



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Jack Bowen, 70 years** on the 1st, **Ray Dallaire** on the 16th, **Martin Marshall** on the 17th and **Leon Lubin** on the 18th.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Ken and Arden Korchinski**, 59 years on the 11th; **Barry and Valerie Walker**, 53 years on the 11th and **Jack and Joyce Brown**, 23 years on the 15th.

President Jack Bowen welcomed 18 Gyros and one guest to the July 4th luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club.

President Jack welcomed his guest, **Stanley Miller**.

Larry Dobson led the singing of Cheerio and **President Bowen** presented the Grace.

Our scheduled speaker was unable to attend and **Ray Dallaire** stepped up and presented his life work story.

He graduated from Grade 12 with a desire to be an engineer and decided to upgrade his math skills at Alberta College. Ray had worked summers for a large construction equipment company, Alberta Tractor Parts and wanted to continue working in the construction industry.

At age 23, Ray was introduced by a friend to **Investors Syndicate**. He was offered a job, took courses and exams while still working for Alberta Tractor Parts in the late 1970's. By June of 1982, Ray had finished training with Investors but had to wait until August when he turned 25 to receive his licence.

In 1986, he moved to Vancouver as a manager, recruiter, and trainer. He moved back to Edmonton in 1990 as Regional Director and by 1997, he was managing a million dollars of accounts. Ray then moved to Winnipeg as Senior Vice-President which included attending business school in Pennsylvania. He was initially responsible for Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba and then responsibility for Quebec was added. Atlantic Canada was added, and Ray and his family still lived in Winnipeg.

As a Senior VP, Ray had no line authority but was responsible for all decisions in several areas including recruiting and advertising. Advertising involved the use of focus groups to gauge their reactions to ads. The marketing people watched the reactions of the focus groups and this process required thousands of hours to develop one ad.

During this time, he averaged 300 flights per year while maintaining his residence in Winnipeg.

By 2005, Ray decided he wanted a new job and he moved to Edmonton with Investors Group. At this time branches were owned by the Managers. Ray became a Regional Director and thoroughly enjoyed his new role. The end of his 35-year career with Investors came in 2017 when he was forced to retire.

Editors note: We were fortunate in the fall of 2014 when **Jack Little** sponsored Ray and **Marty Larson** inducted him into our club at the December Christmas party.

The Free Lunch winner was **Peter Carter**.

President Jack closed the meeting with the following:

Laughing at your own mistakes could lengthen your life, laughing at your wife's mistakes could shorten it.



John Jamieson Boyd

1940-2023

John died peacefully at home with his family by his side. Originally from Glasgow Scotland, he came to Edmonton in 1972 where he practiced Obstetrics at the University of Alberta hospital. When not helping babies into the world he was passionate about golf, playing double bass, and spending time with his many friends and family. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 55 years, Marion; sons, Alan (Clare) and Scott (Christa); his daughter, Susan (Alex Legg); and his grandchildren, Jack, Kate, and Alex.

A Memorial will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, **August 25, 2023**, at the Derrick Club, 3500 119 Street NW, Edmonton, AB, T6J 5P5.

Memorial donations may be made in John's name to [Pilgrims Hospice Society](#), 9808 148 Street, Edmonton, AB, T6N 3E8.

John Boyd was sponsored by **Alan Warrack** and was inducted into the Gyro Club of Edmonton on **November 18, 2008**, by Past District Governor, Gerry Glassford. He served as President in 2012-13.

John was born in Scotland and his father operated a bed-making company. The family motto was “all of life’s important events take place in bed.” John was Glasgow educated including his medical degree. He then emigrated to Winnipeg and continued his medical training for a year and then moved on to Jamaica. He then moved back to Birmingham, England. Ultimately John and his wife Marion settled in Edmonton and worked with **Walter Yakimets** and **Jack Brown** at the University of Alberta Hospital.

He enjoyed playing the base fiddle and telling many Scottish jokes. He also spent countless hours restoring an antique automobile in his garage and carving a new horse for the restored merry-go-round at Fort Edmonton Park.

He was a unique character and will be greatly missed!



Jack Brown

Warren Garbutt

John Boyd

100th Edmonton Gyro Club Anniversary July 29, 2021

Lt. Governor, Dunc Mills played an introductory tune on the xylophone and **President Jack Bowen** welcomed 17 Gyros and our guest speaker to the July 18th luncheon meeting held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club. **Len Evenson** led the singing of *Cheerio* and President Jack gave the Grace.

