

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
P.O. BOX 92 — EDMONTON — ALBERTA
T5J 2G9

January 16, 1980

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 1980, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12:15 p.m. This is a special meeting to honor Nelles Buchanan, whose birthday is January 23. Nelles is the only charter member of the Edmonton Gyro Club who is still on the roster. Let's have a full attendance of members to pay tribute to a remarkable man, Nelles Victor Buchanan, soldier, lawyer, sportsman, Chief District Court Judge, church man, hospital administrator, and outstanding Gyro.

BIRTHDAYS

Nelles Buchanan	January 23
Bob Sheldon	January 23
Bryce Van Dusen	February 5

In the words of Fred Astaire "Growing older is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young."

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A note of thanks was received from Harold and Gay Rutherford for the assistance received this past year.
2. A note from George MacDonald, 1979 Chairman of the United Way, was read, expressing thanks for a donation made by the Edmonton Gyro Club Curlers.
3. Ronald J. Carter, Chairman 1979 Curl-A-Rama, expressed his thanks to the curlers who attended this Bonspiel.

SICK & VISITING

Bill Robinson reported that Cyril Cormick had suffered a nasty fall but was now recovering. Jim Wright's eyesight is improving slowly. He enjoys having visitors drop in and pass the time of day. Tommy Douglas stated that he had spent a pleasant afternoon with Jim discussing flying in general and aircraft past and present. He (Jim) hopes to be able to attend the noon meetings soon.

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES

Game No. 10, January 5, 1980

10.00	Ticket No. 14	Lawrence Richler
	Ticket No. 153	Neil McKernan
15.00	Ticket No. 17	Andy Carabott
	Ticket No. 156	Dan Lawton
25.00	Ticket No. 27	John Harvey
	Ticket No. 166	F. Jarvis

Game No. 11, January 12, 1980

10.00	Ticket No. 97	Russ Carter
	Ticket No. 158	Adam Letawsky
15.00	Ticket No. 18	B. Anderson
	Ticket No. 179	Beth Siegel
25.00	Ticket No. 28	J. L. Picard

THIS WEEK

King for a Day - Murray Pawling, for his long and distinguished service as Club Treasurer was elected President for the Day, and took over the gavel from President Ernie. He called upon Don Millar to introduce his guest Bill Gutierrez. Bill Warrack and Jack Jones of Calgary were also welcomed as visitors. Bryce Van Dusen brought greetings from Russ Carter. The important business of the day was the induction of two new members, Al McClure and Allan Warrack, and the presentation of an Honorary Membership Certificate to Jack Jones, a one time member of the Edmonton Gyro Club and Immediate Past District VIII Governor.

(over)

Harry Mills presented Al McClure for membership. Al, he said, grew up in Winnipeg and on completing his formal education found employment in the grain business. Later he joined the Toronto Type and Printing Supplies Company and then established himself with a printing and publishing house. When this family business was sold, he moved to Edmonton where he founded his own business, Ring Binder and Vinyl Products (Western) Ltd. Incidentally, Al will be a valuable addition to the golf fraternity here, having served his apprenticeship with the Niakwa Golf and Country Club of Winnipeg. Chuck Jenion proposed, and Harry Mills seconded Al McClure for membership.

Allan Warrack was introduced by his close friend and neighbor, Marty Larson. Their paths crossed many years ago when Allan was a member of the Standard (Alberta) Baseball Club of which Mr. Larson Sr. (Marty's father) was manager. It's unfortunate but this item ~~never did make the columns of the (St. Louis) Sporting News. Allan Warrack has been active~~ in both the academic and political fields. Following post-graduate work at the University of Iowa, he joined the staff of the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Agriculture. In 1971 he was elected to the Alberta Legislature and served the province first, as Minister of Lands and Forests and later as Minister of Telephones. This past year he returned to his first love, the University of Alberta, as Professor of Agricultural Economics. Allan was proposed by Gordon Rennie and seconded by Marty Larson. Gordon Rennie then inducted our two new members and presented them with their Gyro Kits.

