. There are presently 40 research stations on Antarctica and seven countries have laid claim to various portions of the continent. Walter provided numerous images of the Antarctic, including mountains, seas, ice bergs and ice shelves along with the prerequisite pictures of penguin colonies.

Gerry Glassford thanked Walter for his very informative talk and to Stephen Yakimets for the power point presentation.

The free lunch draw was won by **Bill Taylor**.

The **Annual Gyro/Gyrette Golf Tournament** was held at the **Legends Golf Course** on the afternoon of July 22nd. Twenty-seven Gyro's/Gyrettes and their guests played nine holes of golf using a Texas scramble format. The golf was followed by a steak barbeque attended by 39 Gyro's/Gyrettes and guests.

The most honest golfer's award was presented to the team of **Kay Yakimets, Beth Siegel and Marty Larson**. The award for the most motorized golf carts (3) went to the foursome of **John Plunkett, Bill Taylor, Ernie Siegel and Jill Hastings**. The award for even par of 36 went to **Chuck Gerhart, Joyce Brown and Georgina Plunkett**. Eight honest golfers signed up for completing water shots on Hole no. 1; **Myrna Gerhart** was the lucky draw winner. **Larry ("Ringer") Dobson** won the awards for longest men's drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. The ladies longest drive award was won by **Shirley Larson** and the longest putt was awarded to **Marie Losier**. Team # 5, consisting of **Bruce Foy, Ken Willan and Fred Schulte** won the closest to the pin after the second shot award on Hole #4.

Thanks to the team of **Valerie and Barry Walker, Janet and Roger Russell** for undertaking a very enjoyable and successful event.

Note from the Gyrettes

Several ladies have expressed interest in hosting a **Gyrette Golf Tournament**. If any Gyrette is interested, please consider (1) Mid-week, late August or 1st week in September; (2) 9 or 18 holes? (3) Regular golf or Texas Scramble?

Please indicate your interest by phone or e-mail to:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

District VIII Convention August 7-10, 2008

Prestige Lakeside Resort and Convention Centre

Nelson, British Columbia

Phone: 1-877-737-8443

There will be no luncheon meeting on August 5th.

Regular Noon Luncheon Meeting, August 19th

Speaker: **Ron Gilbertson, President and CEO, Edmonton Economic Development Corporation**

Team Leader: **Val Pohl**

Mixed Gyro/Gyrette and Family Event, Tuesday, September 2nd

Royal Alberta Museum Tour

Agenda: 10:30 to 11:30 am, one half of group tours the Wild Alberta Gallery, the other half tours the Aboriginal Gallery.

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, LUNCH, Lasagne with salad, bread and refreshment

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Tours of the above galleries are reversed.

Cost: \$25 per adult and \$15 per child under 18 years payable to the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

This is one of the few events that are suitable for children/grandchildren. Bring a guest as well!

Contact: **Leon Lubin** at 454-9712 or **Jack Brown** at 434-0392 for more information or reservations.

Mixed Gyro/Gyrette Bocce Event, Tuesday Evening September 16th

Bocce and Dinner

Italian Canadian Seniors Association

9111- 110 Avenue (near Commonwealth Stadium)

Cost: Aprox. \$25 per person

Contact: **Barry Walker**

Gyro Northlands Races, Sunday afternoon, September 28th

Cost: \$36 per person for prime rib dinner.

Contact: **Val Pohl**

District VIII GYRO Curlarama, Friday, Nov. 7th to Sunday, Nov. 9th

Banff, Alberta

Sponsored by the Stampede City Gyro Club

Included in your registration fee will be something for everyone.

- 2 days curling, no experience necessary
- Drinks and Dinner Friday night
- 2 days Breakfast and Dinner Saturday
- Pub crawl in Banff
- Dart Tournament
- Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament

Contact: **Dale Green** dale@dalegreen.com