



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

President-Ron Trant, Past President-Dunc Mills

1st Vice-President-Jack Bowen, 2nd Vice-President Martin Marshall

Secretary-Barry Walker, Treasurer-David Burnett,

Directors- Dan Hasinoff, Bruce Foy, Jim Lepp, Sheldon Weatherby

Peter Carter (Ex-Officio)

Gyrolog Editor-Fred Schulte

Club Website: www.edmontongyroclub.com

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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Roger Russell** on the 5th, **Ken Korchinski** on the 26th, **Mike Matei** on the 28th and **Doug Armstrong** on the 31st.

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries are **Marty and Shirley Larson, 62 years** on the 8th; **Tony and Care Mazzuca, 52 years** on the 10th, and **Gerry and Alice Glassford, 65 years** on the 12th.

OFFICIAL CLUB NOTICE

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIV-AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that proposed amendments to the June 21, 2016, Constitution and By-Laws have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Copies of the proposed amended Constitution and By-Laws dated August 17, 2022, were emailed to all Members on August 18th, 2022.

A motion to approve the proposed amendments will be presented to the Members on November 1st in accordance with Article XIV.

Our **Joint Annual Men's Bocce Tournament** was held on October 5th at the ITAL-CANADIAN SENIORS ASSOCIATION COMPLEX.

Sherwood Park Gyro President Bruce Copeland welcomed twenty-six Gyros from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club and 14 Gyros and one guest from the Edmonton Gyro Club.

There were 31 bocce players and eight teams that competed on fast and curvy sand indoor courts.

The competition was restarted after a dinner of Italian pasta, salad, veal scallopini, and tiramisu.

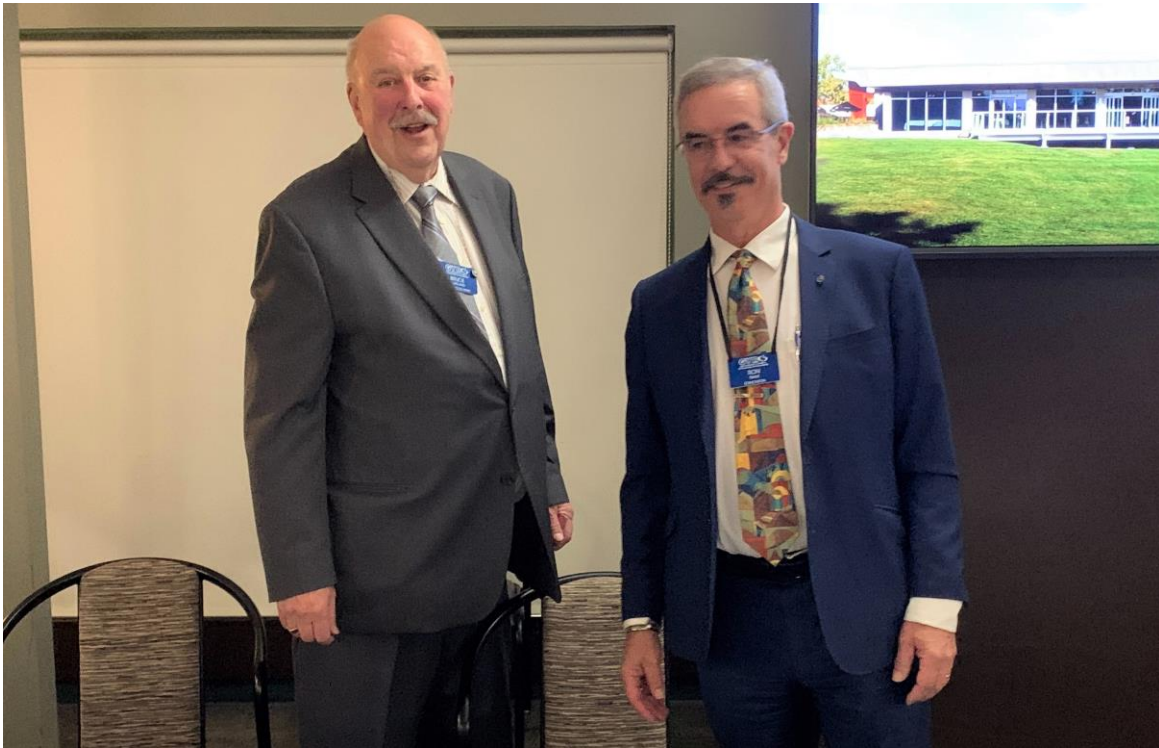
The bocce continued until 9:30pm when the team of **Dorne Hunt, Alan Bleiken. Martin Marshall** and **Ron Trant** were declared winners.



