



# Gyrodeo



## APRIL 2008 BULLETIN

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Wednesday, April 2, 2008</p>	<p><b>Noon Luncheon Meeting</b> - Carriage House Inn                  The speaker is Dr. Jim Dewald of the Haskayne Business School, University of Calgary                  The topic is Calgary Urban and Road Design</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 8, 2008</p>	<p><b>Crib Night</b> - Legion Br 285, 9202 Horton Road SW                  This is a joint function with the Stampede City Club                  See page 2 for details                  The hosts are Garry Davies &amp; Dave Jenner</p>
<p>Sunday, April 20, 2008</p>	<p><b>Spring Brunch</b> - Silver Springs Golf and Country Club                  See page 2 for details                  The hosts are Ed Blasken &amp; Julian Yaniw                  This is a MIXED event and Guests are always welcome</p>

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.....**

If you haven't got all the things you want, be grateful for the things that you don't have that you don't want.

## ANNUAL CRIB TOURNAMENT



**When:** Tuesday, April 8th

**Location:** Legion Branch 285, Horton Road SW - same as last year.

**Time:** Cocktails @ 5.30 pm - Dinner @ 6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person for buffet dinner & tournament

**Cash Bar:** Beer \$2.80 draft, \$3.25 bottle, Hi-balls \$3.40; Wine \$3.90 per glass

**Tournament:** to start immediately after dinner and announcement of the crib rules.

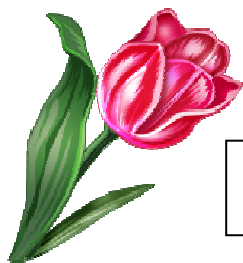
**Lots of Great Prizes!!**

Don't forget to bring your crib board & cards with you.

This is a joint function with the **Stampede City** club and guests are always welcome.

**When your phoner calls, please say "YES".....**

Your hosts for the evening are Garry Davies and Dave Jenner.



## The Calgary Gyro Club Spring Brunch

**PLACE:** Silver Springs Golf and Country Club

**WHEN:** April 20, 2008

**TIME:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - "meet and greet", cash bar

12:00-1:00 Superior Brunch

1:00-1:30 Special musical entertainment

1:30 Draw for door prize

**DRESS:** Casual (no jeans)

**COST:** The same as last year - a low, low \$25.00 per person

This is a mixed event and guests are always welcome.

It is such a wonderful occasion. You will have a great time !!!

Your hosts are Ed Blasken and Julian Yaniw

## "WELCOME HOME SNOW BIRDS"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Back By Popular Demand !!**

**A GYRO DAY AT THE TRACK**



**There They GO!  
We're Off and Running**

**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Is Your Lucky Day  
and Last Chance To Be A Winner.**

( This is the FINAL SEASON of Horse Racing at Stampede Park )

**3 WAYS TO WIN**  
1. PICK a NUMBER  
2. PICK a COLOUR  
3. PICK a NAME  
**REMEMBER**  
Got A Hunch, Bet A Bunch

**DOORS OPEN at 12 NOON**

**BUFFET 12:30 - 3:00 P.M.**

**POST TIME 1:00 P.M.**

**COST \$25 per person ( includes gratuity )**

**PARKING \$11** ( Bring in your Parking Stub and Receive a \$7.00 Betting Voucher )

**Don't Miss Out ! Deadline is Monday April 21st**

( Checks To Be Made Out To Duncan Strachan )

Hosts: Duncan Strachan and Ron Thibault

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# Big Rock Brewery Tour & Lunch



**MAY 21**



Full details will be published in the May bulletin.

There is a limited number that the tour can accommodate so sign up now.

The "tour and tasting" with a 6 pack to take home is \$20.00.

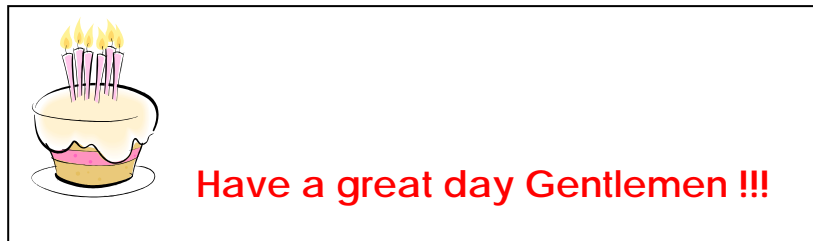
The "tour and tasting" without a 6 pack is \$15.00.

The lunch will cost an additional \$20.00.

Wear your "walking" shoes.....

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

8<sup>th</sup> Steve Denny  
11<sup>th</sup> Ethan Compton  
14<sup>th</sup> George Simmons  
21<sup>st</sup> Chet Mills



## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

- The global population is rising by almost 82 million people per year.
- A faucet leaking 1 drop per second wastes about 10,000 liters of water a year – 5 times what an average car uses in gas.
- Even in a well-insulated house, an open damper in an unused fireplace can raise your overall heating-energy consumption by 30%.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **LUNCHEON – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

There were 21 Gyros in attendance at the noon meeting at the Carriage House Inn. The meeting was chaired by Steve Denny in the absence of our President, Bonar Irving. Since our guest speaker was going to be a little late, Mr. Denny stated he would have to speak very slowly to try and kill some time. Ethan Compton stated that it didn't matter what Steve did as we were not going to listen anyway !!

