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April 2009 Bulletin



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2009	
Wed, April 1	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn The speaker is Craig Finn, CFO of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. His topic will be the relevance of the NEW Chamber.
Sun, April 19	Spring Brunch - Calgary Elks Golf and Country Club, 2502 - 6th Street N.E. See page 2 for details. The hosts are Julian Yaniw, Al Bell & Ed Blasken This is a MIXED event and guests are always welcome
Tues, April 21	Crib Night - 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 & Dave Jenner

Spring Brunch



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

CALGARY ELKS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

2502 - 6 Street N.E.

Lots of parking !!!

11:00 A.M, "Meet and greet" with a cash bar.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M.

Fantastic entertainment following lunch.

Cost is only \$25.00 per person and the dress is casual.

Come one, come all, for a really fun Gyro time !!!!

Your hosts are Julian Yaniw, Al Bell & Ed Blasken.

Annual Crib Tournament



TUESDAY, April 21, 2009

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Branch 285

9202 Horton Road S.W. (same as last year)

Joint function with the STAMPEDE CITY club.

Cocktails - 5:30 PM and Dinner - 6:00 PM

A buffet dinner & the tournament included in the cost of \$25.00 per person.

Happy Hour Prices at the bar till 8:00 PM

Pint draft beer-\$3.25, Bottle-\$2.95 Hi-balls-\$3.10

and wine per glass-\$2.95

Lots of great prizes !!! **Guests are always welcome.**

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

Your hosts are Garry Davies and Dave Jenner.

HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS EVENT IN MAY ???

Thoroughbred Horse Racing



Track: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 285

9202 Horton Road S.W.
Calgary, AB

Race Date: MAY 09, 2009

What Time: 12:00 NOON

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Since Horse Racing has been suspended at Stampede Park, we are having our own RACE DAY at the Legion. To start the socializing with fellow horse lovers, there will be a cash bar (open all afternoon) to wet your whistle. There will also be a light lunch buffet.

CONVENTIONS in 2009

Gyro International Convention
Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California
June 8 to 14, 2009

Gyro District VIII Convention
Cranbrook, B.C.
September 17 to 20, 2009

A LITTLE BIT OF INFO.....

Every year in the fall, Niagara Falls is shut down for maintenance for 24 hours. The flow is diverted using a massive series of pipes and spigots built in 1837 for this purpose.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8th Steve Denny
11th Ethan Compton
21st Chet Mills



Have a great day Gentlemen !!!

HEALTH OF THE CLUB

Jack Douglas is still in the Foothills Hospital. He is waiting for a unit at the Colonel Belcher Retirement Residence to become available for him. Until then Jack would welcome visitors as he says each day is very boring. Jack is located in Unit 81 room 824.

On Monday, March 23rd Steve Denny, Ken Baker, Hank Ernst, Peter Wranghan and I met with Jack at the Foothills Hospital and presented him with a certificate in recognition of 60 years of loyal and devoted service to Gyro. What an achievement! Jack joined Gyro in Lethbridge, transferred to Edmonton and then joined our Gyro Club of Calgary.

I have not heard of any other health issues at this time.

Gord Anderson

CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Alan Campbell has a new address:
#206, 2400 Sorrel Mews S.W. T2T 6H8
His telephone number has not changed.

Mrs. Jean Pain (Honorary Associate) has a new address:
Eau Claire Retirement Residence
#711 – 301 – 7 Street S.W. T2P 1Y6

CLUB NEWS

LUNCHEON – March 4th, 2009

The meeting was chaired by President Bill McCartney and there were 29 members present.

Our guest speaker for the afternoon, our very own John Hodgson, was introduced by Larry Fenton. John, dressed in the official tartan jacket worn by the Canadian curlers, spoke about his recent curling adventure in Scotland, complete with a slide show.



The Canadian team – John is in the second row, third from the left.

John was part of a group of 40 Canadian curlers, with representation from every province, who competed against the Scots in an event known as the Strathcona Cup.

The inaugural Strathcona Cup competition was held in 1909 when Lord Strathcona donated a magnificent cup that now bears his name and has been the centerpiece of the competition ever since. Lord Strathcona, himself a keen curler, is better known to Canadians as Donald Smith who drove the “last spike” in the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885. The Cup is competed for on a total points basis approximately every five years with Scotland and Canada alternating as hosts. The most recent competition was in 2003 with the Scots winning during their Canadian tour that year.

The Canadian team arrived in Glasgow, on January 7, 2009, where they curled and participated in opening festivities for several days. The team then split into two groups with 20 members going on a North Tour and 20 members going on a South Tour.

John was part of the South Tour which curled in eleven different towns before reuniting with the North Tour in Edinburgh on January 28 for final curling games and a farewell banquet on January 30. In all, the Canadian contingent curled more than 200 eight end games in over 20 cities and towns. The final result was a Canadian victory with the aggregate score of 1459 to 1133.

