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# Gyrodeo



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## June 2008 Bulletin

**THIS BULLETIN COVERS THE EVENTS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GYRODEO WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER 2008.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2008	
Thursday, June 5, 2008	Interclub Golf Tournament at the River Bend Golf Club, Red Deer Contact for our club: John Hodgson 253-3150  <b>See page 3 for details.</b>
Saturday, June 7, 2008	Stampede City Gyro Club Installation Night  <b>See letter on page 3 for details.</b>
Wednesday, June 11, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn Business meeting - Election of Officers
June 12-15, 2008	Gyro International Convention Location - Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia
Thursday, June 19, 2008	Annual Horseshoe Pitch at the Al Azhar Shrine Patrol Grounds The hosts are Dick Skinner and Dave Gareau  <b>See page 5 for details.</b>

July 2008	
Sunday, July 13, 2008	Annual club BBQ - Bar KC Ranch The hosts are Cliff Deis, Al Fech & Ken Friesen This is a <b>MIXED</b> event and guests are always welcome
August 2008	
August 7-10, 2008	GYRO District VIII Convention Location – Prestige Inn in Nelson, British Columbia  <b>See page 4 for a letter from the Nelson Club.</b>
Sunday, August 17, 2008	<b>Mixed</b> Golf Tournament - Earl Grey Golf Club Dinner after is at Lyall Carter's complex. The hosts are Larry Fenton & Dave Jenner
Thursday, August 21, 2008	Annual Corn Boil - Bar KC Ranch The hosts are Don Doolan & John Fildes This is a <b>MIXED</b> event and guests are always welcome
September 2008	
Wed, September 3, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn The Annual General Meeting of the Gyro Club of Calgary
Friday, September 12, 2008	Installation of Officers at Carriage House Inn Our hosts are Ken Baker, Steve Denny and Bill McCachen
Saturday, September 13, 2008	President's Breakfast Our New President, Bill McCartney, is the host

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

A boy with head enough to amount to anything in the world can't help wondering how he is going to do it when everybody tells him how much like his father he is !!!!



**2008 GYRO DISTRICT VIII  
RED DEER GOLF**

**JUNE 5, 2008**

**RIVER BEND GOLF COURSE  
RED DEER, ALBERTA**

**FIRST TEE TIMES 10:00 AM  
PRICE PER PLAYER \$115.00**

**INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, RANGE BALLS,  
BANQUET, GRATUITY AND GST**

**2008 Stampede City Gyro Installation Night**

Hi Bonar,

This year, the Stampede City Gyro Club Installation Dinner and Dance is on Saturday, June 7 at the Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club. Cocktails begin at 6:00 PM and Dinner will be served around 7:00 PM. Cost is \$75.00 per couple, \$ 37.50 for singles. The installation of Officers and individual awards will follow dinner and then there will be dancing to recorded music. Also included in the price is the Incoming President's Breakfast which will be on Sunday, June 8 at Al Clark's residence in Canyon Meadows.

We would very much appreciate it if you would circulate this information to your membership and encourage as many as possible to attend our Club's special night.

Thanks, Bonar. Hope to see you and a representation from your Club on June 7.

Keith Aird

If you plan to attend, please advise [bonar@shaw.ca](mailto:bonar@shaw.ca)

**GYRO DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION, NELSON B.C.**

Dear Gyros:

May 22, 2008

I'm writing this note on the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend. It is an absolutely beautiful sunny day here in Nelson B.C. with the temperature at 25 degrees Celsius (80F). The sky is a shade of deep blue with the snow capped mountains and the small city of Nelson reflected in the glassy calm water of Kootenay Lake. This is certainly one of the most beautiful places in our world.

I only mention this because in twelve weeks time –Aug 7-10 - we'll be celebrating the 2008 Gyro District V111 Convention here in Nelson. The host Hotel, the Prestige Lakeside Resort and Convention Centre, only have a small number of rooms left. If you've been thinking of attending but haven't made your reservations I suggest you do so now. It likely that after this letter is received by District VIII members the remaining rooms will go quickly.