Our guest speaker was Lesley Keyter who operates a travel agency known as "The Travel Lady". Lesley spoke on traveling in Europe on a coach tour and how to make the most of your trip.

Here are some of the points she highlighted:

- Choose your itinerary well – look out for "SEE / VIEW / VISIT". If the itinerary says "SEE" you will be able to take a photo from your bus as you pass by. If it says "VIEW" the bus will stop so that you can get off the bus to take your photo, and if it says "VISIT" you will actually tour the site.
- Check the number of nights in each destination – look for 2 or 3 night stops – don't end up on a "Pajama Tour" where you are in a different hotel every night.
- Choose a tour that accommodates less passengers – better tours take only 40 passengers.
- Check the location of the hotels on your trip – better tours will offer hotels in central locations.
- Check what the tour actually includes – meals, tours, etc.
- Is the tour guaranteed? If they do not get the minimum number of passengers required, will they cancel?
- Are optional excursions offered, and if so, what is the average cost?
- Is trip cancellation or interruption included – NEVER book without it.
- What is the role of the guide – will the guide and driver expect tips?
- What is the average age, are children allowed, what is the minimum age?
- Is there a bathroom on the bus?
- Check the track record and status of the tour company and check that they are accredited members of ACTA, TICO, ASTA and other industry associations.

The Travel Lady has a web site for those of you who may be interested in looking at this. The address is [www.TheTravellady.ca](http://www.TheTravellady.ca)

**FAIRMONT CONVENTION** - Report by Steve Denny and photos by Ken Baker.



Steve Denny saying a "few" words.



Duncan, Donna Lee, Steve, Carol, Gord, Dave, Dian, Ann, Ken and Sylvia Anderson in the front.

Just a quick report about the Fairmount Interim. It was attended by 145 people with 5 couples from our club( Andersons, Strachans, Bakers, Jenners and Dennys). Also attending were Peter and Susan Evans from Osoyoos, BC. Peter is the Governor for District IV. Also in attendance were Dennis and Diane Moffat from the Camosun Club, who were there promoting the International Convention being held in Victoria, B.C. this June. Please try to attend. Regarding the District Interim it was fun and business as usual as we got to meet old and new friends both at the hospitality events and the hot pool in the evening. Great time had by all!

**LUNCHEON – MARCH 19**

There were 24 members in attendance at this luncheon which was again chaired by Steve Denny. It was nice to see Bob Walker out and mobile once again.

The guest speaker was Alan Norris, from Carma Homes, who spoke on ending homelessness in Calgary. Norris stated that in January of 2007 the "Calgary Committee to End Homelessness" was formed in response to Calgary's growing homelessness crisis. The twenty-nine members who formed the committee came from major companies, various charitable foundations, the Mayor, councilors, an MLA, an MP, and other organizations.

The 10 year plan put forward by the committee was not to find new ways to manage homelessness, but to end it.

Norris stated that the approach would be a "hand up" and not a "hand out" which resulted in many questions and a lively discussion.

If you are interested in exploring this subject further, you can go to their website at [www.endinghomelessness.ca](http://www.endinghomelessness.ca)

## **TELEPHONE ALERT**

I received an e-mail from Garry Davies which contained the following message. It is something about which everyone should be aware.

"Re: 90# on your telephone. I dialed ' 0 ' and asked the operator who did confirm that this was correct so please pass it on.  
PASS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as a Telus Serviceman who was conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine( 9 ), zero( 0 ), the pound sign ( # ), and then hang up.

Luckily, I was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls which will be billed to your home phone number. I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons.

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE !

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.

After checking with Telus, they said it was true, so do not dial 90# for anyone!!!!

PLEASE HIT THAT FORWARD BUTTON AND PASS  
THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

Vivian Thompson, Crime Prevention Coordinator  
South Surrey District 5 RCMP".

**A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....**

While Thomas waited at the airport to board his plane, he noticed a computer scale that would give your weight and a fortune. He dropped a quarter in the slot and the screen displayed: "You weigh 195 pounds, you're married and you're on your way to Vancouver". Thomas stood there dumfounded.

Another man put a quarter in and the computer read: "You weigh 184 pounds, you're divorced, and you're on your way to Toronto".

Thomas said to the man, "Are you divorced and on your way to Toronto?"  
"Yes", came the reply.

Thomas was amazed. Then he rushed to the men's room, changed his clothes and put on dark glasses. He went to the scale again. The computer read: "You still weigh 195 pounds, you're still married, and you just missed your plane to Vancouver ! "

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I am heading up North again to work for several weeks. Gary Cull has graciously agreed to look after the May issue of the Gyrodeco Bulletin for me. Thank you Gary.

**Bryan Sherwood – Bulletin Editor**



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