Ron Trant Allan Bleiken Dorne Hunt Martin Marshall

Founders Night was celebrated at the Broadmoor Golf Club in Sherwood Park on October 19th. **President Bruce Copeland** welcomed 30 Gyros and Gyrettes from the Edmonton Gyro Club and 53 from the Sherwood Park Club. The group were treated to a fine banquet with all of the trimmings.

Rikke Dootjes gave a personal view of his first exposure to Gyro that resulted in him becoming a charter member of the Sherwood Park Club on October 4th, 1975. He and three other charter members attended the Edmonton Club's Founders Night with Robin Hood/Sherwood Forest type feathered hats with Terry Bajer dressed as Friar Tuck.



President Bruce Copeland

President Ron Trant



Rikke Dootjes



Chuck Gerhart

Chuck Gerhart advised that as the Edmonton Gyro Club celebrates it's 101st year there are two men in our club history that should be continue to be remembered.

Reg Henry and **Harry Fuller**, both young businessmen decided in April 1921 that the idea of a Gyro Club should be fully discussed. The organizational meeting was attended by 23 men, and it was agreed that a club charter should be applied for.

Chartering of the Edmonton Gyro Club occurred on July 29, 1921, with 32 members in attendance.

Reg Henry was the first President and Harry Fuller the first Secretary. Unfortunately, both young men died before the decade ended. Reg Henry died in 1925 and Harry Fuller in 1928.

The foundations of our club were firmly established by these two men. Tonight, we want to provide some insight into some of the other interesting members of our club that “founded” well known businesses in Edmonton. **R.F. Howard** and **Thomas Wilfred McBride** established Howard & McBride Funeral home in 1921. **T. Wilfred McBride** joined the Edmonton Club in 1923 and was still listed as a member in 1971.

Enoch Loveseth established Loveseth Service Station in down town Edmonton in the 1920's and joined our club in 1925 and was still listed as a member in 1971.

Wes Van Dusen set up the **Sun Specialty Company** in Edmonton in 1934. His younger brother **Bryce** joined the company shortly thereafter. The company was renamed **Acme Novelty Ltd.** and operated until 1968. Wes joined the Edmonton Club in 1940 and was a member for 61 years. Bryce joined Gyro in 1965 and was a member for 46 years.

Alexander Campbell established Campbell's Maple Furniture Village in 1958 and joined the Edmonton Gyro Club in 1965.

His son Gary worked in the business until 2010 when the business was closed. **Gary Campbell** was sponsored by Allan Warrack and joined our club in 2010.

All Gyros are “founders” because they have continued the wheel of friendship.


I want to highlight the activities of one of our members. **Marty Larson** has been a Gyro for 58 years and has held all of the positions available and won virtually all of the Gyro awards.

Marty has also established a standard that will be hard to beat!

Using the records available to us, Marty has sponsored more than 24 Gyros in our club since 1972!

Nine of these Gyros are still members.

The **Sherwood Park Gyro Club** has also had an active membership since their formation in 1975. We look forward to your **50th Anniversary in 2025!**

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President Ron Trant gave a slide presentation from the club archives and highlighted old documents and photos that showed how the Edmonton Club evolved in membership requirements and objectives. In the beginning the club required new members to be under the age of 35, then changed it to age 40, then 45 and then abandoned the requirement altogether. The average age of members evolved over time and by 1982 the average Gyro was 56 years old.