John noted that the trip was much more than just about curling. There were civic receptions, sightseeing activities, and numerous lunches, dinners, and other social events, including a memorable Robert Burns Supper on the 250th anniversary of his birth. The Canadian group was quite simply overwhelmed by the fabulous Scottish hospitality.

John agreed with the consensus of all participants that it was “the curling trip of a lifetime”!

It was a very interesting and informative talk. For more information on the Strathcona Cup tour, visit the web at www.strathconacup100.ca.

The big winner of our draw this week was John Beck who walked away with \$29.00. Congratulations John !!!!

Editors Note: I lost my notes for this luncheon and I wish to thank John Hodgson for providing me with the details of his talk.

DISTRICT VIII INTERIM MEETING – FAIRMONT, B.C.

On Friday March 13th, the Gyros started to arrive at the Fairmont Hot Springs Hotel. They came “by the hundreds”, all 109 of them, to enjoy a weekend of socializing, parties, and of course, the hot pool.

Our Calgary club was represented by the Andersons, Bakers, Deis, Dennys, Simons, and last, but not least, the Strachans.



Gyros & Gyrettes enjoying a few drinks.....



Gyros & Gyrettes enjoying a few more drinks !!!

On Friday afternoon and evening, the district hosted the hospitality in the main foyer where all Gyros and Gyrettes rekindled their friendships and spoke of all things since their last get-together. The evening hospitality was followed by a gathering in the hot pool.

Saturday morning the business meeting was convened by Governor Joe Vingo and included reports from the executive and the clubs. Governor Joe had attended the International Meetings in New Orleans earlier this year, and came to the conclusion that District VIII is the best run and organized district in Gyro. He congratulated the current executive, and also, all the past Governors who have contributed to its success.

Following the business meeting, while the Gyrettes were still enjoying their brunch, the Calgary Gyros went to Invermere for lunch at a pub overlooking the lake. This was not as easy as it seemed as we first went to the Farside Pub, but it was closed for painting that afternoon. We next headed for the golf course, only to find that the pub had not yet opened for the season, so that's how we ended up in Invermere!

Since our president Bill McCartney, and his lovely Gyrette Sally, were on vacation, I filled in for Bill and hosted the cocktail reception prior to the evening President's Ball.

During the evening festivities, Governor Joe presented Terry Lynch with his 40 year membership plaque. The evening, as usual, concluded with Derm Jackman supplying the dance music before the Gyros headed out to the hot pool.

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with a breakfast buffet after which the Gyros headed for home following a most enjoyable and fun-filled weekend.

Submitted by Steve Denny

Photo's courtesy of Ken Baker

LUNCHEON – March 18, 2009

Steve Denny chaired the meeting as our President, Bill McCartney, and his wife, Sally, are currently cruising through the Panama Canal.

There were 52 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests in attendance. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great afternoon !!!

Grace was given by Peter Wrangham. After a pasta lunch, our guest speaker , Darrel Janz, was introduced by Shirley Colton. Doug Colton was present, but had lost his voice and Shirley graciously performed the task for Doug.

Darrel opened up his talk by saying that he did not normally like introductions unless he was giving them. He went on to say that, although he was asked a few questions, someone did a lot of research as Shirley covered his background in Saskatchewan right up to the present day. (A job well done, Mr. and Mrs. Colton!)

Darrel mixed stories of his 47 year career in the media with a lot of humor which was enjoyed by everyone. Some of the highlights of his career involved covering the events of October 1970 in Quebec; interviewing and becoming friends with John Diefenbaker and his wife, Olive; interviewing Billy Graham; and covering a story in Croatia near the end of the hostilities there.

Darrel closed his talk with the following:

An old Preacher man was wondering what his son planned to do with his life after he finished school. He thought of a test which would give him some indication. The Preacher left a Bible, a dollar bill, a bottle of whiskey, and a copy of a Playboy magazine on his desk. Then he hid behind the bedroom door to watch. When the son came home he threw his books on the bed and then noticed the articles on his desk. He went over and picked up the Bible and put it under his arm. The Preacher thought, "This is wonderful, my son is going to follow in my footsteps and become a Preacher." His son then picked up the dollar bill and put it in his pocket. He then picked up the bottle of whiskey and took a long sip. After admiring the centerfold in the Playboy magazine, the old Preacher thought, "Oh no..... he's going to be a politician.....!!!!"

Jim Barr thanked Darrel Janz for his talk and gave him a gift as a token of our appreciation.

Julian Yaniw reminded us of the Spring Brunch at the Elks Golf and Country Club in April. Chairman Steve Denny adjourned the meeting.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

A farm boy accidentally overturned his wagonload of corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise and yelled over to the boy, "Hey Willis, forget your troubles. Come in and visit with us. I'll help you get the wagon up later".

That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to".

"Aw, come on boy," the farmer insisted.

"Well, okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "but Pa won't like it".

After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know that Pa is going to be real upset".

"Don't be foolish," the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is your Pa ?"

"Under the wagon".

Bryan Sherwood, Bulletin Editor



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