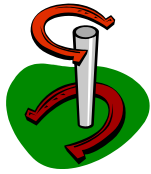
The theme of this year's conference is Travel Back in Time and it will all begin with Thursday night's dinner and entertainment. You'll have even more fun if you put your creative mind to period attire for this opening event. Perhaps you could be a barber, minister, doctor, blacksmith, mayor, merchant, government man, postman, Madame of the Night, waitress, hairdresser, civil rights activist or whatever your mind creates. Many of our Nelson members are well into their costume planning for that night.

Rather than reading any more of my ramblings of all the events and activities that will take place I invite you to visit our special website that we have prepared for this convention and see for yourself! <http://nelson.gyro.ws/>

If our presentation on our website was irresistible and you simply must come to Nelson this August 7-10 then you can register on line Simply return to the website, complete the registration, make your hotel reservations, plan your wardrobe, pack you bags and we'll meet you at the door to welcome you. But do it now!

If there is something that you need to know that we didn't cover call me at (250) 825-4354 or email [rjelliot@shaw.ca](mailto:rjelliot@shaw.ca)

Yours in Gyro,  
Ralph Elliot



## ANNUAL HORSESHOE PITCH

Date: Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Al Azhar Shrine Patrol Grounds  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Cost: \$20.00 per person  
Bar: Drinks - 3 for \$10.00  
Pop - 5 for \$10.00  
Menu: Ribs, beans, potato salad and dessert

### **ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO YOUR GYRO CLUB ROSTER**

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members in the Gyro Club of Calgary:

Thomas Edward (Tom) Bourne (Jacqui)

Sponsors: Primary – George Palardy, Seconded – Ric Simons

Zbigniew Bronislaw (Zig) Doborzynski (Cecilia)

Sponsors: Primary – Duncan Strachan, Seconded – Bill Hardman

### **CHANGES**

George Palardy has a new e-mail address : [vivgeopa@shaw.ca](mailto:vivgeopa@shaw.ca)

Lyle Nisi has a new e-mail address : [nisi@davincibb.net](mailto:nisi@davincibb.net)

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

4<sup>th</sup> Jeff Gilmour  
5<sup>th</sup> Lyall Carter  
9<sup>th</sup> Dave Bramsen  
14<sup>th</sup> Shorty Price  
16<sup>th</sup> John Hodgson  
17<sup>th</sup> Peter Denny  
18<sup>th</sup> Doug Colton and Don Doolan  
20<sup>th</sup> John Beck  
26<sup>th</sup> Ron Carter  
27<sup>th</sup> Don Arnell

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

4<sup>th</sup> Dick Simons  
13<sup>th</sup> Bob Walker  
19<sup>th</sup> Lyle Nisi  
23<sup>rd</sup> Hank Ernst  
24<sup>th</sup> Al Bell and Wayne Sinclair  
28<sup>th</sup> Don MacMahon  
31<sup>st</sup> Julian Yaniw

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Gareau  
9<sup>th</sup> Tom Bourne  
15<sup>th</sup> Ed Blasken  
23<sup>rd</sup> Gerald Price



**Have a great day Gentlemen !!!**

## CLUB NEWS

### LUNCHEON – May 7<sup>th</sup>

A regular meeting was held at the Carriage House Inn with 27 Gyros in attendance. Mr. Don Thomas spoke on the topic of wind power development in Alberta. It was a most interesting and informative talk. I am sure we have all seen the array of windmills in the Pincher Creek area. They look pretty big from a distance but I am sure most of us were surprised as to just how big they really are.

