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year old man. Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to share your thoughts with us, Stan.

Should we pursue the sale of Nevada tickets for the Edmonton Klondike Association, the Club could receive 15% of the proceeds. More details to follow.

Marty Larson conducted the installation of two new members, Peter Carter, sponsored by Mike Matei, and Haig Lewis, sponsored by Gord Robertson. They were

President Mike opened his "Swan Song" meeting at the Mayfair with a humorous comment about our wintery weather. PYS led us in Cheerio and Rev. John Dowd had a warm and meaningful message for us in his blessing.

President Mike announced the birthdays of a number of Gyros: Al Ursulak, May 10th, Andy Friderichsen, May 13th, Boyd Slavik May 17th, and David Burnett May 18th. Many happy returns, gentlemen.

In the health and well-being department we were sorry to learn that Rick Little of Crossroads was taking more treatment at the Cross. We do hope this is a minor set-back for this courageous fellow Gyro.

Our Rev Wm. Graham is still under Doctor's care and still not ready to resume his once busy routine. Get well soon, Willy, and "haste ye back".

We were very pleased to see Bill Agnew back with us. Although there is still some soreness from the lung biopsy surgery, Bill is back at work and has used his golf sticks already. Well done, Bill.

Good news also in the recoveries of Dave Duchak's wife, Lauraine and Marty Larson's wife, Shirley. Continued good health, Gyrettes.

Ron Ewoniak's concise and thorough report on this year's hockey pool showed that our ticket sales were down 25% from two years ago. Our club, therefore, received one thousand dollars LESS revenue than we did in 1994. (1995 was the year of the hockey strike.) We put these funds to very good use so let's support those Gyros selling hockey pool tickets and these revenue numbers even better in the coming years.

President Mike read a letter received from our senior Gyro, Stanley Smith. What a well written, beautifully expressed letter from this remarkable 97

welcomed to our Club individually by all of those present after their official installation. Welcome aboard, Haig and Peter.

It must be spring because the Edmonton Gyro Club annual bridge season is now over. Some 38 Gyros, Gyrettes, and friends held the windup Saturday, May 4, at the Balmoral Curling Club. Overall high average for the year, along with the Merrill Morstad trophy, went to Bernice Pedden. It was the second time in four years that Bernice has copped first prize - well played, Bernice. High score among the men went to Fred Kemp. Roger Russell had the one night high score of 5490, while Bernice Pedden recorded better than 5000 points on two occasions.

Marty and Shirley Larson, who coordinated the winter-long bridge sessions the past two years, arranged a fine dinner and an evening of fun bridge to cap the season. Jack and Terri Ellis will be in charge for the next two years. Contact Jack at 435-2349 if you would like your name added to the roster next year.

President Mike thanked everyone for their support in his year as president and passed the gavel to our new president, Allan Douglas. Allan, in turn, paid tribute to the wonderful job Mike has done. The latter was given a standing ovation for his fine performance of the duties as president of our Club.

CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

The weeks are swiftly passing and in fewer than ten seven day spans we will be welcoming our Gyro and Gyrette guests from all over North America. At last count Barry Walker had nearly 500 registrations in hand (with 50 of these from our Club alone). What a wonderful response from a wonderful group of friends. Barry anticipates a slowing of registrations until the latter part of June when it is expected that final decisions to attend will be made by a hundred or more Gyro and Gyrette friends.

Words fail us in any attempt to describe the terrific work being accomplished by the Gyrettes in their work bees where Klondike apparel is being designed and created by these special people. The same holds true for the work bees of Gyrettes who are assembling the centre pieces for the Saturday evening International Installation banquet. The sense of camaraderie and the building of shared commitment through these events is of value far beyond the creation of the articles and pieces of art - these events form the true foundation of a GREAT GYRO CLUB. We thank, each and ever one of you. What special people you are.

Allan Warrack has informed us that we now have 32 paid up golfers for the Friday tee-offs. He has a large number of notices of intention but he tells us that he is operating on a first paid, first confirmed basis. If you want a spot, please forward your green fees to Allan as soon as possible. They are \$50.00 CDN and \$38.00 US.

Convention Registrants are reminded that if they are planning to stay at the Mayfield Inn for the duration of the convention that the Convention Fund will help to subsidize the three full nights. Our subsidy rate is \$100.00 Those staying only one or two of the nights are not eligible for the subsidy.

Gyro Meeting Draw: Our winner was the treasurer himself, John Stroppa.

Next Meeting: Mayfair Golf and Country Club, Noon, May 12, 1996.