



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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Those celebrating their birthdays in January are **John Ross**, **Cliff Revell** and **John Stroppa** on the 2nd; **John Boyd** on the 26th and **Jack Brown** on the 31st.

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The January wedding anniversaries are **Bill and Nancy Clarke**, 38 years on the 4th and **Ernie and Beth Siegel**, 52 years on the 16th.

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It is with regret that we acknowledge the death of **Tony Sheppard** on December 29th, 2010. Tony was a member of the Edmonton Gyro Club since 1990 and was introduced to the Gyro fraternity by **David Burnett**. He was a fourth generation Edmontonian who attended St. Joseph's High School and played football on the Edmonton Huskies and Edmonton Wildcats teams. Tony was also an avid equestrian and was the chairman and driving force behind the Little Bits Therapeutic Riding Association for the disabled, working hard to raise money to purchase specialized equipment for the organization.

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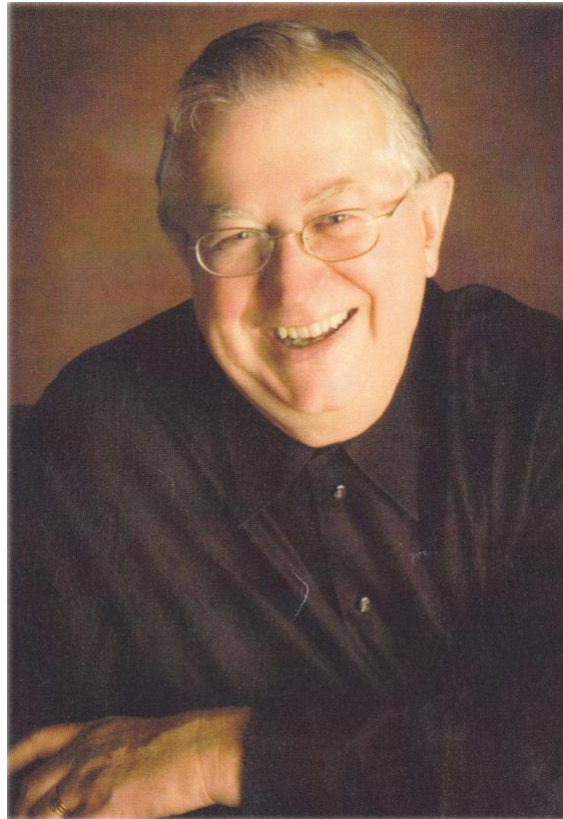
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It was evident from the large attendance at Tony's Mass of Christian Burial at St. Andrew Catholic Church on January 4th that he was well respected in the Edmonton Community. Tony spent 53 years in the insurance brokerage industry and from 1979 on he and his wife Emily operated Sheppard Insurance Services. Tony's legacy continues through the family business, Sheppard Insurance.

Gyrolog Editor

Fred Schulte
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Our thoughts and condolences go to Emily, Grant, Shelly and Lara.



Anthony 'Tony' Sheppard
1935-2009

President Leon welcomed 27 Gyro's and three guests to the January 5th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Cheerio was led by **Jack Brown** and the Grace was presented by **Warren Garbutt**.

Walter Yakimets introduced his guest and new member prospect **Michael Mant**. **Officers Joe Tassone** and **Alana Fedorovich, Edmonton Police Service** were also acknowledged.

Ron Ramsey introduced **Joe Tassone**, a 10 year veteran of EPS and for the last 3 and one half years, Control Tactics Supervisor with the training and use of the [Conducted Energy Weapon or Taser](#).

Officer Tassone presented the *Reasonable Officer Response Training Aid* with the standard of "Objective Reasonableness".

The Training Aid presents a range of potential attitudes or actions presented by people confronted by police. This range moves from cooperative to low level resister, to high level resister to assaultive to grievous body harm (GBH) /death. In those situations where active aggressiveness is presented, the police officer can consider using the taser but it cannot be an automatic response. The police officer also has a range of other physical responses including an empty soft hand, an empty hard hand, a baton, pepper spray and lethal force. The individual police officer must apply the "objective reasonable test" to his actions and must make the decision personally. One officer cannot order another officer to taser an individual.