Bruce Foy introduced our speaker, **Chris Jass, Curator, Royal Alberta Museum.**

Chris obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Social Sciences from Black Hills State University in 1993, his Master's degree in Quaternary Sciences from Northern Arizona University in 2000 and then his PhD from the University of Texas in Austin. His working career included four years as a Natural History Interpreter at Mammoth Site of Hot Springs in South Dakota and six months as a Scientific Research Associate at the University of Texas. In July 2008, Chris joined the Royal Alberta Museum as Curator. Chris is married and has two children who are attending the University of Alberta and Grant McEwan University.

Chris started his presentation by indicating that mammoths, mastodons, and short-faced bears existed in the Pleistocene epoch (2.6 million –10,000 years ago) across much of Canada and the Northern United States. During the **Ice-Age**, glaciers moved across much of Canada and this movement likely erode away much of the fossil record of large, extinct Ice-Age mammals.

Where do we go to find evidence? In 2009, we initiated an ongoing, long-term research project that focuses on exploration of **fossil-bearing cave deposits in Jasper National Park**. We were interested in understanding patterns of mammalian re-colonization of mountainous regions following *late Pleistocene deglaciation (129,000-11,700 years ago.)*

***The Royal Alberta Museum (RAM)** houses the largest collection of Quaternary (Ice Age) fossils in Alberta. During the past 30 years the Ram's Quaternary Palaeontology program has worked to foster a cooperative relationship with gravel operations across the province. In Alberta, Ice Age fossils are often buried in the large volumes of sand and gravel that are of interest to the aggregate industry. Industry activities in the form of large-scale excavations expose Ice Age fossils, and the recovery of those fossils for the benefit of the public is dependent on the cooperation and attention of the sand and gravel industry.*

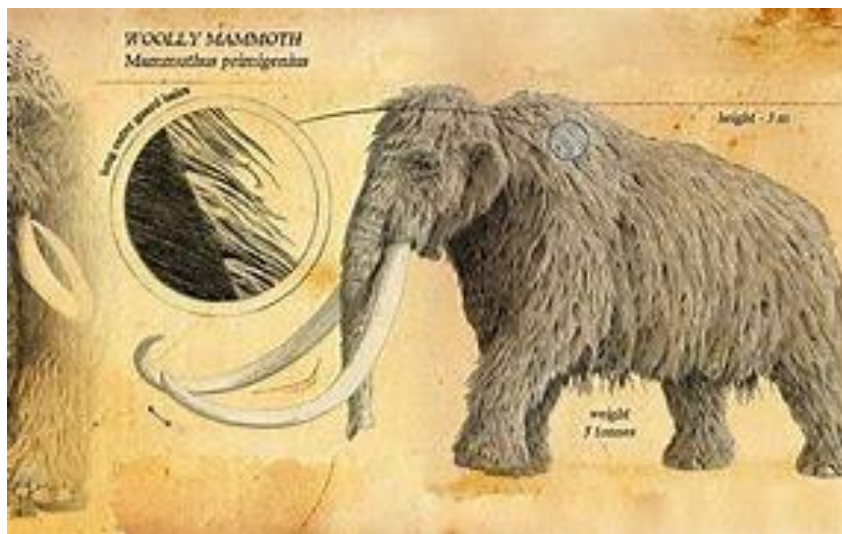
Thirty to forty percent of our fossils come from **sand and gravel pits**. A great example was an operation in the Edmonton area: A fellow named Gene worked on the shaker deck pulling out clay balls and then fossils. He has provided 5 to 6,000 fossil specimens to our museum. In an ideal world you would like to find fossil specimens intact in their natural state, but without cooperation with sand and gravel operators we would have much less fossil specimen evidence. Industry is a really important partner!

Doug, a sand and gravel operator in Medicine Hat provided us with a Tundra Muskoxen skull. The Clover Bar area in Northeast Edmonton has also been a great source of fossils.

A couple of new **Mastodons** have been recently discovered. An **Ice-Age Steppe Bison skull** was found in the Fort Saskatchewan area. The person who had the skull in their farm yard was initially reluctant to give it up. There were as an initial concern with legal issues for keeping it. Ultimately the owner donated it to our museum. Radio carbon dating by our Museum determined that that the skull was post Ice-Age.

Fossil specimens are now being found in lake beds. **Red, a Cold Lake scuba diver** has found a 10,000-year-old bison skull at the bottom of the lake. Fossil skulls 3-4,000 years old have also been found in **Lac la Biche** and **North Buck Lake**.

In southern Alberta, **Wally's Beach on St. Mary's Reservoir** has a big story to tell. There are preserved tracks of **Camels and Bison** in the muds of Walley's Beach from 10,000 years ago. There is also evidence of prehistoric human life that predates all of our known habitation knowledge. This habitation was likely unsuccessful.





Short-Faced Bear



Chris Jass

WHO DO THE FOSSILS FROM GRAVEL PITS BELONG TO?

