



# THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

September 16, 2003

## President

Roy Bennett  
Res. 987-2403

**President Roy** opened the meeting by asking the lovely and talented **Roger Russell** to lead us in Cheerio. **David Burnett** then asked the blessing.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Tony Sheppard  
Res. 435-4325

**John Plunkett** introduced his guest, a long time friend and neighbour, Lorenz Weins. **Dick Nichols** brought his friend Val Pohl from Spartan out to the meeting. **Bob Lippe** again introduced us to his son in law Terry Linaker. **Bryce Van Dusen's** guest was Lawrence Crouteaugh. Let's try and have as many guests every week!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Wayne Tingley  
Res. 488-5467

## Imm. Past President

Victor Jagoldas  
Res. 434-2438

**PIP Marty Larson** advises that there are over 200 hockey pool tickets and many of them have been distributed for sale. If you have not received any and would like some, please contact him.

## Secretary

Barry Walker  
Res. 475-0983

**John Ross** advised us that **Del Salls** was to have surgery on September 17<sup>th</sup> to repair weakened walls on a major artery. He is expected to be in intensive care for 3 days and in hospital for 6 days. We all wish **Del** a speedy recovery.

## Treasurer

Dick Nichols  
Res. 476-3221

## Directors

Peter Fairbridge  
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Peter Butler  
Res. 987-4581  
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Res. 436-7142  
Win Kirkwood  
Res. 436-2300

**President Roy** reported that he had spoken to the Cranbrook Gyro Club about a donation for the fire damage and was advised that there were no homes lost in that community and they really did not have a use for the money. Consequently, only the donation to Kelowna will be made.

## Gyrolog

### Editor-In -Chief

Gordon Rennie  
Res. 488-2856

**Wayne Tingley** introduced our guest speaker, David Roh from the University of Alberta who informed us about the August blackout in eastern Canada and the United States. It started in Ohio at noon when three generating stations went off line. Small operators who are more concerned with profit for their shareholders than stability of the electrical supply own the American distribution system.

### Editor

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When the generators went out, the system was operating at 100% of capacity because it was a hot August and air

conditioners were operating at their maximum. Four hours later, all the areas in the two countries were down. This occurred because when the original generating stations went down, the demand remained the same and other stations had to supply the power, the voltage decreased and a cascading effect resulted in the overall failure.

The American system was restored relatively quickly but the Ontario grid, which is dependent on nuclear generation, required longer to get back on stream.

In Alberta we were vulnerable to a similar blackout about 5 years ago but the distribution system has not been deregulated and the government has invested in maintenance and new lines. This has been to ensure reliability and David said that the result is that a general blackout is unlikely. **John Plunkett** thanked the speaker on our behalf.

**David Burnett** advises that he and **Marty** are starting the campaign for Sponsors & Prize Donors for our Club's Prostate Golf Tournament next year. Anyone who knows of a past employer or potential sponsors who may be willing to help us call **Marty** 434-9692 or me 435-1837.

This was a special meeting because we had an installation of a new member, **Carlyle Ross** who was sponsored by **Wayne Tingley**. **PIP Marty** installed **Carlyle** who then told us about his interesting life. He was born in New Amsterdam, Guyana and was one of a family of 5 children. He was fortunate to be admitted to high school and went on to post secondary education including at the University of Alberta. He has a doctorate and is the Senior Economist with Agriculture Canada. He and his wife **Betty Ann** have four daughters and one son. Welcome to the club **Carlyle**!

Unlike our neighbours to the south we have not had snow so some golf definitions are still in order. A **duffer** is a golfer who is much more likely to shoot his weight than his age. **Etiquette** is the rules of behaviour in golf. The most important ones are: Don't talk on your own backswing; don't sneeze into a borrowed glove, don't needle your partner, don't cut in on the middle of a par 3; don't write ink on the scorecard; don't give range balls as Christmas presents; and if your opponent is new to the course, don't spoil the surprises.

**John Stroppa** was the popular winner of the free lunch.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mayfair. **Ernie Siegel** promises a surprise and an interesting program.

An afternoon of **Thoroughbred Racing** is planned for **Sunday October 5, 2003** with post time at 1:00 PM. It will be at the Northlands Spectrum Upper Sky Suite with its balcony access. The package includes an exquisite buffet, private bar or cocktail service, exclusive pari-mutual windows for our own use, and a group of hostesses to answer any questions. The cost to the Edmonton gyro Club members and Gyrettes will be \$22 per

person. Guests are \$27. For further information and to register call **John Stroppa** at 469-6133.

The St. Albert Club has already booked the Faculty Club for **Founders Night** on October 22, 2003.

The Christmas Party is booked for December 2, 2003.

**THE GYRO PROSTRATE CANCER TOURNAMENT** sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Canadian Cancer Society is scheduled for June 9, 2004 at the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held in Fairmont Hot Springs and Resort March 26 to 28, 2004.

Lethbridge's 2004 District VIII Convention will be at Waterton Lakes National Park August 5 – 8 and includes a boat trip and breakfast at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Same Old Bull

Allan

