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President Allan called our Mayfair noon meeting to order on Jan. 21st. **Bill Agnew** "remembered the words" and lead our Cherrio. As a tribute to Robbie Burns, the immortal Scots bard whose birthday was to be celebrated on Jan. 25th, **Rev Bill Graham** gave us a Scottish blessing followed by an irreverant story of that same Scot when he arrived at the Pearly Gates (censorship and good decorum will not permit us to reproduce the bawdy details here - moreover, our editor-in-chief made it clear that since this issue of the "Log was to go to our extended mailing list his fine reputation was not to be besmeerched by a trio of Owen-come-latelies who produce the bi-monthly edition.) 'Still 'twas a fine tale you spun for us, **Bill**.

Allan Warrack introduced his guest, son **Jim** from Hawaii. **Allan** told us that when he had called **Jim** a week or so ago that the temperature was the same here in Edmonton as it was on Hawaii - 29 degrees. There was , however, a small matter of a +/- sign that differentiated the two readings. **Roger Russell's** guest was **Bruce Foy** who, according to **Roger** is under the scrutiny of the "black ball committee". We wish you well, **Bruce**.

An interesting story circulated at the meeting about "potato heads". For a paltry \$35,000 the PGA (the affluent Professional Golf Association) bought the Internet rights on the WWW for the acronym **PGA** from the Potato Growers of Alberta. Quite a bargain.

John Plunkett reported a lively Bowling Night, a small profit and two unassigned bottles of wine which will now be relegated to the summer golf scramble for prizes. Of the nineteen people attending, **Allan Douglas, John Plunkett, Jean Warrack, Ellen Edwards, and Pat Rasko** were declared the Bingo champions.

Gyrette Marion Connauton is recovering from a small stroke and hopes to be in attendance at our Valentine meeting. Out best wishes to you, **Marion**.

Our **Dave Duchak** was welcomed back, whereupon he promptly included his own name in announcing the hockey pool winners. Other winners are:

GYRO HOCKEY POOL

DATE Jan 11 TEAMS Colorado (3) at Toronto (2) DATE Jan 18 TEAMS East (11) at West (7)

FIRST PERIOD Cameron Clement
(\$10.00) Terrie Ellis

Aaron Bossenberry
The Chris Welch Children

SECOND PERIOD Rick Connors
(\$15.00) Jessie Spencer

Debbie Lawton
Mike Matei

FINAL SCORE Craig Russell
(\$25.00) David Duchak

Crystal Lawton
Richard Wear

BUSINESS MEETING

A lively business meeting followed **Ed Edlund's** report from the Ways and Means Committee on the matter of how to deal with the Club's assets that have accrued in the General, Benevolent, and Convention funds. Time ran out before we had exhausted ideas and comments from club members. As a consequence there was a unanimous vote in support of the idea that we return to this important question on February 18th. Printed materials on existing policies on travel subsidies, etc. will be generated and circulated together with the recommendations created by the Ways and Means Committee.

S.O.S.

(ACRONYM FOR SCRIBE OWEN SPEAKS)

Six years ago the late **Merrill Morstad** introduced me to the Gyro Club of Edmonton via a noon meeting and the Banff Curlarama. **Merrill** quietly pointed out Gyros are unique in that one didn't join Gyros to enhance one's business career. Nor was our club heavily involved in charity or service work. The only real requirements were that you attend as many of our functions as was convenient for you. What was important was your steadfast resolve to promote the Gyro concept of friendship.

I became a member the following year and although Gyro will never be a holy grail, I treasure the camaraderie I enjoy with fellow Gyros and particularly my own club members. We are now between two business meetings faced with the problem (Problem? - a problem, then, most organizations would enjoy confronting) of deciding the fate of a substantial sum of monies that the club has accumulated over the years in various funds. I regret I shall miss the February 18th business meeting. In my absence, I ask that in your deliberations you each remember the earnest efforts that your Executive and Ways and Means Committees have made to follow your instructions. We have been blest to live our lives in a democratic society where we may not agree with each other but still have respect for different points of view.

I would most surprised if a unanimous result occurs. I would be most saddened if the decision (s) made caused a rift in the club, or (the worst possible scenario) if a loss of even one member resulted from the deliberations.