The Edmonton Police Service currently uses the X26 CEW (Controlled Energy Weapon). This unit has 50,000 volts of pushing power. Once contact is made to an individual, the voltage reduces to 1200. 0.36 joules of energy are stored inside the device, which changes to 0.07 joules of energy for each pulse of energy delivered to a subject. The taser device shoots two probes, 180 feet per second up to 25 feet. The probes are connected to the unit by conductive wire. As a comparison, external cardiac defibrillators operate between 150 and 400 joules of energy to affect the rhythm of the heart. There is a built in "capacitor" that limits the amount of energy that can be generated by a CEW/Taser.

The police officer must also consider tactical matters when contemplating the use of a taser. If a subject is wearing loose or very thick clothing, taser effectiveness will be limited. Both probes from the taser device must make contact with the subject's skin and complete the circuit. The probes create pain and lockout muscles in the area of the probe contact. The direct use of the taser drive stun will only cause pain. Additional probe stun's cannot be used unless the situation is warranted. If a single officer is confronted by an aggressive subject with a lethal weapon such as a knife or gun, the use of a taser is problematic. The use of the taser may not prevent the subject from delivering lethal force. In those situations where two or more officers are present, one officer can attempt to deploy the taser while he or she is backed up by the other officer who can respond with lethal force if absolutely necessary. The police want to respond with the appropriate level of force in each situation.

There has been a lot of controversy regarding the deployment of tasers around the world and some of the controversy is a result of misinformation. Tasers are often deemed to be dangerous because of the high voltage but it is the level of amperes that is important. The EPS tasers generate less than 0.004 amps. Current scientific research suggests that the CEW/Taser will not damage the nervous system, affect cardiac rhythm or pumping, affect pace makers or cause serious injuries or death.

The use of tasers is not appropriate for distances of greater than 25 feet, it may not work with loose or thick bulky clothing and must not be directed at the face or head. It will also have limited utility with crowd dispersion and should not be used in a flammable situation or on elevated positions such as rooftops.

The Edmonton Police Service currently has 400 tasers in stock and over a 12 month period, there will be 300-400 incidents where the use of tasers was contemplated but in 80% of these incidents deployment was determined to be not necessary.

Jack Slobodan thanked our speaker for a very informative and thought-provoking presentation.

The free lunch draw was won by **Jack Ellis**.



Edmonton Police Service X26 CEW Taser

Dick Nichols reported on the results of the Gyro Hockey Pool.

Game 6 December 19	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
Oilers vs. Capitals					
First	0	0	Breanne Salkeld	Rebecca Warrack	Marlene Burnett
Second	2	0	Jack Ellis	Pat Baird	Walter Yakimets
Final	2	4			

Game 7 December 26	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
Oilers vs. Canucks					
First	0	0	Cohen Sellar	Valerie Walker	Barry Walker
Second	1	2	John Ross	Luke Snihurowich	Brooks Ross
Final	1	4			

Game 8 January 7	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
Oilers vs. Columbus					
First	1	1	Gerry Hood	Alan Rusler	Chuck Gerhart
Second	1	2	Morgan Power	Ryan Power	Rebecca Burnett

Game 9 January 16	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final	
Oilers vs. San Jose					
First	1	2	Lara Burnett	Ron Ramsey	Mark Fairbridge
Second	1	4	Walter Yakimets	Bill Clarke	Blair Tuck
Final	2	4			

First Vice-President Bill Taylor welcomed 29 Gyro's and two guests to the January 19th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club.

Marty Larson led the group in the singing of *Cheerio* and **John Mann** presented the *Grace*.

Walter Yakimets introduced his guest **Michael Mant**.

Jack Brown introduced our guest speaker **Jim Harvey** of **Sport Central** who graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in electrical engineering and spent most of his working career with TELUS. Jim retired nine years ago and has been associated with Sport Central ever since.

The origins of Sport Central began many years ago when **Tiger Goldstick**, a local sportscaster noticed that many kids used to hang around the rinks and playing fields but were not able to participate because they had no sports equipment. Tiger began to collect used equipment and outfit the kids so they could join and play. From these modest but pioneering efforts, a group of community minded individuals came together in 1991 and formed Sport Central. These individuals wanted to see children in need have access to necessary sport equipment and have the opportunity to participate in the sport of their choice.