Ernie Siegel introduced Immediate Past Governor, Jack Jones. He stated that Jack spent his formative years in Biggar, Saskatchewan and eventually made his way to Edmonton by way of Camrose. He joined the Edmonton Gyro Club in 1956 and a year later he moved to Calgary. He served as President of the Calgary Gyro Club in 1967-68 and as District VIII Governor in 1979. Jack has been a tower of strength to Gyro over the years and has become an institution almost in his community. For over 20 years he was Santa Claus to this Gyro Club and the Calgary Fire Department. We wish him many more years of success.

Ernie then presented the Certificate of Honorary Membership to which Jack made ^a suitable reply of appreciation and thanks.

It would have been a glaring omission had Bill Warrack not been asked to say a few words ~~after having come that extra mile. He congratulated the candidates on their induction~~ into Gyro, expressed pleasure at the recognition of Jack Jones's contribution to Gyro, but he was noticeably shaken when he realized how strong these two additions would make the Edmonton Gyro Club Golf contingent. We'll know next June, Bill, how good these guys are.

And as you read those ubiquitous signs in all the stores remember the words of Leo Rosten: "God may help those who help themselves, but the courts are rough as hell on shoplifters."

Gyjim

RESIGNATIONS

1. Chuck Jenion has been transferred to Winnipeg. We wish him and Pat the best of success in their new (former?) home. We shall all miss Chuck and Pat as they were very active and enthusiastic club members. He plans to continue his Gyro affiliation by rejoining the Winnipeg Club.
2. Mike Power, because his business keeps him away from the city more than half his time, has found it necessary to relinquish his membership. Perhaps, Mike, sometime in the future will find business less pressing and will rejoin the Club.

BRIDGE CLUB

Bert and Ellen Boren are replacing Chuck and Pat Jenion as Bridge Club Convenors, and Dan and Edna Lawton are taking their place on the Bridge Club Roster.

THIS WEEK

The following guests were introduced:

Ken Crockett by Gordon Rennie; Wilf Robertson by Harry Mills; Jim Hollands by Jack Agnew; Bill Graham by Jess Bigelow; Sandy Milligan, Emory Wood, Frank Newson, Art Westworth and Ted Brown by Ernie Siegel.

President Ernie then warmly welcomed members Al Ernst and George Tweed, who, while not quite strangers, had not been to a luncheon meeting for some time. We hope to see them out more frequently now that they have broken the ice so to speak.

Too, it was good to see Jim Wright back after a lengthy illness.

Following these preliminaries the President turned the meeting over to Gordon Rennie who explained that this was a special meeting to honor Nelles Buchanan, on the occasion of his birthday which would fall on the morrow. Nelles is the only remaining Charter Member, still associated directly with the Edmonton Gyro Club.

Following a brief outline of our honored guest's distinguished career, Gordon asked Bill Muir to say a few words. Bill stated that he had known Nelles as a friend of long standing starting when they were battery mates (this is not baseball) during World War I.

On his return to civilian life, Nelles took legal training, was admitted to the Alberta Bar, and later became solicitor for Hook Signs Ltd., Bill's firm, and not too long afterwards was appointed a District Court Judge. Horace Johnstone was then appointed Hook Signs' solicitor, and he too, was elevated to the Bench. So you fledgling lawyers who want to ascend to the higher echelons of your profession can do no better than become associated with Hook Signs.

Bill described Judge Buchanan as a man of firm and enduring principles. He had a deep respect for the English language and insisted that his family speak coherently, read widely, and write precisely.

He had little patience with chairmen who allowed meetings to wander aimlessly at great length and was not averse to outlining, rather pointedly the proper procedure.

Nelles, said the speaker, was a great supporter of education, a strong believer in his church, and a forceful personality in hospital administration.

The friendship of the two families is of long standing. The Muirs are still

known to the Buchanans as Aunt Bess and Uncle Bill.

Stan Smith, another veteran member of the Club, was particularly happy to say a few words on this occasion. He had just learned, he said, the identity of the two guys, who with him, had won World War I. He described Nelles as a man of high principles, sound judgement, and wide accomplishments. He knew no one who had a broader knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Procedure than Nelles; and presiding officers would quake with fear when they spotted him at a meeting.

Stan was particularly pleased that the guest of honor earlier in life might have been interested in politics but had never ascended to the inner councils of government. Had he done so he might have been influential enough to bring in a budget worse than that of John Crosbie, with taxes on liquor and tobacco out of sight.