At one point during the luncheon Bonar read a poem, "Cowboy Poetry", by Brad Curtis. I thought those of you who were unable to attend the luncheon might enjoy it, so here it is:

*The rancher went one day to fix a distant fence,  
The wind was cold and gusty, and the clouds rolled gray and dense,  
As he pounded the last staples in, and gathered tools to go,  
The temperature had fallen, the wind and snow began to blow.  
When he finally reached his pickup, he felt a heavy heart,  
From the sound of that ignition, he knew it wouldn't start.  
He humbly bowed his balding head, and sent aloft a prayer.  
As he turned the key for the last time, he softly cursed his luck.  
They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck.*

*Now Jake had been around in life, and done his share of roaming,  
But when he saw heaven, he was shocked - it looked like Wyoming!  
Of all the saints in Heaven, his favorite was St. Peter.  
(Now this line ain't needed but it helps with rhyme and meter.)  
So they set and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three.  
Nobody was keeping score - in Heaven time is free.  
"I've always heard," Jake said to Pete, "that God will answer prayers, but  
one time I asked for help....well, he just plain wasn't there."  
"Does God answer prayers for some, and ignore the prayers of others?  
That doesn't seem exactly square - I know all men are brothers."  
"Or does he randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason?  
Maybe it's the time of day, the weather or the season."*

*Now I ain't trying to act smart, its just the way I feel.  
And I was wondering if you could tell me -  
What the heck's the deal ?!  
Peter listened very patiently, and when Jake was done,  
There were smiles of recognition, and he said,  
"So, you're the one !!"  
"That day your truck, it wouldn't start, and you sent your prayer a flying.  
You gave us all a real bad time, with hundreds of us trying."  
"A thousand angels rushed, to check the status of your file.  
But, you know Jake, we hadn't heard from you in quite a long while."  
"And though all prayers are answered, and God ain't got no quota,  
He didn't recognize your voice, and started a truck in Minnesota."*

**BETTER KEEP IN TOUCH.....**

## Gyro Day at the Races



My horse didn't even make it in the picture !!

On Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 40 Gyros and Gyrettes together with one guest enjoyed a wonderful day at Stampede Park. There were eight thoroughbred races run, and from the sounds of agony and delight, there were a lot of winners and losers !! Some more than others.

This should be our last race meeting at Stampede Park. Next year the races move to a new venue north of the city.

Hazel Coates won a prize for the best western garb. It is too bad we didn't have 20 prizes to give out as all the Gyrettes looked radiantly western.

Let's hope we can enjoy the new location next year.

## Duncan Strachan



Those big smiles must mean they won !!



More big smiles....am I the only one who lost ???

## **BIG ROCK BREWERY TOUR**



**The real beer drinkers !!**



**Gyros learning how to brew beer !!**

Twenty members attended the May 21 meeting at the Big Rock Brewery. After a roast beef luncheon and a little business, interested members took a tour of the brewery. Our guide took us through the beer making process, from malt barley to the final product. Following the tour, there was a highly recommended (though not mandatory) tasting of the many beers produced by the brewery. A good time was had by all.

## **Ken Baker**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

A meeting of your executive was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bonar brought up the topic of our annual Charity Bingo advising that a member had suggested that we change the format of the bingo from donated prizes to cash prizes. The suggestion made was that instead of each member bringing a prize, each member would be charged the normal admission price plus a surcharge which would make up the prize money.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the executive that the current format is more "fun", and there are more winners than there would be if cash prizes were won. It is realized by the executive that the current format is a lot of work for the organizers, but they should be aware that all of their efforts are really appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Another issue regarding the Charity Bingo was "who should bring prizes". Again, it was the consensus of the executive that "each" person attending, including guests, should bring a prize. If a member is not comfortable in asking their guest to bring a prize, the member can supply the gift on behalf of their guest.

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

A small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand in a trial ....an elderly woman.

He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realize that you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Williams, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was youngster, too. I used to baby-sit him for his parents. He, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire state. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counselors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be jailed for contempt !"

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to those who have submitted write-ups on events which they hosted. And a big thank you to Ken Baker for all of his photos and help. Many thanks, also, to Gary Cull for his ongoing assistance. Your involvement makes my job so much easier, so again, thank you for your contributions.

Hope you all have a safe and happy summer !!!

If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can improve our Gyrodeo Bulletin, or there is something else you would like to see in the Bulletin, please give me a call at 569-2138, or send me an e-mail at [andreasherwood@shaw.ca](mailto:andreasherwood@shaw.ca)

**Bryan Sherwood, Bulletin Editor**



**KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO**