The Edmonton Club approved their “Objective” to provide “**Playgrounds for Children**” only eleven days after receiving Charter No. 18. The rationale for playgrounds was the need for children to be able to play safely as there had been a number of fatalities from drowning in the North Saskatchewan River and deadly interactions with horse-drawn wagons. Not only were playgrounds to be built, but they would also be supervised and maintained.

The playgrounds were financed by an annual carnival. One of the early ideas was the selling of raffle tickets for a brand-new automobile worth \$1250. The Police Chief got wind of the plan and made it clear that gambling wouldn't be entertained. Ultimately the Gyros put the car up on blocks, filled the tank with gasoline and started the engine. The ticket holders had to guess the precise time the car would run out of gas.

Editor's note: The level of safety for children on playground equipment has evolved over time. The Gyro Playground equipment was safer than those designed in the early 1900's and those in place today are almost unrecognizable from those built in the 1920's to 1950's.

Gyro Playground No.1 Patricia Square looks pretty scary but was more than acceptable for the times.

**School playground equipment
in the year 1900.**



**Apparently in 1900 only the strong
survived recess**



Gyro Playground No. 1 Patricia Square 1922

International Gyro President, Peter Carter gave us a pep-talk on keeping GYRO vital as our demographic ages. He advised that our now completed new Gyro International website has a wealth of information. Peter encouraged us to use the site and become comfortable with it. Go to www.gyro.org and discover all sorts of useful material for old, new, or prospective members.

Past President Ted Ewanchuk provided an update on the Sherwood Park Gyro Club's Golden Jubilee in 2025.

"FINDING YOURSELF"
IS NOT REALLY HOW IT WORKS.
YOU AREN'T A TEN-DOLLAR BILL
IN LAST WINTER'S COAT POCKET.
YOU ARE ALSO NOT LOST.
YOUR TRUE SELF IS RIGHT THERE, BURIED
UNDER CULTURAL CONDITIONING, OTHER
PEOPLE'S OPINIONS, AND INACCURATE
CONCLUSIONS YOU DREW AS A KID THAT
BECAME YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT WHO YOU ARE.
"FINDING YOURSELF" IS ACTUALLY
RETURNING TO YOURSELF.
AN UNLEARNING, AN EXCAVATION,
A REMEMBERING WHO YOU WERE
BEFORE THE WORLD GOT ITS HANDS ON YOU.

EMILY MCDOWELL

Past President Dunc Mills chaired the **Past Presidents Dinner** at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club on Tuesday evening, October 26th. Sixteen of the 23 living Past Presidents were in attendance, plus the guest of honour, current **President Ron Trant**.

Each Past President in order of seniority presented comments and advice to President Ron. The common theme of advice was “continue to be your yourself and help is always available when requested”. Ron Trant has exhibited superb leadership skills in his first six months in office. He is the **102nd President**. Our club has a distinctly unique history of one-term Presidents. There was only one President, **Thomas Brown** who served two terms in 1938-39 and 1939-40.



Dick Nichols Fred Schulte Leon Lubin Jack Little Peter Carter Ray Dallaire Chuck Gerhart

**Roger Russell Barry Walker Mike Matei Jack Ellis Bruce Foy Larry Dobson
Dunc Mills Ron Trant Marty Larson David Burnett**

Dick Nichols reports on the **Hockey Pool Winners**.

Game 1 October 20 th			Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs Hurricanes						
First Period	1	0	Grace Burnett	Barry Walker		Ron Trant
Second	3	2	Gary Campbell	Bill Austin		Cliff Revell
Final	6	4	Steffan Scornaienchi	N/A		Cliff Revell

“Fast Fred”

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Derrick Golf and Winter Club, November 1

Speaker: Aaron Cranton, Old Strathcona Outreach Mission.

Team Leader: Warren Garbutt

Gyro Curlarama, Canmore Inn & Suites, Curling at Canmore Golf and Curling Club, November 4-6 Sponsored by the Gyro Club of Calgary

Annual Christmas Party, Edmonton Convention Centre, Riverview Room, Tuesday Evening, December 6th.