The primary goal of Sport Central is to gather, recycle and redistribute equipment to those kids who would otherwise be denied the opportunity to participate. With a five year title sponsorship from the Brick in 2004, Sport Central became known as the Brick Sport Central. There are four staff and forty volunteers who work out of the store and another 100 volunteers help with fundraising.

The organization collects and sorts gently used sports equipment; repairs are made to ensure that that the equipment is safe and serviceable and new equipment is often purchased to supplement supply and meet safety standards. "Kids" are referred by individuals or referral agencies, including schools, government departments, Community Leagues and the Edmonton Police Services. Volunteers outfit the kids in the Sport Central Store.

Sport Central helps kids where a need exists. The Edmonton area is the first priority but many other communities in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, B.C., Quebec, the NWT and even overseas receive help. All kinds of sports equipment is distributed to kids in need, including hockey, ringette, skates, bicycles, soccer, softball, rollerblades, racquet's and snow sliders. Sports Central plays a key role in promoting safety. For example, every bike leaves with a helmet fitted to the rider.

In the first year of operation, Sport Central helped 200 children, last year 8000 kids were helped. Hockey equipment is distributed to 500 kids, 2000 bicycle and helmets are given out and 2000 receive skates. Used equipment is collected in bins at a number of businesses including United Cycle, Klondyke Cycle as well as every Edmonton Police Service Station.

Sport Central is located just north of 118th Avenue at 11847 Wayne Gretsky Drive northbound. (780)-477-1166. Hours of operation are 9-4:30, Monday to Friday and 9-noon Saturday. Equipment, money and volunteers are always welcome.

Warren Garbutt thanked our speaker for a very informative presentation. The free lunch draw was won by **Peter Morrison**.

The Alberta Centre on Aging at the University of Alberta has completed the adjudication process for the 2009-2010 Gyro Club of Edmonton Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarships in Aging. **Juliana Mollins**, a kinesiology student in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation has been selected to receive this year's undergraduate award of \$700. The Selection Committee also chose **Scott Kendall**, a Masters student in Rehabilitation Medicine to receive the Master's scholarship of \$1200 whose area of interest includes cognitive rehabilitation for persons with dementia. **Rochelle Major** was chosen as the PhD scholarship recipient of \$1200 whose area of interest in the School of Education Psychology is aging in relation to terror management theory.

Your Gyrolog Editor, **Fred Schulte** attended the January 29th Research on Aging: Nibble, Nosh and Network 2010 event at the University of Alberta and presented the scholarships to this year's winners on behalf of the Gyro Club of Edmonton.



Fred Schulte Rochelle Major Scott Kendall

FIRST POSTING:

Michael Mant has applied for membership in our club; **Michael** and his wife **Margaret** reside at **12907-64 Avenue** in Edmonton and their postal code is **T6H 1T6**. Their telephone number is **780-435-1581** and their email address is mjmant@ualberta.ca **Michael** is a Hematologist (Physician) and Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta and is proposed by **Walter Yakimets** and **Bill Taylor**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, February 2

Speaker: Dr. Mike Chetner, Urologist

Topic: Prostate issues and bladder cancer

There is no regular Tuesday luncheon meeting on February 16th!

Mixed Valentines Party, Royal Glenora Club, Wednesday, February 17

Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm

Menu Choice: **Meal 1-** Grilled Filet of Salmon, served with Hollandaise sauce, wild rice pilaf and market vegetables.

Meal 2- Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Alberta Beef au Jus, crusted with herbs, selection of vegetables and duchess potatoes.

Cost: Meal 1- \$45 without wine, \$55 with wine, Meal 2- \$50 without wine, \$60 with wine.

Both meals come with Cream of Wild Mushroom Soup and New York Cheesecake garnished with whipped cream, fresh berries and raspberry coulis.

Please contact **John Mann** or **Larry Dobson** if you plan to attend.

Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Club, Tuesday, March 9th

Time: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm.

Cost: \$25

Speaker: Marion Boyd

Topic: Pilgrims Hospice, which is located in the Crestwood community and is Edmonton's only free-standing voluntary hospice. It is a provider of family-centered end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services for children, teens, families and adults.

District VIII Interim, Fairmont, B.C. March 12-14, 2010

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort: Rooms available for \$99 single or double plus taxes

International & District VII Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, St Paul, Minnesota, July 11-18, 2010

District VIII Convention 2010, "Come Play in the Park", Sherwood Park, AB, August 19-22, 2010