Fossil resources are protected under the Historical Resources Act as Crown property and are part of our shared heritage as Albertans. Ultimately, they should come to the museum. All fossils in the province fall under the care of Alberta culture and tourism and are housed in museum collections (Royal Alberta Museum, Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology) or other approved collections (e.g. University of Alberta Laboratory for Vertebrate Palaeontology).

Fred Schulte thanked our speaker for a fascinating look at prehistoric fossil evidence in Alberta. Speaking for himself, we should all visit the **Royal Alberta Museum** in downtown, Edmonton!

Dunc Mills was the Free Lunch winner.

President Jack closed the meeting with: *Don't argue with idiots, they will drive you down to their ignorance.*

Fifteen Gyros and Gyrettes from the Edmonton Club travelled to Calgary to attend the **Gyro District VIII Annual Convention July 27-29**, at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino. It was a great opportunity for 73 Gyros and ladies to reconnect with new and old friends.

The **Men's Business Meeting** was held Friday morning with representatives of five of the 9 Clubs; Sherwood Park, Edmonton, Calgary, Stampede City, and Castlegar in attendance.

Gyro International President, Peter Carter reported that notwithstanding the ongoing loss of members across North America, **55** new, younger Gyro members have joined from January to June of 2023. Gyro International has also approved the change to their by-laws to only charge International dues to a maximum of 50 members in a Club.

Each of the five Club representatives provided information on their activities. The average age of members in four of the Clubs ranges from 75 to 80, while the **Wallace** club has a much younger member average of 61.8 years.

The **Edmonton Crossroads Gyro Club** no longer meets and wants to turn in their Charter. The Club was founded in 1957.

District VIII dues were approved at \$40 for 2023-24.

Ted Ewanchuk of the Sherwood Park Club has agreed to let his name stand for **Lt. Governor in 2023-24**.

The **Man Mile** Award was won by **Edmonton** and presented to **President Jack Bowen**. The **Membership** Award was won by **Wallace**, with four new members and the **Best Bulletin** Award was given to **Ken Baker, Editor of GyroLife, Calgary**.



Photo - Thor Jepsen

Dunc Mills presenting Best Bulletin Award to Ken Baker



Photo -Thor Jepsen

**Dale Woodroffe Fred Schulte Alan
Pentney**

***Gyro District VIII
Annual Convention
Governor's Banquet***

*Host : Gyro Club of Calgary
July 28, 2023*



<i>Governor</i>	<i>Dunc Mills</i>
<i>Lieutenant Governor</i>	<i>Ted Ewanchuk</i>
<i>Secretary Treasurer</i>	<i>Ken Baker</i>
<i>Immediate Past Governor</i>	<i>Ken Williamson</i>

A Fraternity of Friendship





Photo- Thor Jepsen

Gyro International President Peter Carter and Governor Dunc Mills



Group "B" Bocce Winners

Photo -Thor Jepsen

Shirley Larson Jack Bowen Mary Ann Woodroffe John L'Cuyer

For more photos taken by **Thor Jepsen**, Photographer and Webmaster, check out The Calgary Gyro Club website under “Gallery.”

Thanks To **Larry Fenton, Ken Baker, John L’Cuyer** and all the other hardworking members of the Calgary Gyro Club for hosting this first-class District Convention!

FIRST POSTING

Stanley (Stan) Miller has applied for membership in our Club. **Stan** is a Correctional Officer and he and his partner, **Deanna** reside in Edmonton. His email address is stan47miller@gmail.com
Jack Bowen and **Fred Schulte** propose him.

Dead batteries

How much more do we have to pay for something that only the wealthy and the woke want? Whatever the amount is, it’s too much because it’s all borrowed money. Forget Stellantis and VW. They can build in the U.S.A. or Mexico tomorrow and we get stiffed again once the subsidy is gone. What idiots run this comedy? The green electric boondoggle is an unaffordable losing proposition to Canada on every level. And who has considered what to do with the dead batteries and worn-out vehicles? It’s a predetermined sales con job and nothing more. At least if our government bought the shares and became an investor there would be something to show for this pending disaster. Time and time again, foolish decisions become business as usual for Canada. Those in power who are doing this to Canadians should be charged with assault and battery and given a terminal sentence in a dry cell.

Fast Fred

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, August 1st.

Speaker: Tim Spelliscy

Topic: Edmonton Oilers Early Days.

Team Leader: Jack Little

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter club, August 15th

Special Meeting: Membership – The Way Forward, Luncheon Choices/Costs, Extra Outside Activities, By-Law change -New Members

Gyro International Gyro District VII Convention, “Summer Nights & Northern Lights” August 23-27 Winnipeg

<http://winnipeg.gyro.org/>