Godspeed and good luck, gentlemen. From your nosy reporter. **Owen**

AUGUST GOLF SCRAMBLE/BBQ

For the past several years **Owen Cornish** and his extemporaneous committee

have brilliantly operated our Golf Scramble/BBQ. Unfortunately **Owen** will NOT be available to run the Scramble and the following BBQ this August and the Executive Committee is seeking an individual or a small team of club members to undertake this task for 1997. Are there any among us who would be willing to volunteer to do the organizing for this special part of our social calendar? **Owen** has left a very good list of actions that provide clear directions. If you would like to serve the club in this capacity, please call **Allan Douglas** at 436-5903).

A very special vote of appreciation to Owen Cornish and those who so ably helped him to create the annual Scramble/BBQ. It has been an annual highlight of the Edmonton Gyro Club. We all appreciate your efforts on our behalf, **Owen**. Have a wonderful winter trip to the southern climes. Send us a card so that we can share the trip vicariously.

A VALENTINE'S EVENT

We are planning a combined Gyrette and Gyro Valentine luncheon for February 12th. This special tribute to love and companionship will be held at 12:00 noon in the Mayfair Gold and Country Club and the organizers will be in touch with everyone over the course of the next week or two in order to establish attendance. We expect the cost for the lunch and associated elements to be \$15.00 per person. If you wish more information or have suggestions for the party, call **Allan Douglas** at 436-5903 or **Gerry Glassford** at 430-7108. Those who need a ride are asked to make their request known so that we can make appropriate arrangements. As we approach this celebration of love, the words of Emmet Fox take on a special meaning: "There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no disease that enough love will not heal; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love will not bridge; no wall that enough love will not throw down; no sin that enough love will not redeem...." If we can love enough we will be the happiest and most powerful beings in the world. Plan to come and share this celebration of love.

COMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 4th | Tuesday Luncheon - Mayfair Golf and Country Club |
| Feb. 12th | Valentine's Party - a special Gyrette and Gyro Luncheon at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Call Gerry Glassford (430-7108) or Allan Douglas (436-5903) for information. |
| Feb. 18th | Tuesday Luncheon - Mayfield Golf and Country Club
This will be a second business meeting to continue the work started last Tuesday. |

March 3rd	Mark your calendars, Bocci lovers. Contact person is Jack Ellis (435-2349)
March 14th to 16th	District VIII Interim Meeting at Fairmont.
May 3rd	Quad Club Installation (tentative date)
June 5th	Golf and BBQ at the Red Deer Golf Club
July 15-20th	International and District I Convention - Holiday Inn Lakeside, Cleveland, Ohio (see Gyroscope for more detailed information).
August 7-10th	District VIII Convention, Nelson, B.C.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES FROM YOUR GYRO SCRIBE

Last "log we began a list of wishes for the new year. space limitations prevented us from completing that list so, as promised, the balance of our wishes, gentlemen.

- Vern Sadd: That people continue to remember that family life is a wonderful thing, always made more so when we work to insure our futures together.
- Tony Sheppard: May the name Sheppard continue to be associated with the name Edmonton - this is a succession of importance.
- Ernie Siegel: May the wine-making gods continue to bless me.
- Boyd Slavik: May I finally find a diet that works.
- John Stroppa: To be even more vigilant when dealing with these Gyro money-changers.
- Fred Schulte: To find the answer to this puzzling riddle: "How did John Ross ever get involved with this lot?"
- Allan Ursulak: To present plans for a lock-up to contain the more boisterous ones.
- Bryce Van Dusen: To try to be enthusiastic about leaving Arizona to come back for Edmonton's three days of summer.
- Barry Walker: To do something special with this wardrobe of costumes I wore as Gyro president.
- Allan Warrack: To not heckle Marty's long speeches quite so much.
- Larry Wang: That I finally find the clues that will let me find the way to the Lost Gyro Club of Edmonton
- John Tartar: To find that 37 ft. C & C which will let Joyce and I sail to Catalina Island and miss these "dog days of January".
- Walter Yakimets: "I hope I've done the right thing - some of these folks are even worse than Larson."



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